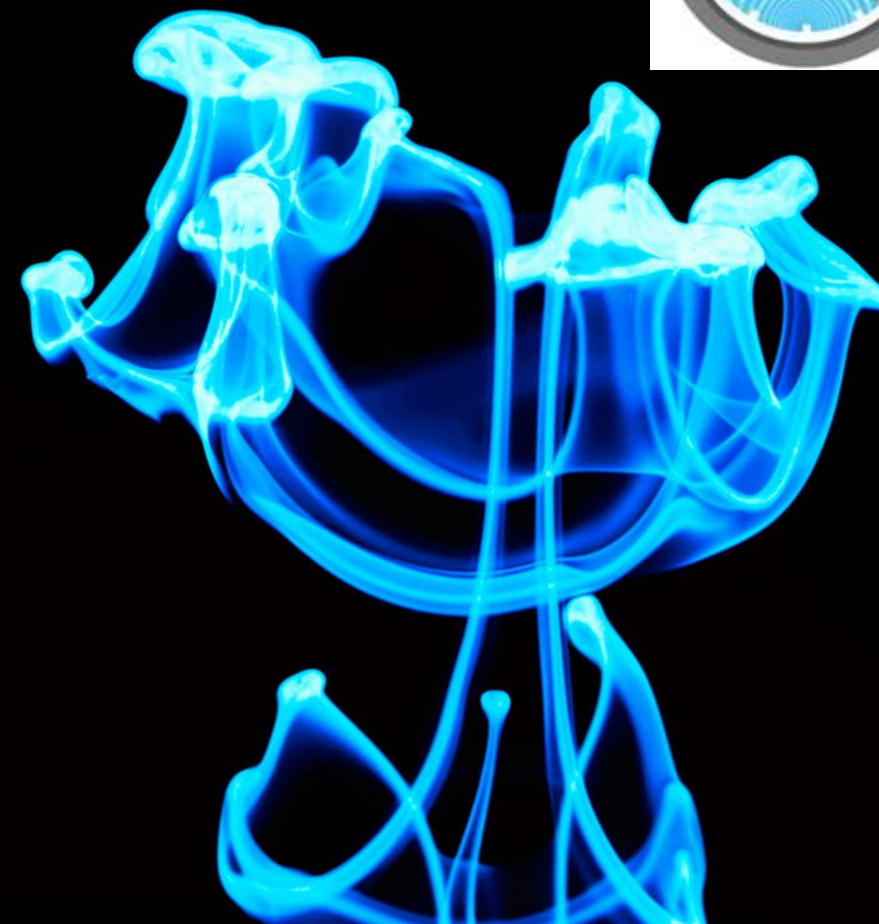


# A Testbed for Static Electricity Meter Testing

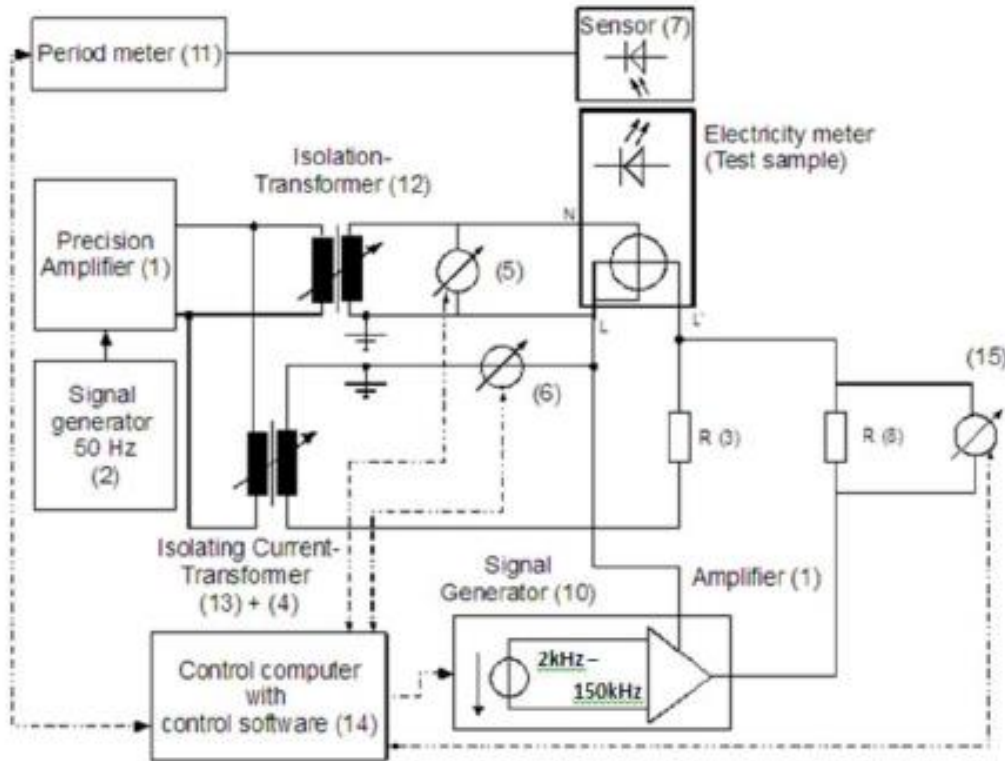


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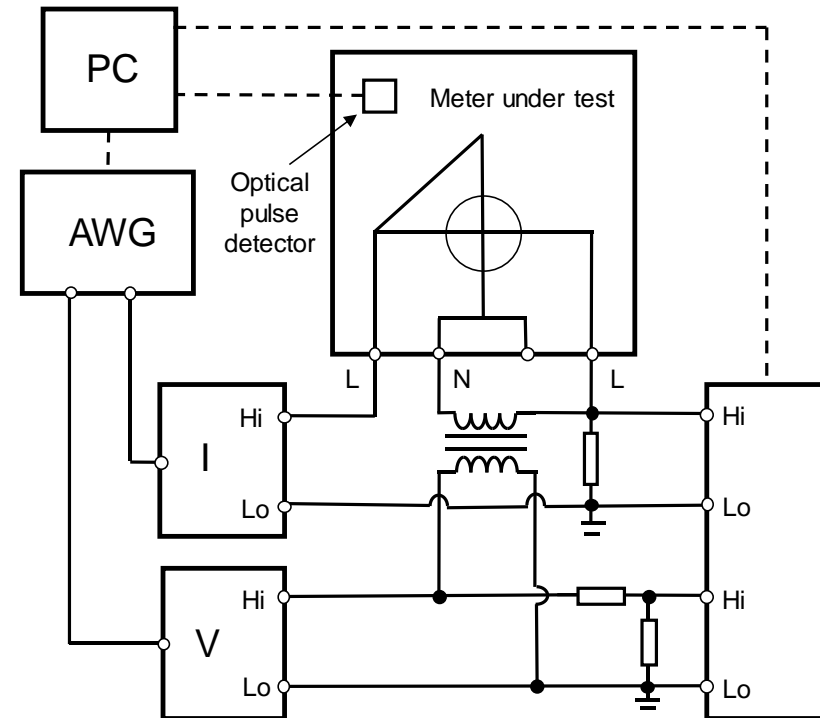


# Possible Future Test Beds for Meter Approval



New phantom power rig:  
direct generation of arbitrary current  
waveforms (VSL and NPL)

IEC 61000-4-19 mixed  
signal approach, distortion added  
separately (METAS and CMI)



# Specifications Arbitrary Waveform Testbed

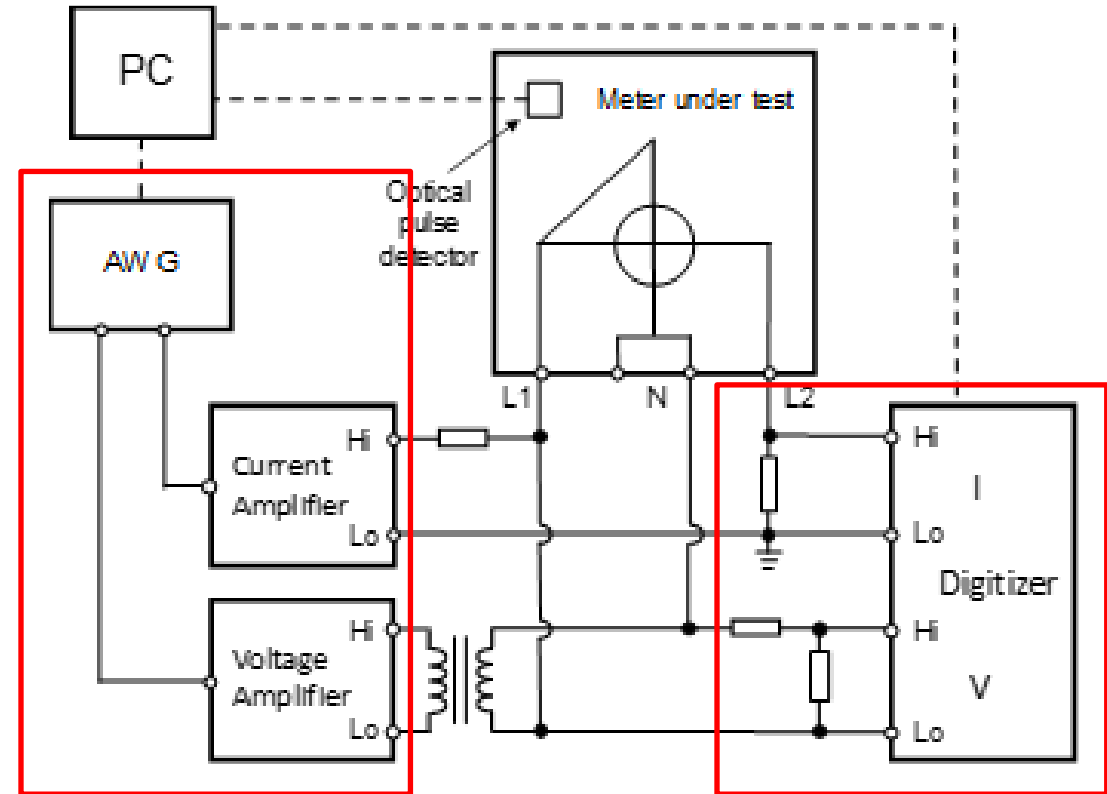
- Designed for accurate and reproducible testing of meters
- Testing without using actual loads
- The testbed was designed with the following requirements in mind:
  - Single phase application
  - Energy Accuracy better than 0.1 %
  - Generation of test signals up to 50 A in peak amplitude and with frequency components up to 150 kHz.
  - Generation of test signals up to 250 V and frequency components up to 150 kHz.

# Schematic overview of VSL testbed

- VSL meter testbed
  - 2-channel AWG provides signal to amplifiers
  - Voltage amplifier isolated from DUT
  - Transconductance amplifier with Lo to ground
  - Calibrated 0.05 Ω high-precision broadband shunt
  - Calibrated 150:1 voltage divider
  - Calibrated isolated 16-bit, 1 M Sa/s digitizers
  - Optical sensor  $E_p$  read out by PC
- Energy  $E(T)$  and reading error  $\epsilon$ :

