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# Harmonic Distortion & Network pollution

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# Introduction

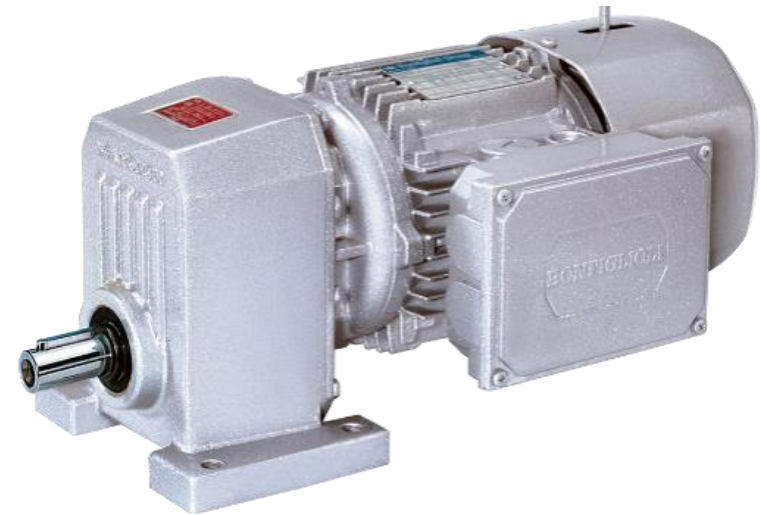
What are the returns?

Mechanical

Hydraulic

Pneumatic

**ELECTRICAL**



# Introduction

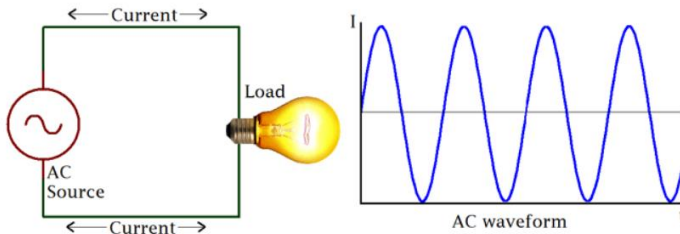
**‘The capriciousness of sun, wind and increasing grid pollution threaten the stability of the electricity grid’.**

*"Now is the time for the industry to take a serious look at new energy-saving solutions that are currently or will be offered in the near future by manufacturers and suppliers within the energy transition."*

**Increase in million fires first half of 2019**

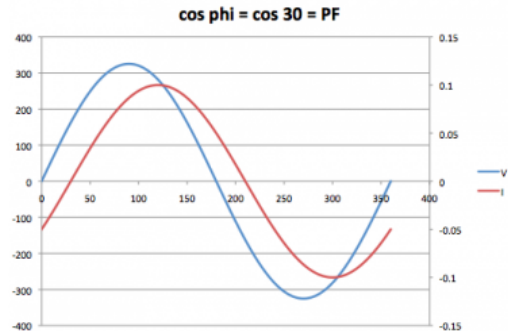


# A few figures



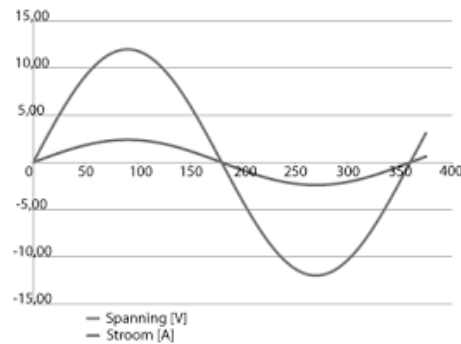
1 Petajoule [PJ] =

**$2,777\,778 \times 10^8$  Kilowatt [kWh]**



**With more than 1375 PJ (40%), industry has the largest share**

(Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency)

