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Progress report on electrical metrology at CMI between 2013 and 2015

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DC & Quantum Metrology

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The Josephson Voltage System was recently improved by increased amount of automation. Automatic calibration of nanovoltmeters was finalised. Preparations for acquirement of the programmable Josephson Voltage System started.

AC-DC difference, AC voltage and current Metrology

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A calculable model of the CMI AC/DC cage shunts (designed in 2007) was developed using lumped circuit elements. A new improved generation of the AC/DC cage shunts from 30 mA up to 100 A was built based on the model calculation. The shunts are suitable for use with digital sampling wattmeter or with planar multijunction thermal converters.

Resistance

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DC resistance lab was equipped with new CCC system. First evaluation of properties of the new CCC setup was successful. In 2015 is planned bilateral comparison with BIPM. Results of successful supplementary comparison EURAMET.EM-S32 of resistance standards $1\,\mathrm{T}\Omega$ and $100\,\mathrm{T}\Omega$ were published [1] with details about method used for realization of ultrahighohmic scale in [2] .

Impedance and signal analysis

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Laboratory works on using of coaxial bridges developed at CTU for calibration of resistance and capacitance standards in frequency range up to 1 MHz with traceability to national resistance and capacitance standards by means of resistance a capacitance [3] standards with calculable frequency dependence.

Laboratory developed precision fast programmable generators with high resolution and stability together with coaxial switches with high isolation between channels for various measurement purposes in kHz frequency range. Within EMRP AIMQute project, work on impedance calibration in the whole impedance complex plane is ongoing and first fully digital bridge was built. Within EMRP

GraphOhm project, cryogen-free system is under development and first tests of functionality of cryogen-free vacuum vessel at 5 K were performed.

New 4TP sampling bridge for low impedances based on National Instruments PXI-5922 digitizer and synthesizer PXI-6733 has been developed. Current frequency range is 40 Hz up to 20 kHz with possible extension at least up to 50 kHz. Expected uncertainty for in phase component ratio is several parts per million. Full uncertainty evaluation is planned to year 2015.

International comparison of inductor Q factor COOMET.EM-S8 was successfully finished. Reached uncertainties were from 0.6 % for Q 75 at 50 kHz up to 4 % at Q 250 at 20 MHz. The Q factors up to 150 and 1 MHz were measured on RLC bridges. The Q 250 standards were measured by means of fitting the resonant curve of series resonance circuit by a multiparameter model.

Recently developed non-coherent sampling phase meter was extended by a dual voltage divider to increase input voltage range up to 120 Vrms. Stability of the digitizer and new voltage divider have been extensively investigated.

A new non-coherent sampling harmonic distortion meter based on the NI PXI-5922 digitizer has been developed and uncertainty of the measurement analyzed. Its measurement capabilities were verified by means of classical THD measurement methods. Calculable source of THD has been used to verify high distortion levels and low distortion source with selective voltmeter has been used to verify low distortion levels in order of 0.0001 %.

Power and Energy

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A digital sampling wattmeter has been developed in CMI. The wattmeter was based on three stock sampling cards (National Instruments), thus measurement of three-phase electric power is possible. Measurement system is being evaluated.

In addition to NEW04, GraphOhm and QWave, CMI will be active participant in new EMRP projects SmartGrids II (calculating transfer of uncertainties in power measurement systems).

Magnetic measurements

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CMI developed a single-layer Helmholtz type solenoid with a glass epoxy frame for calibration of AC magnetometers (e.g. ELT 400, EFA 300, C.A. 42) in the range of frequencies from 3 kHz up to 50 kHz in the last years. Now we expand the frequency range for calibration up to 100 μ T up to 100 kHz (new CMC's in the KCDB database) and we are working on extending the frequency range up to 150 kHz.

Also we can measure now the NdFeB magnets on a detached workplace.

High voltage and current measurements

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CMI has developed and made an inductive divider for the input voltage 1 kV.

CMI has developed and made a resistive DC/AC voltage divider up to 20 kV.

CMI has developed a procedure for clamp ammeters calibration in the frequency band up to 5 kHz and current range up to 500 A.

Participation in comparisons:

- P1-APMP.EM-S14 Comparison of Earth-Level DC Magnetic Flux Density
- EURAMET.EM.M-S2 Polarization and specific total power loss in soft magnetic materials
- EURAMET.EM-S37 Comparison of Instrument Current Transformers up to 10 kA
- EURAMET.EM-S35 High DC current ratio
- COOMET.EM-S18 Comparison of electric capacitance and loss dissipation factor

Participation in EMRP and EMPIR projects:

IND08 MetMags (in collaboration with the Czech Technical University in Prague (CTU). This project finished in 2014 with very good results.

ENG52 Smart Grids II - Measurement Tools for Smart Grid Stability and Quality

CMI is involved in Task 4.1: Optimisation and Application of Non-Invasive Current Transducers. CMI is focused on design and realization of a split instrument current transformer for non-invasive current measurement.

ENG61 Future Grids - Non-conventional voltage and current sensors for future power gridsProject in progress.

CMI is involved in WP 2 and it is focused on design improving of Rogowski coils with regard to their resistance against outer spurious influences.

14IND08 ElPow - Metrology for the electrical power industry Project in preparation, planned start May 2015.

High Frequency and Fields

Ongoing and planned comparisons

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In 2013, CMI participated in the CCEM.RF-K5c.CL comparison (Scattering Coefficients by Broad-Band Methods, 100 MHz - 33 GHz - 3.5 mm connector).

In 2015, CMI will prepare for the key comparison CCEM GT-RF/13-18 (attenuation 20 dB to 90 dB, 18 GHz to 40 GHz).

EMRP/EMPIR projects

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Currently Department of primary metrology of RF electrical quentities has been involved in four EMRP programme projects and one EMPIR programme project which is scheduled to start in April 2015. Each project is described separately.

EMRP IND16 (Metrology for ultrafast electronics and high-speed communications, 2011-2014) – further information about this project can be found at the webpage http://www.ptb.de/emrp/ultrafast.html. Project finished in May 2014. The main outputs from this project are following

- development of laser-based techniques for the measurement of pulsed and cw highfrequency signals
- provision of a software tool for uncertainty propagation that can be applied to long data sets and is available free of charge
- investigation of antenna and channel properties in the mm- and sub-mm wave range
- establishing methods for traceable calibration of vector signal generators and analysers and developing tools for a better understanding of the measurement uncertainty of digital signals

EMRP NEW07 (Microwave and terahertz metrology for homeland security, 2012-2015) – further information about this project can be found at the webpage http://www.ptb.de/emrp/thz security.html. The project will finish in May 2015. CMI has been actively involved in development of traceable methods for material parameters measurement in the millimneter and sub-millimeter frequency bands.

EMRP SIB62 (Metrology for new electrical measurement quantities in high-frequency circuits, 2013-2016) – further information about this project can be found at the webpage http://www.hfcircuits.org. CMI has been mainly involved in development of calibration standards for balanced vector network analyzer (VNA) measurements, calibration and verification standards for measurement of extreme impedances using VNA.

EMRP IND51 (Metrology for optical and RF communication systems, 2013-2016) – further information about this project can be found at the webpage http://www.emrp-ind51-morse.org/. CMI has been involved in characterization of coherent optical communications systems using optical signal analyzers and development of traceable error vector magnitude measurements.

EMPIR 14IND10 (Metrology for 5G Communications, 2015-2018). The project will start in April 2015. The role of CMI is mainly in developing methods for a traceable measurement of Signal to Noise and Interference (SINR) and novel methods for characterization of nonlinear devices using vector network analyzer.

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