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IECSoft

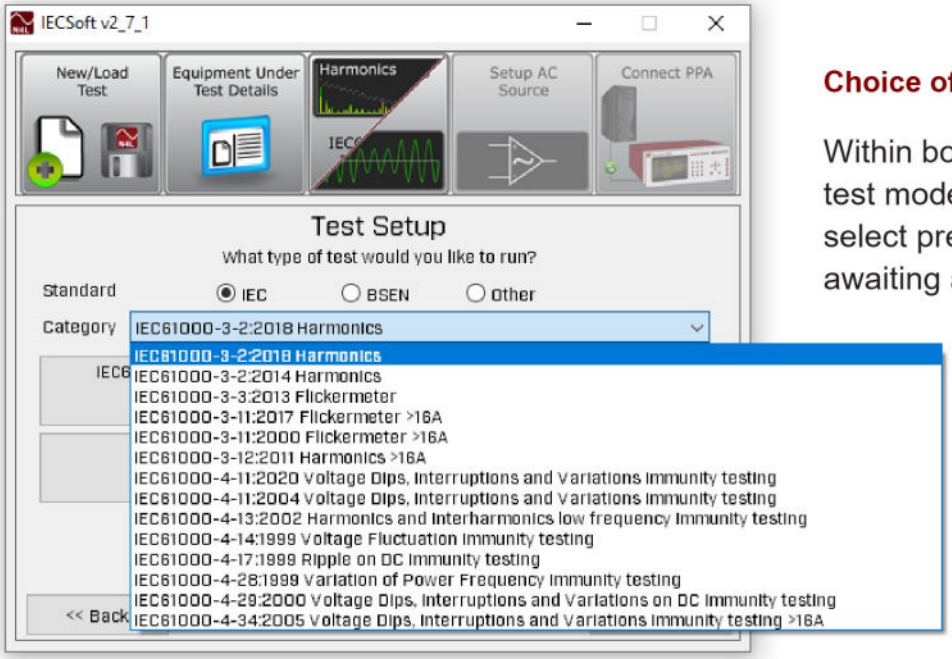
PPA Series PC Software
IEC61000 Harmonics Flicker and EMC Testing

PPA55x1 series power analyzers combined with a unique level of ISO17025 accredited calibration for IEC61000 Harmonic and Flicker functions, have made N4L a leading test solution supplier in this field.

Developed to reflect the increasing complexity of these standards and the ongoing changes they involve, IECSoft PC software has become a reference against which others are compared.

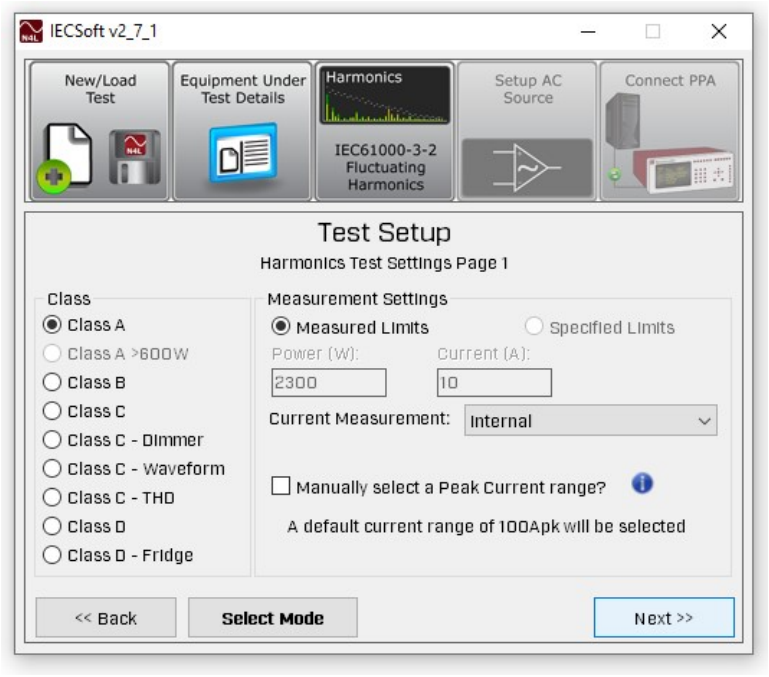
Intuitive user interface

With a clear sequence of operation stages, from first selecting what a user wishes to do, then confirmation of the equipment under test that will be presented in automatic report generation, IECSoft guides the user through a test process.