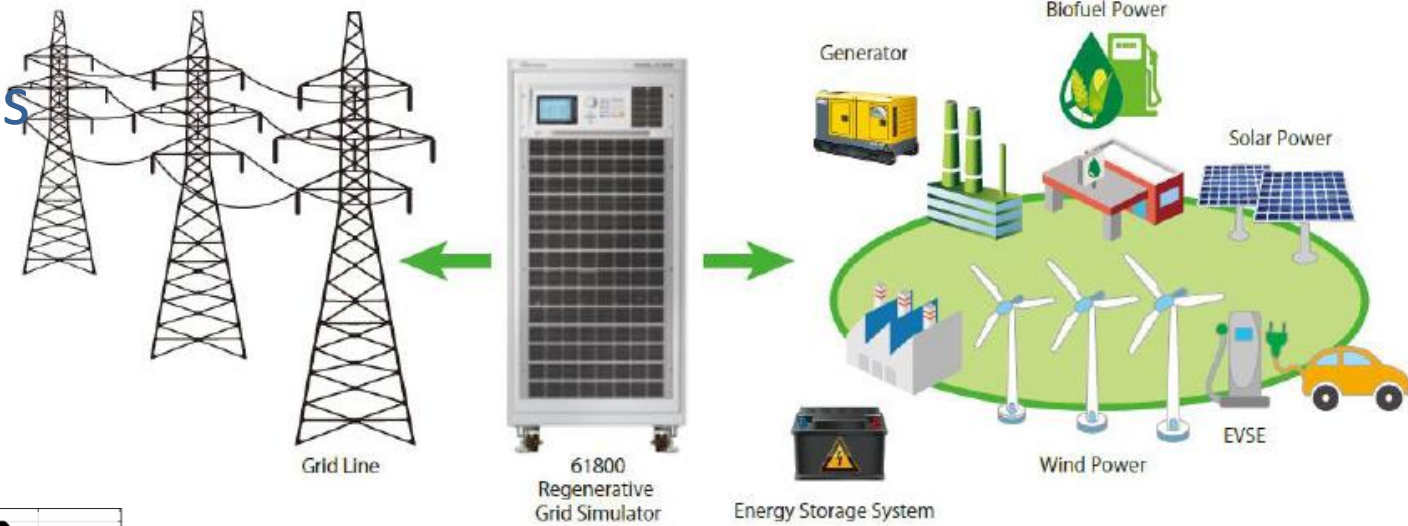
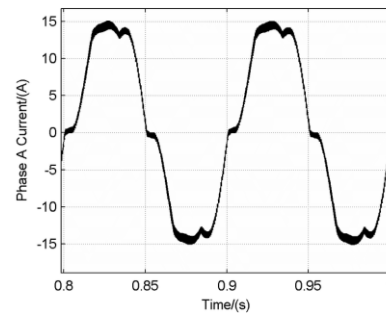
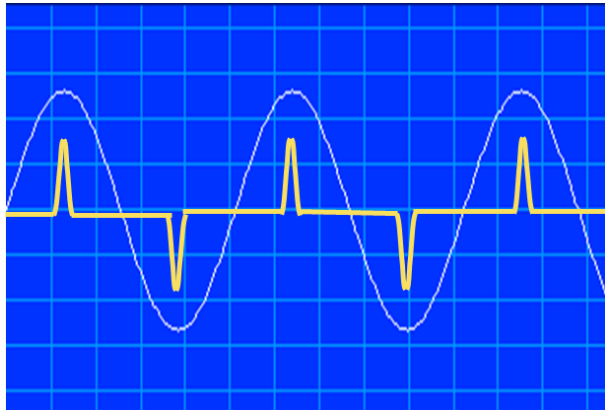




# Electrical pollution

## Modern Electronics

- Frequency regulators
- Switched-mode power supplies
- Motor controllers
- Power conversion equipment



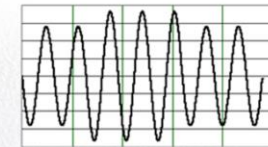
# Voltage fluctuations

## According to Netbeheer Nederland

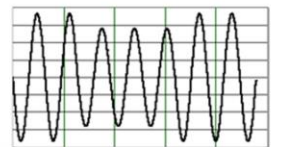
- Slow voltage variation: between 207 and 253 V!
- Fast variation in voltage: Flicker
- Voltage asymmetry: imbalance in 3 phase grid
- Voltage dips: below 207 V! (meter box)

Different kind of transient output:

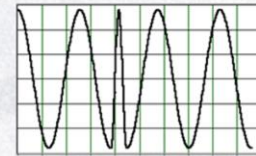
Surge



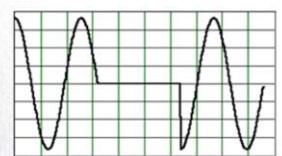
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Frequency Variation



Cycle Dropout



# Harmonic distortion

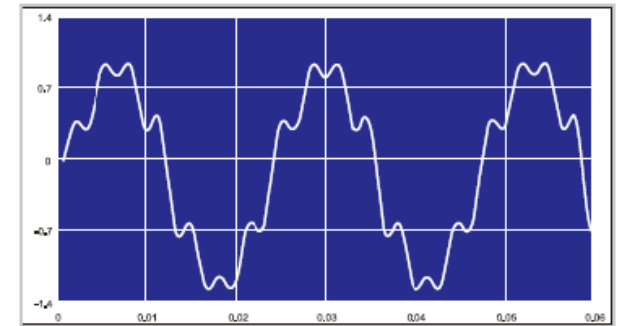
## Harmonic distortion:

