

The Fundamentals of EMC Compliance Testing

Harmonics, Flicker, and Immunity



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1. Power Line Emission & Immunity Compliance Standards Overview
2. Harmonics & Flicker Test Requirements
3. Immunity Test Requirements
4. Criteria for Selecting the Right Test Solution



EMC Test Standards Apply to All Products Connected to the Grid

To **ensure safety, efficiency, and interoperability** of electrical and electronic systems without causing or being affected by electromagnetic interference

Two Common Sub-Types of EMC Standards Testing:

Power Line Emissions

1

**Harmonics &
Flicker**

Power Line Immunity

2

Immunity

Harmonics, Flicker, & Immunity Testing

Power Line Emissions

1 Harmonics

Measure and Analyze:
**Harmonics,
Interharmonics Current
Distortion.**

To prevent excessive
harmonic pollution on
the grid.

2 Flicker

Measure and Analyze:
**Voltage Fluctuations
which may cause flicker**

To prevent adverse
effects on humans with
light sensitivities
(epilepsy, etc.)

Power Line Immunity

3 Immunity

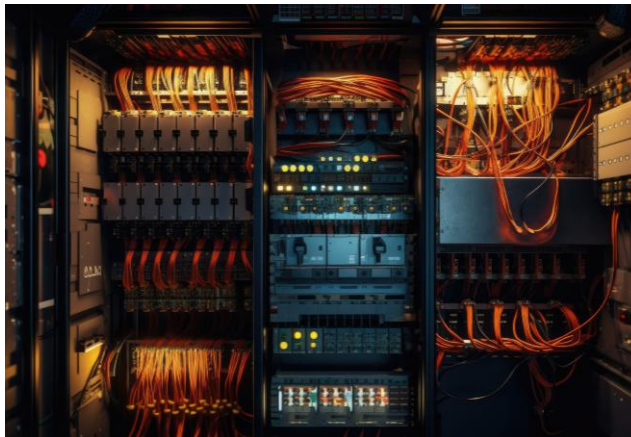
Measure and Analyze:
**Voltage and Frequency
anomalies**

To ensure safe operation
and prevent equipment
damage under grid
anomalies

Which Industries Apply?



Renewable Energy



Industrial Equipment



**Aerospace
(Immunity Testing Only)**



Household Appliances



**EV Charging Systems
& Components**

Legal Compliance to IEC/EN Standards if Export to EU and UK

IEC EMC Standards

Voted by member countries for all **European Community countries**. If CENELEC* EC governing body for electrical standards approves, an **EN equivalent is published**



EU, UK



CE Marking Product Label

indicates EU Compliance

Other Countries

National variation examples

- Japan (JIS-C-61000-3-2)
- China, (GB/T 14549)
- Mexico has ANCE NMX-J-550/3-2.

Adopted worldwide except USA and Canada.



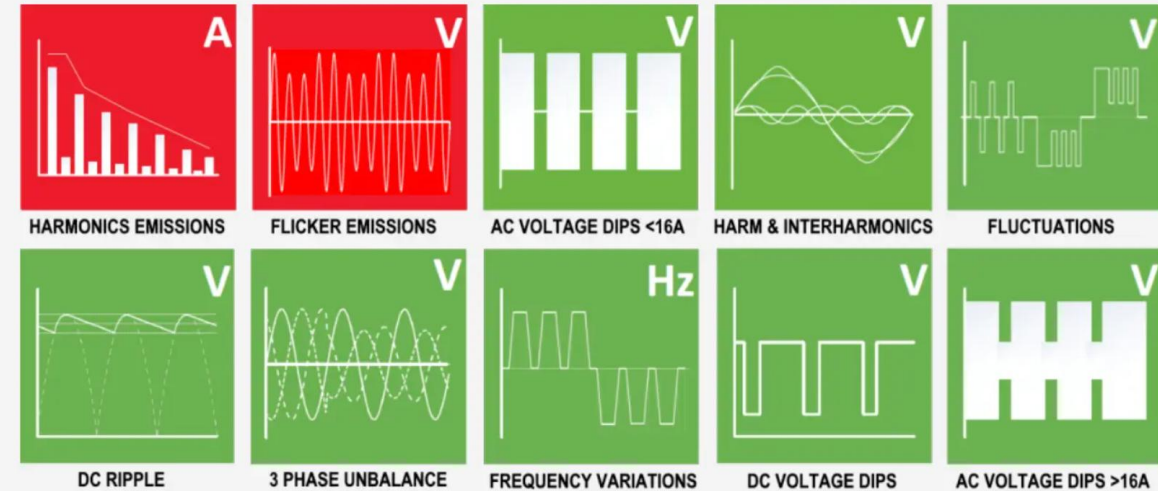
IEC Standards Overview

Emissions Tests

- IEC 61000-3-2 Harmonics and Interharmonics
- IEC 61000-3-12 Harmonics and Interharmonics
- IEC 61000-3-3 Flicker Emissions
- IEC 61000-3-11 Flicker Emissions

Immunity Test

- IEC 61000-4-11 AC Dips and Interruptions -16A
- IEC 61000-4-13 Interharmonics
- IEC 61000-4-14 AC Voltage Fluctuations
- IEC 61000-4-17 DC Ripple
- IEC 61000-4-27 AC Voltage Unbalance 3 phase
- IEC 61000-4-28 Frequency Variations
- IEC 61000-4-29 DC Dips and Interruptions
- IEC 61000-4-34 AC Dips and Interruptions – 75A





Differences between IEC and US Standards

IEC

IEC/EN - 50160

PQ Requirements for public supply networks

Harmonics

IEC/EN 61000-3-2 current limits < 16 Amp

IEC/EN 61000-3-12 current limits up to 75 Amp/phase

Flicker

IEC/EN 61000-3-3 limits < 16 Amp

IEC/EN 61000-3-11 limits up to 75 Amp/phase

US

IEEE-519 (2014) USA PQ standard

Permitted Voltage distortion limits at the PCC

IEEE-1547 & UL-1741

Standards for connecting distributed generation

**US compliance requirement depends on product category

Harmonics

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Measure Harmonics Caused by Equipment Under Test (EUT)

Test Process



Challenges

- **Provide required voltage & current** to run EUT
- Measure with **sufficient bandwidth and accuracy**
- Acquire data in **real-time / no gaps**
- Process data using **correct algorithms**
- **Accurate** determination of Pass or Fail
- Requires **specialized H&F software**
- H&F System Calibration (**A2LA Accredited**)



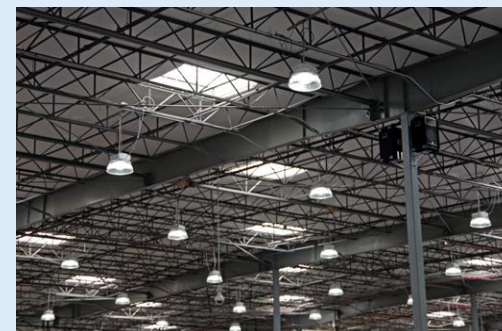
IEC 61000-3-2 Product Class Type Determines Test Limits

Class A



Balanced 3-phase equipment and all other equipment, except if specified in other classes