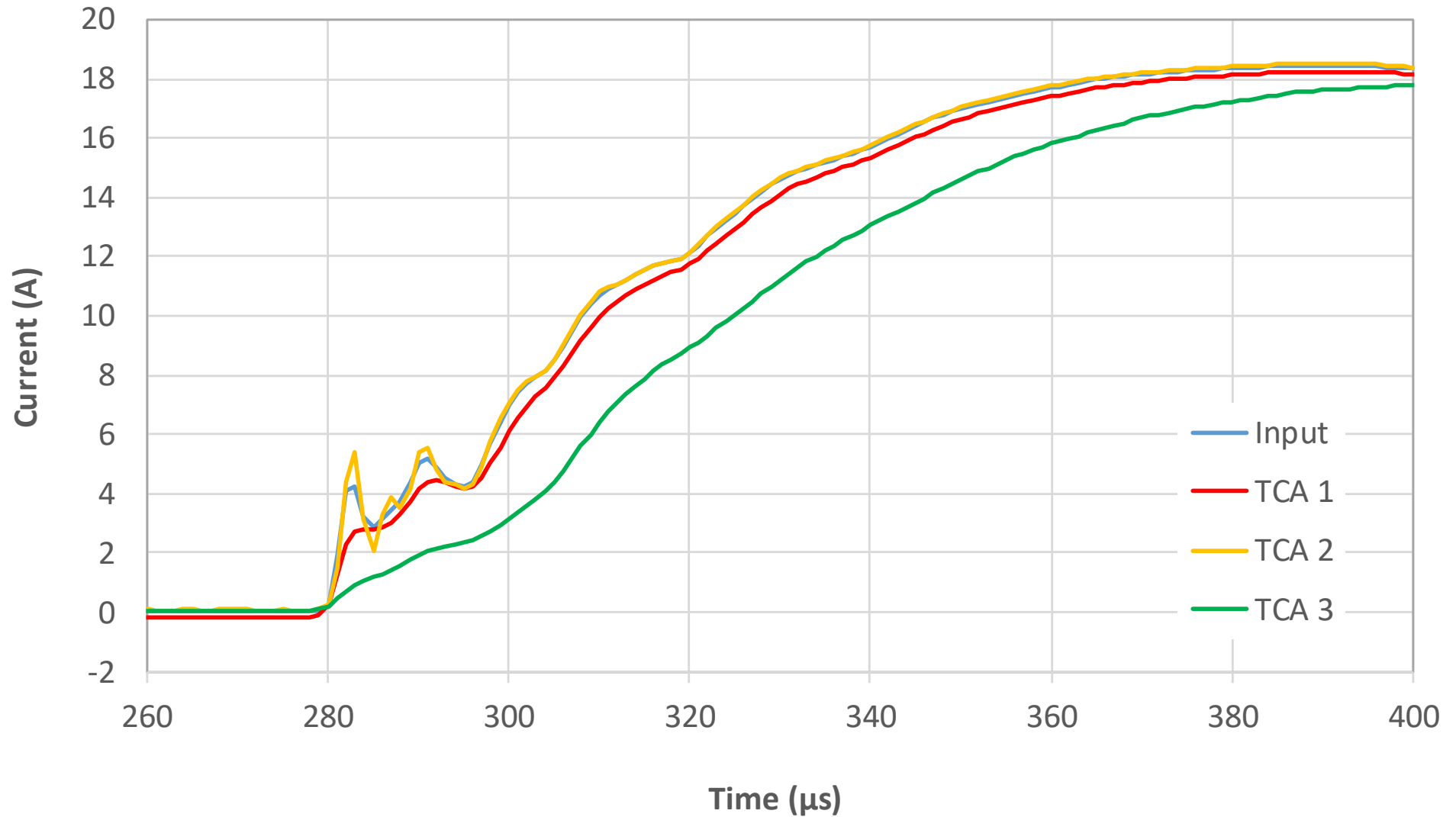
$$E(T) = \int_0^T V(t) \cdot I(t) dt \Rightarrow \epsilon = \frac{E(T) - E_p}{E(T)}$$

- Total uncertainty (k=2) of 0.02 % for sinewaves, 0.5 % for all signals



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# Current waveforms with TCA



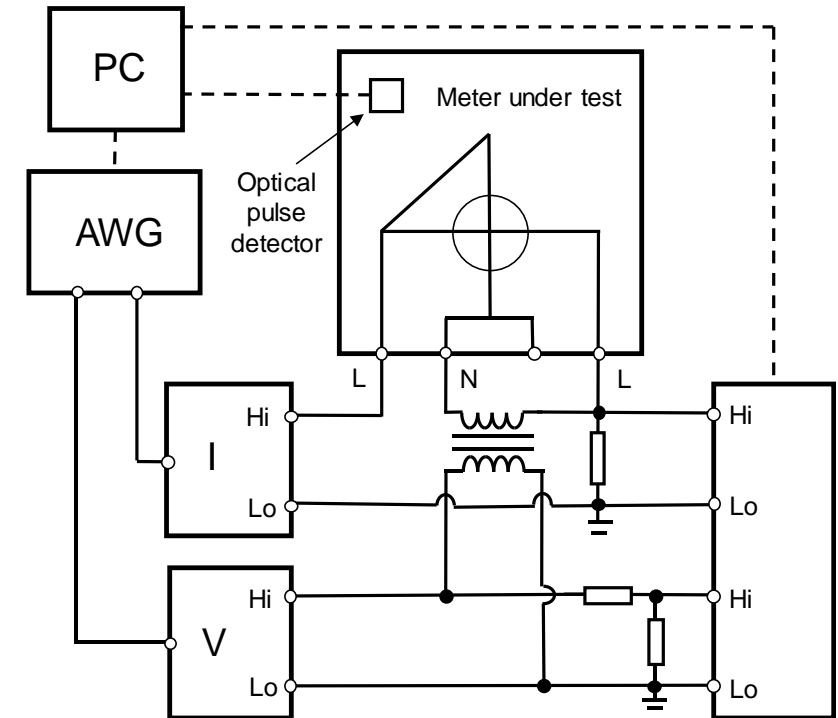
# Validation of testbed using faulty meter

- Selected TCA2 for further testing
- Validation by comparing meter errors from testbed to original setup results
  - Sinusoidal voltage signal
  - R0 signal used as reference signal with negligible error
  - R75, CL75 and several water pump test signals used as reference with significant error

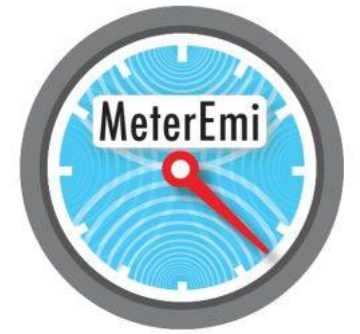
Applied waveform	Power (W)	Actual load error (%)	Testbed error (%)
R0	798	0.4	0.4
R75	148	51	46
CL75	297	136	142
WP4	34	1257	1261
WP4-M	35	1947	2038
WP9	67	145	143

