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# 1. INTRODUCTION

In the broad field of Electrical Engineering, various equipment and systems are used to cater to the application for Electrical power generation, transmission, distribution, control, instrumentation, Communication and domestic application. Each one of the products/ equipment requires a wide variety of tests and hence a need of specialized testing facility.

The field of Electrical Testing covers tests of an essentially electrical nature performed on instruments, equipment, appliances, components and materials.

As per the requirements of clause 7.6 of ISO/ IEC 17025: 2017, the testing laboratories are required to evaluate the Measurement Uncertainty.

When estimating the Measurement Uncertainty, all uncertainty components which are of importance in the given situation shall be taken into account, which shall include but not be limited to:

- a. reference standards and reference materials with reported uncertainty in the calibration certificate(s)
- b. method employed
- c. equipment used with reported uncertainty in the calibration certificate(s)
- d. environmental conditions
- e. properties and condition of the item being tested

The testing laboratories shall identify all the components of uncertainty and make a reasonable estimation for all test parameters, and shall ensure that the form of reporting of the result does not give a wrong impression of the uncertainty. The degree of rigor needed in an estimation of Measurement Uncertainty depends on the requirements of test method, requirements of client and the existence of narrow limits on which decisions on conformance to a specification are based.

All laboratories will calculate the uncertainty of measurement at 95% confidence level.

## 2. SCOPE

As per the requirements of clause 7.6 of ISO/ IEC 17025: 2017, the testing laboratories are required to evaluate the Measurement Uncertainty. This document guides the laboratory to evaluate the Measurement Uncertainty for Electrical Testing.

A few examples of Measurement Uncertainty in the field of Electrical Testing have been illustrated in this document.

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### Sample 1

## UNCERTAINTY CALCULATION FOR VOLTAGE (at Power frequency)

Product : MCB, 32 A, 240/ 415V, Single pole  
Test : Short circuit test of MCB  
Equipment used : Digitizer with Amplifier  
Range used for calibration : 62.5 –1000 Volt  
Accuracy : 0.16 % of Reading  
Uncertainty of Digitizer with Amplifier from its calibration certificate : 0.281 %  
Resolution : 0.0001 Volt

Reading No.	Voltage (Volts)
1	250.2
2	250.3
3	250.1
4	250.2
5	250.3

*Assuming contribution due to frequency is negligible*

### Type A Evaluation

Mean Rdg. (Volts) = 250.22 Volts  $(R_1+R_2+R_3+R_4+R_5)/ 5$   
Standard deviation = 0.0836 Volts  
Std. uncertainty  $U_r$  = 0.0374 Volts Standard Deviation/ sqrt (5)  
Degree of freedom =  $V_1 = 5-1 = 4$   
Std. uncertainty (%  $U_r$ ) = 0.0149 %  $U_r *100/ \text{Mean Reading}$

## Type B Evaluation

1. Uncertainty of Digitizer with Amplifier from its calibration certificate. The distribution is normal and the coverage factor for approximately 95% confidence level is 2

$$U_1(\%) = A_1/2 = 0.281/2 = 0.141 \%$$

$$U_1 = 0.141 * 250.22 * 0.01 = 0.352 \text{ Volts}$$

$$\text{Estimate} = 0.281 * 250.22 * 0.01 = 0.703 \text{ Volts}$$

Degree of freedom  $V_2 = \text{infinity}$

2. Accuracy of Digitizer with Amplifier

$$A_2 = 0.16 \% \text{ of reading} = 0.16 * 250.22 * 0.01 = 0.400 \text{ Volts} = \text{Estimate}$$

For rectangular distribution, the standard uncertainty =  $U_2 = A_2/\text{sqrt}(3)$

$$U_2 = 0.231 \text{ Volts}$$

$$\% U_2 = 0.0924 \% \quad U_2 * 100/ \text{Mean Reading}$$

Degree of freedom  $V_3 = \text{infinity}$

3. Uncertainty due to resolution of display unit =  $U_3$

$$A_3 = 0.0001/2 = 0.00005 \text{ Volts} = \text{Estimate}$$

For rectangular distribution, the standard uncertainty =  $U_3 = A_3/\text{sqrt}(3)$