Class C



Lighting Equipment

Class B

Portable tools, hand-held products



Class D



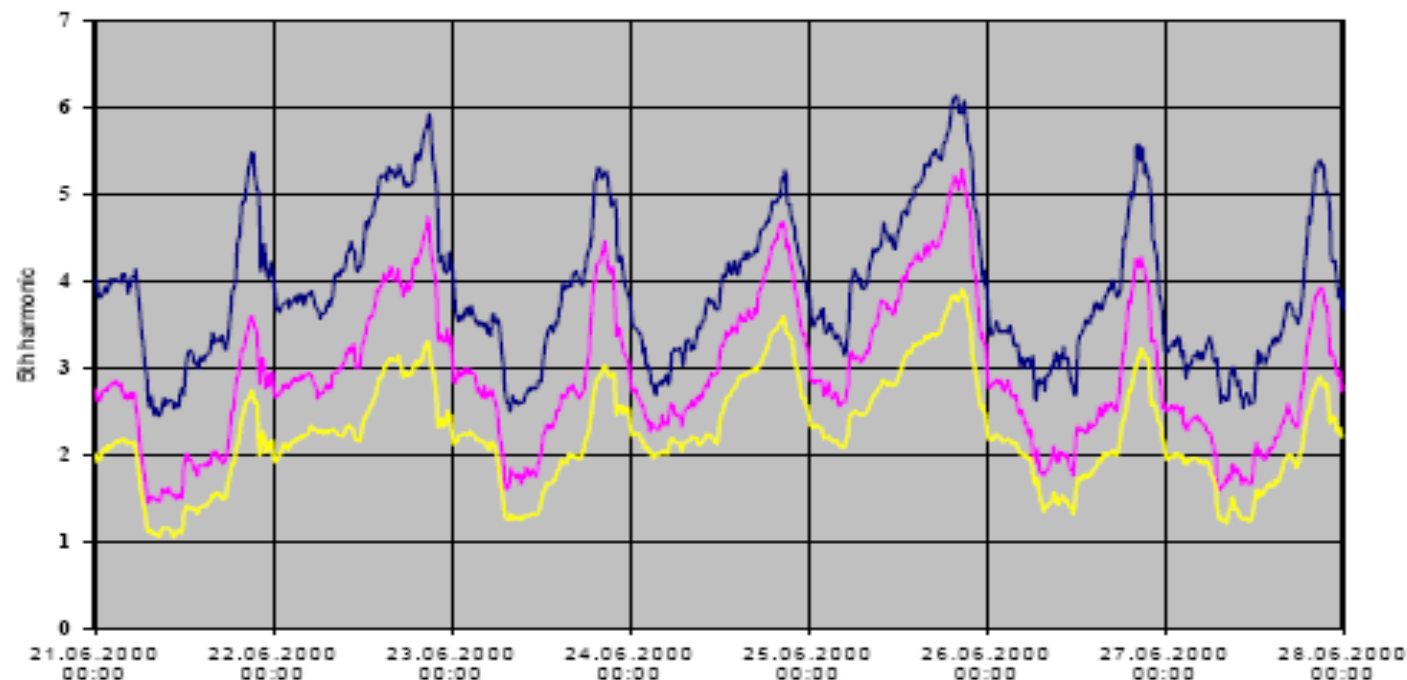
0-PC monitors, TV's and VSD based refrigerators in 75-600 Watt



Importance of Testing: Example of Harmonics Pollution

Voltage distortion in Urban Area (H-5) over one week in the London.

The cumulative effect of **home appliances and TVs around 10 – 11 PM** is very visible, and **distortion exceeds EN-50160 power quality requirements.**

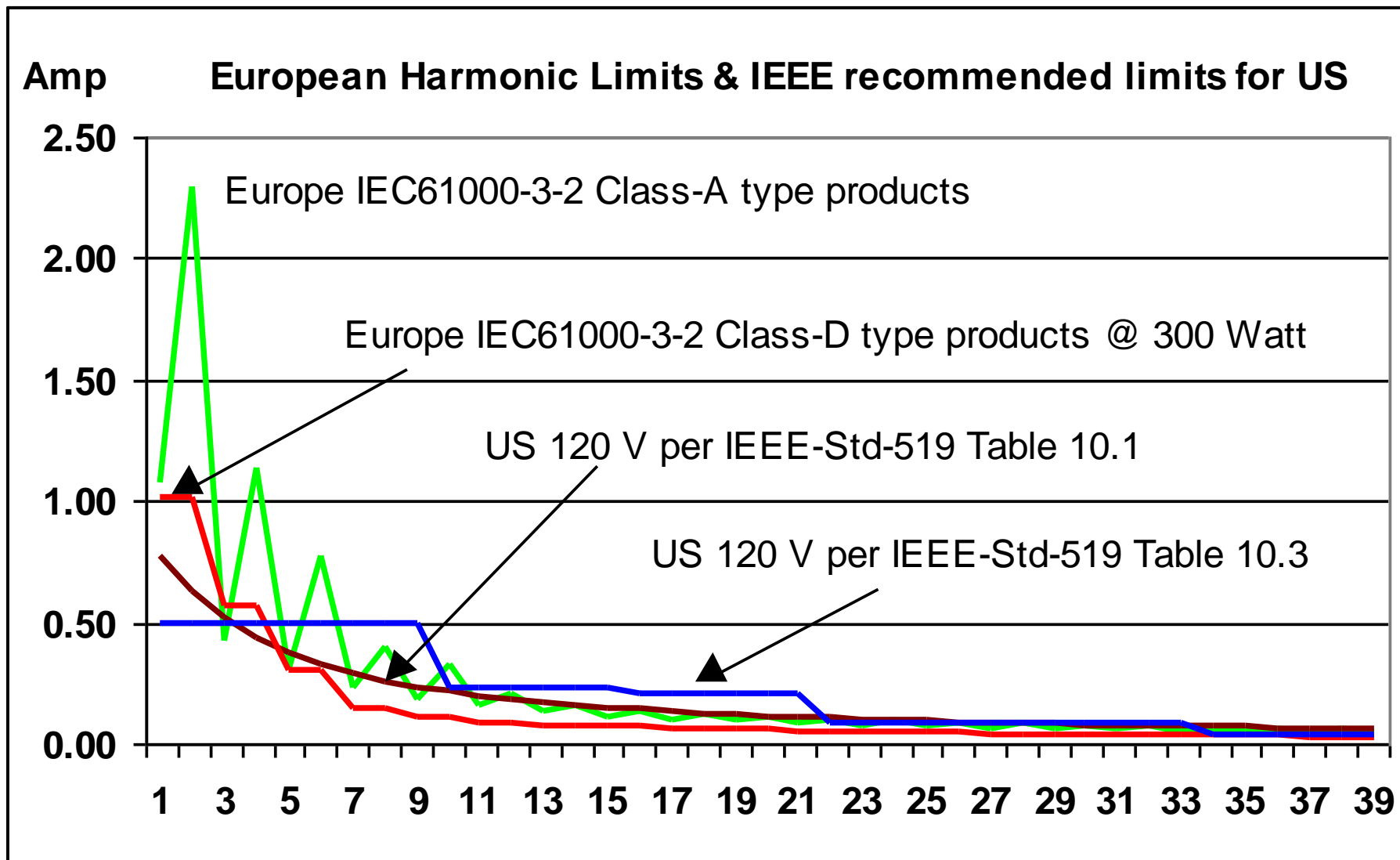


— 0.4-kV-busbar transformer 2,5 MVA (on 30-kV-busbar 50 MVA)
— 30-kV-feeder busbar, 250 MVA
— 110-kV-feeder busbar, 700 MVA