50 Hz (ground wave) + other frequencies

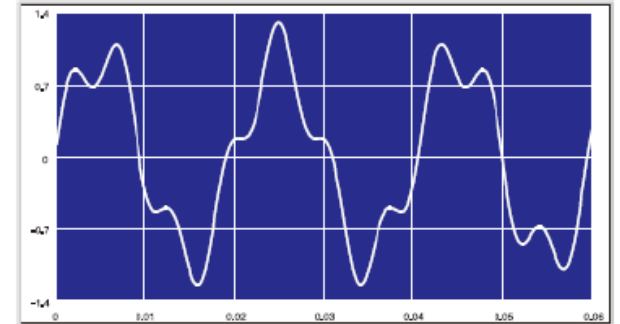
Next Network Code: THD  $\leq 8 - 12\%$

### In Practice:

Deformations of up to 25% are already being measured locally



Harmonics Waveform



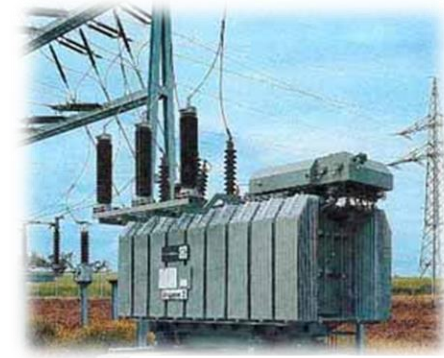
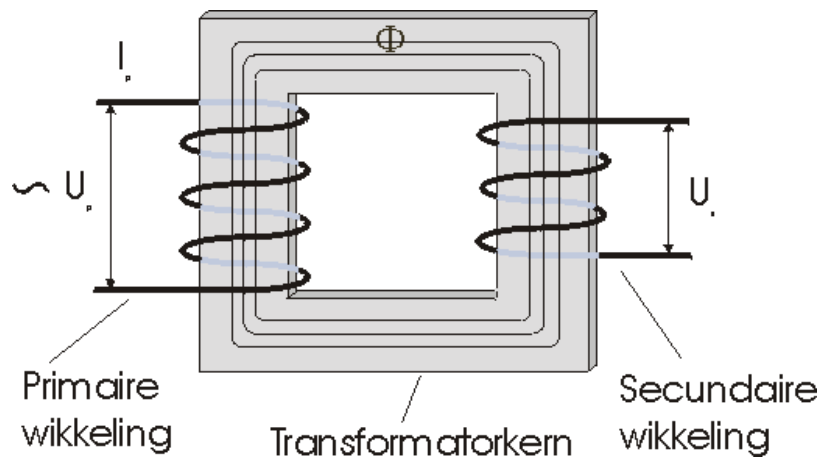
Interharmonics Waveform



# Grid pollution (consequences)

## Transformers:

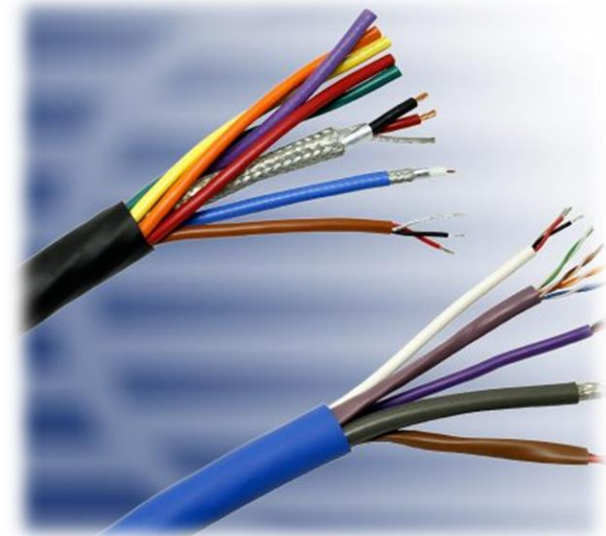
- Overheating due to eddy currents
- Vibration and buzzing noises
- Less efficient
- No longer delivers the expected power



# Grid pollution (consequences)

## Cabling:

- Overheating due to the so-called "skin effect" at higher frequencies
- Specific resistance increases with heating
- Insulation resistance can be considerably lower



# Grid pollution (consequences)

## Safety devices:

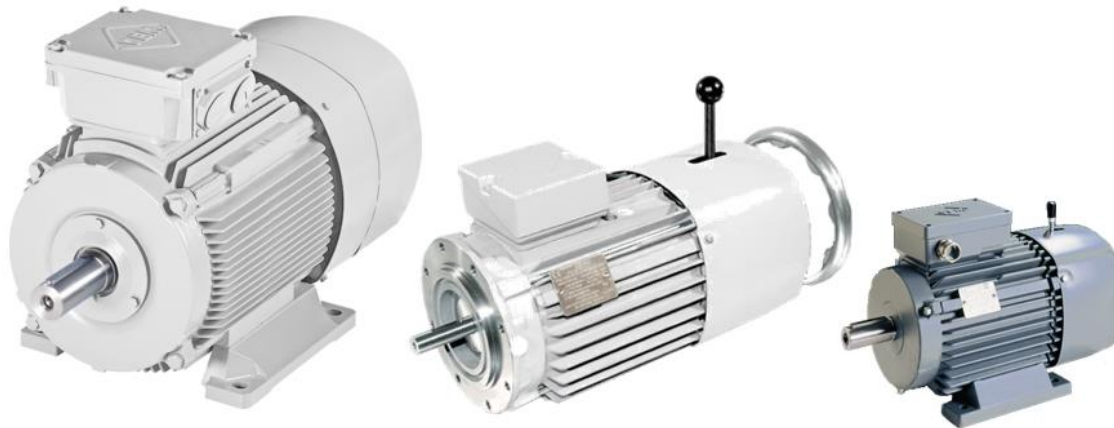
- Regular unintentional tripping of vending machines
- Unsafe situations
- Production process comes to a standstill
- This is often caused by the summation of flows



