

# Leveraging Modular Multilevel Converters for hybrid grids

**Fault ride-through / Broad DC output voltage range / Overcurrent management**

24 MV-MMC cells

## MV-Modular multilevel converter

Modular Multilevel Converters (MMCs) are essential technologies for the energy transition of our society, providing improved efficiency, power quality, fault-tolerance and enhanced density. Our innovative MMC capabilities bring a wide DC output voltage range and overcurrent management to meet the key attributes and requirements for the upcoming hybrid grids. ISIT's know-how is important to place MMCs as essential components for a successful energy transition.

### Offshore Wind Farms

- High power transfer capability
- Low power losses for high distances
- Independent control of active and reactive power

### Power Quality

- Fast dynamic for voltage regulation
- Lower harmonic distortion
- High efficiency for hot-standby solutions

### Fast Charging stations

- High controllability
- Integration of energy storage units
- High power density and efficiency

### MVDC Distribution

- Improved connectivity
- Increases power capacity by up to 80% compared to AC
- Power flow control
- High flexibility

## Proven benefits at a glance

### MV-MMC

Step-down operation to increase inter-connectivity to hybrid grids

DC fault ride-through by adopting full-bridge technology

AC grid support thanks to the innovative overcurrent management

## MV Lab at ISIT@CAU

Fraunhofer ISIT has developed a broad range of expertise and facilities, including MV-power converters for grid forming and storage management systems. With its laboratory equipped with state of the art instrumentation, ISIT is ideally suited to testing and prototyping medium-voltage components and converters. By combining ISIT's know-how with its clients' technical requirements, ISIT can design advanced MV solutions to develop the modern hybrid grids of the coming years.

### MV-MMC

- 500 kVA MMC
- Up to 10 kV<sub>DC</sub> and 6 kV<sub>AC</sub>
- Up to 48 cells
- Overload capabilities

### Test facility

- Up to 1 MW circulating power
- Connectivity up to 10 kV<sub>AC</sub>
- Up to 1600 A
- Controllable cooling system

### Digital twin

- Online adaptive parameter observation
- Model fitting to prototype behaviour
- Models for various operating conditions

### Power-HIL

- 3-Racks OPAL-RT
- Battery emulator (1.5 kV - 120 kW)
- Power amplifier (3-ph, 4-quadrant, up to 100 kW)

## Proven benefits at a glance

### Power HIL and Digital Twin

Optimising converter architecture and battery management

Testing converter in its environment reducing maintenance cost

Evaluating from the device level to complex power networks



# Highly efficient and reliable electronic energy systems

Applied research from device- to network-level  
power electronics made in Northern Germany

What we can do for you @Fraunhofer ISIT

## Active reliability

- Sensor integration
- Lifetime analysis
- Reliability-driven control
- Multichip power modules

## Hybrid grids

- Medium voltage DC applications
- New components
- Grid forming converters

## Battery integration

- Charging stations
- Grid support
- Bidirectional power transfer

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