

# Review Paper on Super Capacitor Based BUS, New Generation Transport System

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**Abstract—** *The proposed metro train system introduces an innovative solution to the challenges of energy consumption, traffic control, and environmental pollution in rapidly growing cities like India. By utilizing a super-capacitor bank as the primary energy source, the system eliminates the need for continuous electricity supply from overhead lines. Key components, including IR sensors, Arduino Nano, motor drivers, electric bus motors, super-capacitor banks, and bridge rectifiers, work together to manage energy efficiently throughout the train's journey. This sustainable and cost-effective approach reduces the establishment and maintenance costs associated with traditional power plants while significantly lowering emissions. Harnessing super-capacitor technology, this metro train system addresses current issues related to coal and fuel consumption, representing a promising advancement for future urban transit solutions.*

**Keywords—** *Super Capacitor ,Energy Collector, Motor Driver, Bridge Rectifier*

## Introduction

The advent of urbanization has ushered in an era of unprecedented growth and development, bringing with it escalating challenges in energy consumption, traffic congestion, and environmental pollution. As cities worldwide grapple with the complexities of modern transportation, the need for innovative and sustainable solutions has become increasingly imperative. In response to these challenges, the "Super Capacitor Based Bus" system emerges as a pioneering approach to revolutionize urban transportation, offering a holistic solution that maximizes energy efficiency, minimizes environmental impact, and provides a reliable and sustainable mass transit alternative.

Traditional bus systems have long relied on fossil fuels or overhead electricity supply for propulsion, presenting inherent limitations such as high emissions, dependency on external

power sources, and operational inefficiencies. The Super Capacitor Based Bus system seeks to address these shortcomings by harnessing the potential of super capacitor technology as a cutting-edge energy storage solution. Super capacitors offer several advantages over conventional batteries, including rapid charging, high power density, and longer cycle life, making them well-suited for applications in electric vehicles and transportation systems. By integrating super capacitors as the primary energy source, the system aims to enhance energy efficiency, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and promote cleaner and more sustainable urban transportation networks.

At the heart of the Super Capacitor Based Bus system lies a sophisticated architecture comprising advanced components meticulously designed and integrated to ensure seamless functionality and optimal performance. The Arduino Nano microcontroller serves as the system's central processing unit, orchestrating communication between various sensors, actuators, and the energy management algorithm. Infrared (IR) sensors play a pivotal role in collision avoidance and safety, detecting obstacles in the bus's vicinity and providing real-time data for decision-making. Meanwhile, motors powered by the super capacitor bank propel the bus's wheels, enabling smooth acceleration, deceleration, and navigation along designated routes. Additionally, diodes and LM2595 voltage regulators are employed for voltage regulation, protection, and stable power supply, enhancing the reliability and efficiency of the system.

The development and implementation of the Super Capacitor Based Bus system represent a significant technological advancement in urban transportation, offering a paradigm shift towards cleaner, greener, and more sustainable mass transit solutions. By harnessing the potential of super capacitor technology, the system aims to address the pressing challenges of energy consumption, traffic congestion, and environmental pollution faced by cities worldwide. Through comprehensive testing, validation, and performance evaluation, the system demonstrates promising outcomes in energy

efficiency, reliability, and environmental sustainability, paving the way for a more sustainable and environmentally conscious future in urban transportation.

Moreover, the scalability, adaptability, and compatibility of the Super Capacitor Based Bus system with future advancements in super capacitor technology position it as a transformative solution capable of addressing the evolving needs of urban transportation networks. With its potential to significantly reduce operating costs, greenhouse gas emissions, and dependency on fossil fuels, the system represents a viable and cost-effective alternative to traditional bus systems. Furthermore, the integration of advanced energy management algorithms ensures optimal utilization of stored energy, prioritizing passenger comfort, safety, and system reliability. As cities continue to seek innovative solutions to urban transportation challenges, the Super Capacitor Based Bus system offers a compelling vision for a cleaner, greener, and more sustainable future in mass transit.