# Grid pollution (consequences)

## Elektric motors:

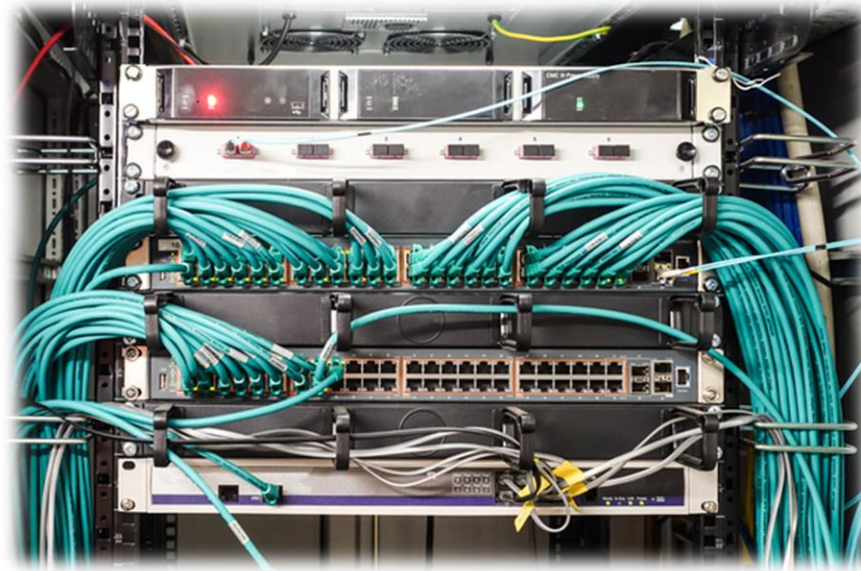
- Oververhitting
- Geluidstoename
- Naast harmonische vervorming is ook een onbalans in het net een boosdoener
- Hogere harmonische in tegenfase werkt draairichting tegen (met trillingen en extra slijtage als gevolg)



# Grid pollution (consequences)

## Data traffic:

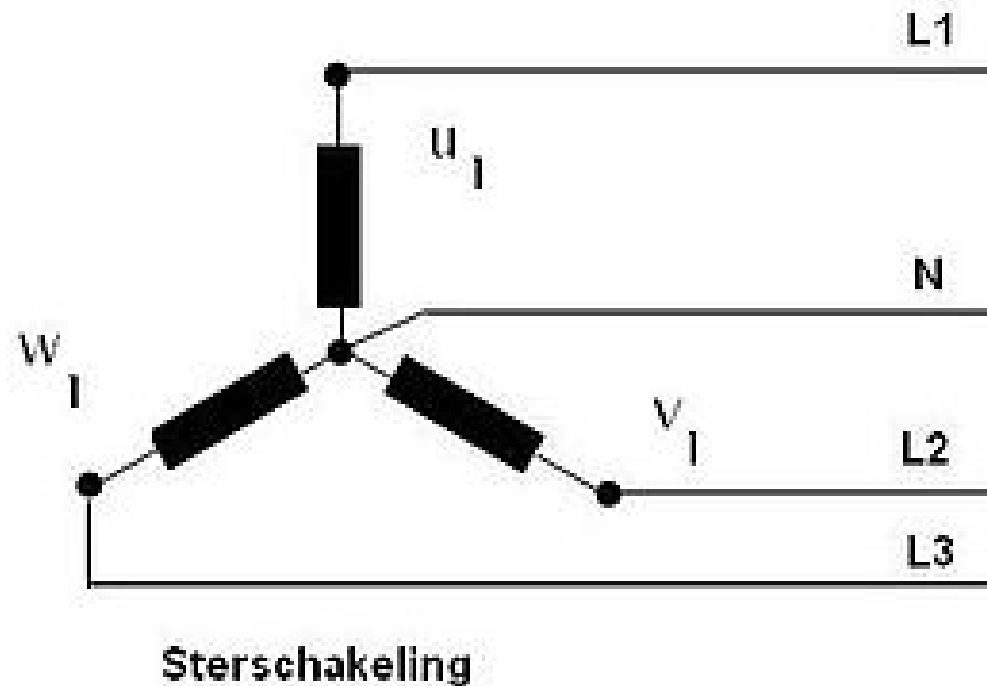
Faults as a consequence of unwanted currents in the data cables



# Grid pollution (consequences)

## Nulleider:

The 3rd, 5th, 7th harmonics cause a larger current through the neutral. If under-dimensioned, this can heat up.





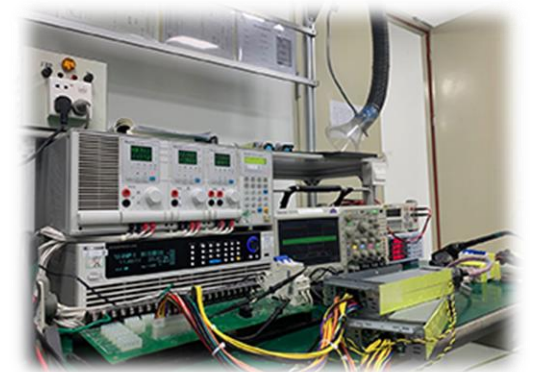
## The effects of harmonic distortion;

- Energy loss (faster ageing)
- Normal operation may be disturbed
- Vibrations (transformers and motors)
- Overheating

**Consequences that may undermine an efficient and reliable drive**

# Your product/production department/R&D or test lab?

- Does your product contribute to harmonic distortion or pollution?
- Does your product comply with the standards?
- Is your grid stable enough to guarantee quality during production/testing?
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- Is failure due to the device or grid pollution?
- Impact grid pollution and grid variations?



