#### EMC of EV Charging: a Power Quality perspective











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#### The objective of the association

To promote knowledge in the field of EMC and ESD and the exchange of (technical) information among its members. The association aims to achieve these goals by organizing meetings, events and activities for and with its members. In addition, the association has working and task groups that deal with various themes of EMC and/or ESD. Due to the increasing number of members with diverse backgrounds and activities in the field of EMC and ESD, the network function of the association is important.





# Approximately 150 professionals in the field of EMC and/or ESD

#### The Dutch EMC-ESD Association is an association for:

- Consultants
- Educational institutions
- Measurement and test houses
- Suppliers of equipment and machines
- Manufacturers of machines and electrical devices
- Installers of electrical and mechanical installations
- Students
- Medics





- EMC/ ESD event (once per 2 years)
- Lunch sessions
- EMC /ESD newsletters
- Knowledge market (Kennis markt)
- EMC on tour
- Technical Seminars:
  - Power electronics / EMC in installations
  - Electronics design and EMC/ESD in devices
  - EMC-ESD test & measurement
  - Tools for standards and regulations





# ElaadNL, Testlab & Power Quality research

Thijs van Wijk Manager Elaad Testlab

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- Knowledge & innovation centre
- Non profit foundation
- Cooperation of grid operators



#### Our goal: Integrating electric transportation in the electricity grid

#### ElaadNL



#### Our activities (2024)





2. Innovate

- Data-analyses & Outlooks
- Grid impact analyses
- Logistic sector analysis
- Behavioral research

- Smart charging
- Protocols & standards
- Home energy systems
- Cybersecurity
- V2G



#### 3. Implement

- Smart charging
- Power quality awareness
- Grid connection checks
- Improve processes
- Tender support
- Human Capital
- Charging logistics
- Testlab

### The Elaad Testlab



- Founded and funded by the Dutch DSOs to improve grid integration of EV charging
- Pre-certification and pre-normative testing
- Suitable for all kinds of electric vehicles including busses and trucks

- Different types of public and home AC chargers and DC chargers
- Highly accurate measurement equipment
- 360 kW bidirectional test system from Keysight
  - Bidirectional AC and DC emulators
  - EV/EVSE emulator, including 15118-20 (V2G)





## Why & what do we test





### Research



- Smart charging capabilities EVs and chargers
- Cyber security robustness chargers

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- Power Quality research
  - Since 2017
  - Together with TU/Eindhoven, UTwente and TU Delft
  - Total of 9 students
  - Tim Slangen (TU/e); intern, graduation student, PhD
  - Tycho van Leersum (Utwente), graduation student, PhD
  - Focus Area: Supraharmonics

# PQ research Electric Vehicle Suprahamonics

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#### Supraharmonics explanation



- Traditionally in between PQ (till 2 kHz) and EMC (starting at 150 • kHz)
- Distortions are seen at lab and field measurements .

emissions (2-150 kHz)

converters

No full standardisation of emission & immunity levels yet .





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### Impact

- Audible noise; high pitch noises from devices like induction cooking plates
- loss of functionality of electronic devices
- flickering lights
- Metering issues
- Impacting behaviour of RCDs
- Reduced lifespan of equipment and grid assets due to emission absorption
- Skin effect; higher frequencies travel on the edges of the conductor; increase heat loss





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### EV SHs emissions



First analysis in 2018;

8/9 most common Battery Electric Vehicles in NL are a source of supraharmonic currents

Vehicle	Suspected switching	Magnitude		
	frequency(ies) (kHz)	(mA)	_	
BEV-A	10	1080		
BEV-B	45 ( <b>15</b> )	199		
BEV-C	60 (30, <b>15</b> )	57		
*BEV-D	16	28	Red:	Within human hearing
BEV-E	45	78		range (20 Hz – 20 KHz)
<b>BEV-</b> F	-	-	*	Different vehicles
BEV-G	10	49		come OBC
BEV-H	35	27		Same ODC
*BEV-I	16	27		

Source: Slangen, T. (2018), Potential Impact of Electric Vehicles on the Power Quality in the Low-Voltage Grid

## Example SH emissions



Most emissions at a single frequency, but some EVs have a time-varying broadband emission