Choice of standards and revisions

Within both Harmonic and Flicker test modes, a user has the option to select prevailing standards or those awaiting a stability date, simplifying the comparison of test results made previously.



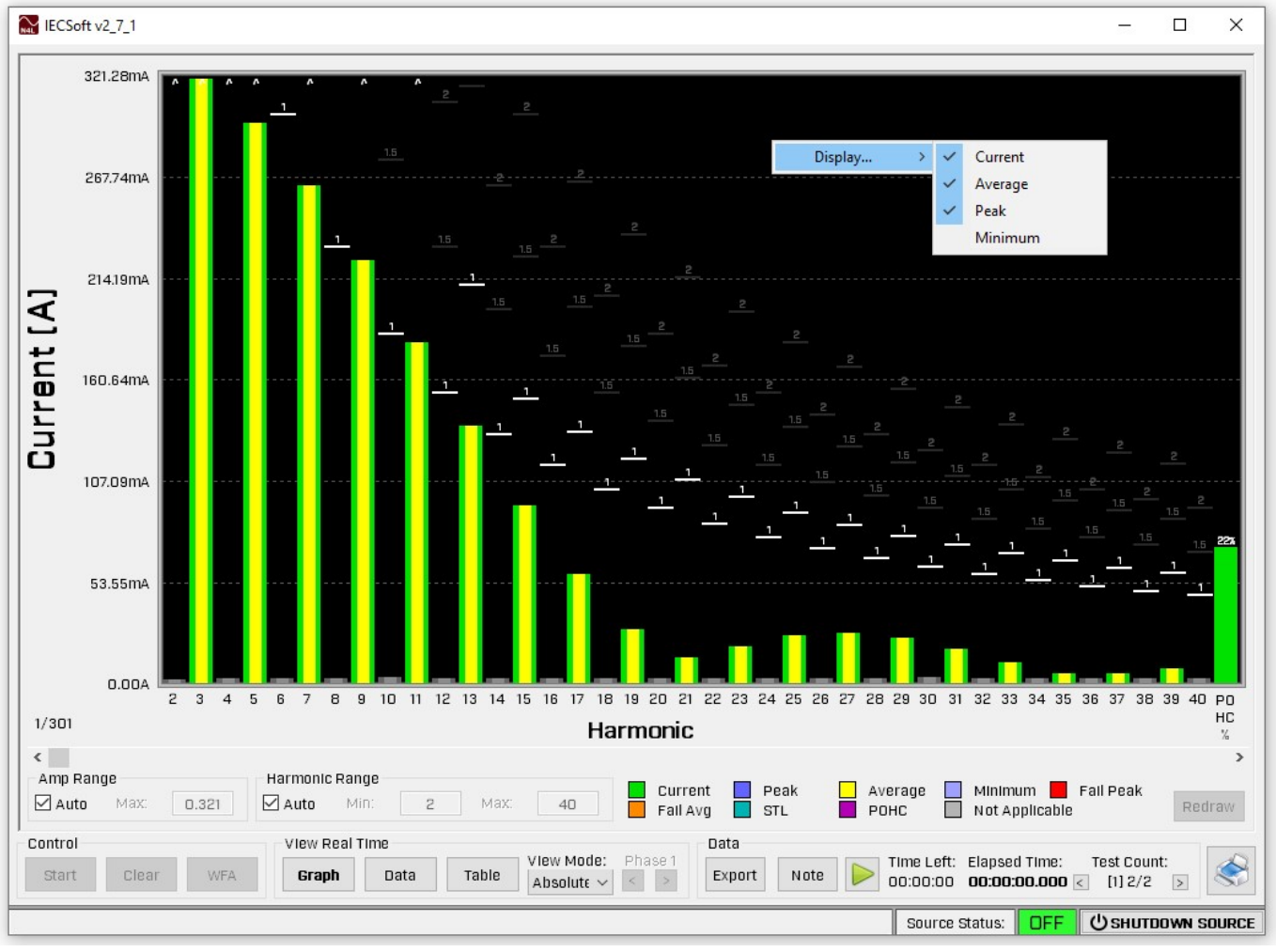
Logical option sequence

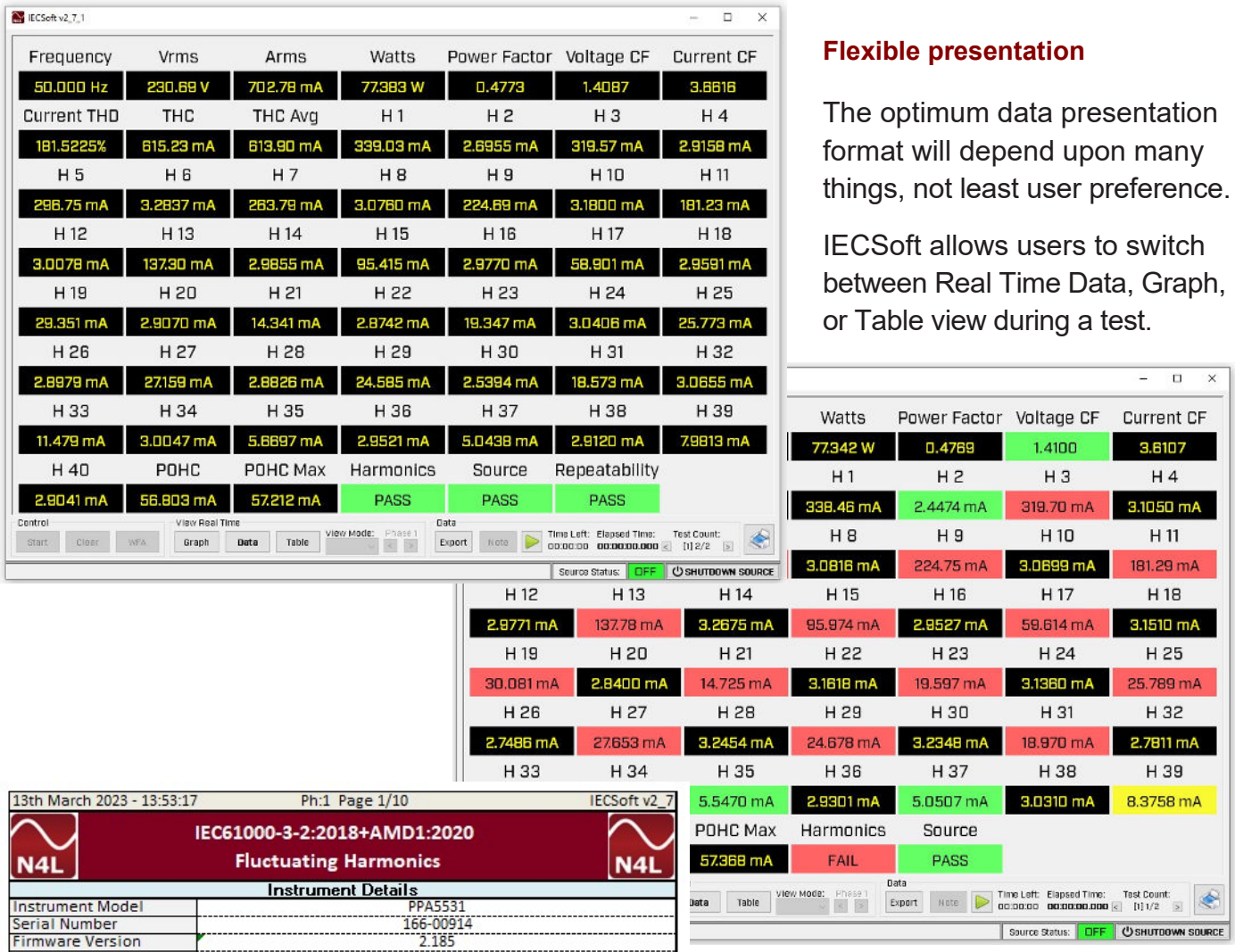
Having selected the test mode, for example Harmonics, associated options are presented.