Source: Eurelectric report 2003



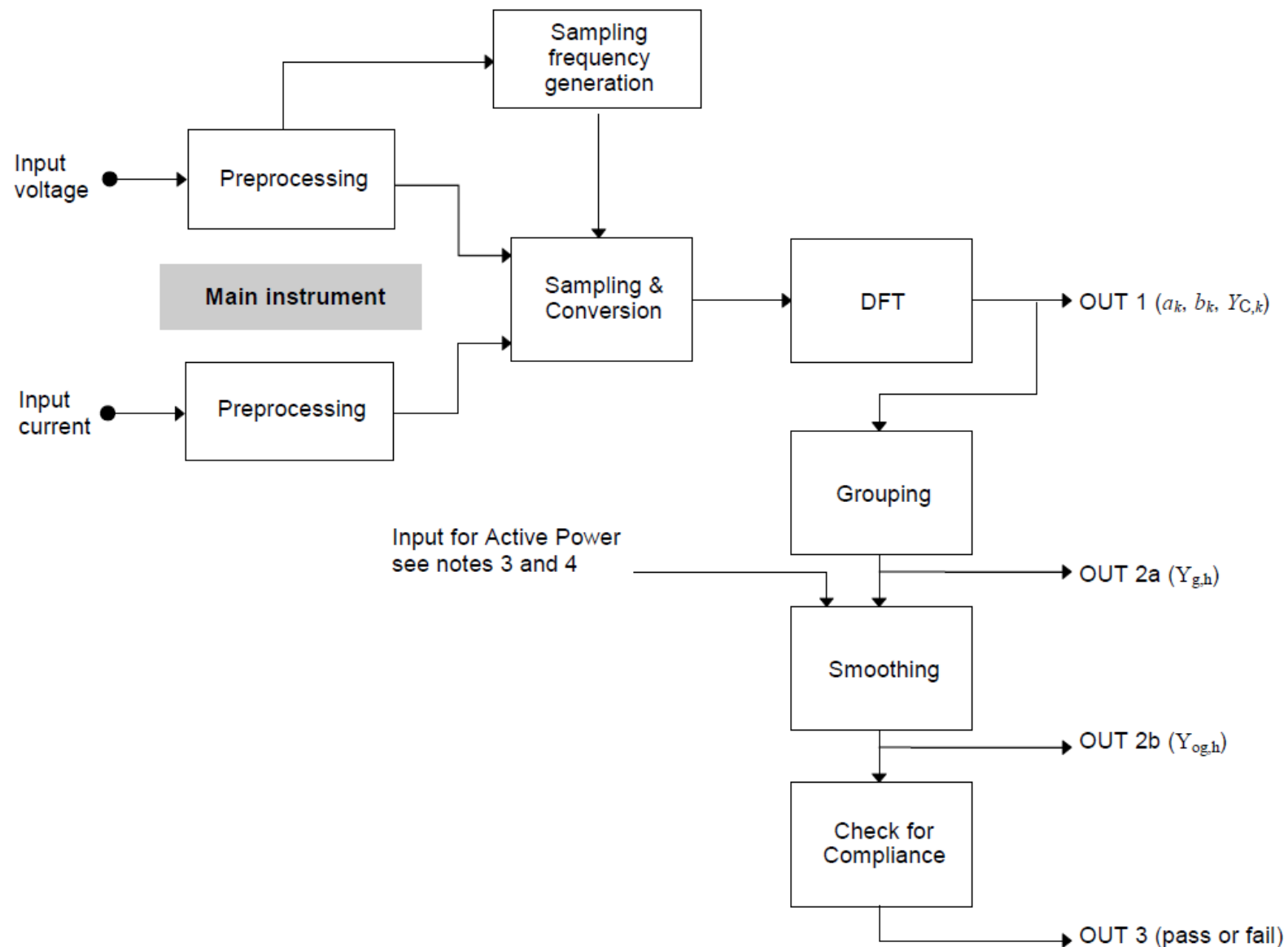
IEC vs IEEE-519 (1992) Limits Vary



Harmonics and Interharmonics Measurement Methods

Defined by
IEC 61000-4-7

- Grouping
- Smoothing





Example: Pass vs. Fail

Class A Product



Pass



Fail

Flicker

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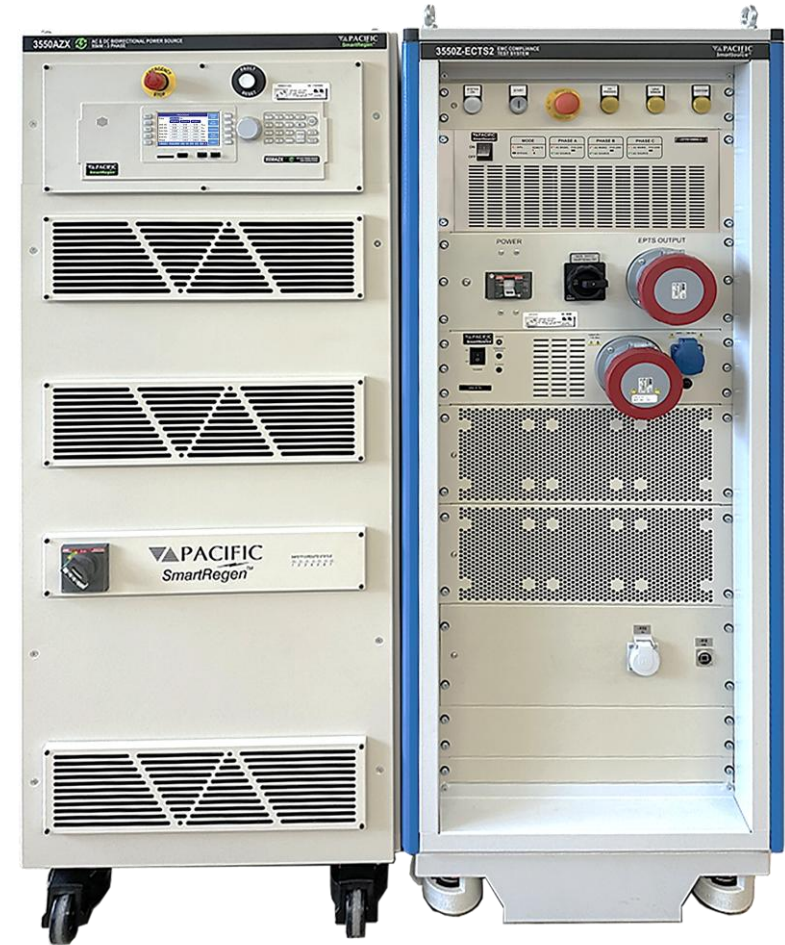


Flicker: IEC 61000-3-3

Limit voltage fluctuations to prevent adverse affects on people (triggering epilepsy attacks, seizures)

- Short Term Flicker and Long Term Flicker paired against limits
- Index used to pair against common limits
- Calculations are complex, as they involve a 2-D Laplace transfer function.