# Increasing need for testing and measuring in Power applications

- In R&D development
- During production
- Before and after installation
- In operation
- On site
- Central/Decentral



PPA5531 Harmonics and  
Flicker Analyzer

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IMP163 Impedance Network

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N4A18 AC Power Source

# Increasing need for testing and measuring in Power applications

- Measurement and analysis of grid stability
- Measurement and analysis of harmonic distortions
- Emulation / generation of a 1/3 phase grid.
- Aware application of PQ and harmonic distortions
- Possibly according to standard and regulations
- Stabilisation and compensation



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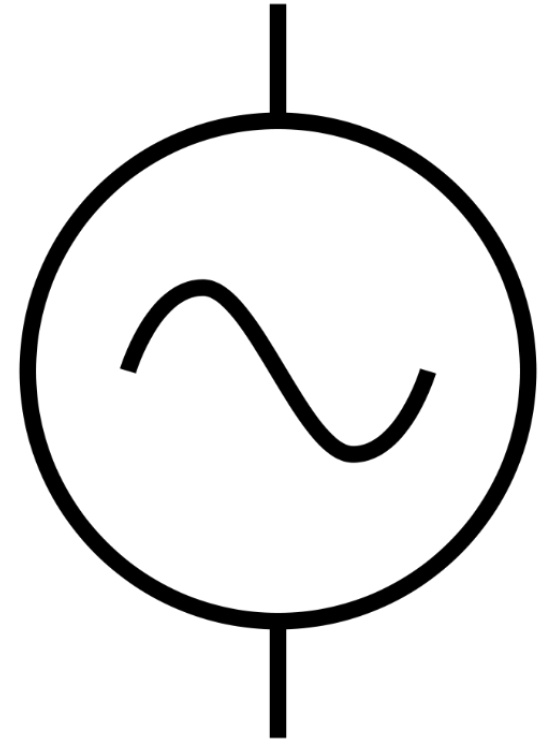
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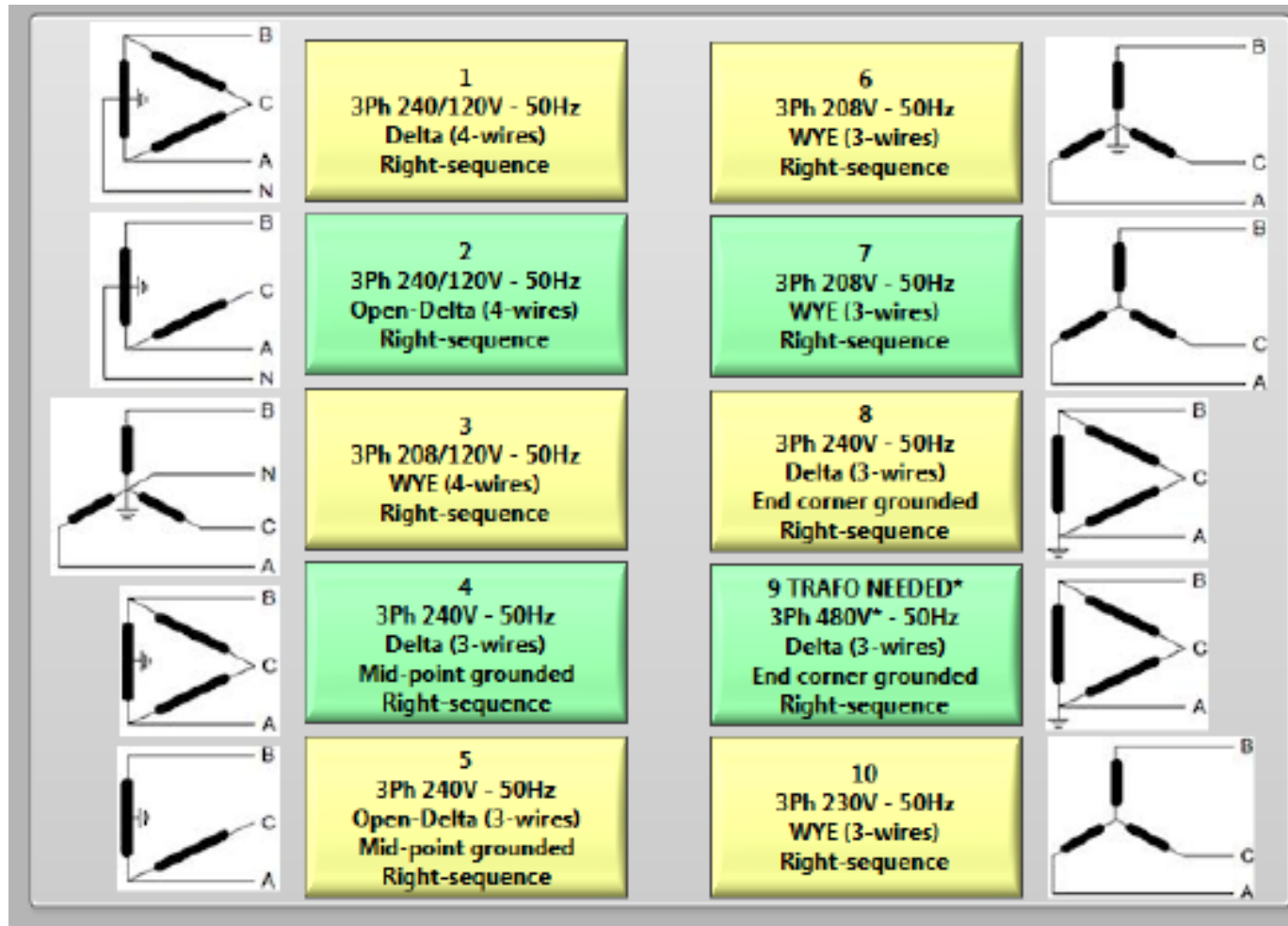
N4A18 AC Power Source