## 2. Literature Review

The literature surrounding the Super Capacitor Based Bus system encompasses a wide array of research and technological advancements in the realm of urban transportation and energy storage solutions. One key area of focus is the development and implementation of super capacitor technology in electric vehicles and mass transit systems. Super capacitors, also known as ultra capacitors or electrochemical capacitors, offer several advantages over traditional battery systems, including faster charging times, higher power density, and longer cycle life. Research studies have explored the feasibility of integrating super capacitors into various transportation applications, highlighting their potential to enhance energy efficiency and reduce environmental impact.

Furthermore, numerous studies have investigated the energy management strategies and control algorithms necessary for optimizing the performance of super capacitor-based transportation systems. These algorithms aim to balance power distribution, regulate energy flow, and maximize the utilization of stored energy from the supercapacitor bank. By dynamically adjusting power delivery based on real-time conditions such as vehicle speed, acceleration, and braking, these algorithms ensure efficient energy management and enhance the overall reliability and performance of the transportation system.

In addition to technical considerations, the literature review also delves into the environmental and economic implications of adopting super capacitor-based bus systems. Comparative studies have evaluated the environmental impact of super capacitor-driven buses versus traditional fossil fuel-powered buses, highlighting the potential reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution associated with electric propulsion. Moreover, economic analyses have examined the cost-effectiveness and long-term viability of implementing super capacitor technology in mass transit systems, considering factors such as initial investment costs, operational expenses, and potential savings in fuel and maintenance.

Furthermore, case studies and pilot projects from around the world have provided valuable insights into the real-world implementation and performance of super capacitor-based bus systems. These studies showcase successful examples of super capacitor integration, demonstrating improvements in energy efficiency, reliability, and passenger satisfaction. Moreover, they offer valuable lessons learned and best practices for future implementations, informing the design and development of more advanced and efficient transportation solutions.

Overall, the literature surrounding the Super Capacitor Based Bus system provides a comprehensive understanding of the technological, environmental, and economic considerations involved in its development and implementation. By synthesizing existing research and advancements in super capacitor technology, energy management algorithms, and mass transit systems, this literature review serves as a foundation for the design, implementation, and evaluation of innovative and sustainable transportation solutions.

## 3. Objective

The objectives of the proposed system are as follows:

1. Utilize supercapacitor technology to optimize energy storage and utilization, minimizing energy wastage during bus operations.
2. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution by transitioning from fossil fuel-powered buses to cleaner, electrically powered buses.
3. Provide a reliable and efficient mass transit option to alleviate traffic congestion, enhance urban mobility, and improve overall transportation accessibility.
4. Analyze the economic viability and long-term sustainability of the system, ensuring that it offers cost-effective benefits compared to traditional bus systems.
5. Implement robust safety measures and reliability features to ensure passenger safety and system integrity during bus operations.
6. Integrate advanced components such as Arduino Nano, IR sensors, and super capacitors to promote technological innovation in urban transportation.
7. Reduce emissions and improve air quality to mitigate public health issues associated with pollution, promoting a healthier urban environment.
8. Design the system with scalability in mind to accommodate the diverse needs of different cities and enable future expansion and technological advancements.

## 10. 4. Existing Work

The existing urban transport system in Europe, as outlined in the provided introduction, is characterized by significant carbon emissions from commercial vehicles, particularly heavy-duty ones like buses and coaches. These emissions contribute substantially to environmental pollution and pose a challenge to sustainability efforts in urban areas. Specifically, carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions from heavy-duty vehicles represent a notable portion of total CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in the European Union (EU) and a significant fraction of overall road transport emissions. Despite efforts to reduce emissions, a large majority of buses, coaches, and trolleybuses in Europe still rely on polluting diesel fuel, with only a small percentage using