Simplify testing with the right solutions

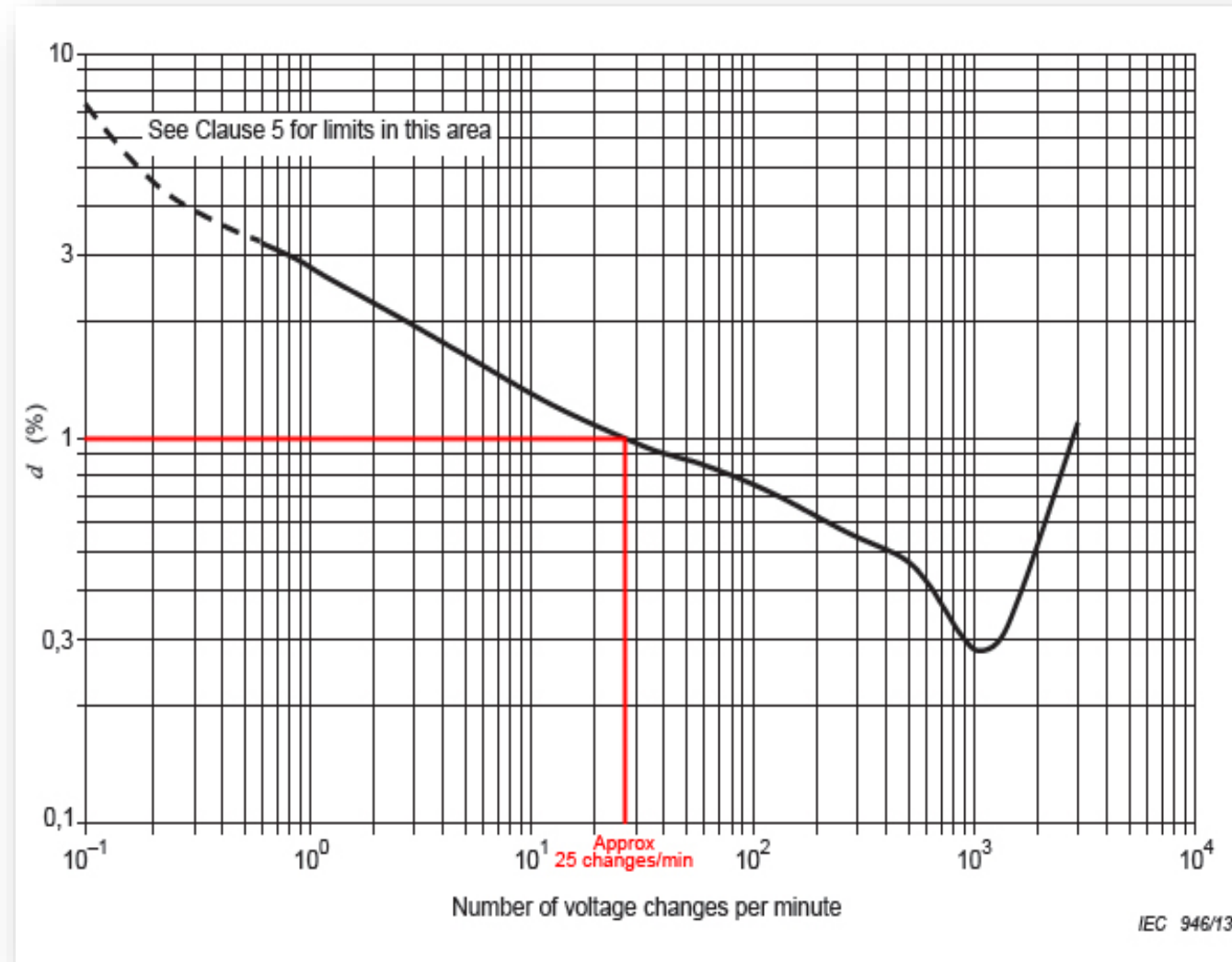




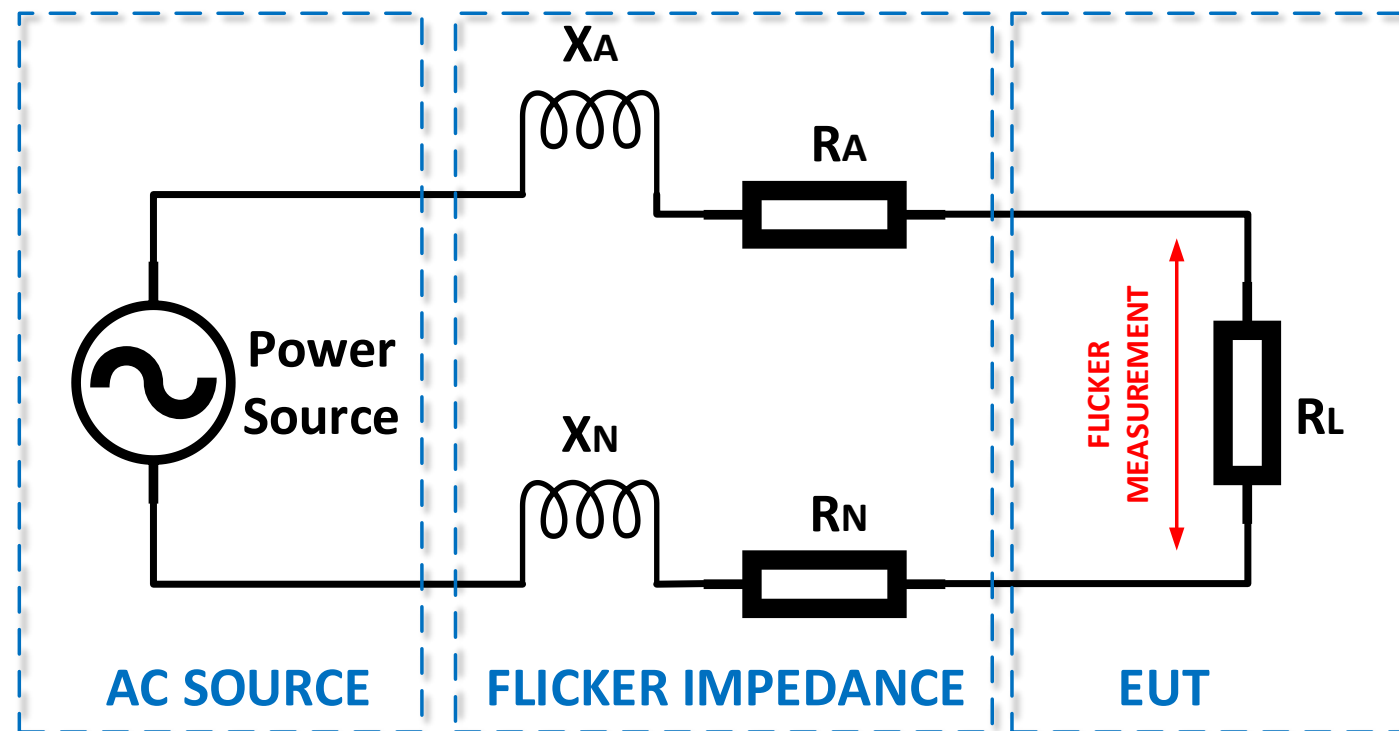
Human Sensitivity to Light Flicker

People are sensitive to the **amplitude and frequency** of light flicker

- The curve was determined where half of the tested persons perceived the light flicker.
- **The most “sensitive” point is at 1052 changes / minute,** where 0.3 % voltage fluctuation results in a Pst = 1.00
- **Flicker is expressed in Pst** (Short Term – 10 min) with a limit of 1.00, and a Plt (Long term - 2 hours) with a limit of 0.65.