# AC Voltage source

- Stable and clean AC voltage
- 1 - 3 phase
- Adjustable voltage and frequency
- Can be used as: stabiliser or grid simulator.
- Power Line Disturbance (Dips/interruptions etc.)
- Harmonics Generation
- Normtesting: e.g. IEC 61000-3-2/3-3/4, SEMI-F47



# AC Power grid networks (50-60 Hz)

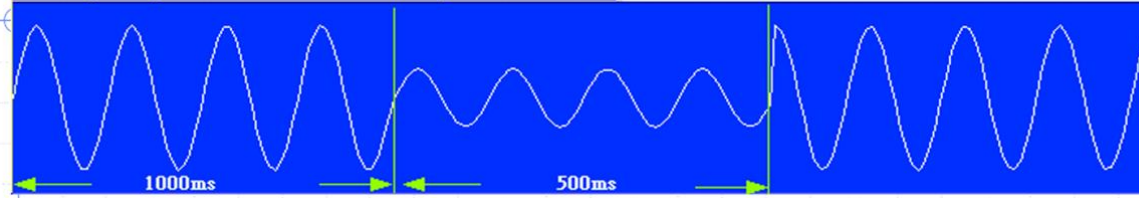




# Generation of PQ distortion

## IEC1000-4-11 Voltage dips, short interruption and variation immunity test

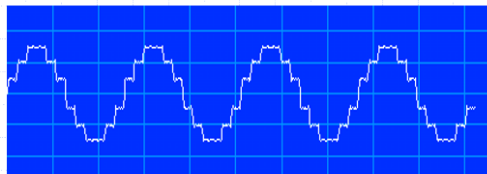
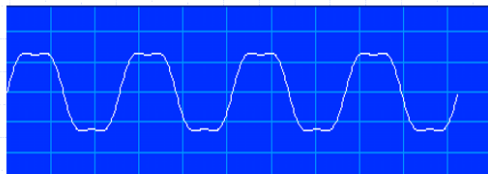
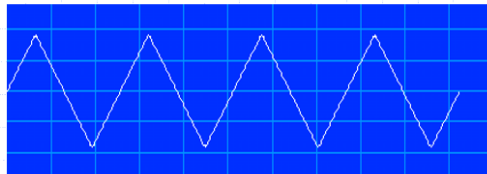
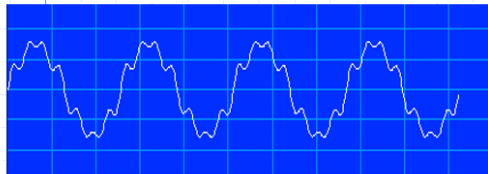
### Voltage dips and short interruptions test



