

# EMPIR



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## **Workshop Introduction: The problem of 2-150kHz conducted EMI in public electricity networks.**

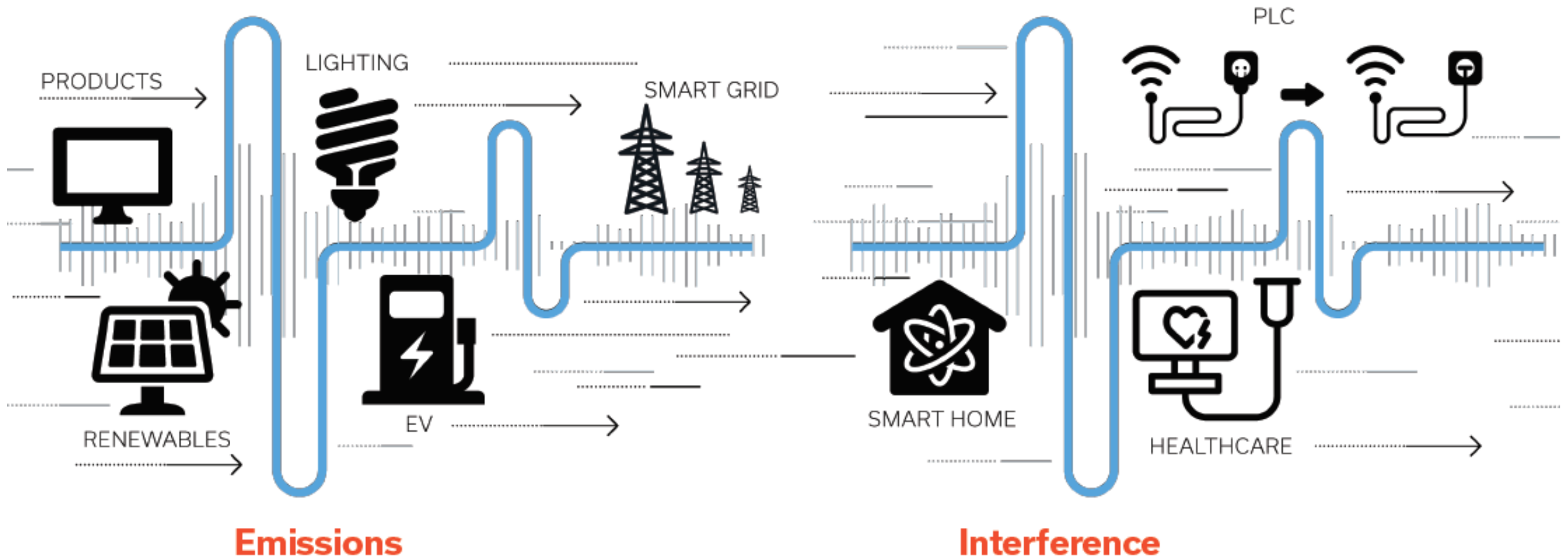
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# Talk Outline

- The problem with 2-150 kHz conducted emissions.
- Regulation and Standardisation.
- CISPR-16 method used for conducted emissions from electrical products.
- The requirements for a new grid measurement method for the 2-150kHz frequency range.
- Overview of the EU EMPIR SupraEMI Project and its work packages.

# Increasing 2-150kHz Emissions on public electricity networks



# Why at 2-150kHz Emissions Important

**Reliable Power Line Communications**



Regulate interference and reduce data errors.

**Robust Smart Grids**



Prevent interference with grid control and data signals.

**Dependable Critical Infrastructure**



Avoid malfunction of social and economically critical systems.