IEC 60725 Reference Impedance Required



IEC 61000-3- Flicker Limits 16A

Impedance = $0.40 + j0.25 \Omega$

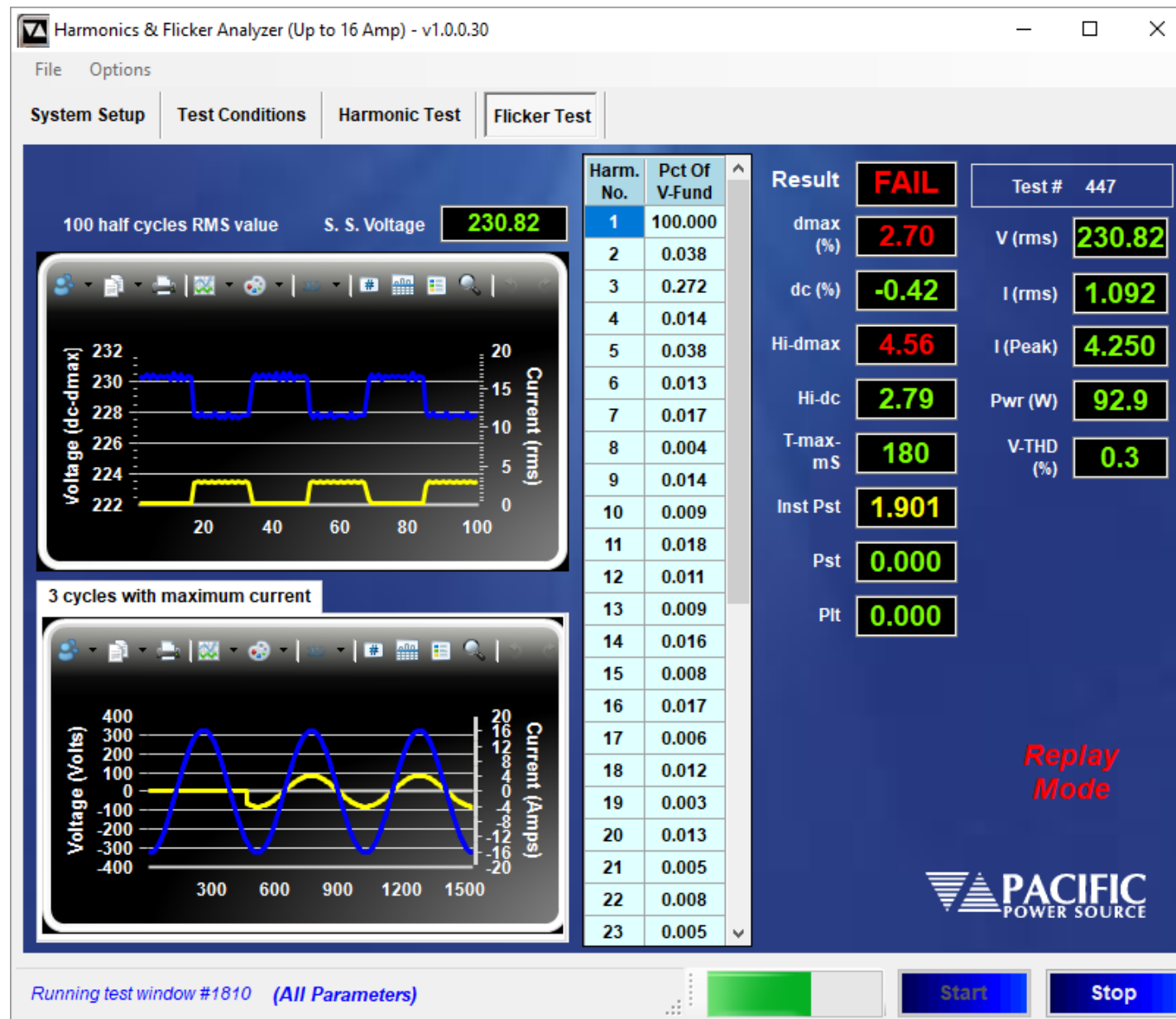
IEC 61000-3- Flicker Limits 75A

Impedance = $0.25 + j0.25 \Omega$

Reduced Impedance to limit power dissipation

Example of Typical Flicker Measurement

- Compare against the Pst-Plt-dc-dmax-T-max limits
- Voltage fluctuations are caused by products turning all or part of their load On/Off (5 amp in this example).
- The software automates the process of comparing against product class limits to determine Fail or Pass.



Immunity





Immunity Testing Measures Voltage and Frequency Anomalies

Ensures product safety and operation

Example: IEC 61000-4-11 Test Sequences

Immunity Test

- IEC 61000-4-11 AC Dips and Interruptions -16A
- IEC 61000-4-13 Interharmonics
- IEC 61000-4-14 AC Voltage Fluctuations
- IEC 61000-4-17 DC Ripple
- IEC 61000-4-27 AC Voltage Unbalance 3 phase
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- IEC 61000-4-34 AC Dips and Interruptions – 75A

The screenshot shows the 'Epts Gui v0.0.0.1' software interface. The 'Test Sequence' tab is active, displaying a table of test steps for 'IEC61000-4-11, Edition 2.1, 2017-05' under the 'Dips and Interruptions' category. The table has columns for Step, V-nom, V-drop, Phase Drop, Phase Angle Drop, Drop Duration, Test Interval, and Repeat. Below the table are buttons for 'Load ...', 'Run', 'View Report', and 'Generate Test Report'.

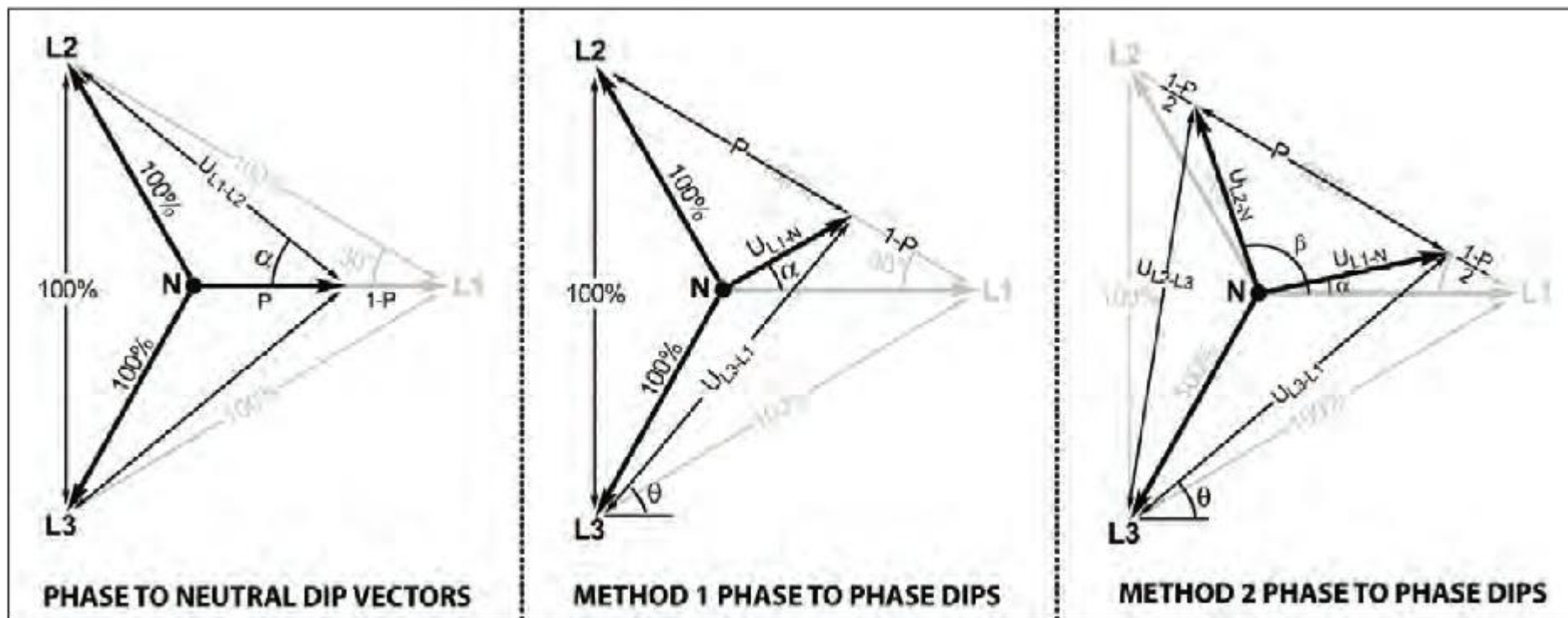
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3	230.0	0.0%	A	0	0.5	10	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	230.0	0.0%	A	0	1.0	10	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	230.0	0.0%	A	0	1.0	10	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	230.0	0.0%	A	0	1.0	10	<input type="checkbox"/>
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9	230.0	40.0%	A	0	10	10	<input type="checkbox"/>
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IEC61000-4-11, IEC61000-4-34: Test Dips and Interruptions