### Example SH emissions



# **Example SH interactions**



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## **Example SH interactions**



Animated example

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# TEPQEV Project Input for limits on SH emissions

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### Summation of SHs

Based on Measurements on DC chargers and simulations for up to 10 active chargers

- SH summation is not linear
- Emission to grid might even decline when more devices are connected due to absorption by the EMC filters of these
- When multiple devices are connected to a single grid connection, the Supraharmonic distortions tend to add up at first, and then start to decline.
- Using the TSHC graph per number of devices from the research, while taking the opposite 95% prediction bounds for 1 vehicle and 2 vehicles, we can see the TSHC can roughly double



lower TSHC at 1 device is 4A, upper TSHC at 2 devices about 8A



# SH Voltage compatibility

SH Voltage compatibility levels have been set in IEC 61000-2-2.

#### Voltage compatibility 2-150 kHz

Separate definitions for 2-9, 9-30, 30-50 and 50-150 kHz



 $V[V] = 10^{(V[dB\mu V] - 120)/20}$ 

dBuV	v
129.5	3.0
120	1.0
100	0.1
85	0.02



# Grid impedance 9-150kHz



To see what this means for the emission limits first the grid impedance for 9-150 kHz is needed

#### Impedance characteristic 9-150 kHz

CISPR and Scaled-CISPR (Stiegler method) for different Ssc values from practice



Grid impedance much lower for higher frequencies than defined in standards like the CISPR 16-1-2



# Supraharmonic limits



Using the voltage compatibility levels and the measured grid impedance, combined with data on how distortion from multiple sources adds up (roughly times 2), results in the emission limits below



Preliminary results from TEPQEV project, more information on the ELaadNL website;

https://elaad.nl/en/projects/tepqev/

# EV SH analysis

Method:

- Total number of EVs; 43
- Just observable peaks in the FFT have been measured
- The highest peak found at any charging speed was used
- No special treatment for broadband distortions

#### Results:

- 20 EVs seem OK, 23 seem to be in one of the limit ranges
- 14 EVs in the "red range", even one above that range
- Moment of highest peak differ per EV; at max charging current, min charging current, 1 phase, 3 phase.



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■ >Red ■ Red ■ Orange ■ Yellow ■ Green

# Conclusion Supraharmonic

#### Conclusion:

- The analysis shows EVs can be a high source of Supraharmonics
- But also, that it is possible to stay below the lowest limit!

#### **Recommendations:**

- A standard and certification is needed to get all into the green zone
- The suggested limits seem to be a good starting point
- The measurement method should include;
  - $\checkmark$  Testing at different charging speeds,
  - ✓ at 1 phase charging and 3 phase charging, and
  - ✓ include broadband emissions, f.i. via timefrequency domain analysis or using frequency bins





# Thanks for your attention! Any questions?

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#### **Power Quality in a time of great transitions**

**FEBRUARY 4, 2025** 

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Department of Electrical Engineering, Electrical Energy Systems



#### 25 years ago...



PETER FOKKER | EERSTE RIJTEST 10 oktober 2000 om 00:00





De subsidieverlening zal plaatsvinden via de Regeling energiepremies. Huiseigenaren kunnen daarbij via hun energiebedrijf de subsidie krijgen. Het subsidiebedrag zal liggen tussen de 500 en 750 gulden per zonnepaneel. Op dit moment kost een zonnepaneel van 100 W piekvermogen nog ongeveer 1500 gulden. Als blijkt dat subsidies en prestatieafspraken onvoldoende resultaat opleveren, zal worden bekeken of de toepassing van zonneenergiesystemen opgenomen moet worden in de bouwregelgeving, aldus de bewindslieden.



Subsidie voor PV moet marktconforme doorbraak stimuleren (foto Aris Homan)

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#### 25 years from now...





