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“High Power Multilevel Converters: Topologies, Combination of Converters, Modulation and Control”

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Call for Papers

Theme:

The continuous increase in the demanded power capacity has made the two-level converter impractical in many applications. In order to increase the power rating, two main approaches are usually adopted: i) the use of multilevel power

converters and/or ii) the combination of several converters with simpler structure to achieve higher power levels. These two alternatives, sometimes combined together, open a big scope of challenges to be overcome, mainly related to the inherent dc-link capacitor voltage control, the synthesis of multilevel voltage waveforms with relatively low switching frequency techniques or the optimal combination of Power Electronics Building Blocks to achieve higher power levels and improved output voltage and current quality.

Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- New applications for multilevel converters.
- New advances in existing applications: StatComs, Active Power Filters, HVDC, MVDC links, Wind Turbines, Pump Storage Power Plants, Traction, Variable Speed Drives, etc.
- Power capability increasing techniques and combinations of power electronics building blocks.
- New multilevel converter topologies.
- Advanced modulation techniques.
- Advanced multilevel converter controls.
- Design of hardware-modulation solutions to increase the power quality.

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