**Reduced Product Malfunction**



Protect manufacturer's reputations and avoid consumer inconvenience

**Increased Product Lifetime**



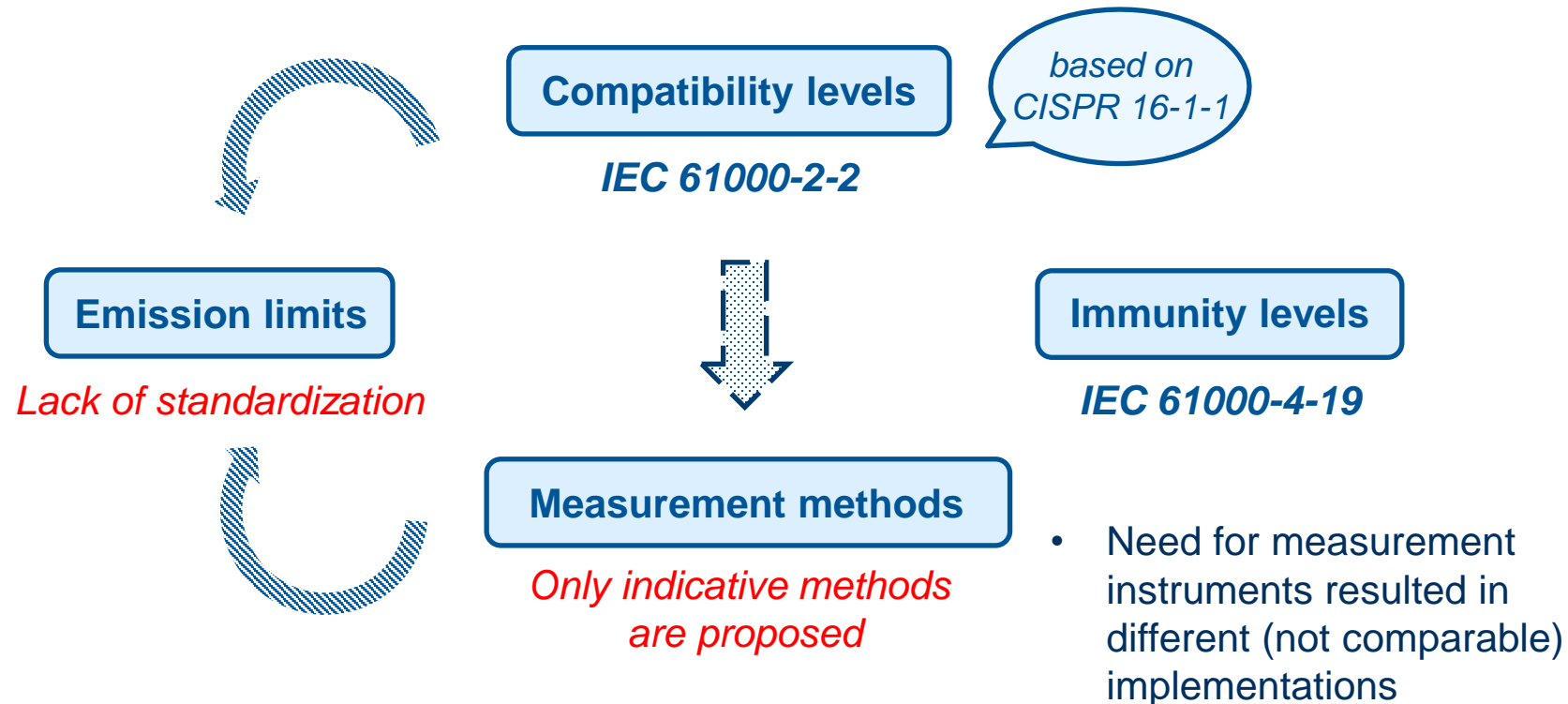
Prevent emissions related product ageing.

CENELEC TR 50627: Study Report on Electromagnetic Interference between Electrical Equipment/Systems in the Frequency Range Below 150 kHz