# Conclusions and outlook

- Developed new broadband phantom power testbed
  - Selected suitable high-power broadband TCA
  - Calibrated all components, overall uncertainty < 0.05 %
  - Validated using known faulty meter
- On-going and future work:
  - Testing of meters with real-world waveforms
  - Full uncertainty analysis on waveforms and energy content
  - Compare testbed to testbeds developed by other NMIs



$$E(T) = \int_0^T V(t) \cdot I(t) dt .$$



# NPL Arbitrary Waveform Testbed

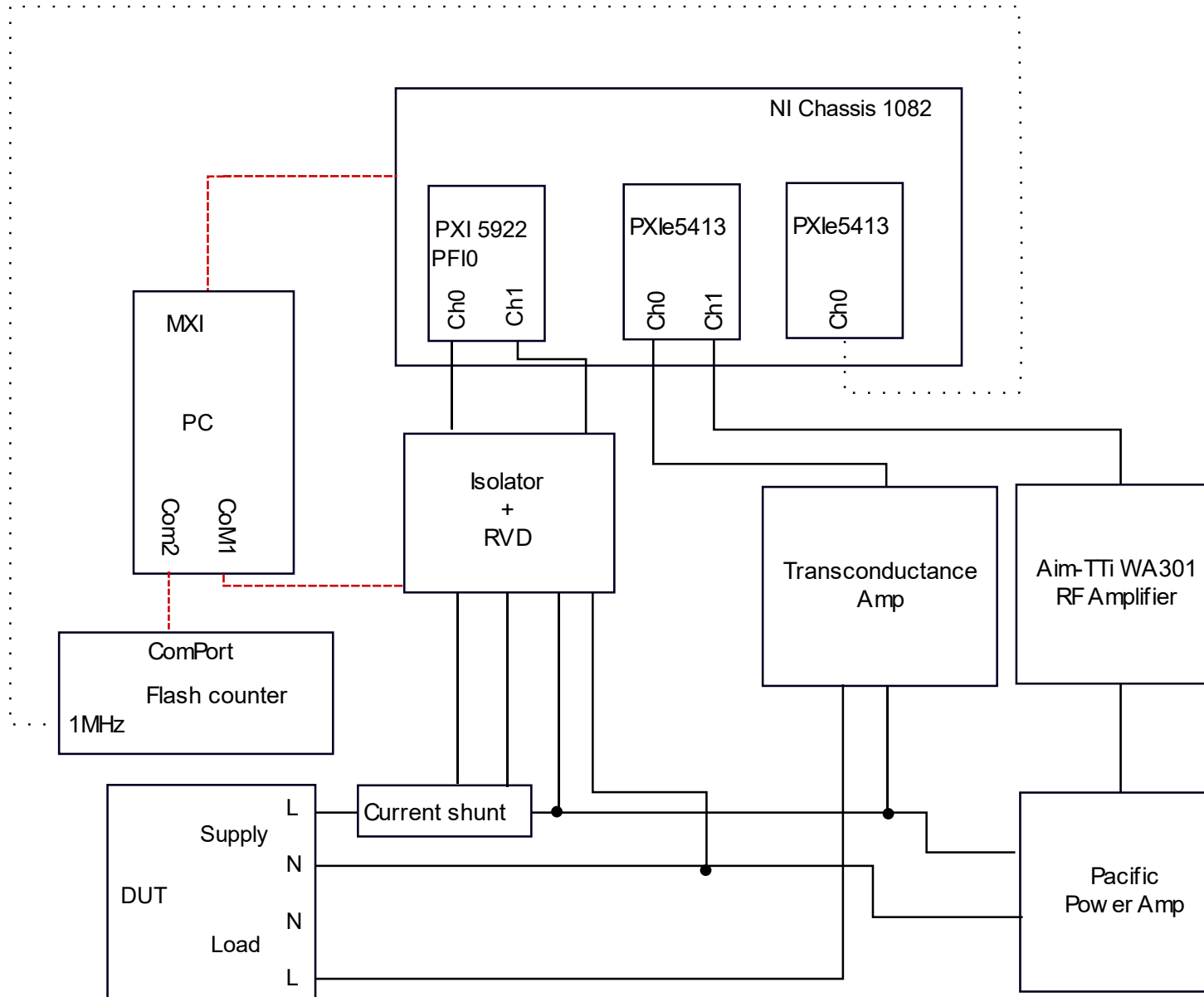
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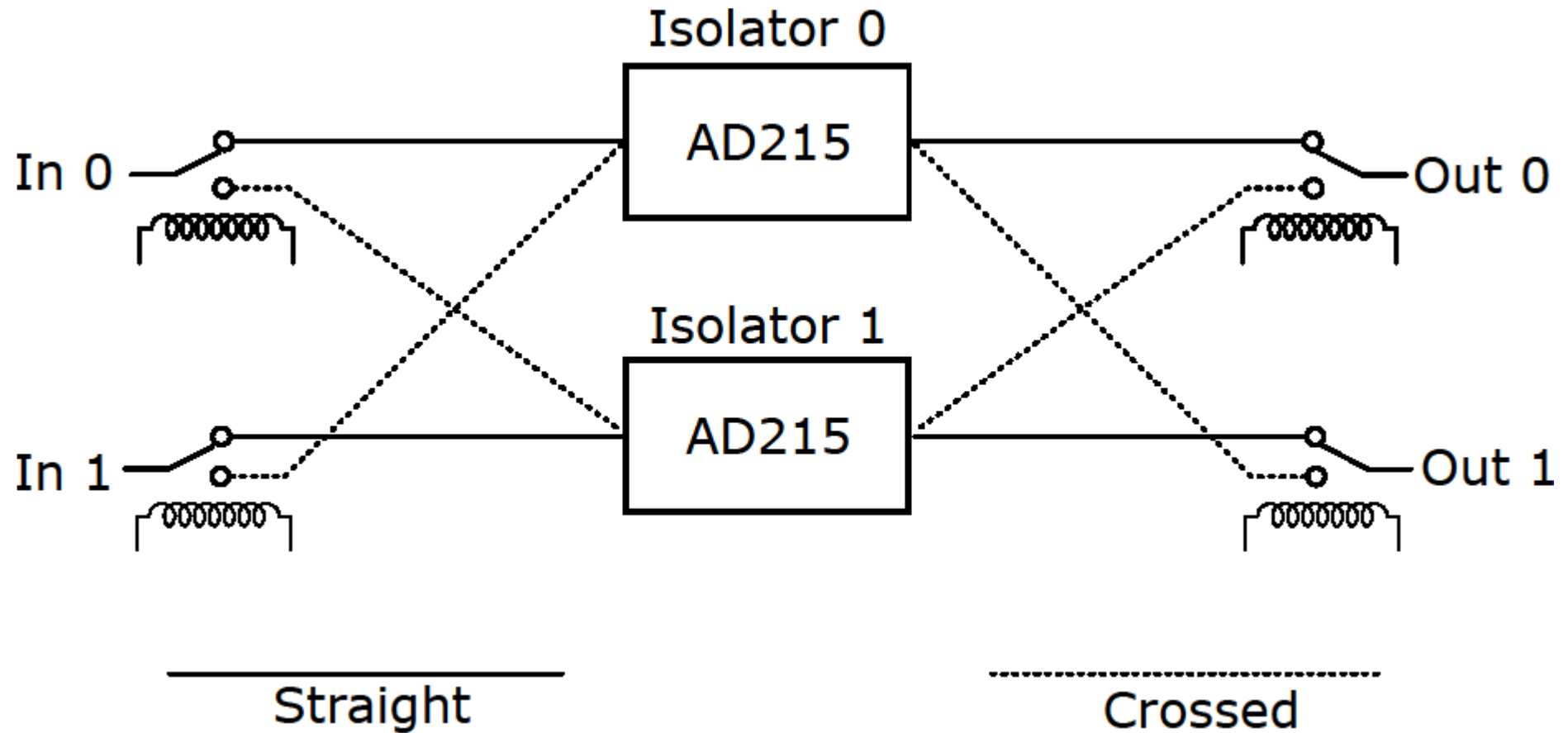
# Introduction

