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Design and Implementation of Power Supply for Ventilator

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Abstract: ***DC-DC Converters are the inevitable stage in a system to power-up an electronic device, as it is very prominent to obtain a regulated and constant dc-dc supply to most of the electronic devices. These dc-dc converters are supplied with the dc supply either given directly by dc sources like batteries or obtained by converting AC to DC supply. In the proposed project, firstly the single phase ac supply of 230V,50 Hz is boosted to 390V DC and concurrently the power factor of the supply is corrected in the Boost Power Factor Correction (PFC) stage using IC UCC28180 which constitutes the first stage of the project. Further, this DC voltage is given to the Forward converter where it is stepped down to 48V DC which is finally given to power-up the ventilator. The designing of both Boost and Forward converters is done and they are verified by simulating them in the MATLAB Simulink software platform. Hardware implementation with the designed values is done and the relevant waveforms are obtained.***

Keywords: DC-DC Converter, Forward Converter, Boost PFC Converter, Ventilator, Switched-mode power supply, UCC28180.

I. INTRODUCTION

In the recent decades, almost all the applications in the physical world known to humankind consists of electronic devices in any one or more stages of the applications like ignition system in cars, electronic devices medicine field, in space applications, automatic cameras, washing machines and other numerous domestic applications [1]. Due to their multitude of applications, it is very prominent to maintain their reliability and regulation. As all the electronic devices need DC supply as their energy source, it is crucial to supply resilient, regulated and highly efficient DC power to them [2]. Based on the application that is considered, the DC-DC Converter is chosen upon considering the output ripple, efficiency, stable operation (i.e., it has to be reliable even upon hindrances like abnormal switching operations, over-voltage, under voltage, system burn-out, desired output power ratings (voltage and current ratings), etc.[3].

A. Mechanical Ventilators

A mechanical ventilator, also called as a respirator, is a medical electronic machine that assists breathing which is primarily used in ambulances and Hospitals.

Ventilators help people breathe easier, they are generally used for the fleeting periods of time, for example, during surgery when a patient is under anesthesia. Though large mechanical ventilators are found in a hospital setting, there are also smaller, more portable versions that can be used in the home and in ambulances.

Simply put, a ventilator removes carbon dioxide from the body and provides oxygen to support breathing. They use positive pressure to blow oxygen, or a mixture of gases, into the patient's airways and lungs. They can also carry carbon dioxide or exhale to the patient. The ventilator usually consists of the breathing tube and the ventilator itself. They may also include compressors, humidifiers, and heaters.

The power supply plays an important role in the function of the mechanical fan. Fans usually get their energy from electricity or compressed air. Power can come from a wall outlet at 100-200VAC at 50/60Hz, or from a 10-30V DC battery. Batteries are commonly used to power ventilators used for home care and transportation. If compressed air is used for power, it usually comes from hospital tanks or intakes.

II. METHODOLOGY AND BLOCK DIAGRAM

The figure 1 below shows the block diagram of the proposed project. It consists of 3 stages namely as rectification, boost converter and the forward converter stage. The 230V, 50Hz AC supply is first rectified to 325V DC which is then given to the Boost PFC converter, which boosts it to 390V and finally this 390 V is step-downed to get 48V, 6A DC power which is fed as the DC power supply to the mechanical ventilator.

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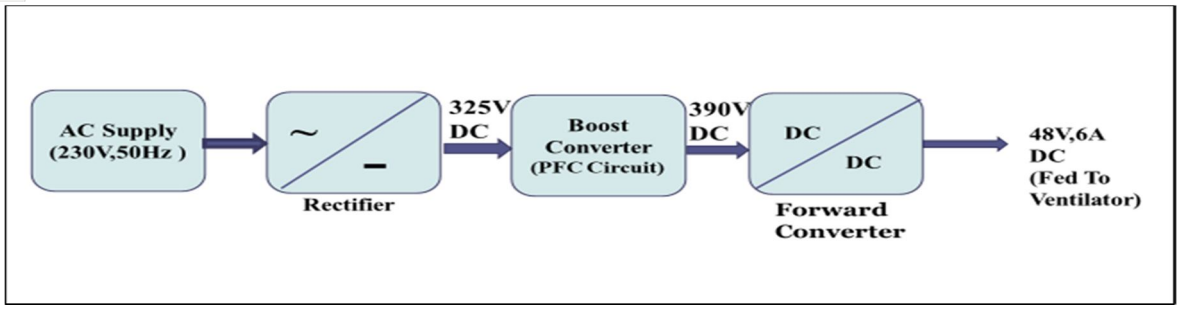


Fig. 1 Block Diagram Of The Proposed Project

A. Rectifier

A rectifier is a device which is used to convert the alternating current (AC) of certain frequency to the desired Direct Current (DC) , which is obtained by periodically reversing the direction to obtain DC in only one direction. This phenomenon is called as "Rectification" as it straightens the current direction. The Rectifier is the first block of the proposed project, which converts the 230V, 50Hz single phase AC supply from the wall socket to the DC power of 325V. This obtained 325V DC voltage is further given to the Boost PFC Block.