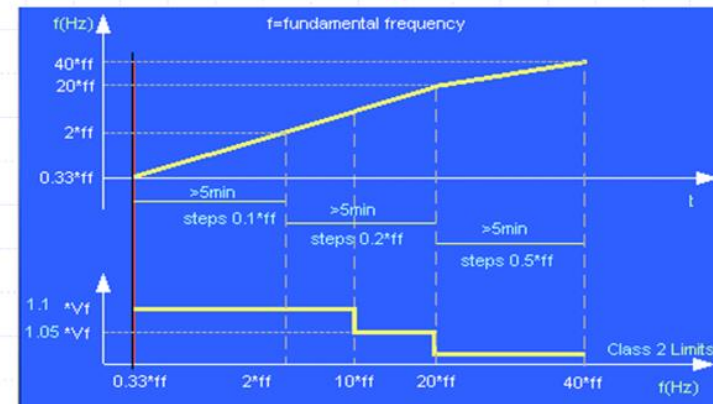
## Power Line Disturbance simulation

Simulation function → **almost all kinds of power line disturbance conditions.**

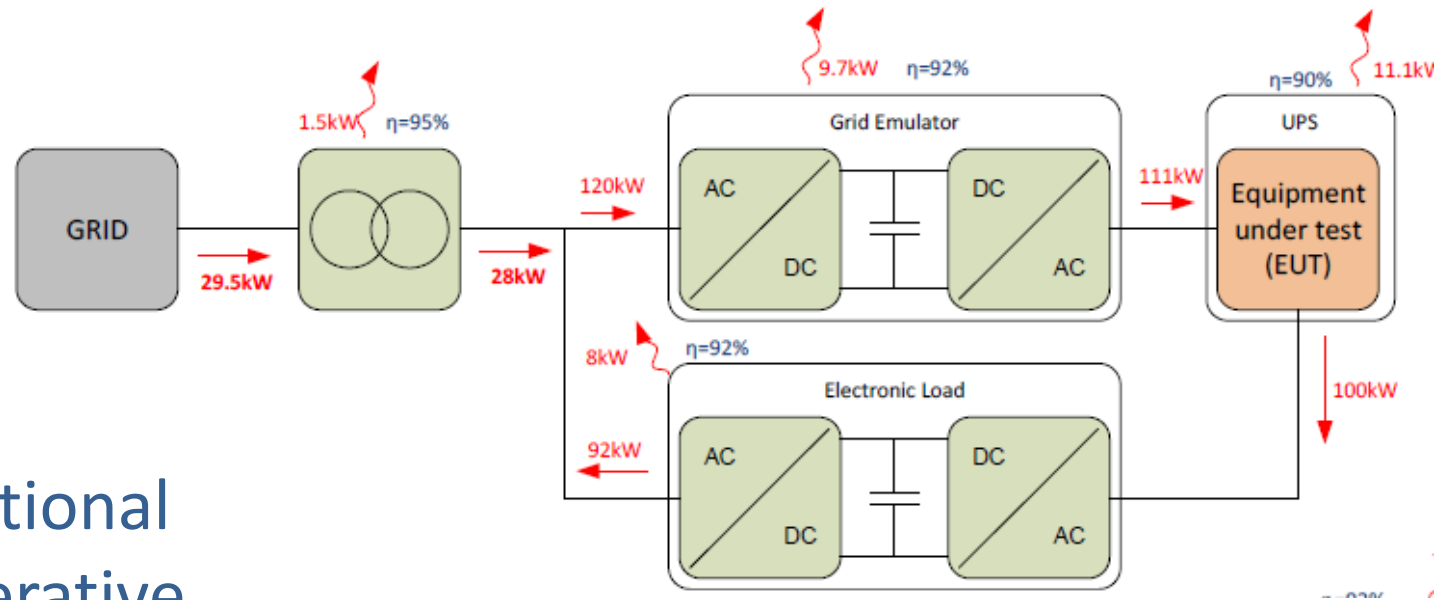
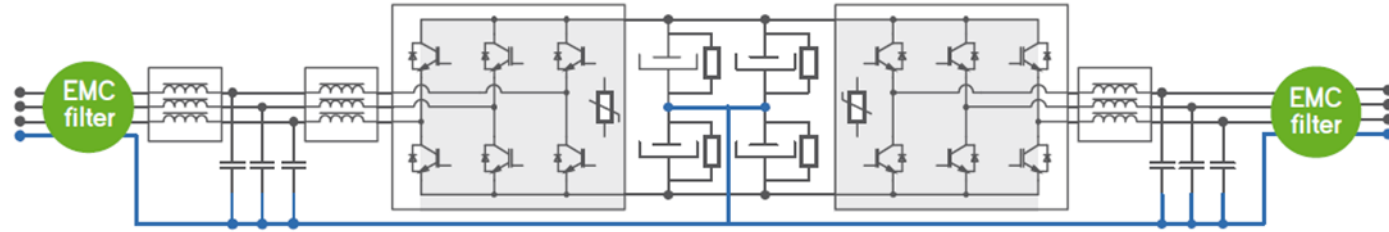
Waveform library → built in 30 different distortion waveform



## IEC1000-4-13 Harmonics and inter-harmonics immunity test



# AC Source + AC Load (4 kwadrant), regenerative



- Bidirectional
- Regenerative

# AC (DC) current load

Electronic loads are programmable current sources with which the behaviour of a load can be emulated.

- 1 of 3 phases
- Programmable power factor
- Harmonics
- Emulation of an RLC circuit.