- Description of NPL arbitrary waveform testbed
- Overview of isolator
- Uncertainty
- An ongoing comparisons results in progress

# NPL system



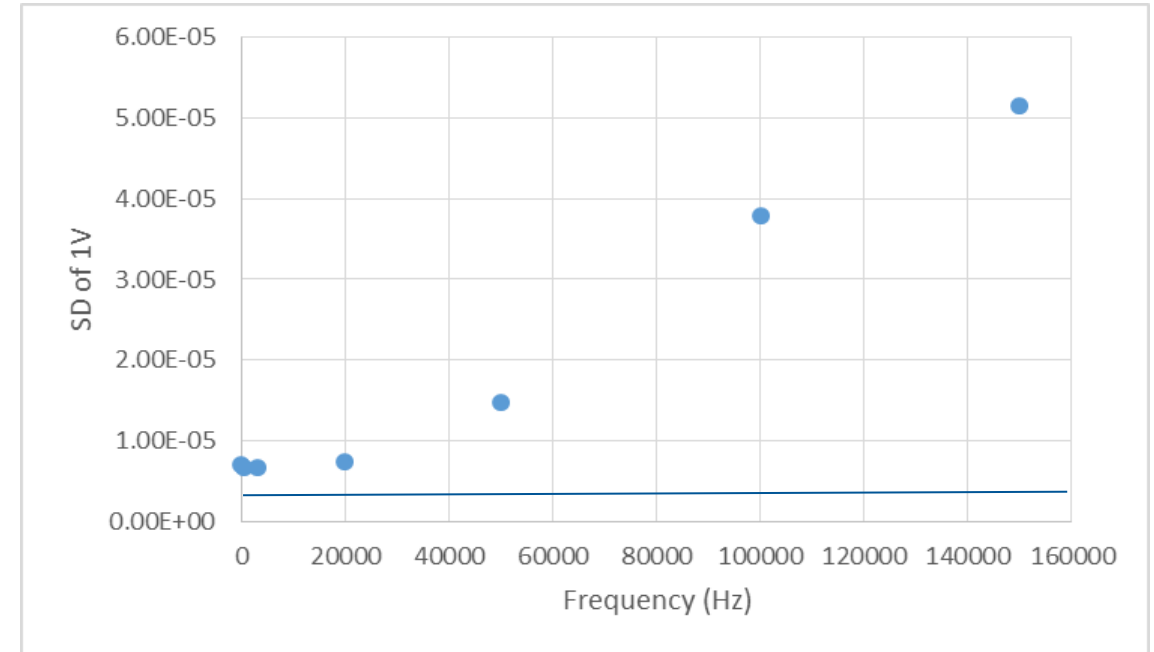
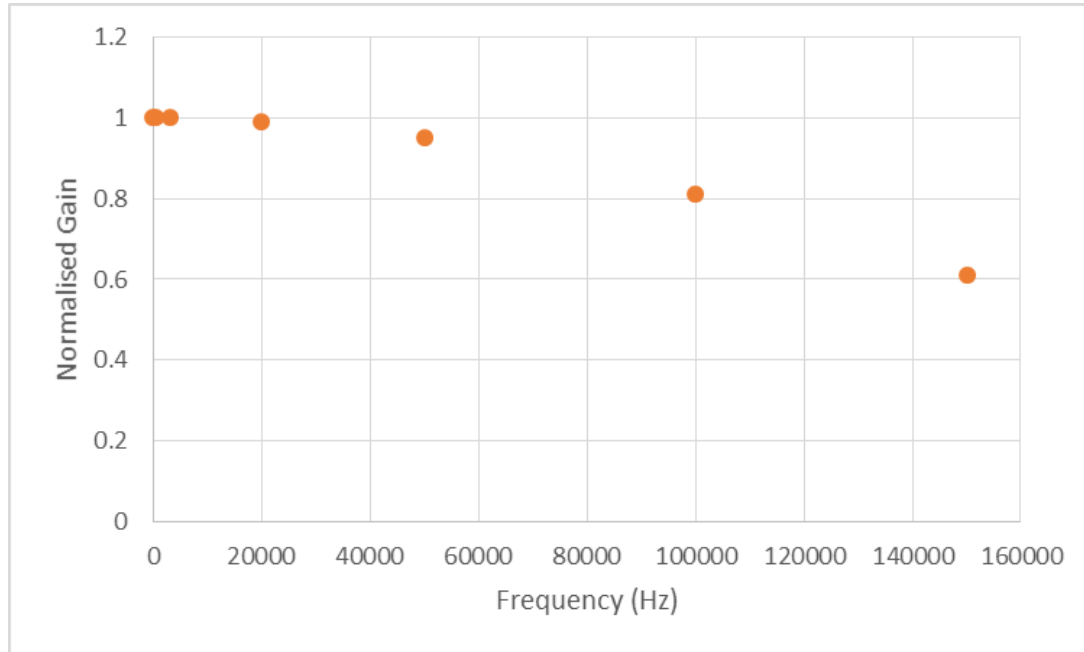
# Switched Isolator



