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Josephson Arbitrary Waveform Synthesizer as a Quantum Standard of Voltage and Current Harmonics

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Abstract

Josephson arbitrary waveform synthesizers (JAWS) are becoming a viable technology for national metrology institutes and industry to establish quantum standards of direct and alternating voltage. At the National Measurement Institute of Australia (NMIA) we have extended the application of the JAWS to provide a standard of both the magnitude and the phase of harmonics in a distorted waveform. Harmonic analysis is critical in a number of industrial applications such as electric power systems, power electronics, characterization of systems and materials and acoustics and vibration. At present, in the calibrations of power analyzers, the traceability of the magnitude of the harmonics is based on ac-dc transfer measurements. However, there is a gap in the traceability of the phase of the harmonics relative to the fundamental. The NMIA calibration system uses a JAWS chip from the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), USA, a precision inductive voltage divider and a set of current shunts designed and manufactured by NMIA. For distorted waveforms with harmonic magnitudes from 5% to 40% of the fundamental, the calibration system can measure odd harmonics up to the 39th with magnitude uncertainties better than 0.001 % of the fundamental for voltage (from 0.01 V to 240 V) and current (from 0.005 A to 20 A) waveforms. The best phase uncertainties range from 0.001° to 0.010° ($k = 2.0$), depending on the harmonic number and harmonic magnitude. We anticipate that the ability of the JAWS to generate distorted waveforms with the lowest possible uncertainty in the magnitude, and phase spectra will make it a unique tool for low-frequency spectrum analysis.

Speaker's Bio



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