

The impact of power quality on measurements

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Simple measures : length





Simple measures and accuracy



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- The standard mass (the IPK, International Prototype Kilogram) is kept in France.
- In 1889, 40 copies were made. In the UK, NPL keeps copy #18.
- All the copies can be periodically checked against the IPK
- They are ALL measurably drifting against each other!



Transferring standards and traceability

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Example of traceability : Voltage (1)





accurate to 1 part in 10⁸ (0.01 ppm) using Josephson junctions



0.01 ppm

Calibration accuracies offered by NPL

| Voltage Level | Uncertainty (95 % confidence level) |
|-----------------------|---|
| 1.0 V Electronic | 0.14 ppm |
| 1.018 V Electronic | 0.14 ppm |
| 1.018 V Standard Cell | 0.09 ppm |
| 10 V Electronic | 0.02 ppm |

0.02-0.2 ppm





1-2 ppm £5000 each



Example of traceability : Voltage (2)

Stability

Stability for a given period of time is defined as the output uncertainty minus the calibration uncertainty at the 99% Confidence Level. When the output voltage is characterized by a regression model, stability is given by the following equation:

$$\left| b\left(\frac{P}{365}\right) + 2.65S_1 \sqrt{\left[\frac{S_{TR}}{S_1}\right]^2 + \left(\frac{1}{n}\right) + \left[\frac{\left(\overline{x} + P - x_1\right)^2}{\Sigma\left(x_1 - \overline{x}\right)^2}\right]} \right|^2}$$

where b = slope of regression in ppm/year

S1 = standard deviation about the regression (SDEV)

Sra = SDEV of data filtered with 7-day moving average filter (MAF)

P = Period of time under consideration in days

 \overline{x} = mean time for regession data

n = 180 period (typically 2 meassurements per day)

Xj = jth period

X1 = time at beginning of data

Each data point for the computation of the regression parameters is the average voltage of 50 readings taken in a 50-second measurement period.

Stability for the 732B outputs at 23 ±1°C is specified as follows

| Output Voltage | | Stability (± ppm) | 91: |
|----------------|---------|-------------------|---------|
| | 30 Days | 90 Days | 1 Year |
| 10V | 0.3 | 0.8 | 2.0 |
| 1.018V | 0.8 | NA | NA |

Noise at the Output Terminals

Output noise is specified for both day-to-day observations and for short-term observations. The former is given by the standard deviation of a 90-day regression model. The latter is in terms of its rms value in a bandwidth as follows:

| Output Voltage | S ₁ (± ppm) | S _{ra} (± ppm) | Noise (0.01 Hz to 10 Hz (± ppm rms) |
|----------------|------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| 10V | 0.068 | 0.05 | 0.06 |
| 1.018V | 0.1 | NA | 0.03 |

Output Current and Limits

| Output Voltage | Output Current Limit | Output Impedance |
|----------------|----------------------|------------------|
| 10V | 12 mA (Note) | ≤1 mΩ |
| 1.018V | 20 pA | ≤ 1 kΩ |







Example of traceability : Voltage (3)



Agilent 34410A, £850 .0030 % DC2, 0.06% ACV

Agilent 3401A, £300 0.02% DCV ,0.5% ACV

DCA 1% + 3 ACA 1.5% + 3 Resistance 0.9% + 1

2% + 3 (500Hz-1kHz)



The power system we are used to:











Then add point-point and multi-point HVDC



Problems for measurements

- Lower system inertia
 - Frequency is never "nominal"
 - ROCOF levels are rising
- Harmonics
- Inter-harmonics
- Unbalance, Faults
- Inaccessibility, Voltage, Weather
- "Loose" standards
- How do we calibrate?
 - Meters (wideband)
 - Instrumentation
 - On-site? Off-site?
 - How does we ensure robust measurement in "real world" conditions? Can we?





Dynamic harmonic measurement traceability Strathclyde



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What's so hard about AC measurements?