The Rectifier Circuits can either be single-phase or Multi-phase. The majority or almost all the Domestic pieces of equipment use low-power rectifiers, hence they are of Single-Phase, whereas for Industrial applications Multi-Phase rectifiers are required even in the power transmission in the HVDC systems.

Full-Wave Rectification:

A Full-Wave rectifier is an electronic circuit, which converts the whole input waveform i.e, both negative and positive parts into one constant polarity as its output. Mathematically, it will correspond to an absolute value function. In the end, this rectification leads to obtaining pulsating DC and yields to a higher average output value. The circuit requires four diodes in a bridge configuration with an AC source or two diodes with a Centre -Tapped transformer.

An ideal single-phase full-wave rectifier should produce the following average and RMS no-load output voltages :

$$V_{dc} = V_{av} = \frac{2 * V_{peak}}{\pi}$$

$$V_{rms} = \frac{V_{peak}}{\sqrt{2}}$$

B. PFC Boost Circuit

PFC Boost converter is one of the commonly used device to obtain the improvised power factor. Power Factor Correction is the technique to rectify the unwanted effects of the electric loads which pose a power factor of less than one. When the power factor is less than one then the apparent power delivered to the load will be comparatively greater than the real power supplied to the load. The main aim to incorporate the PFC circuit is to bring the input current waveform in-phase with the input voltage waveform. There are several techniques to attain this active power factor correction. They are divided into "active " and "passive". In the passive type in addition to the diode bridge rectifier circuit "passive" components are used. Even though this PFC technique helps in attaining desired current waveform, the voltage is not regulated. Whereas in the "active" PFC technique this hindrance can be overcome by using the active switches in conjunction with the reactive elements. Further, this active PFC is categorized into two types based on the switching frequency, as "lower frequency" active PFC where the at the low-order harmonic the switching takes place henceforth synchronizing with the line voltage, while in the " high-frequency", switching takes place at a relatively higher frequency than the line frequency.

1) *Control Strategy:* The working of the Boost PFC Converter using the IC UCC28180 is discussed as follows: The 230V, 50Hz AC supply voltage is rectified and given to the Boost topology. The circuit consists of a power MOSFET, power diodes, inductors, and bulk capacitors. The DC output voltage across the bulk capacitor set is sensed by Error Amplifier 2 with the pre-determined reference voltage. This error voltage from the amplifier is then fed to the multiplier and multiplied with the template sinusoidal input voltage to get the reference current, i_L(reference). The error V_{e1}(that is the output of Error Amp 1, as the difference of i_L((actual) and i_L((reference) provides the correct timing logic for the switching driver circuit to turn on and turn off the MOSFET in the Boost converter. Hence, the continuous conduction of current flow for the full cycle of the input voltage is guaranteed by this method. The feedback control or the closed-loop operation of the proposed project is done by using the Texas Instruments IC UCC28180.

C. Forward Converter

Fig 2(b) shows the circuit diagram of the Forward converter which is developed in this proposed project, figure 2 (b) shows the open loop diagram of the converter, whereas the closed-loop control of the converter is done by using the Texas instruments IC UC3842 along with the photodiode TL431. The purpose of the Forward converter in this project is to step down the voltage from 390 V to 48V which is then supplied to the ventilator. The forward converter is chosen upon considering that it is an isolated dc-dc converter that provides the required electrical isolation in the system as well as due to its advantages when considered to other isolated converters.

Here E_{DC}(is the input to the forward converter, which is 390V DC, and the output is Vo which is 48V which is obtained at the output side of the converter. The circuit consists of 2 diodes, an inductor, a 2 winding transformer capacitor (some extra bank of capacitors for smoothening) , and a MOSFET switch.

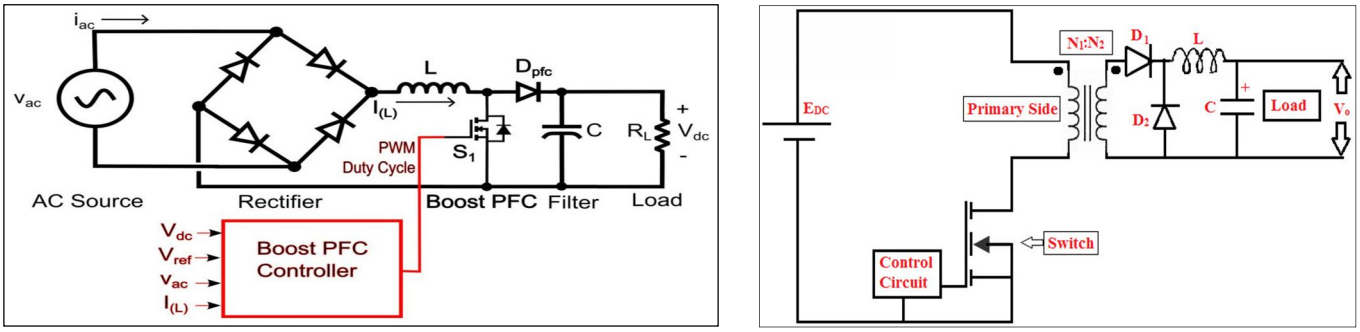


Fig.2(a) and fig.2(b) PFC Boost Converter and Forward Converter respectively.

III. ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS

This section gives the electrical specifications of the boost PFC converter and the forward converter. These specifications are considered prior to the designing and the components selection so that the components are chosen with compatible tolerance.

A. Boost PFC Converter

The Table-I below shows the electrical specifications of the Boost PFC Converter [4].

TABLE 1
Boost PFC Converter specifications

SL.NO:	DESCRIPTION	SPECIFICATION
a)	Input	85 to 270 V ± 5V AC, 50 □ 5 Hz, 1 Ph (Under voltage start up80V, Over voltage start up 270V AC)
b)	Output (Load)	390V ±2V DC at 9A
c)	Load Regulation	<3%, from 10% to 100% load
d)	Ripple voltage	Better than 17Vpp., to be measured at load terminal on PFC
e)	Protections	a) Overload Protection b) Short circuit protection c) Output over voltage protection d) Input under voltage cut-off

B. Forward Converter:

The Table-II below shows the electrical specifications of the Forward converter.

TABLE 2
Forward DC-DC Converter specifications

SL.NO:	DESCRIPTION	SPECIFICATION
a)	Input	370 to 410 V ± 5V DC
b)	Output (Load)	48V ±2V DC at 6A
c)	Load Regulation	<3%, from 10% to 100% load
d)	Ripple voltage	Better than 500mVpp., to be measured at load terminal

IV. DESIGN PROCEDURE

A. Boost PFC Converter Designing:

Given Data: Input Voltage, V_s =325V
Output Voltage, V_o=390V
O/P Voltage ripple =1%
O/P Current,I_o =9A
Switching Freq, f_s =25kHz

$V_o = \frac{V_s}{(1-D)} = \frac{325}{(1-D)} = 390$

$\therefore D = 0.1667$

$L_{min} = \frac{D(1-D)^2 R}{2f} = \frac{0.1667*(1-0.1667)2*43.33}{2*65*10000} = 360\mu H$

Filter Capacitance, C = $\frac{D}{RV\%f} = \frac{0.1667}{43.33*0.01*65*10000}$ =15.38μF

1) Inductor Designing

L=360 μH
I_m=9 A
f_s=65kHz

Let , I_c =length of core
A_c=core cross section area
A_p =area product
A_L =inductor factor
A_w =window area
$A_w = A_p / A_c$

a) Area Product

$A_p = \frac{L I_m^2}{B_m k_w k_c J} = \frac{(360*10^{-6})(10)^2}{(0.2)(0.6)(1)(3*10^6)}$
$=10\ cm^2$

b) Core Selected

The core selected is : 0-45530EE
L_c = 12.3 cm^2
A_c = 4.2 cm^2
A_w =2.88 cm^2
A_P = 12.1 cm^2
A_L = 7520mH/1000T
$= \frac{7520*10^{-3}}{1000}$ =7.52 μH/N^2

c) Number of Turns

Check $whether\ A_L \leq \frac{{B_m}^2 {A_c}^2}{{I_m}^2 L}$

$7.52{*}10^{-6} \leq \frac{(0.2)^2(4.2{*}10^{-4})^2}{(10)^2(360{*}10^{-6})}$

$2.71 \leq 0.196$ (False)

This shows that the air gap is needed.

Hence, N = $\frac{I_m L}{A_c B_m}$ = 43

$(k_w)(A_w) \geq a_w'(N)$

(0.6) (2.88) ≥ (0.0351) (43)

1.728 ≥ 1.509 ----------(True)

This condition proves that all the windings are fitted properly in the core[5][6].

Magnetic flux density, $B_m = \frac{L{I_m}^2}{A_c N}$

= 0.199

d) Air Gap

Length of the air gap, $l_g = \frac{\mu_0 N^2 A_c}{L}$

= 2.71 mm

In all cases, f_{TYP} is a constant that is equal to 65 kHz, R_{INT} is a constant that is equal to 1 MΩ, and R_{TYP} is a constant that is equal to 32.7 kΩ.

$$R_{FREQ} = \frac{f_{TYP} \times R_{TYP} \times R_{INT}}{(f_{SW} \times R_{INT}) + (R_{TYP} \times f_{SW}) - (R_{TYP} \times f_{TYP})}$$

2) Forward Converter Designing

Given Data: Input Voltage, V_s =390V

Output Voltage, V_o=48V

O/P Voltage ripple =1%

O/P Current ripple =10%

Switching Freq, f_s =25kHz

Let the turns ratio $N1/N3 = 1$.