In this example, harmonic test ‘class’ options are displayed and selected with radio buttons.

Real time data presentation

Unlike many IEC61000 systems that rely on PC sample processing, IECSoft presents real time measured results from a PPA55 series power analyzer. This PPA+IECSoft combination allows real time measurement presentation without excessive PC processing or memory constraints.





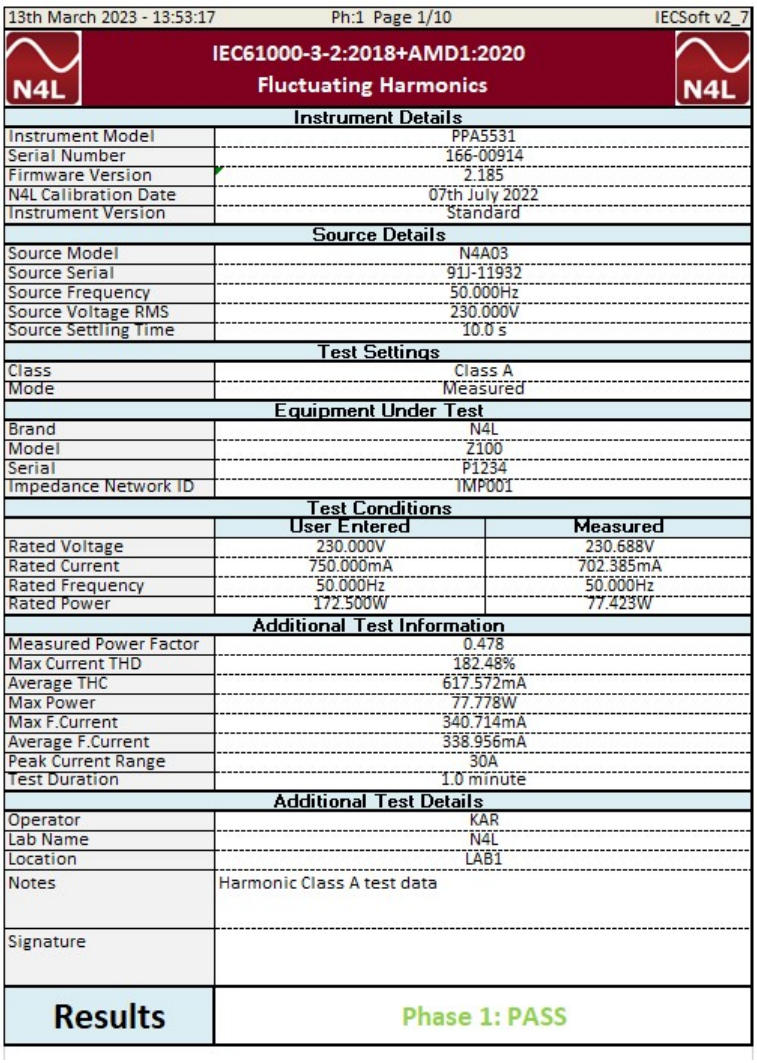
Flexible presentation

The optimum data presentation format will depend upon many things, not least user preference.

IECSoft allows users to switch between Real Time Data, Graph, or Table view during a test.

Real time test status

With ‘Real Time Data’ view, colour coding gives an instant status of individual harmonics relative to their respective limits, PASS or FAIL up to this moment in time, plus verification of voltage source compliance, which is needed for a valid test.