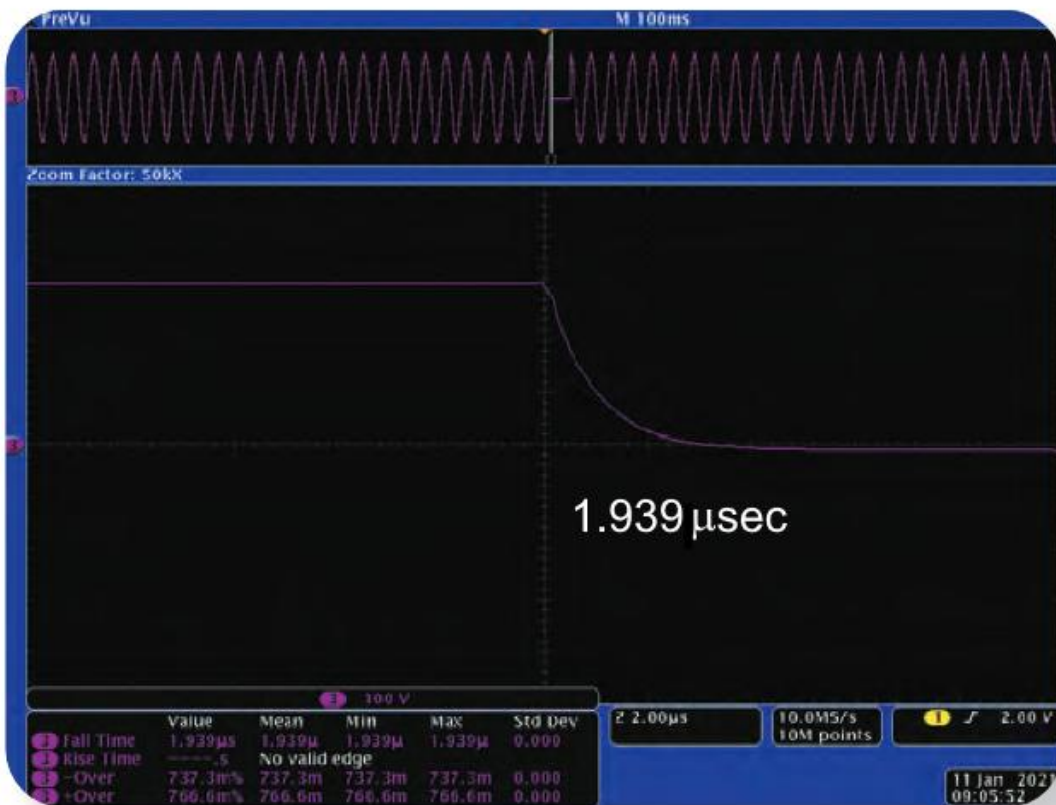
For 3-Phase EUT's, **voltages dips** must be applied using several phase vector methods to meet full compliance

Three Phase Voltage Dips





Test Rise & Fall Times < 5 μ sec with no over/undershoot



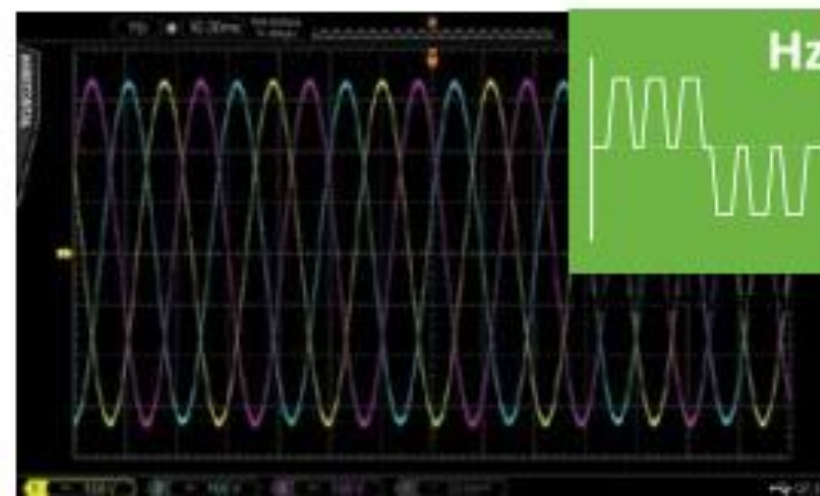
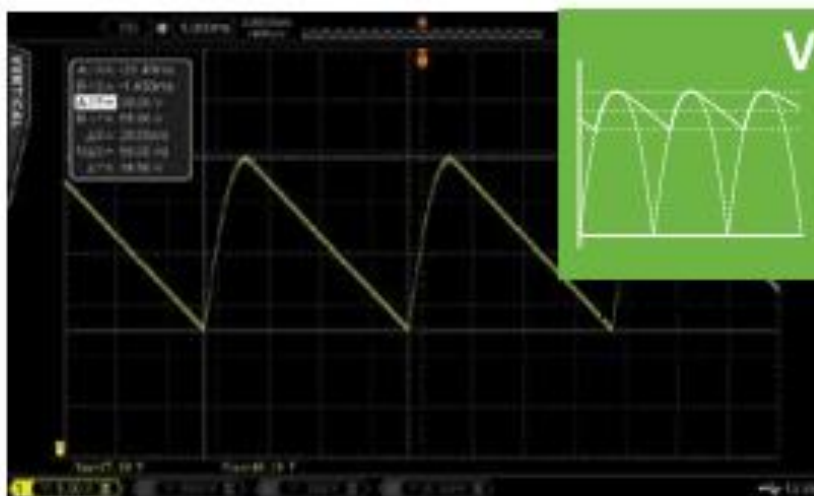
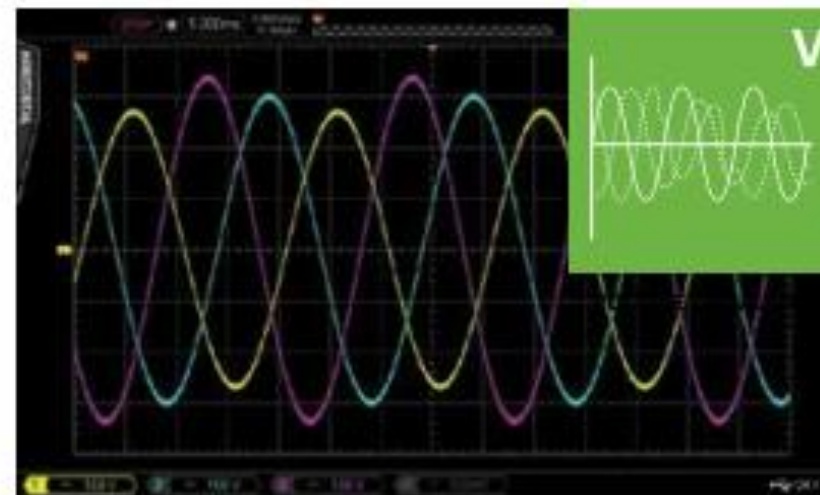
Fall Time < 5 μ sec with no undershoot



Rise Time < 5 μ sec with no overshoot



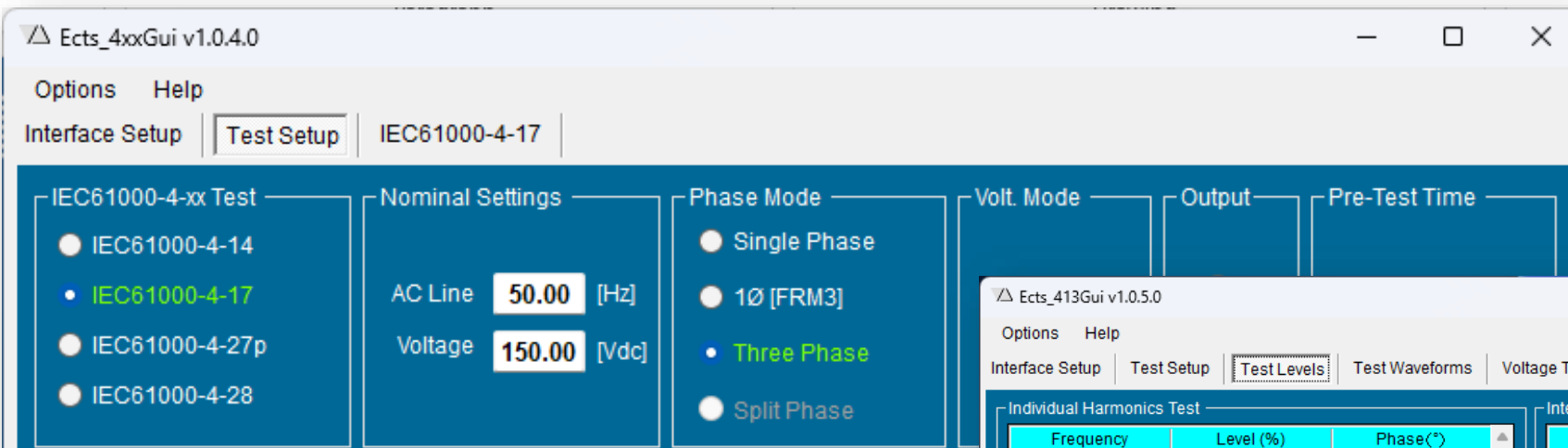
IEC 61000-4-13: Test Harmonics and Interharmonics