This results in a maximum duty ratio of 0.5 for the switch. For margin, let $D = 0.35$.[7]

$\frac{N_1}{N_2} = \frac{V_s D}{V_o}$

» $\frac{N_1}{N_2} = \frac{390{*}0.35}{48}$=2.8437~3

Recalculating D for $N1/N2 = 3$ yields

D=$\frac{V_s}{V_o}(\frac{N_1}{N_2})$

D=$\frac{3{*}48}{390}$=36.92

$\frac{V_o(1-D)T}{\Delta i_{L_x}} = \frac{V_o(1-D)}{0.01 I_{L_x} f}$

= $\frac{48\ (1-0.3692)}{0.01{*}6{*}25{*}10000}$=2.0704 µH

For a 1 percent output voltage ripple,

V % = (0.01) 48 = 0.48V

And output current ripple, Δi_{L_x}=0.1(6)=0.6 A

The capacitor size is determined by assuming that the voltage ripple is produced primarily by the equivalent series resistance[8], or

$$\Delta V_o \approx \Delta V_{o,ESR} = \Delta i_c r_c$$

$48 = 4.8{*}\ r_c$

» r_c=4.8/48=0.1

Therefore, Filter Capacitance, C = $\frac{10^{-5}}{r_c} = \frac{10^{-5}}{0.1}$ = 100µF

V. HARDWARE IMPLEMENTATION

In this, power supply 230V is stepped down to 48V, 6A by using two DC/DC converters. DC-DC converter converts a source of DC voltage to DC step up or step down voltage. Initially 230V Single phase AC is rectified to 325V DC by using single phase full bridge rectifier, which is then boosted to 390V regulated DC using PFC boost converter. Then again it is stepped down to 48V using forward dc/dc converter.

A. Boost PFC Converter

The fig. 3(a) shows the top view of the Boost PFC converter set-up with the UCC28180 board. The input of 230V, 50Hz AC is given to the board from the auto-transformer by varying the variac to 230V AC and the given input is measured at the input terminals with the help of multimeter by setting it to AC mode and it is seen to be 229.3V AC as shown in the fig.3(a).
The fig.3(b) shows the top view of PFC Boost converter when it's output is measured at the output terminals by using the multimeter setting it to DC mode and it is found out to be 386.6V DC.

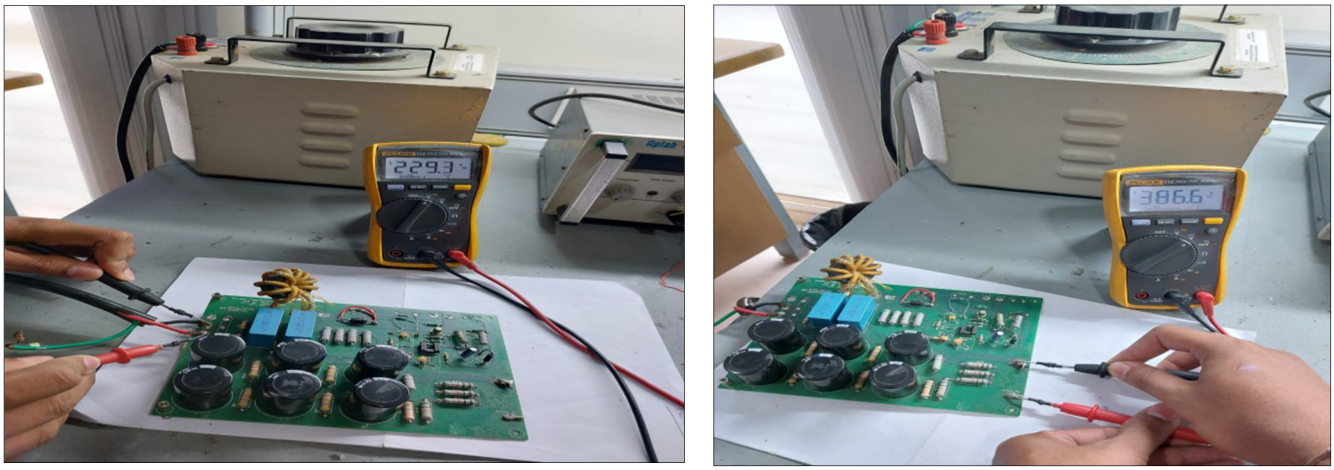


Fig. 3(a) Boost PFC Converter Board Top-View With the 230 V AC Input And Fig. 3(b) With the 386.6V DC output

The Fig.4(a) shows the output of the forward converter obtained, which is measured by the multimeter at the output terminals of the forward converter and the output is found to be 46.72V DC which is almost equal to the desired value of 48V DC.
The Fig.4(b) shows the top view of the forward converter set-up with the closed loop control attained by using IC UC3842.