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IEC61000-3-2:2018+AMD1:2020
Fluctuating Harmonics

N4L

Instrument Details	
Instrument Model	PPA5531
Serial Number	166-00914
Firmware Version	2.185
N4L Calibration Date	07th July 2022
Instrument Version	Standard
Source Details	
Source Model	N4A03
Source Serial	91J-11932
Source Frequency	50.000Hz
Source Voltage RMS	230.000V
Source Settling Time	10.0 s
Test Settings	
Class	Class A
Mode	Measured
Equipment Under Test	
Brand	N4L
Model	Z100
Serial	P1234
Impedance Network ID	IMP001

Test Conditions	User Entered	Measured
Rated Voltage	230.000V	230.688V
Rated Current	750.000mA	702.385mA
Rated Frequency	50.000Hz	50.000Hz
Rated Power	172.500W	77.423W
Additional Test Information		
Measured Power Factor	0.478	
Max Current THD	182.48%	
Average THC	617.572mA	
Max Power	77.778W	
Max F.Current	340.714mA	
Average F.Current	338.956mA	
Peak Current Range	30A	
Test Duration	1.0 minute	
Additional Test Details		
Operator	KAR	
Lab Name	N4L	
Location	LAB1	
Notes	Harmonic Class A test data	
Signature		
Results	Phase 1: PASS	

Harmonic Test summary sheet

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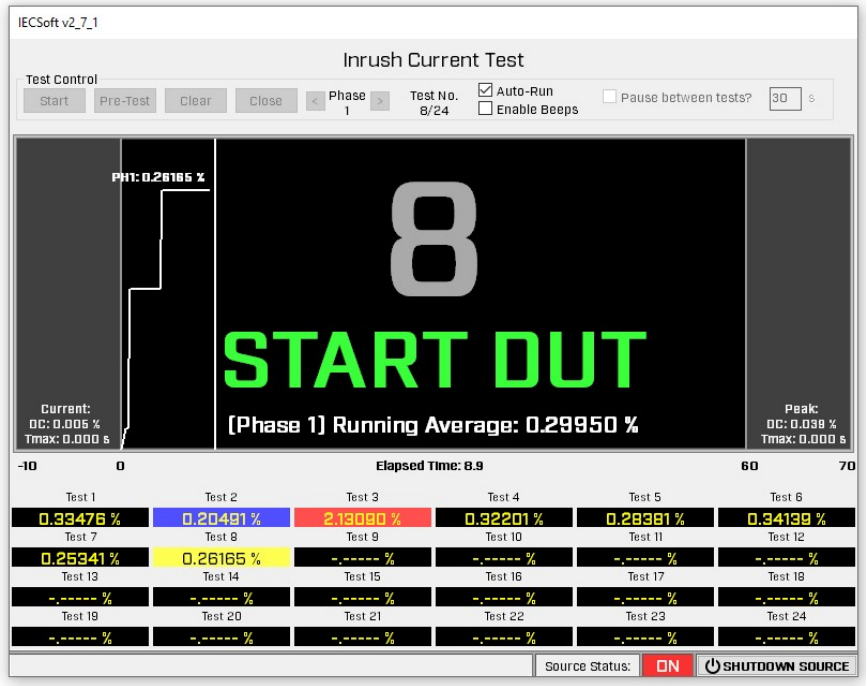