(Netbeheer Nederland Integrale energiesysteemverkenning 2030-2050)



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#### **Changes: generation of energy**





#### **Changes: more and different types of connections**





- More flexible loads
- More storage devices
- More power electronics
- Electric boilers
- Heat pumps and EV
- More disturbing loads
- More sensitive loads
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#### (Extra) High voltage networks: transmission system

Used for the bulk transfer of power

#### Characteristics

- EHV (220kV, 380kV)
  - Mostly overhead lines (OHL)
  - International connections

(UK, Denmark, Norway(HVDC) Belgium, Germany (50Hz AC)

- HV (110kV, 150kV)
  - Overhead lines and new branches mostly undergr cables
- Including offshore
- Approx. 500 HV/MV substations


# **Distribution networks**

- Delivery and distribution of electricity to end users
- MV and LV networks cabled
- Approx. 200.000 MV/LV substations





### 25 years from now...

#### Electricity grid



LV MV HV



#### Load

## **Production**



#### **Changes: increased usage of cables/transformers/lines/flexibility....**



# Not always using N-1



#### PV close to substation (no voltage problem) Disconnect when cable A is out of order





# **Power Quality: Phenomena and Responsibilities**



#### Changes in the system may result in a lower System Strength







What is an acceptable network impedance?Impedance sweep in frequency domain?What is the impedance in emergency situation?

# How to quantify the impact of the changes?



(R. Torkzadeh, G Mulder)



# **Voltage dips**



RESIDUAL VOLTAGE	DURATION ( <i>ms</i> )			
(p.u.)	10 to 200	200 to 500	500 to 1000	1000 to 5000
0.80≤U<0.90		Class A		
0.70≤∪<0.80				
0.40≤U<0.70		Class B2	Clas	s C
0.05≤U<0.40	Class B1	(MV:4/(E)HV:1.2)	(MV:4/(E)HV:0.4)	
0.01≤U<0.05	(MV:3/(E)HV:1.2)			





# **Voltage dips**

- Event on 19-12-2021 in the 220kV grid
- Led to disconnection of both generators and load at various voltage levels







### **Voltage dips**



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(R. Torkzadeh)

# The impact of DG/EV on voltage level (MV and LV-level)



# The biggest problem for the DSO at the moment





### **Possible solutions (1): The smart transformer**



# **Possible solutions (2): Curtailment of active power**

Passive curtailment (70% of PV-peak)

Depending on voltage level



# Possible solutions (3): Reactive power when R/X is small



- Only effective when R/X is small
- More losses in network
- Higher S needed for inverter



# **Possible solutions (4): Demand response/storage**



- Balancing production and load
- Energy management
- No-break system
- Harmonic filter
- Reducing voltage variations

• MMM



## **Voltage unbalance trends**

 Measured trends in the 110kV and 150kV grids: 2023 vs 2019



(TenneT/Krado)



#### Main causes measured voltage unbalance



### Harmonics



### **Problems related to Harmonics**















#### **Power factor (carefull with capactorbanks)**



# **Regulation of harmonics**

Odd harmonics				Even harmonics	
Not multiples of 3		Multiples of 3			
h	Relati∨e ∨oltage	h	Relative ∨oltage	h	Relative ∨oltage
5 7 11 13 17 19 23 25	6 5 3,5 3 2 1,5 1,5 1,5	3 9 15 21	5 1,5 0,5 0,5	2 4 624	2 1 0,5

#### Table 3 – Limits for Class D equipment

Harmonic order	Maximum permissible harmonic current	Maximum permissible harmonic current
n	per watt mA/W	А
3	3,4	2,30
5	1,9	1,14
7	1,0	0,77
9	0,5	0,40
11	0,35	0,33
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# THD in the HV grid

Measured trends in the 110kV and 150kV grids: 2023 vs 2019\*

Trends in MV- and LV-network is slightly increasing

\*based on max value during 1 week over 1 calendar year



(Krado/TenneT)



# **Supraharmonics**



Regulated range
Unregulated range

- Regulated range for some products
- \* Upper limit depends on product

Definition of frequency ranges

# **Supraharmonics**

- False positive or false negative operation of protection devices
- Interference with power line communication (PLC)
- Failing of cable terminations and connections (in MV/HV)
- Appliance specific problems:
  - Coffee machines, printers, dimmers, touch sensitive controls, internal clocks (77.5 kHz), measuring devices, induction cooking plates, EV chargers









# **Supraharmonics**







(TATA Steel/ Menno Spitteler)