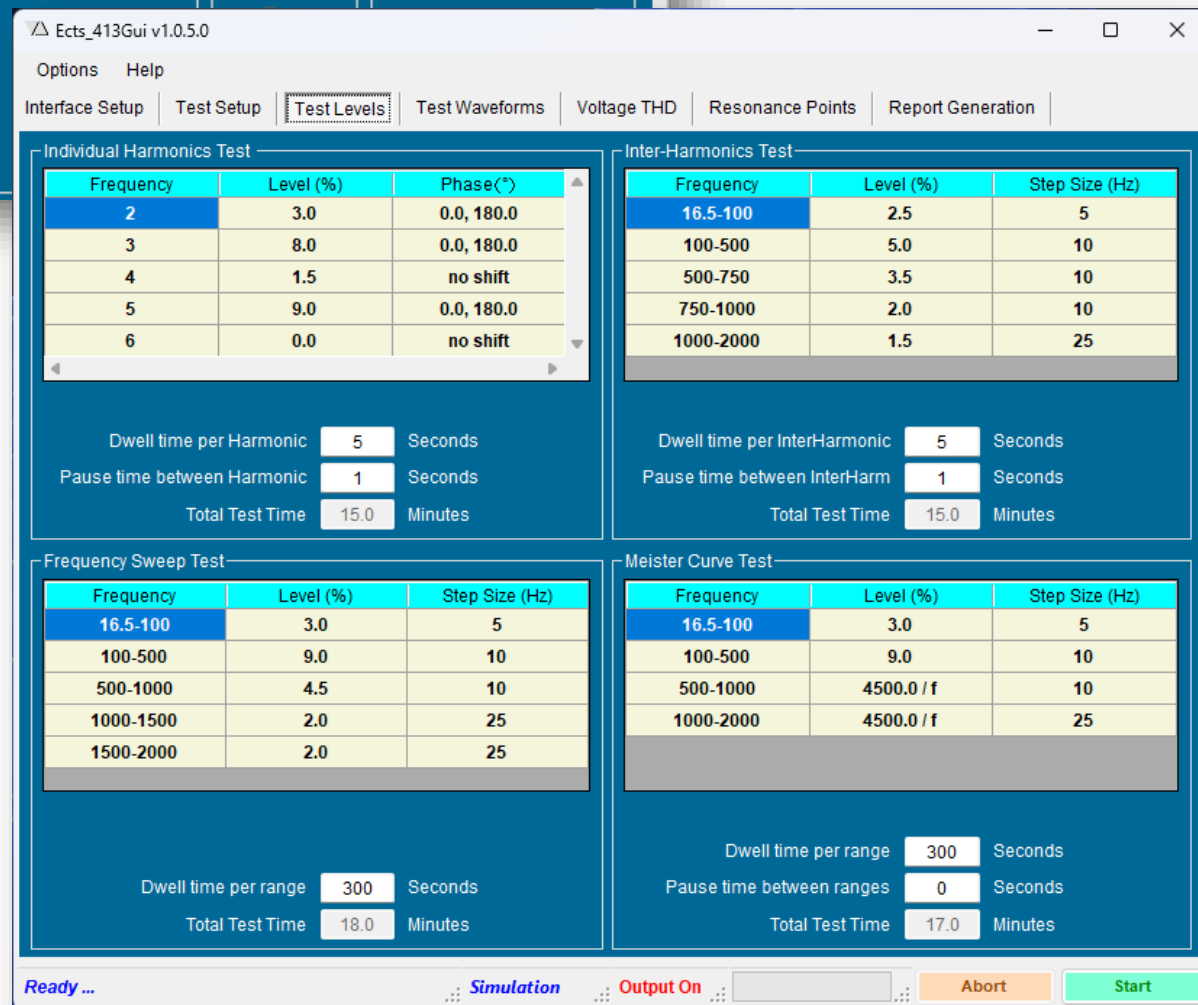


IEC 61000-14: Interharmonics Option

IEC 61000-4-13 Table	Test	Voltage $V_{LN} / V_{LL} (V_{RMS})$	Frequency (Hz)	Class/Test Level	Phase Mode
Table 1, 2 & 3	Odd Harmonics	115 / 208Vac	60 Hz	Class 1, 2 & 3	1 \emptyset , 3 \emptyset
		230 / 400Vac	50 Hz	Class 1, 2 & 3	1 \emptyset , 2 \emptyset , 3 \emptyset
Table 4	Inter Harmonics	115 / 208Vac	60 Hz	Class 1, 2 & 3	1 \emptyset , 3 \emptyset
		230 / 400Vac	50 Hz	Class 1, 2 & 3	1 \emptyset , 2 \emptyset , 3 \emptyset
Table 7	Flat Curve	115 / 208Vac	60 Hz	Class 1, 2 & 3	1 \emptyset , 3 \emptyset
		230 / 400Vac	50 Hz	Class 1, 2 & 3	1 \emptyset , 2 \emptyset , 3 \emptyset
Table 8	Over Swing	115 / 208Vac	60 Hz	Class 1, 2 & 3	1 \emptyset , 3 \emptyset
		230 / 400Vac	50 Hz	Class 1, 2 & 3	1 \emptyset , 2 \emptyset , 3 \emptyset
Table 9	Frequency Sweep	115 / 208Vac	60 Hz	Class 1, 2 & 3	1 \emptyset , 3 \emptyset
		230 / 400Vac	50 Hz	Class 1, 2 & 3	1 \emptyset , 2 \emptyset , 3 \emptyset
Table 11	Meister Curve	115 / 208Vac	60 Hz	Class 2	1 \emptyset , 3 \emptyset
		230 / 400Vac	50 Hz	Class 2	1 \emptyset , 2 \emptyset , 3 \emptyset
		230 / 400Vac	50 Hz	Class 2	1 \emptyset , 2 \emptyset , 3 \emptyset