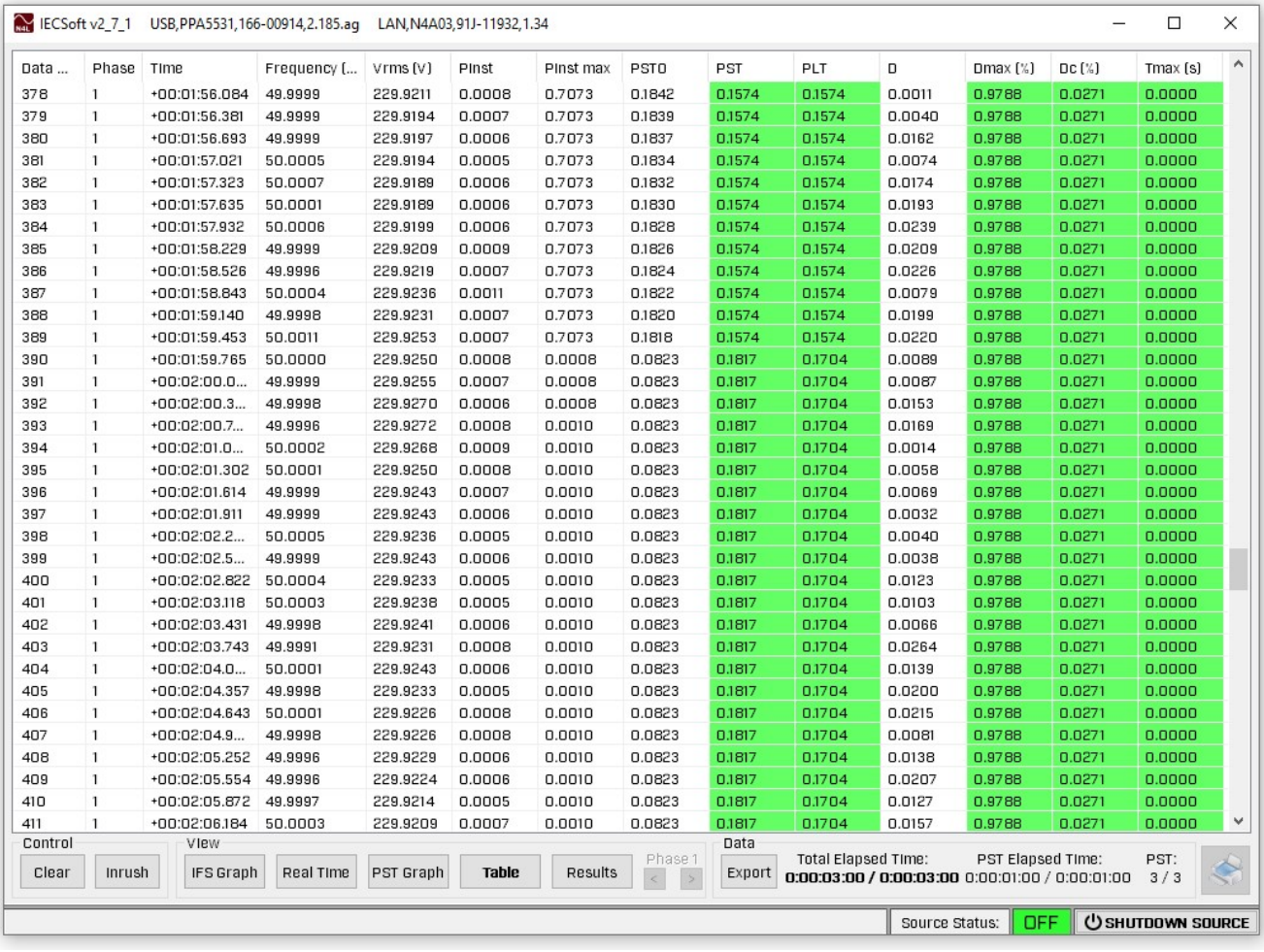
Flicker Inrush

Limiting the chance of user error when making inrush tests, IECSoft presents an intuitive progress plot in addition to measurement results as each of 24 tests are made.

At each test stage, WAIT, START DUT and STOP DUT displays guide the user thought the test process.

Real time Flicker storage

Correct measurement of Flicker functions requires gapless sampling of half cycle Vrms i.e. 100 measurements per second @ 50Hz and 120 measurements per second @ 60Hz. The PPA processes instantaneous flicker sensation at full speed, then sends derived PST and PLT plus captured 'D' events to IECSoft for logging and presentation.