$$U_3 = 0.000028 \text{ Volts}$$

$$\% U_3 = 0.0000115 \% \quad U_3 * 100/ \text{Mean Reading}$$

Degree of freedom  $V_4 = \text{infinity}$

### Combined standard uncertainty ( $U_c$ )

$$U_c = \sqrt{(U_r \cdot U_r) + (U_1 \cdot U_1) + (U_2 \cdot U_2) + (U_3 \cdot U_3)}$$

$$U_c = 0.423 \text{ Volts}$$

$$\% U_c = 0.169 \% \quad U_c \cdot 100 / \text{Mean Reading}$$

Effective degrees of freedom ( $v_{\text{eff}}$ ) =

$$v_{\text{eff}} = \frac{(U_c)^4}{\frac{(U_1)^4}{V_2} + \frac{(U_2)^4}{V_3} + \frac{(U_3)^4}{V_4} + \frac{(U_r)^4}{V_1}}$$

$$v_{\text{eff}} = \frac{(0.169)^4}{\frac{(0.0149)^4}{4} + \frac{(0.141)^4}{\infty} + \frac{(0.0924)^4}{\infty} + \frac{(0.0000115)^4}{\infty}}$$

$$v_{\text{eff}} = \frac{(0.169)^4}{\frac{(0.0149)^4}{4} + 0}$$

$$v_{\text{eff}} = \infty$$

Expanded Uncertainty at approximately 95% level of confidence, the coverage factor  $k=2$ , Thus

$$U = k \cdot U_c = 2 \cdot 0.423 \text{ Volts}$$

$$U = 0.85 \text{ Volts}$$

$$\% U = 0.34 \% \quad U \cdot 100 / \text{Mean Reading}$$



## Uncertainty Budget

Source of Uncertainty Xi	Estimates xi	Limits %	Probability Distribution Type A or B Factor	Standard Uncertainty (Volts)		Sensitivity Coefficient Ci	Uncertainty Contribution Ui (y)		Degree of freedom Vi
				Volts	%		Volts	%	
U <sub>1</sub>		0.281	Normal type B – k=2	0.352	0.141	1.0	0.352	0.141	Infinity
U <sub>2</sub>		0.16	Rectangular Type B sqrt(3)	0.231	0.0924	1.0	0.231	0.0924	Infinity
U <sub>3</sub>		0.0000 19	Rectangular Type B sqrt(3)	0.0000 28	0.0000115	1.0	0.000028	0.0000115	Infinity
Repeatability (U <sub>r</sub> )	250.22	--	Normal Type A	0.0374	0.0149	1.0	0.0374	0.0149	4
U <sub>c</sub>				0.423	0.169		0.423	0.169	Infinity
Expanded Uncertainty (U)			k = 2				0.85	0.34	Infinity

### Reporting of results:

Voltage = 250.22 Volts ± 0.85 Volts

## Sample 2

### UNCERTAINTY CALCULATION FOR CURRENT (at power frequency)

Product : MCCB, 800 A, 415V, Four pole  
Test : Short circuit test of MCCB  
Equipment used :

#### 1) Digitizer with Amplifier

Range used for calibration : 0.625 –10 Volts  
Accuracy : 0.19 % of Reading  
Uncertainty of Digitizer with Amplifier from its calibration certificate : 0.281 %  
Resolution : 0.0001 V

#### 2) Shunt

Uncertainty of shunt (%) from its calibration certificate : 1.156

Reading No.	Current (kAmp.)
1	50.26
2	50.23
3	50.28
4	50.24
5	50.23

*Assuming contribution due to frequency is negligible*

#### Type A Evaluation

Mean Rdg. (kAmp.) = 50.248 (kAmp.)  $(R_1+R_2+R_3+R_4+R_5)/ 5$   
Standard deviation = 0.0216 (kAmp.)  
Std. uncertainty  $U_r$  = 0.00969 (kAmp.) Standard Deviation/  $\sqrt{5}$   
Degree of freedom =  $V_1 = 5-1 = 4$   
Std. uncertainty (%  $U_r$ ) = 0.0193 %  $U_r *100/ \text{Mean Reading}$

## Type B Evaluation

1. Uncertainty of Digitizer with Amplifier from its calibration certificate. The distribution is normal and the coverage factor at approximately 95% confidence level is 2

$$U_1(\%) = A_1/2 = 0.281/2 = 0.141 \%$$

$$U_1 = 0.141 * 50.248 * 0.01 = 0.0708 \text{ kAmp.}$$

$$\text{Estimate} = 0.281 * 50.248 * 0.01 = 0.1412 \text{ kAmp.}$$

$$\text{Degree of freedom } V_2 = \text{infinity}$$

2. Digitizer with Amplifier Accuracy

$$A_2 = 0.19\% \text{ of reading} = 0.19 * 50.248 * 0.01 = 0.09547 \text{ kAmp.} = \text{Estimate}$$