# Further problems

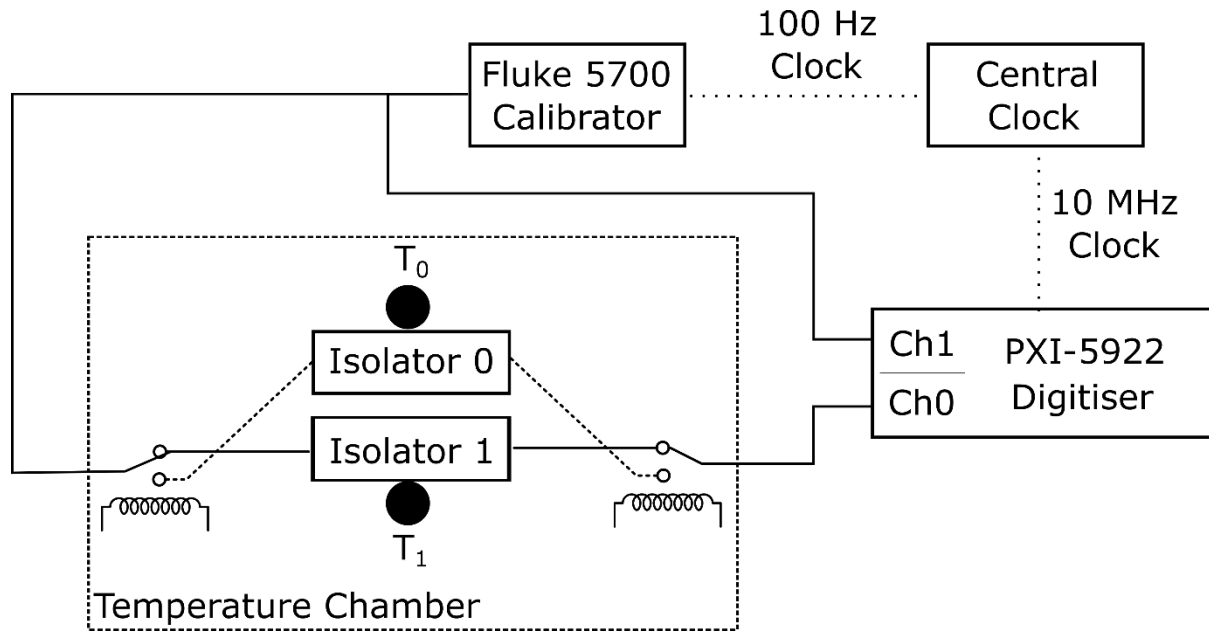
- Frequency Response
- Temperature
- Linearity