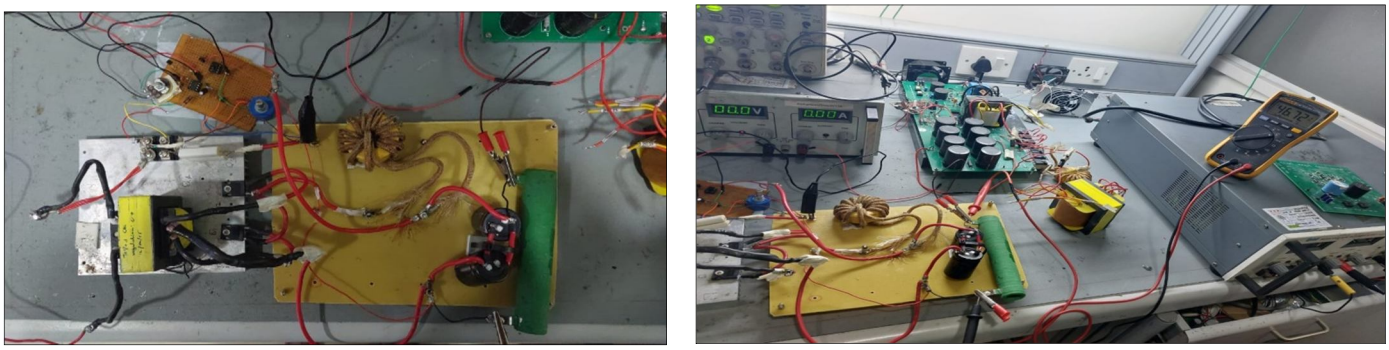


Fig 4(a) Forward Converter Board Top-View With the 46.72V DC output And Fig. 4(b) Forward Converter Board Top-View

VI. RESULTS AND WAVEFORMS

A. Boost Converter With Fixed Output Voltage

1) No Load Condition: The Table-3 shows the DC voltage values obtained by varying the input voltage from 10 to 260V, 50Hz AC in the Boost PFC converter set-up under No-load condition. It is seen that the output voltage is linear to the input voltage till 40V of input and after that it is seen to be constant with the value of 391.4V DC.

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TABLE 3
No Load Condition

Vin(V)	Vout(V)
10	14.5
20	27.1
30	40.2
40	52.5
50	391.4
70	391.4
100	391.4
130	391.4
160	391.4
190	391.4
200	391.4
230	391.4
265	391.4

2) *With Load Condition (400w/400Ω):* The Table-4 shows the output voltages of the Boost PFC converter under load condition with the load applied being a 400Ω resistor by varying the input from 10 to 260V, 50Hz AC.

TABLE 4
With Load Condition

Vin(V)	Vout(V)
10	14.5
20	27.1
30	40.2
40	52.5
50	390.4
130	390.4
160	390.4
190	390.4
200	390.4
230	390.4
265	390.4
200	346
230	360

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B. Forward Converter With Fixed Output Voltage :

1) No Load Condition (Pulse Width = 15%): The Table-5 shows the input and output voltage values of the forward converter under no-load condition, with the pulse width value set to 15%.

Vin (V)	Vout (V)
25	6.87
52.6	13.89
77	19.67
101	24.35
128	29.16
155.6	33.52
178.7	36.36
202.5	38.6
225	41.5
250	44.6
275	45.7
300	48.6
340	50.1
370	50
390	50

2) With Load Condition (25W/100Ω): The Table-5 shows the input and output voltage values of the forward converter under load condition, with the pulse width value set to 15% and the load resistor of rating 100Ω.

Vin(V)	Vout(V)
26.85	7
55	14.13
77.3	19.17
101	23.9
129	29
156	33
228	43
257	46
280	47.57
305	47.57
334	47.57
358	47.57
370	47.57
380	47.57
390	47.57

The Fig.5 shows the waveform of the pulse given to the forward converter with a pulse width of 15%. The waveform of the gate pulse shown here is for the nominal input voltage of 230V,50Hz AC. In fig.5, it is shown through a cathode-ray oscilloscope (CRO) that the gate pulse is obtained for the converter with a frequency of 36kHz and a duty cycle of 15%.

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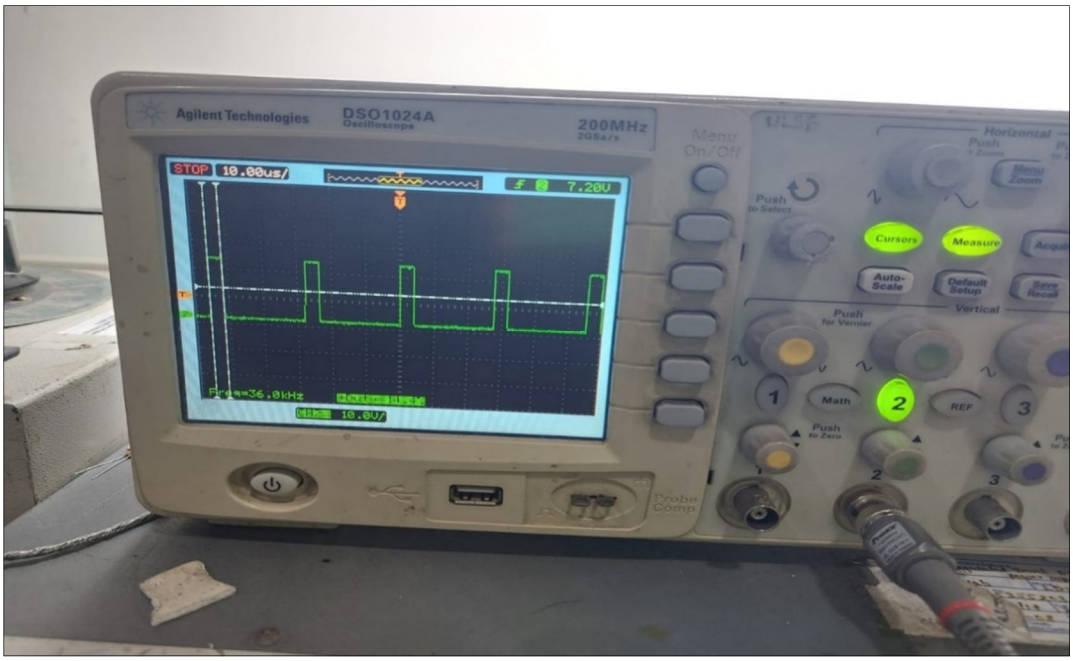