# Regulation through Standardisation

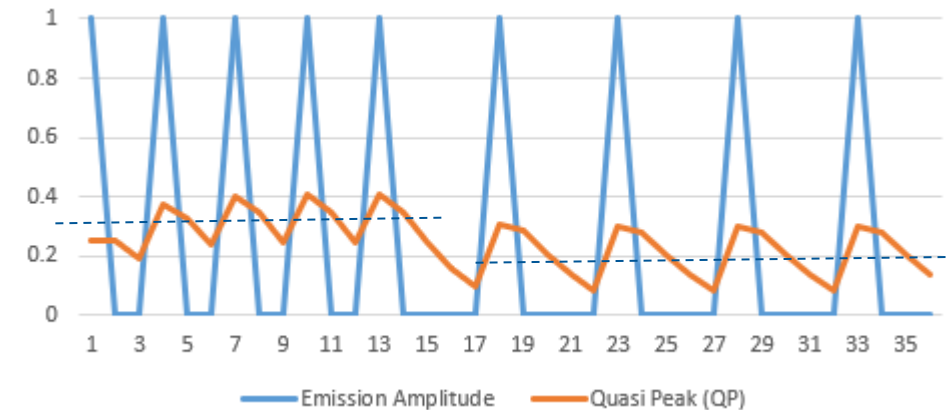
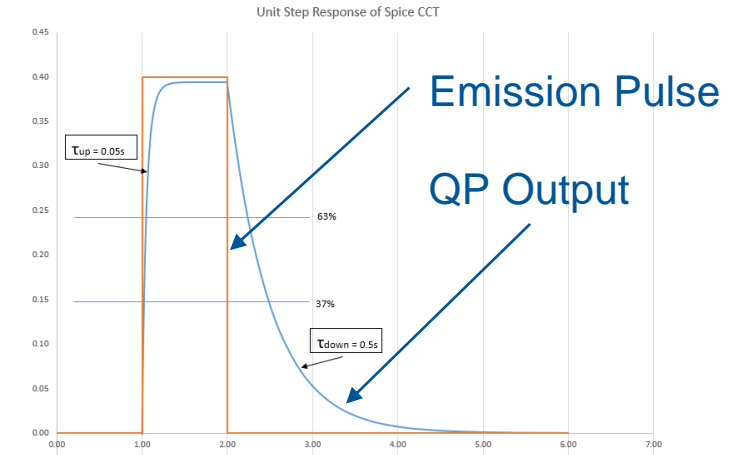
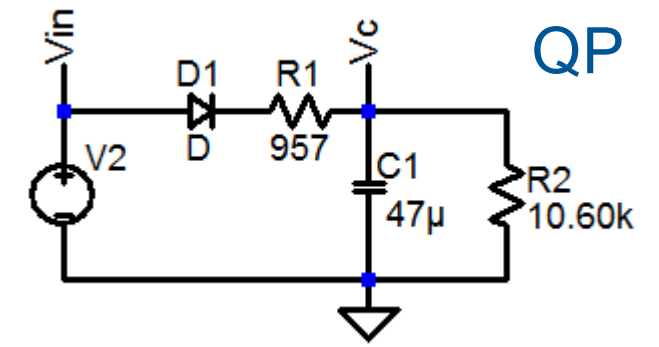
## Motivation and current state of standardisation

- Increasing emission due to modern device technologies devices
- Intense work on EMC standard framework
- Current practice: Comparison of actual levels with compatibility levels
- CISPR 16-1-1 developed for emission assessment in laboratory



# The CISPR-16 Method

- Based on a tuned receiver instrument (super heterodyne).
- Performs a sweep across the frequency spectrum (to 150kHz in this case).
- Emissions may fluctuate and/or switch on and off.
- Measure: Peak (P), Quasi Peak (QP) and Average (A) values for the emission.
- For steady (non-fluctuating) emissions,  $P=QP=A$
- For fluctuating:  $P \geq QP \geq A$ ; Limits published for QP and A.
- The QP value depends on repeat rate of an emission, → the faster it repeats, the higher the QP value.
- Analogue and digital CISPR-16 instruments are available.
- CISPR-16 is a laboratory measurement and uses a Line Impedance Stabilisation Network (LISN) to emulate the mains impedance (Artificial Mains Network).



# The Requirements for a 2 to 150kHz Normative Grid Measurement Method

- IEC SC77A WG8 have discussed using the CISPR-16 method to measure the compatibility levels for IEC61000-2-2.
- IEC SC77A WG9 and TC85 WG20 need to find a suitable grid measurement method to add to IEC61000-4-30 – power quality (PQ) measurements in grids.

## **A new grid method, open questions:**

- CISPR16 is complex and was designed for laboratory use – can it be used in grids?
- Can CISPR16 be implemented and retro-fitted on existing PQ instrumentation platforms for real time measurements?
- Are existing simpler FFT methods used in PQ, such as IEC61000-4-7, compatible with CISPR-16?
- What about statistical PQ surveys which run 24/7?
- Can CISPR-16 be tightly specified to ensure it gives repeatable results between implementations? (accuracies between 5% and 10% are required).
- Is QP suitable for grids? (rms values → heating; peak values → malfunction)

# EU EMPIR Project *SupraEMI*

**Purpose:** Support standardisation with necessary input to develop an widely agreed method for grid compliance assessment in the frequency range 2-150 kHz

- Start date: May 2019 for 3 years. (This is the mid-project workshop)
- Pre-normative R&D project. Funded by H2020/EMPIR, EMN SEG →
- National Metrology Institutes of UK, FR, NL and CH.
- University Partners:  
TU Dresden (DE), UPV/EHU (ES) and U of Campania (IT).
- Chief Stakeholder: Dr. Michael Schwenke, IEC77A WG9 Convener