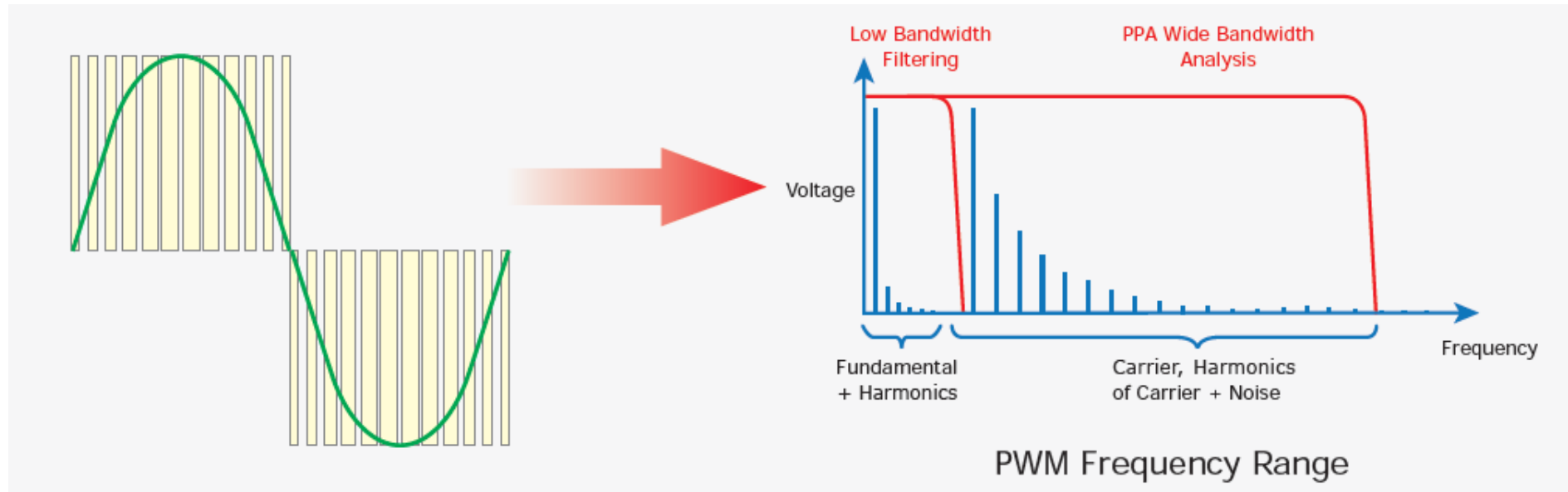
# Measurement and analysis

## Power of power quality analyzer

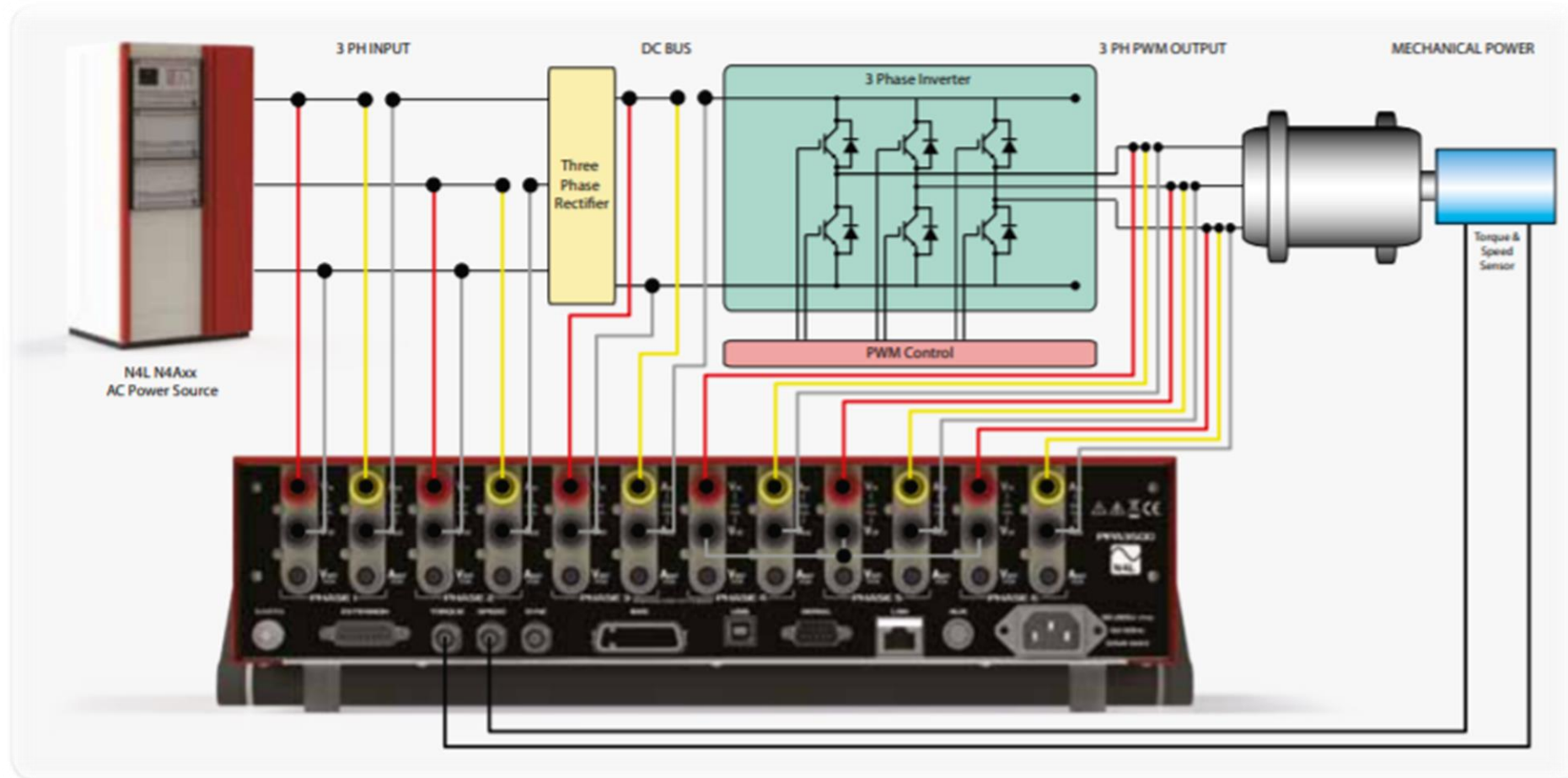
- Voltage & Current
- Phase
- Harmonic analysis
- Efficiency measurements
- Loss measurements



# Measurement and analysis



# Measurement and analysis





- We have to deal with (increasing) Grid distortion and instability
- Permissible boundaries will become wider rather than narrower
- Current regulations are lagging behind practice
- AC/DC and DC/AC power conversion is growing
- Increasing demand for proper test and measurement equipment and GRID Emulation
- **More efficient (more reliable) driving is possible**



Do you have any  
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