Fig. 5 Waveform of the Pulse given to the Converter.

The Fig.6 shows the waveforms of the rectifier board with the input of 230V, 50Hz AC, and the output of 325V DC. It shows that the input is 230V,50Hz AC sinusoidal voltage waveform with no ripple which is denoted as V_S and the output is 325V regulated DC voltage which is denoted as V_O which is obtained by the full-bridge rectifier circuit.

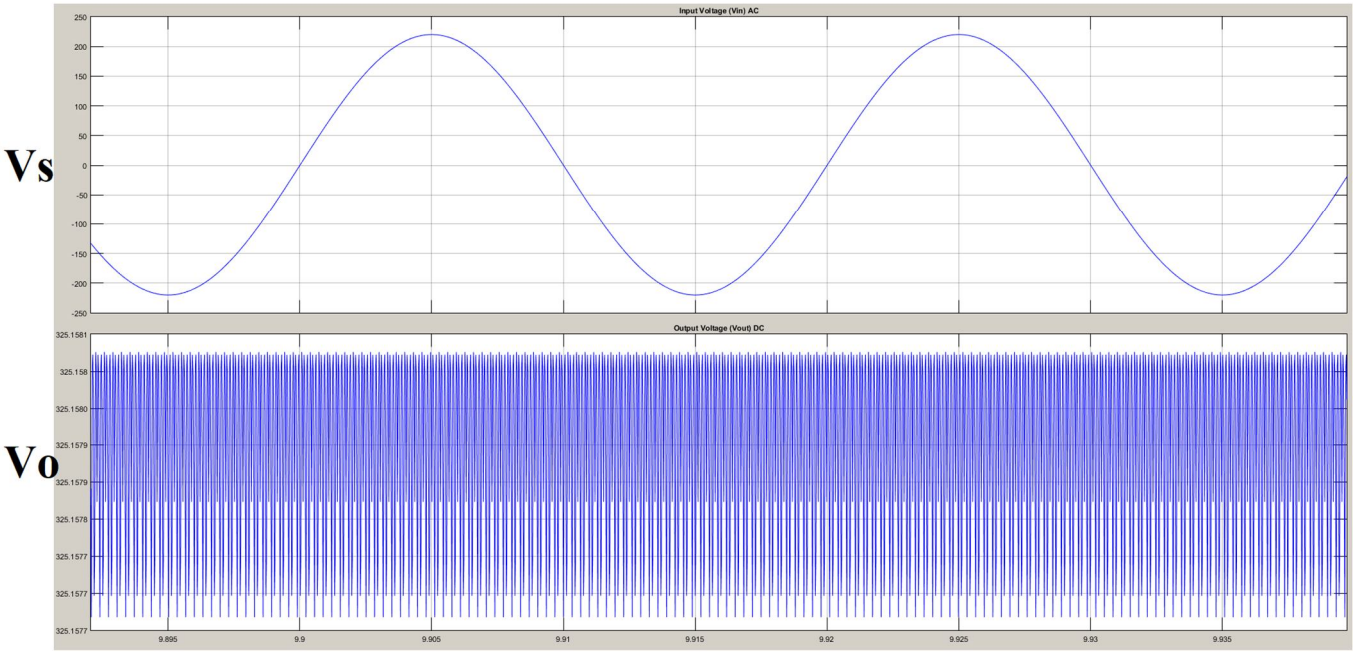


Fig 6. Rectifier Input 230V AC and output 325V DC waveforms

The Fig.7.shows the waveforms of the Boost PFC converter with the input of 325V DC and the boosted output of 390V DC. The straight line is the input given to the boost converter which is 325V DC denoted as V_{in} in fig.7 and the triangular waveform denoted as V_o is the output of the boost converter obtained which is 390V DC with a ripple of 1%.

