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## Interactive comment on "Multifunction waveform generator for EM receiver testing" by Kai Chen et al.

## **Anonymous Referee #1**

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The paper describes a step forward in advancing EM generator technology for testing EM receivers. The content is appropriate for publication. The paper is generally well written and thought out although there are a small number of mistakes. The structure of the paper needs some attention. Details of the paper's structural issues and a possible solution are included below.

- 1. The introduction seems to be too long. For example lines 56 to 64 seems to describes the solution to the problem too soon and would be better placed in a discussions section.
- 2. Section 4.5 does not really belong in the results section as it is comparing specifications of EM generators and is not in itself a result.

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I recommend a small amount of rearranging of the paper to make it easier to read. I would suggest creating a new section 6 for the conclusions. Then section 5 could be a discussions section which combines lines 56 to 64, from the introduction, together with the text and table from section 4.5.

## Some other issues:

In the introduction it is not easy to identify the motivation for the work, e.g. the requirements are a bit lost within some discussions on previous testing of the EMR6. Starting a new paragraph for the sentence at line 50 in the paper would help.

At the end of the introduction there needs to be a paragraph with a brief description of the content of each section.

Line 42 Should it be "... on the surface and in tunnels"? Lines 204-206 Needs some editing because the text is a bit difficult to follow Line 214 sentence doesn't make sense Line 226 delete 'those'

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