### **Examples of sources of supraharmonics**



# **Propagation of supraharmonics**



### **Propagation of supraharmonics**







### **Voltage and current 6W-led**





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# Flicker

- Variable light production from a light source generally caused by voltage variations in the electric power source
- 100 Hz variations are invisible for us
- Perceivable regular variations
- Range about 1 30 Hz
- In the past around 50% of all complaints





# **Stakeholders**

- Regulator
- Network operator
- Connected parties

#### Also:

- Manufactorers
- Installation companies

The mutual obligations are laid down by law in the Dutch Electricity Grid Code





#### Measurements

- Voltage quality is measured at each voltage level since 90s
- in 2014, 2015 increase in measurements
- network operators publish an annual report






## How are we doing in the Netherlands?

• Audit Laborelec in 2023



#### Rapport: Onderzoek Spanningskwaliteit Elektriciteitsnetwerken

Ons kenmerk: LBE3-973173434-4092Zaaknummer: Laborelec NV - BE0400.902.582Datum: 29 juni 2023Auteur: Anne Dabin, Stijn Uytterhoeven, Ralf BoschVersie: DefinitiefAantal pagina's: 87



Zijn er aanpassingen in het meetprogramma noodzakelijk of wenselijk?

De netbeheerders in Nederland voeren al een zeer goede spanningskwaliteit monitoring uit met de metingen, de analyses, het ter beschikking stellen van de gegevens op het internet voor het publiek en de jaarlijkse rapportage. Nederland zit duidelijk bij de beste leerlingen van de klas voor PQM ten opzichte van andere Europese landen.

#### Future developments also recommendations auditor

Are the Dutch regulations not too strict?

- Consider update regulations
  - Rapid voltage variations
  - Voltage unbalance









#### Future developments also recommendations auditor

- Connection requirements harmonics
- Improve measurement and analysis tools
  - Automated analysis
- Improve transparency
  - sharing via automatic notifications



### **Future challenges**

- How good are our models?
- How to deal with risks and make decisions?

E.g. Harmonic filters, apply transpositions in towers or other measures?





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#### Impact on harmonics: Calculating acceptable contribution



### Harmonic contribution at PCC

There are 2 contributions

- 1) Emission connected party (due to Ic)
- 2) Background harmonic voltage (Vbck)





## **Calculating the contribution to harmonic voltages**





R<sup>6</sup> h1 h2 h3 h4 h5 h6 h7 h8 h9 h10 h11 h12 h13 h14 h15 h16 h17 h18 h19 h20 h21 h22 h23 h24 h25

		H order	fmin	fmax	a-R	a-X	b-R	b-X	c-R	c-X	d-R	d-X	e-R	e-X	f-R	f-X
	bc a	1 ≤ h < 5	10	250	0.2	7.2	9.2	33.5	25.5	33.5	25.5	0.7	0.2	0.7	0.2	0.8
1		5 ≤ h < 10	200	500	3.9	31.2	26.3	55.5	60.2	55.5	60.2	-5.6	15.3	-5.6	3.9	12.0
		10 ≤ h <														
		→ 18	450	935	6.3	48.9	46.2	85.1	144.1	85.1	144.1	-57.6	52.4	-57.6	6.3	-20.0
	f `ed	18 ≤ h < 23	810	1210	4.9	51.8	48.1	91.4	137.5	91.4	137.5	-47.4	32.4	-47.4	4.9	-5.9
		23 ≤ h ≤ 25	1035	1375	4.9	43.9	25.5	91.4	161.1	91.4	161.1	-24.9	43.2	-24.9	4.9	-2.3

### **Approach of harmonic calculation in MV- and LV-networks**



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### **Modeling the devices: Harmonic fingerprint**

#### Inrush currents

Harmonic currents

#### Influence of harmonic background voltage





# **Machine learning**

- Gather and combine data from various information sources/databases
- Find correlations/disturbing source
- Translation to knowledge/validate models
- Come to rules for policies & action (action)



#### Computation Engine





PC

Power Quality data

Operation data and models GENERALISE





ACTION

DATA



(TenneT: F. van Erp, J. van Veen, J. Buitenhuis)



## **Education**

#### **Course Power Quality Phenomena**

- Lectures + instructions
- Practical assignment







#### The quality you give is the quality you get!

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