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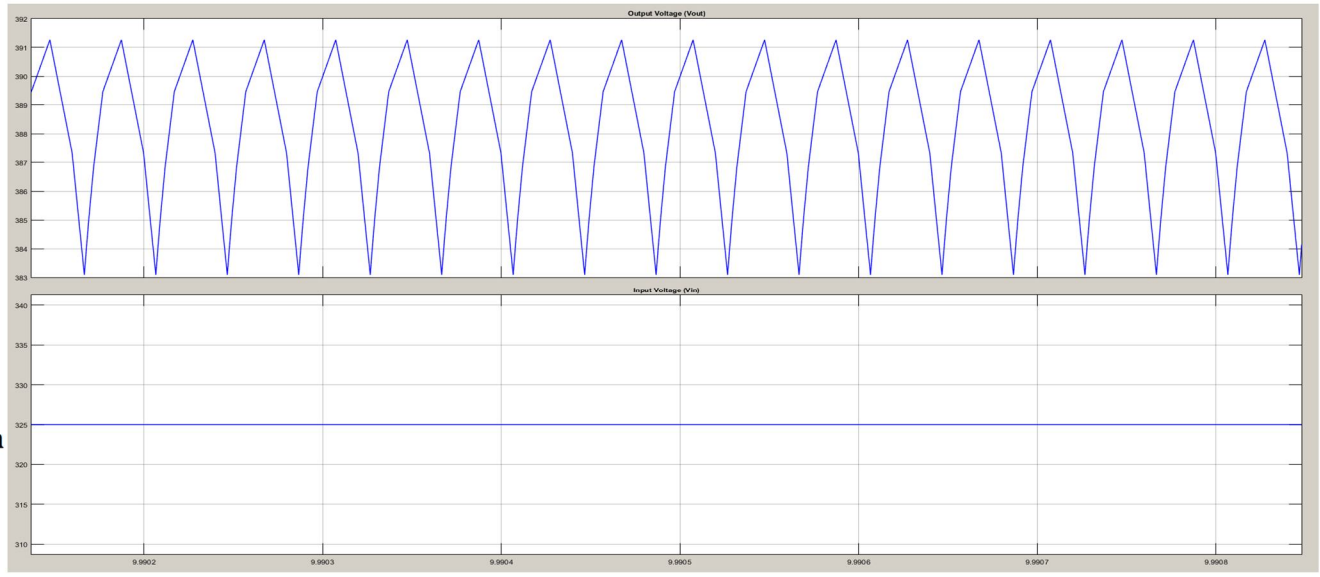


Fig 7. Boost PFC Converter Input 325V DC and output 390V DC waveforms

The Fig.8 shows the output waveform of the forward converter, which is seen to be 48V DC. It shows the output voltage waveform of the forward converter denoted as V_o which has the obtained value of 48V DC under a full-load condition with a load of 8Ω resistor, with some ripple due to the losses in the MOSFET switches used.