**EUROPEAN METROLOGY  
NETWORK**

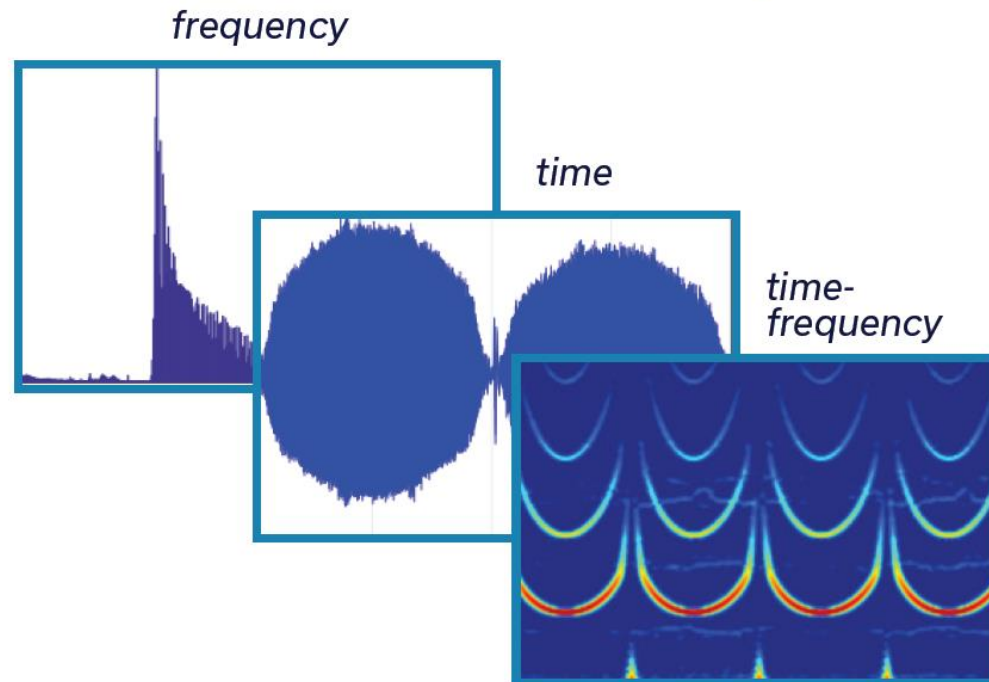


**SMART ELECTRICITY  
GRIDS**



# A normative measurement method for IEC 61000-4-30 “Power quality in grids”

## Emission characteristic of a LED lamp

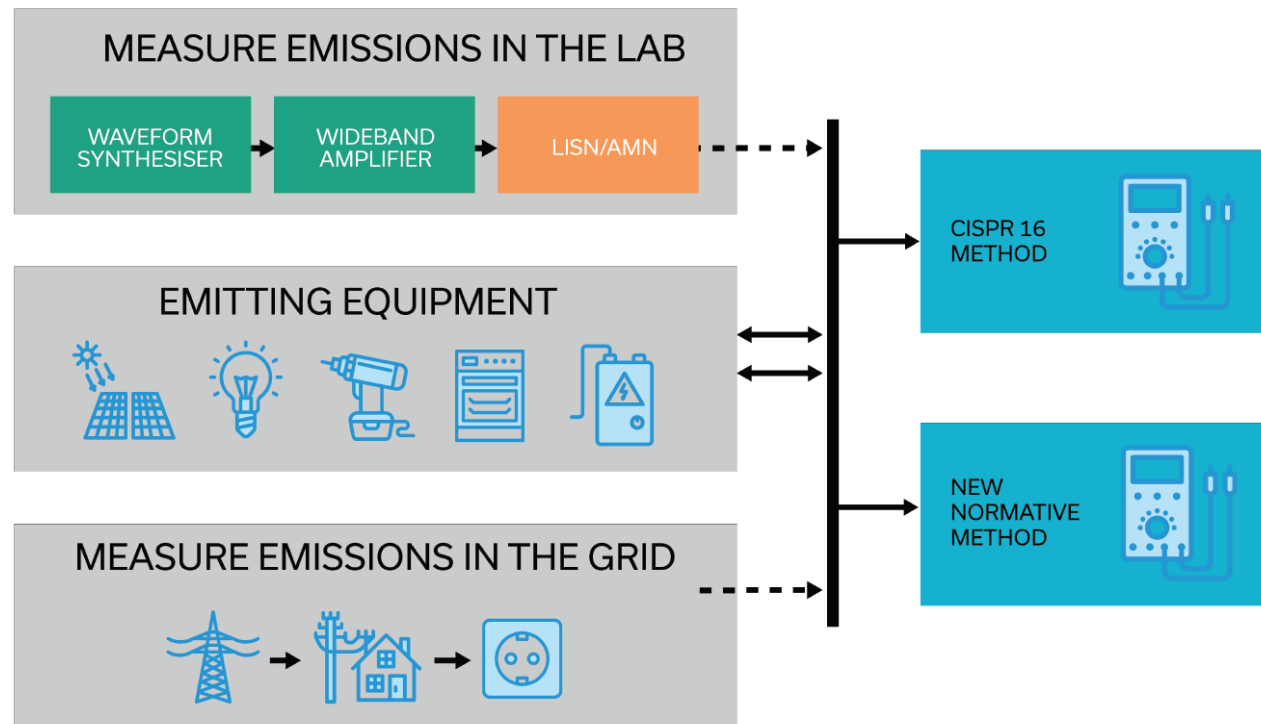


## Challenges, Open Question and Compromises:

- Transducers/probes and digitisers.
- What accuracy and reproducibility is required.
- Gapless algorithms.
- Time resolution (200ms ?).
- Frequency resolution (200Hz ? = 741 Freq. lines).
- Real-time processing. Processor impact.
- Data volume.
- CISPR compatibility (including QP ?).
- Statistical surveys.