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382	1	+00:01:57.323	50.0007	229.9189	0.0006	0.7073	0.1832	0.1574	0.1574	0.0174	0.9788	0.0271	0.0000
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384	1	+00:01:57.932	50.0006	229.9199	0.0006	0.7073	0.1828	0.1574	0.1574	0.0239	0.9788	0.0271	0.0000
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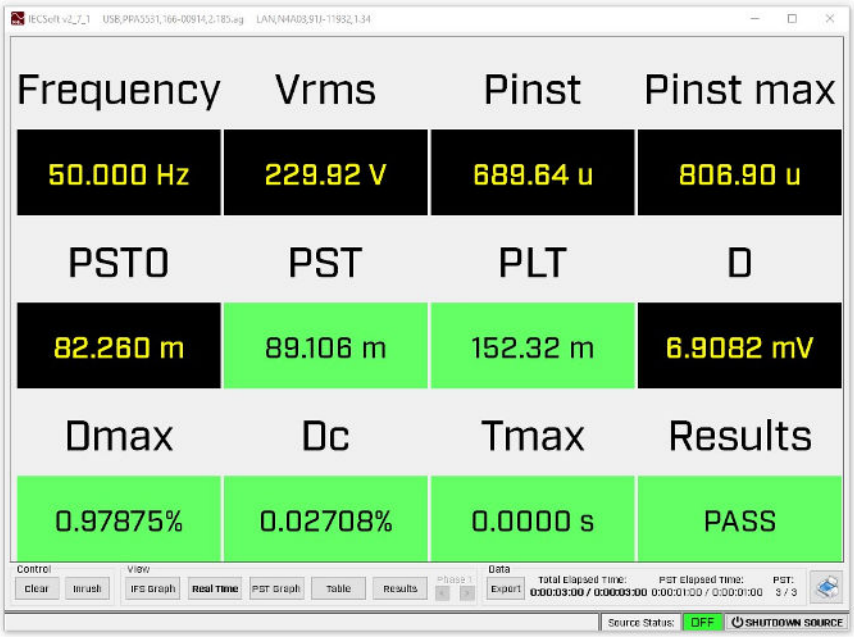

Flicker results

While long term flicker testing requires a huge number of voltage measurements from which all other parameters are derived, the resulting pass/fail criteria involves a relatively simple report.

While not shown here, IFS and PST Sum Probability graphs are also presented in Flicker Test results.

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IEC61000-3-3:2013+AMD1:2017+AMD2:2021+COR1:2022
Flickermeter

Instrument Details	
Instrument Model	PPA5531
Serial Number	166-00914
Firmware Version	2.185
N4L Calibration Date	07th July 2022
Instrument Version	Standard
Source Details	
Source Model	N4A03
Source Serial	91J-11932
Source Frequency	50.000Hz
Source Voltage RMS	230.000V
Test Settings	
Class	Voltage
Mode	Normal (4.0%)
Peak Current Range	100A
PST	1 minutes
PLT	3 PSTs
Equipment Under Test	
Brand	N4L
Model	Z100
Serial	P1234
Impedance Network ID	IMP001

Test Conditions		
	User Entered	Measured
Rated Voltage	230.000V	229.927V
Rated Current	750.000mA	N/A
Rated Frequency	50.000Hz	50.000Hz
Rated Power	172.500W	N/A
D max	0.9788% (Limit: 4.0%)	
T max	0.0000 s (Limit: 0.5 s)	
DC max	0.0271% (Limit: 3.3%)	
Inrush Test	0.2995% (Limit: 4.0%)	
Inrush Results	Phase1: Pass	
Additional Test Details		
Operator	KAR	
Lab Name	N4L	
Location	LAB1	
Notes	Flicker and Inrush test data	
Signature		
Results	Phase1: PASS	