# Frequency Response

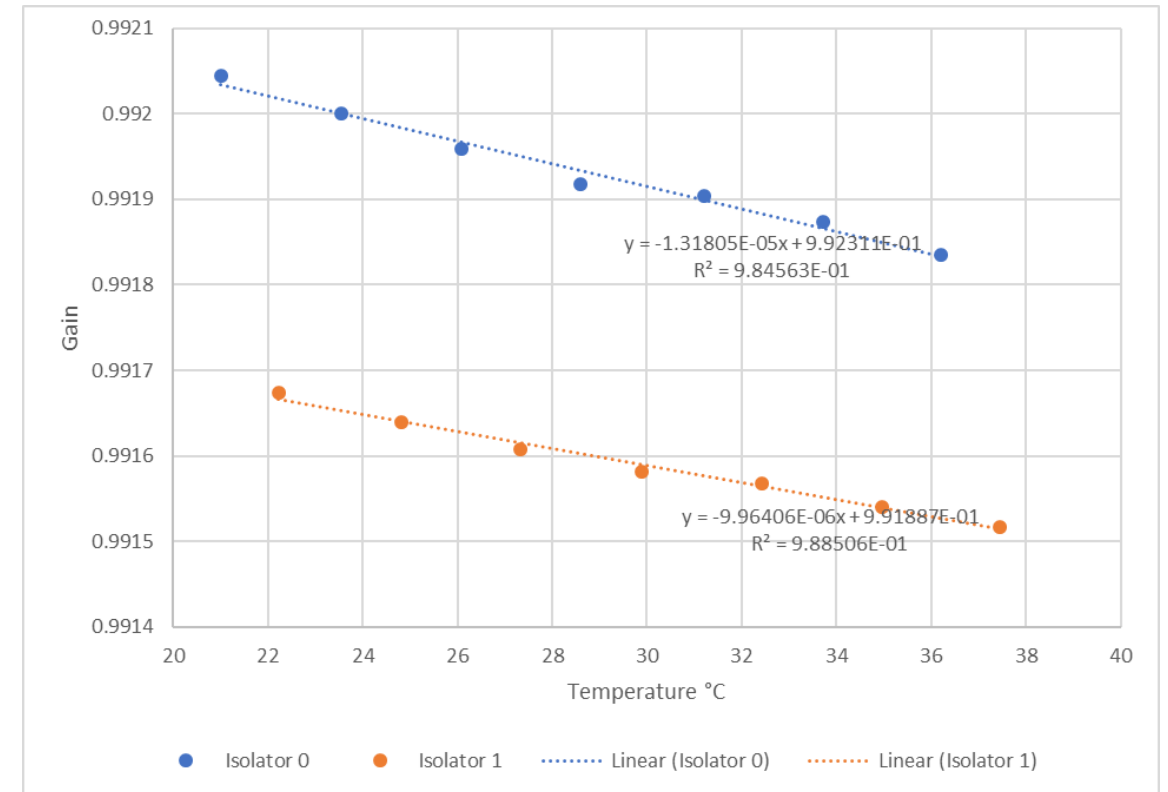


Low pass filter implemented, but stable

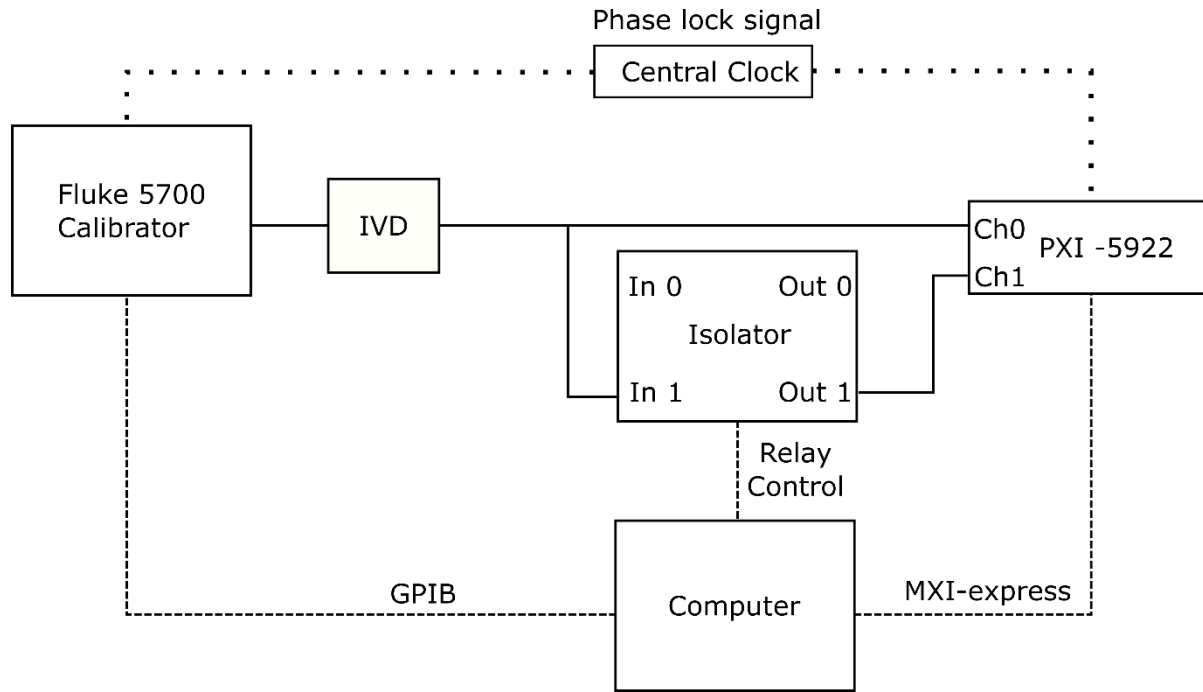
# Temperature



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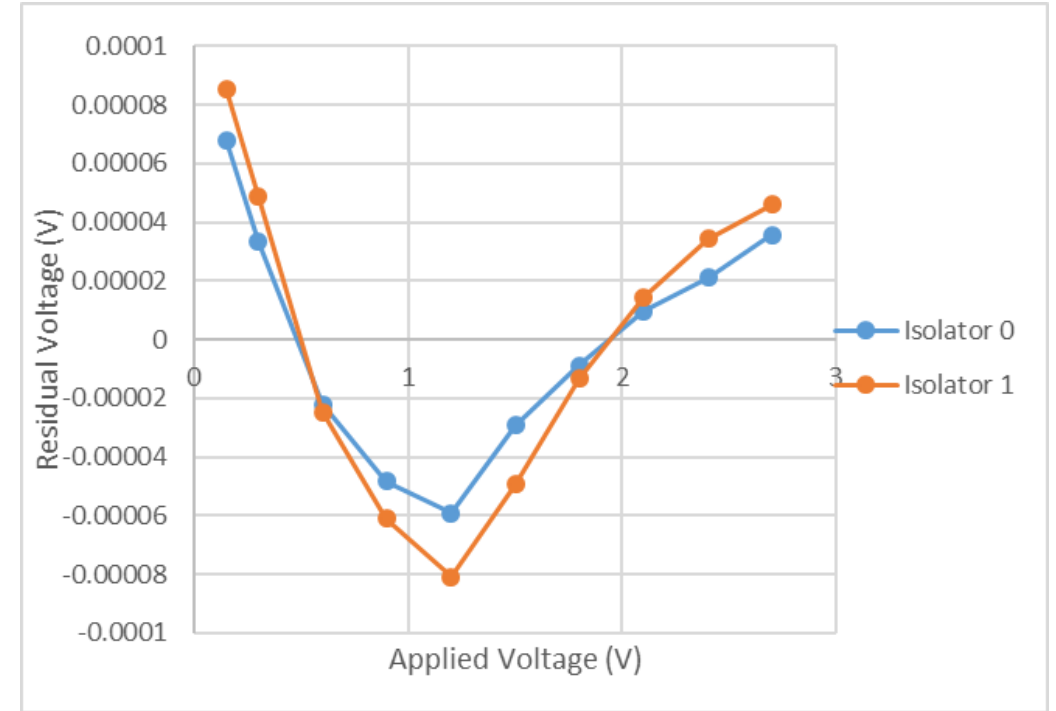