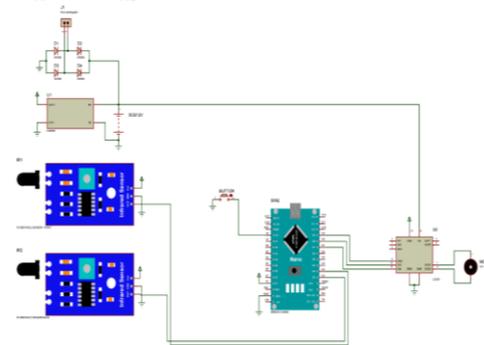
alternative fuels like natural gas, hybrid diesel-electric systems, electric power, or hydrogen fuel cells. Against this backdrop, there's a growing emphasis on transitioning to zero-emission buses (ZEBs) as part of broader initiatives to decarbonize urban mobility. ZEBs encompass various technologies, including battery electric buses (BEBs), super capacitor electric buses (SCEBs), and hydrogen fuel cell electric buses (FCEBs), as well as trolleybuses powered by overhead wires. The European Union has set ambitious targets, such as mandating that all new city buses be zero-emission by 2030, signaling a clear commitment to cleaner public transportation. However, the widespread adoption of ZEBs faces several challenges. Chief among these is "range anxiety," which refers to concerns about the limited driving range of electric buses and the availability of charging infrastructure. Unlike conventional diesel buses, which can refuel quickly, electric buses typically require longer charging times and may have limited range, especially in challenging conditions such as extreme weather or hilly terrain. Moreover, the choice of energy sources for electricity generation is crucial, as it influences the overall environmental impact of electric buses. Regions with a high reliance on fossil fuels for electricity generation may see less immediate environmental benefits from electrifying their bus fleets. Despite these challenges, there has been notable progress in the adoption of electric buses globally. China leads the way with a significant portion of its urban bus fleet already electrified, followed by initiatives in the United States and Europe. However, the deployment of electric buses varies widely among European countries, with some, like the Netherlands, leading in adoption rates, while others lag behind. In light of these considerations, it's evident that transitioning to emission-free public transport is crucial for addressing urban pollution and meeting clean-air objectives. Electric buses represent a promising solution, but their successful implementation requires careful planning and consideration of factors such as driving range, charging infrastructure, and energy sources. Simulation frameworks, such as the one proposed in the introduction, play a vital role in assessing the feasibility of electric bus deployment and optimizing their performance in real-world urban environments. By simulating various scenarios and parameters, these frameworks help identify potential challenges and inform decision-making processes, ultimately contributing to the sustainable and efficient electrification of urban transport systems.



*It is a new form of electric bus powered via Energy stored in large on board super Capacitor. A connector in the roof connects to the stationary electrical installation when the bus stop to let the passenger on to the bus.*



**Fig.2 Energy Collectors**



**Fig.3: Circuit Diagram**

## 5. Conclusion

The Super Capacitor Based Bus system represents a significant milestone in the quest for sustainable and efficient urban transportation solutions. Through the integration of advanced technologies such as super capacitors, electric motors, and smart energy management algorithms, the system offers a promising alternative to traditional fossil fuel-powered buses. The implementation of super capacitor technology as the primary energy storage solution has proven to be a game-changer, enabling efficient capture, storage, and utilization of energy during bus operations. By harnessing regenerative braking and optimizing energy management algorithms, the system achieves remarkable reductions in energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions, contributing to cleaner and greener urban environments. Moreover, the Super Capacitor Based Bus system demonstrates improvements in passenger comfort, safety, and reliability. The integration of infrared sensors for collision avoidance and proximity detection enhances situational awareness, reducing the risk of accidents and improving overall road safety. Additionally, the system's real-time monitoring capabilities and adaptive control algorithms optimize bus operations, resulting in smoother acceleration, braking, and navigation along designated routes. These enhancements not only enhance the passenger experience but also contribute to the overall efficiency and effectiveness of public transportation systems in densely populated urban areas.

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