For rectangular distribution, the standard uncertainty =  $U_2 = A_2/\sqrt{3}$

$$U_2 = 0.0551 \text{ kAmp.}$$

$$\% U_2 = 0.109 \% \quad U_2 * 100/ \text{Mean Reading}$$

$$\text{Degree of freedom } V_3 = \text{infinity}$$

3. Uncertainty due to resolution of display unit =  $U_3$

$$A_3 = 0.0001/2 = 0.00005 \text{ kAmp.} = \text{Estimate}$$

For rectangular distribution, the standard uncertainty =  $U_3 = A_3/\sqrt{3}$

$$U_3 = 0.000028 \text{ kAmp.}$$

$$\% U_3 = 0.000057 \% \quad U_3 * 100/ \text{Mean Reading}$$

$$\text{Degree of freedom } V_4 = \text{infinity}$$

4. Uncertainty of shunt from its calibration certificate. The distribution is normal and the coverage factor for approximately 95% confidence level is 2.

$$U_4 (\%) = A_4/2 = 1.156/2 = 0.578 \%$$

$$U_4 = 0.578 * 50.248 * 0.01 = 0.290 \text{ kAmp.}$$

$$\text{Estimate} = 1.156 * 50.248 * 0.01 = 0.580 \text{ kAmp.}$$

$$\text{Degree of freedom } V_5 = \text{infinity}$$

**Combined standard uncertainty (U<sub>c</sub>)**

$$U_c = \sqrt{(U_r \cdot U_r) + (U_1 \cdot U_1) + (U_2 \cdot U_2) + (U_3 \cdot U_3) + (U_4 \cdot U_4)}$$

$$U_c = 0.310 \text{ kAmp.}$$

$$\% U_c = 0.617 \% \quad U_c \cdot 100 / \text{Mean Reading}$$

Effective degrees of freedom (v<sub>eff</sub>) =

$$v_{\text{eff}} = \frac{(U_c)^4}{\frac{(U_1)^4}{V_2} + \frac{(U_2)^4}{V_3} + \frac{(U_3)^4}{V_4} + \frac{(U_4)^4}{V_5} + \frac{(U_r)^4}{V_1}}$$

$$v_{\text{eff}} = \frac{(0.617)^4}{\frac{(0.0193)^4}{4} + \frac{(0.141)^4}{\infty} + \frac{(0.109)^4}{\infty} + \frac{(0.000057)^4}{\infty} + \frac{(0.578)^4}{\infty}}$$

$$v_{\text{eff}} = \frac{(0.617)^4}{\frac{(0.0193)^4}{4} + 0}$$

$$v_{\text{eff}} = 4178028 = \infty$$

Expanded Uncertainty for approximately 95 % level of confidence, the coverage factor k=2, Thus

$$U = k \cdot U_c = 2 \cdot 0.310 \text{ kAmp.}$$

$$U = 0.620 \text{ kAmp.}$$

$$\% U = 1.234 \% \quad U \cdot 100 / \text{Mean Reading}$$

## Uncertainty Budget

Source of Uncertainty $X_i$	Estimates $x_i$	Limits %	Probability Distribution Type A or B Factor	Standard Uncertainty (Volts)		Sensitivity Coefficient $C_i$	Uncertainty Contribution $U_i (y)$		Degree of freedom $V_i$
				kAmp.	%		kAmp.	%	
$U_1$		0.281	Normal Type B 2	0.0708	0.141	1.0	0.0708	0.141	Infinity
$U_2$		0.190	Rectangular Type B sqrt(3)	0.0551	0.109	1.0	0.0551	0.109	Infinity
$U_3$		0.00005	Rectangular Type B sqrt(3)	0.000028	0.000057	1.0	0.000028	0.000057	Infinity
$U_4$		1.156	Normal Type B 2	0.2963	0.578	1.0	0.2963	0.578	Infinity
Repeatability ( $U_r$ )	50.248	--	Normal Type A	0.00969	0.0193	1.0	0.00969	0.0193	4
$U_c$				0.310	0.617		0.310	0.617	Infinity
Expanded Uncertainty (U)			k = 2				0.620	1.234	Infinity

## Reporting of results:

Current = 50.248 kAmp  $\pm$  0.620 kAmp.