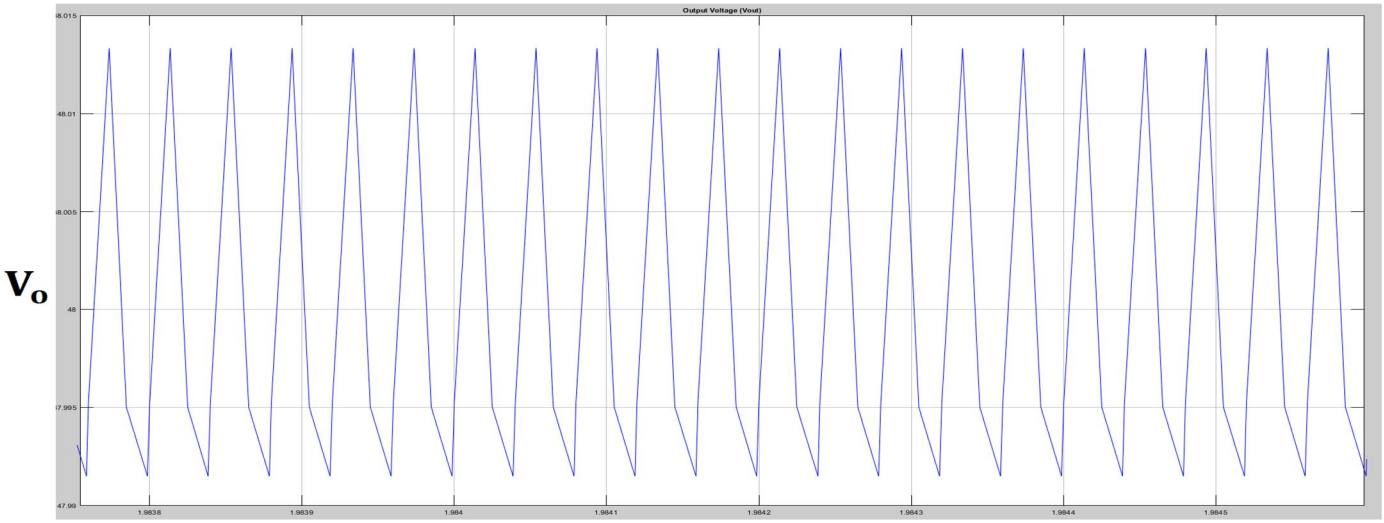


Fig 8. Forward Converter Input 390V DC and output 48V DC waveforms

VII. CONCLUSIONS

The designing and development of Power Supply for Ventilator is done through UPS system. The designing of various components is done according to the Texas Instruments Standards and the obtained values are verified by simulating the circuit in the MATLAB Software. In the proposed system, the DC power supply of 48V is designed for the Mechanical Ventilator by implementing Forward converter along with Boost PFC converter Circuit. Both the converters are closed-loop controlled in order to get the required constant output voltage.

The filtering is done using low pass filter for filtering the dc input fluctuations. Feedback is taken from the converter output and fed to the PID controller and PID Controller is used for controlling output voltage using proportional, Integral and derivative values and accordingly the PWM waveforms are generated for the output voltage.

The Hardware Implementation of the proposed system is done and the practical outputs of the PFC Block and Forward Converter block and theoretical values are verified.

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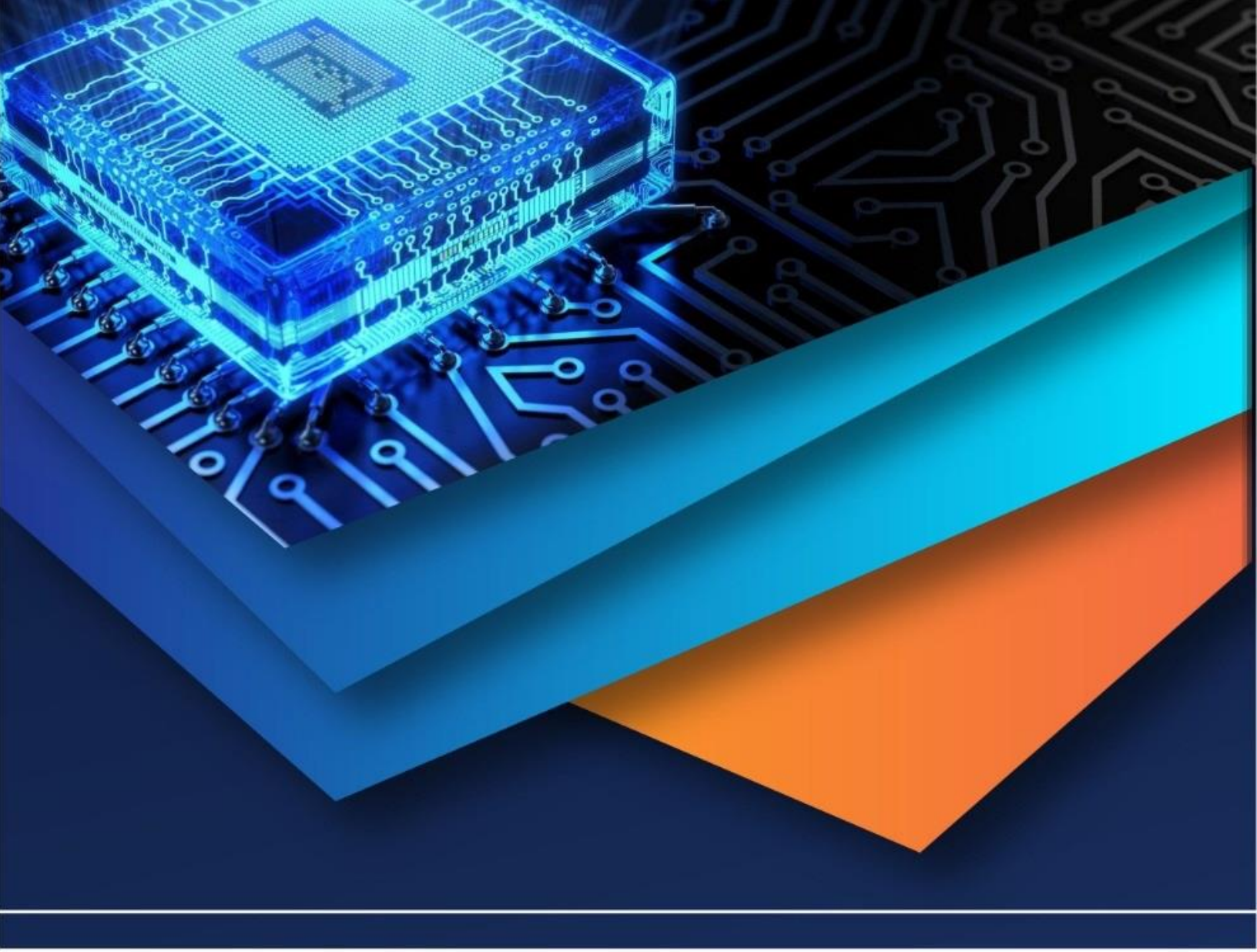
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