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Figure 5-1 : Linear interpolation to estimate the time of a zero crossing



Frequency error using zero-crossing algorithm due to interpolation errors only, at only one end of the cycle, at different sample rates, versus the time offset of the first sample from the actual zero crossing



Missing information with zero crossings

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AC Power system measurements use small numbers of cycles!



- 1) Measurement timeframe >> Fundamental period
 - e.g. Radio-frequency measurements



- 2) Measurement timeframe not >> Fundamental period
 - e.g. Power system measurements over <20 cycles



Single-cycle nominal (50Hz) windowing: Signal at nominal 50Hz

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Single-cycle nominal (50Hz) windowing: Signal at 52Hz

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Single-cycle nominal (50Hz) windowing: Signal at 47Hz

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Single-cycle nominal (50Hz) windowing: Signal at 47Hz

[<u>RMS_Example_Animation.mp4</u>]



Fourier-based algorithms: e.g. the "Reference" algorithm from C37.118.1

Single-phase section











How a single-cycle "boxcar" filter works



Single cycle boxcar window/filter response : Fadc = 45.4545kHz, f0 = 45.4545Hz



2 cascaded single-cycle boxcars





Case example : Phasor Measurement Units



Unbalance, Interharmonics, Harmonics, Frequency ramp



[Arbiter model 1133A]



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[SEL 451]

| | Max TVE | Max Freq. Error | Max ROCOF Error |
|------------|------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | (70) | | (112/3) |
| P Basic+ | 0.35 | 0.2432 | 24.596 |
| P TickTock | 0.34 | 0.1706 | 16.875 |
| M Basic+ | 0.11 | 0.0210 | 2.823 |
| M TickTock | 0.05 | 0.0013 | 0.167 |

Single-phase RMS and Fundamental Measurement Strathcly Clean sinusoids at 50.0 Hz



Single-phase RMS and Fundamental Measurement Strathcly Clean sinusoids at 49.5 Hz



Single-phase RMS and Fundamental Measurement Strathclyde EN50160 Harmonics (8% THD) at 50.0 Hz



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Single-phase RMS and Fundamental Measurement Strathclyde Switching at 6475 Hz, fundamental at 49.5 Hz

Poor measurement algorithms (1)

31 Watts ! ?

Measure the power consumption of an opencircuit transformer, using the newest laboratory equipment

Poor measurement algorithms (2)

Error ~200-300% !!

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8 Watts

| ▶ II | Power 🖂 | ≥ 2012-03· | -12, 12:00 |
|-------------|-----------------------|------------|------------|
| ¢۲ | 1 | | |
| | | min | max |
| Р | 0.009 *** | 0.009 | 0.009 |
| S | 0.054 KVA | 0.054 | 0.054 |
| Q ¢ | 0.046 ^{kvar} | 0.045 | 0.046 |

9 Watts

31 Watts

Poor measurement algorithms (3)

How accurate is your electricity meter?

+2.5% and -3.5% for UK nationally approved meters. *But what about harmonics?!*

Interharmonics and flicker

[http://www.metalravne.com/en/]

Electric Arc Furnace

Dataset

Dataset from 110kV voltage bus (20kV is worse!)

Data courtesy of the University of Ljubljana (Prof. Igor Papič Papič, Igor <u>Igor Papic@fe.uni-lj.si</u> & Dr. Boštjan Blažič) via Roberto Langella (Roberto Langella <u>roberto.langella@unina2.it</u>) at the 2nd University of Naples

20 minute profile with Arc furnace turn-on (Ladle furnace currents zero)

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University of Strathclyde 110kV, 100 seconds in

Something turns on at *t*=42s, but it is not the Arc Furnace or Ladle Furnace on the known 20kV bus! (110kV quality is comparable to 20kV)

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RavnelII_2006_03_31_220000_110kV_subset_2200_to_3400_harmonic_analysis.mp4

Frequency from different algorithms: 110kV connection to steelworks

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ROCOF from different algorithms: 110kV connection to steelworks

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Implications for Control and Billing ?!!