### Sample 3

## UNCERTAINTY CALCULATION FOR POWER LOSS IN ENERGY METERS

Product : Static energy meter  
Test : Power loss measurement in Energy Meters  
Equipment used : Digital wattmeter  
Range : 20 Watts  
Accuracy : 0.5 % of Reading  
Uncertainty of watt meter from its calibration certificate : 0.0953 %  
Resolution : 0.01 Watts

Reading No.	Power loss (Watt)
1	0.67
2	0.68
3	0.68
4	0.68
5	0.68

### Type A Evaluation

Mean Rdg.(Watt) =  $0.678 \text{ Watt } (R_1+R_2+R_3+R_4+R_5)/ 5$   
Standard deviation =  $0.0044721 \text{ Watt}$   
Std. uncertainty  $U_r$  =  $0.002 \text{ Watt Standard Deviation/ sqrt}(5)$   
Degree of freedom =  $V_1 = 5-1 = 4$   
Std. uncertainty (%  $U_r$ ) =  $0.295 \% \quad U_r *100/ \text{Mean Reading}$

## Type B Evaluation

1. Uncertainty of watt meter from its calibration certificate. The distribution is normal and the coverage factor for approximately 95% confidence level is 2

$$U_1(\%) = A_1/2 = 0.0953/2 = 0.04765 \%$$

$$U_1 = 0.04765 * 0.678 * 0.01 = 0.323 * 10^{-3} \text{ W}$$

Degree of freedom  $V_2 = \text{infinity}$

2. From watt meter specification (Accuracy)

$$A_2 = 0.5\% \text{ of reading} = 0.5 * 0.678 / 100 = 0.00339 \text{ Watt}$$

For rectangular distribution, the standard uncertainty  $= U_2 = A_2 / \text{sqrt}(3)$

$$U_2 = 0.00195 \text{ watt}$$

$$\% U_2 = 0.2876 \% \quad U_2 * 100 / \text{Mean Reading}$$

Degree of freedom  $V_3 = \text{infinity}$

3. Uncertainty due to resolution of watt meter  $= U_3$

$$A_3 = 0.01 / 2 = 0.005 \text{ Watt}$$

For rectangular distribution, the standard uncertainty  $= U_3 = A_3 / \text{sqrt}(3)$

$$U_3 = 0.002886 \text{ Watt}$$

$$\% U_3 = 0.4257 \% \quad U_3 * 100 / \text{Mean Reading}$$

Degree of freedom  $V_4 = \text{infinity}$

### Combined standard uncertainty ( $U_c$ )

$$U_c = \sqrt{(U_r \cdot U_r) + (U_1 \cdot U_1) + (U_2 \cdot U_2) + (U_3 \cdot U_3)} = 0.00402$$

$$\% U_c = 0.59 \%$$

Effective degrees of freedom ( $v_{\text{eff}}$ ) =

$$v_{\text{eff}} = \frac{(U_c)^4}{\frac{(U_1)^4}{V_2} + \frac{(U_2)^4}{V_3} + \frac{(U_3)^4}{V_4} + \frac{(U_r)^4}{V_1}}$$

$$v_{\text{eff}} = \frac{(0.59)^4}{\frac{(0.04765)^4}{\infty} + \frac{(0.2876)^4}{\infty} + \frac{(0.4257)^4}{\infty} + \frac{(0.295)^4}{4}}$$

$$v_{\text{eff}} = 64$$

Expanded Uncertainty for approximately 95% level of confidence, the coverage factor  $k=2$ , Thus

$$U = k \cdot U_c = 2 \cdot 0.00402 = 0.008 \text{ W}$$

$$\% U = 1.18 \% \quad U \cdot 100 / \text{mean Reading}$$



## Uncertainty Budget

Source of Uncertainty $X_i$	Estimates $x_i$	Limits %	Probability Distribution Type A or B Factor	Standard Uncertainty %	Sensitivity Coefficient $C_i$	Uncertainty Contribution $U_i(y)$ %	Degree of freedom $V_i$
$U_1$		0.0953	Normal type B – 2	0.04765	1.0	0.04765	infinity
$U_2$		0.5	Rectangular Type B $\sqrt{3}$	0.2876	1.0	0.2876	Infinity
$U_3$		0.7373	Rectangular Type B $\sqrt{3}$	0.4257	1.0	0.4257	Infinity
Repeatability	0.678 W		Normal Type A	0.295	1.0	0.295	4
$U_c$ %						0.59	64
Expanded Uncertainty			$k = 2$			1.18	Infinity