Flicker Test summary sheet

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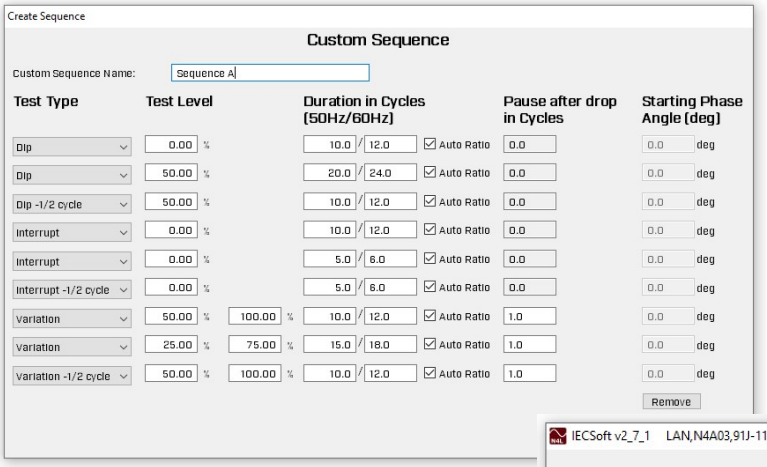
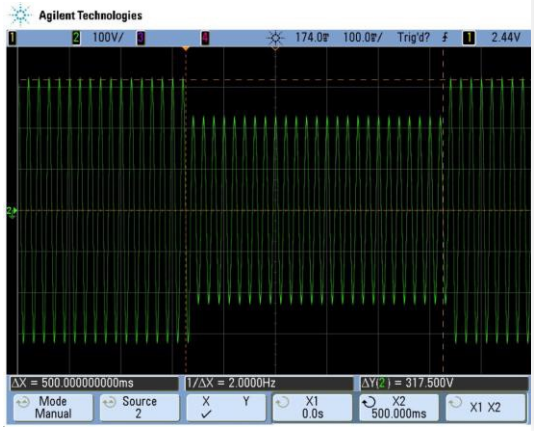
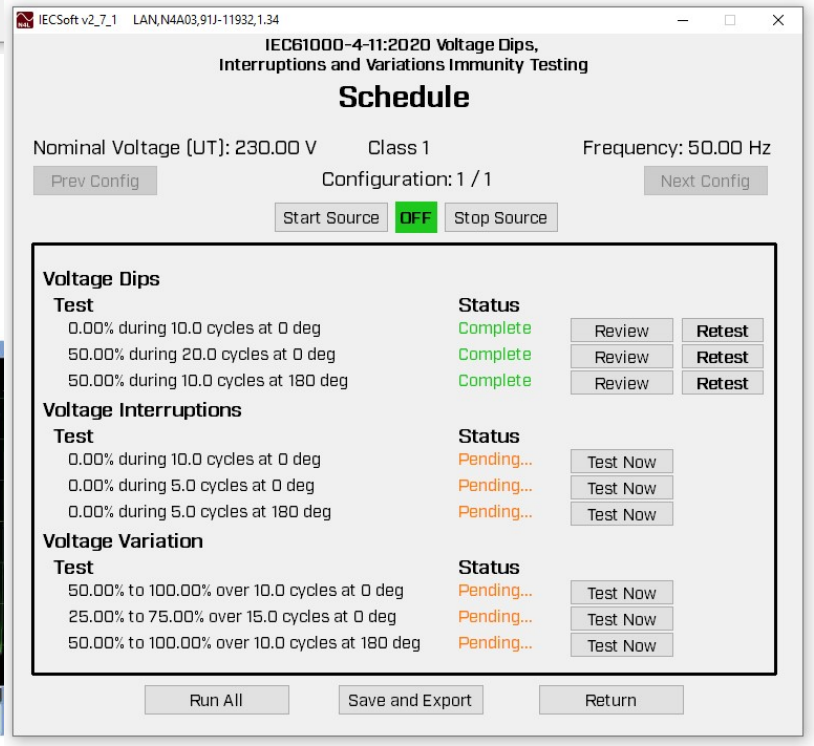


EMC Susceptibility

Susceptibility tests involve the generation of defined mains disturbance, during which the behaviour of a device under test is observed.

IECSoft proves an easy and versatile sequence builder from which a test Schedule can be produced.





Reports and Fast Switching

Since the outcome of these tests relates to the behaviour of a DUT, it is the responsibility of a user to state this on a report and there are no measured 'results' as seen in Harmonic and Flicker testing.

Note: Latest revisions of susceptibility standards include fast switch speed and timing which may require external switch hardware that is not presently supported by N4L.

Summary:

Standalone executable PC program for Full Compliance*[1] **Harmonics and Flicker** testing to **IEC61000-3-2/12** (Harmonics) and **IEC61000-3-3/11** (Flicker)

*[1] When used together with Newtons4th PPA(Analyzer)+IMP(Impedance)+N4A(Source)

EMC Susceptibility Testing to:
IEC61000-4-11*[2]**, IEC61000-4-13, IEC61000-4-14, IEC61000-4-17, IEC61000-4-28, IEC61000-4-29***[2]**, IEC61000-4-34***[2]**

*[2] Full compliance requires external switching, please contact us for more information

Minimum System Requirements: *OS: Windows XP SP3, Processor: 233MHz, RAM: 1GB*
Recommended System Requirements: *OS: Windows 11 Processor: 1GHz 2+ cores RAM: 4GB*