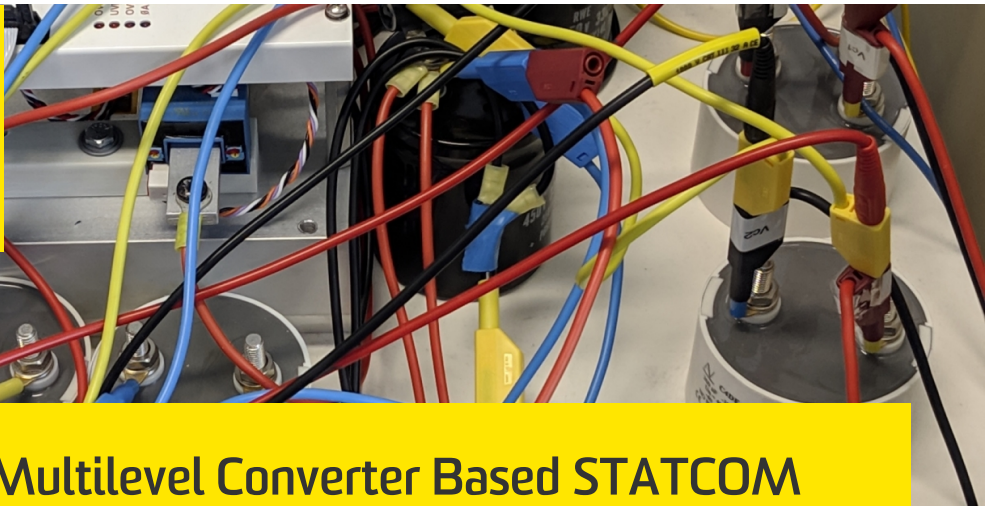




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Cascaded H-bridge Multilevel Converter Based STATCOM

A cascaded H-bridge multilevel converter based low-capacitance STATCOM that is able to operate with extremely low DC capacitance values. It can achieve 80% reduction in the capacitor's size, improve current quality, and reduce the maximum voltage stress on the semiconductors compared to a conventional STATCOM.

Competitive advantage

- Significantly reduces the cost of large DC capacitors
- Avoids reliability issues related to electrolytic capacitor failure
- Reduces the cost of switching cell protection by reducing the DC-link fault level
- Reduces the weight and volume of the converter, which can make it easier to containerise high power STATCOMs

Successful outcomes

- Experimental prototype of a single phase cascaded H-bridge multilevel converter based low-capacitance STATCOM

Capabilities and facilities

- Power electronics laboratory
- Hardware testing capability up to 50kVA, 1kV, 400A
- Arbin battery and supercapacitor tester with environmental chamber

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