*Development of new methods may adapt or optimise existing methods or could be a new method.*

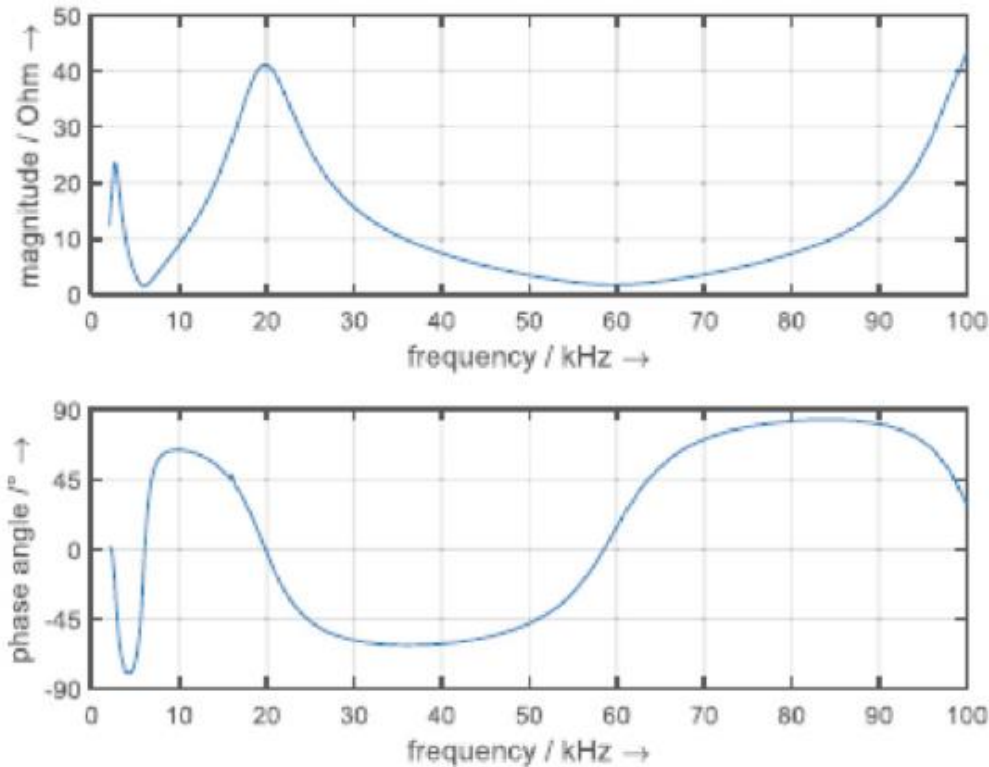
# Product emissions in the lab with emissions in grids



1. *Measure appliances in the lab with CISPR and new method*
2. *Measure same appliances in grids with new method and digital CISPR*

# How well does the lab AMN represent the grid? How do supraharmonics propagate? Effect of appliance mix?

*Artificial Mains Network* → *Critical to emission levels*



- Measure grid impedance by injection
- Amplitude and phase to 150 kHz
- Source and sink impedance
- Impedance fluctuates
- Build and test new AMNs
- New normative specification for AMNs