Software & Test Sequences Simplifies Testing





Top Selection Criteria

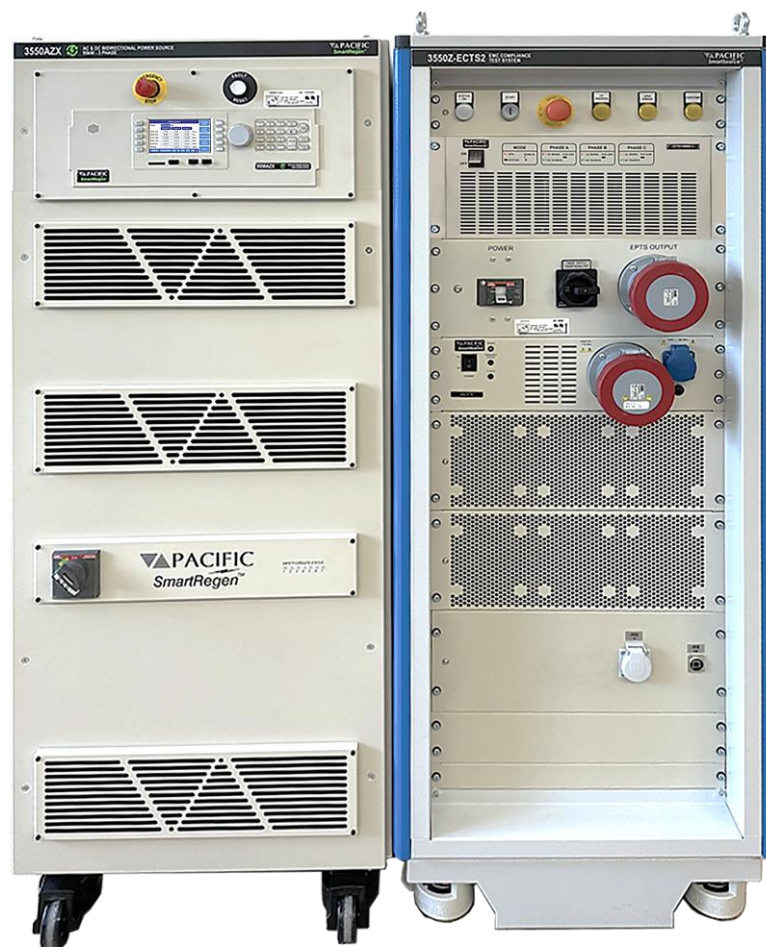
Top Criteria for Selecting a Test Solution

1. Pre- or Full **Compliance**
2. Measurement **Accuracy and Range**
3. Proven, Robust and **Reliable**
4. **Easy to use** Software, built-in playback
5. **Customizable** Test Sequences
6. **Regenerative** for bidirectional products
7. **A2LA Accredited Calibration** Availability

Power Source Requirements

1. AC or AC, DC and DC+AC
2. Single phase OR Single, Split and Three phase
3. Frequency required
4. Power and Current Ratings

Emissions & Immunity



Test in full compliance with the IEC standards.

Smart Control

- All tests are computer-controlled for ease of use and precision.
- The software guides the operator through all necessary steps.
- Eliminate operator errors and ensure consistent testing

Documentation & Reporting

- Data is collected to the PC drive for record-keeping.
- Comprehensive test reports are generated at the end of the test for compliance documentation.

User-friendly Windows-Based Software

- Intuitive, enhanced visualization tools are used to simplify testing.
- View data in real-time, while testing is in progress.



EMC Test System Solutions

Ideal for harmonics & flicker, immunity compliance testing.

Sophisticated Harmonics and Flicker measurement system and flicker impedance options.

- 1, 2, and 3 phase output
- AC or AC and DC
- Wide Range of Power Levels Available
- Current and Power Limit Protection
- EMC Test Software
- Detailed test reports to file EUT compliance



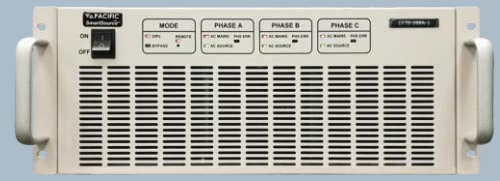
ECTS2 Series



IEC Harmonics & Flicker Test Systems

- 750VA to 100kVA+
- 0 up to 440Vac L-N/762Vac L-L or ± 650 Vdc
- DC, 15-1000Hz

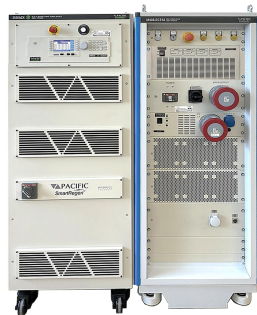
EPTS Option



Electronic Power Transfer Switch Option

Supports voltage rise and fall slew rates for IEC AC Voltage dips and Interruptions and Voltage Unbalance immunity testing per IEC61000-4-11, IEC61000-4-27 and IEC61000-4-34.

Compatible Regenerative AC Power Sources



High Power Regenerative AZX Series

30kW up to 550kW

30, 45, 55kW, paralleled up to 550kW

- Voltage: 0-240 Vac L-N / 0-415 Vac L-L and 0-480 Vac-LN / 0-830 Vac-LL; 0-340 Vdc and 0-680 Vdc
- 15-1000Hz; Extended 1 – 10,000Hz
- High power EMC test app that require Regenerative power to return power back to the grid.
- Supports AC and DC IEC test standards.
- **Three-phase, available up to 100Arms per phase.**
- These are all dual cabinet configurations.



Mid to High Power AGX Series

6kW to 21kW per 4U Parallel up to 252W

- Voltage: 0-350 VAC L-N 1 ϕ / 0-606 VAC L-L 3 ϕ ; -500Vdc to +500Vdc
- 15 – 1200Hz; Extended Option -1 – 3000Hz
- Med to high power EMC test app that require Regenerative power to return power back to the grid.
- Compact, high density
- Supports AC and DC IEC test standards.
- **Three-phase, available up to 100Arms per phase.**

Compatible AC Power Sources



Mid to High Power AFX Series

6kW to 15kW; up to 180W

15 – 1,200 Hz; Extended: 1 – 3,000 Hz

Voltage: 0 up to 333Vac L-N/576Vac L-L or 425Vdc

- Med to high power EMC test app that do not require regenerative power.
- Compact, high density
- Supports AC and DC IEC test standards.
- **Single phase and three phase systems up to 130Arms per phase.**



Low Power, Very High Frequency Linear LMX Series – AC Only

500 VA up to 30kVA

500 VA to 6000 VA; Parallel up to 30kW

Voltage: 0 up to 600VAC; Transformer Option

15 – 5,000Hz

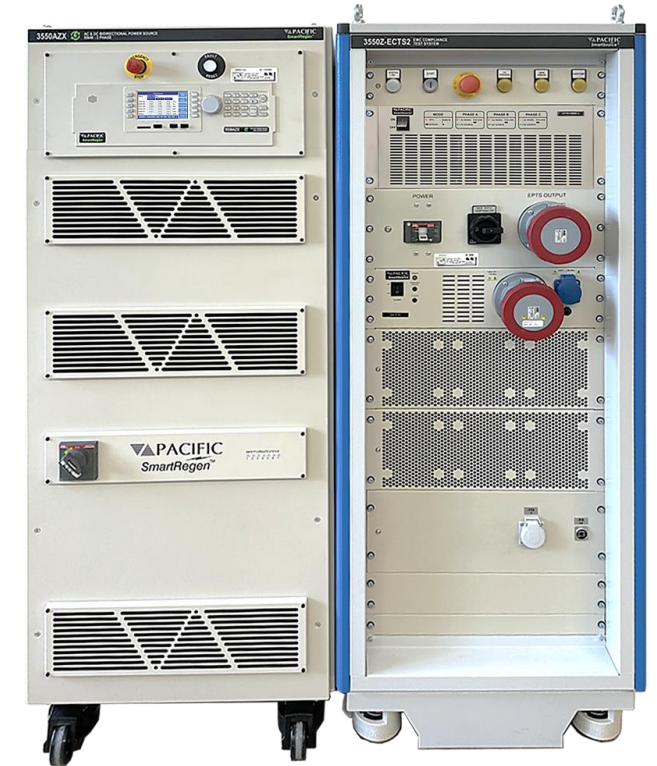
- Lower power, very high frequency applications where high EUT currents not present.
- Linear power / High bandwidth and very low voltage distortion, well below IEC 61000-3-2 requirements
- **Single phase and three phase systems up to 16Arms per phase.**



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- **Proven, reliable solution** that meets all requirements
- **Excellent support** pre & post sales
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- **Full-featured smart tools** to investigate failures & ensure adequate margin
- **Easy-to-use** software simplifies test
- **Comprehensive** testing and reporting
- **Upgrade Later** – start with pre-compliance and upgrade to full-compliance, if needed later

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