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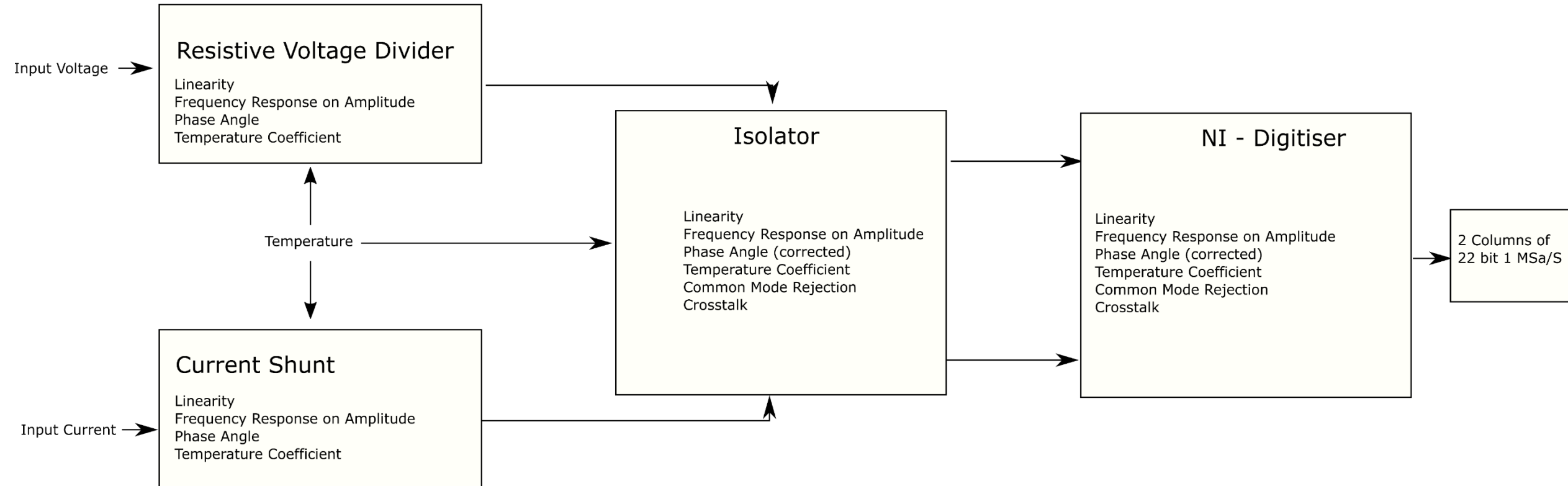


## Equipment Setup

# Residual Voltage

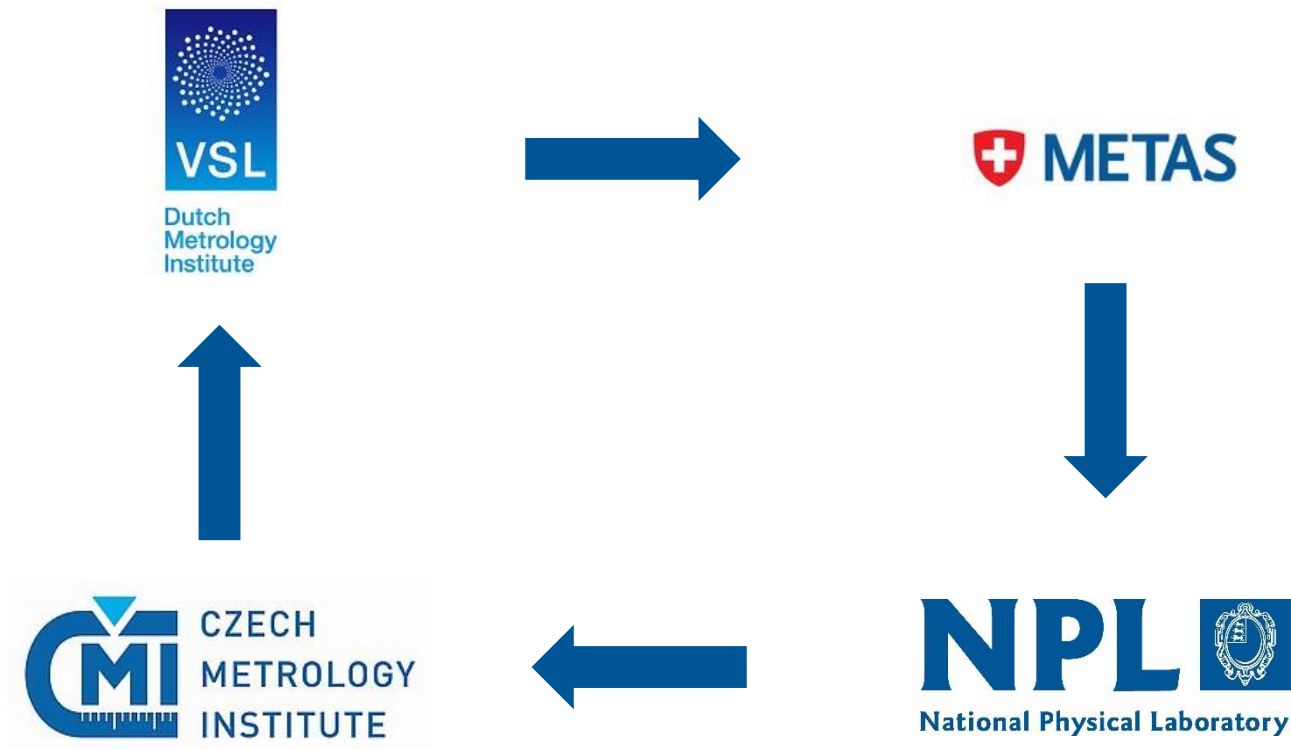


# Uncertainty





# Intercomparison



- Two meter selected for testing
- Passed between four NMIs
- Results to be finalised