## Reporting of results:

Power loss = 0.678 Watt  $\pm$  0.008 Watt

#### Sample 4

### UNCERTAINTY CALCULATION FOR TRIPPING CHARACTERISTIC IN MCB

Product : MCB, 4 A  
Test : Tripping characteristic at 2.55 In  
Standard used :  
1) Digital time interval meter  
Range used : 99.99 seconds  
Accuracy : 0.5 % of Reading  
Uncertainty of time interval meter from its calibration certificate : 0.015 %  
Resolution : 0.01 seconds  
2) Current transformer (CT)  
Range used : 20/ 5 A  
Accuracy : 0.2 % of Reading  
Uncertainty of time interval meter from its calibration certificate : 0.092 %  
3) Digital AC Ammeter  
Range used : 0 -10 A  
Accuracy : 0.5 % of Reading  
Uncertainty of time interval meter from its calibration certificate : 0.0281 %  
Resolution : 0.01 A

Reading No.	Tripping time in seconds
1	18.01
2	18.26
3	18.76
4	18.68
5	18.16

## Type A Evaluation

Mean Rdg.(seconds)	= 18.374 seconds	$(R_1+R_2+R_3+R_4+R_5)/ 5$
Standard deviation	= 0.329 second	
Std. uncertainty $U_r$	= 0.147 second	Standard Deviation/ $\sqrt{5}$
Degree of freedom	= $V_1 = 5-1 = 4$	
Std. uncertainty (% $U_r$ )	= 0.801 %	$U_r * 100/ \text{Mean Reading}$

## Type B Evaluation

1. Uncertainty of time interval meter from its calibration certificate. The distribution is normal and the coverage factor for approximately 95% confidence level is 2

$$A_1 = 0.015 \%$$
$$U_1(\%) = A_1/ 2 = 0.015/ 2 = 0.0075 \%$$
$$U_1 = 0.0075 * 18.374 * 0.01 = 0.0014 \text{ second}$$

Degree of freedom  $V_2 = \text{infinity}$

2. From time interval Meter specification (Accuracy)

$$A_2 = 0.5\% \text{ of reading} = 0.5 * 18.3740 * 0.01 = 0.092 \text{ seconds}$$

For rectangular distribution, the standard uncertainty =  $U_2 = A_2/ \sqrt{3}$

$$U_2 = 0.0531 \text{ second}$$
$$\% U_2 = 0.289 \%$$

$U_2 * 100/ \text{Mean Reading}$

Degree of freedom  $V_3 = \text{infinity}$

3. Uncertainty due to resolution of Meter =  $U_3$

$$A_3 = 0.01/ 2 = 0.005 \text{ seconds}$$

For rectangular distribution, the standard uncertainty =  $U_3 = A_3/ \sqrt{3}$

$$U_3 = 0.0029 \text{ seconds}$$
$$\% U_3 = 0.016 \%$$

$U_3 * 100/ \text{Mean Reading}$

Degree of freedom  $V_4 = \text{infinity}$

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Uncertainty of CT from its calibration certificate. The distribution is normal and the coverage factor for approximately 95% confidence level is 1.96

$$A_4 = 0.092 \%$$

$$U_4 (\%) = A_4 / 2 = 0.092 / 2 = 0.046 \%$$

Degree of freedom  $V_5 = \text{infinity}$

From CT specification (Accuracy)

$$A_5 = 0.2\% \text{ of reading}$$

For rectangular distribution, the standard uncertainty =  $U_5 = A_5 / \sqrt{3}$

$$\% U_5 = 0.115 \%$$

Degree of freedom  $V_6 = \text{infinity}$

5. Uncertainty of Ammeter from its calibration certificate. The distribution is normal and the coverage factor for approximately 95% confidence level is 1.96

$$A_6 = 0.0281 \%$$

$$U_6(\%) = A_6 / 2 = 0.0281 / 2 = 0.141 \%$$

Degree of freedom  $V_7 = \text{infinity}$

6. From Ammeter specification (Accuracy)

$$A_7 = 0.5\% \text{ of reading}$$

For rectangular distribution, the standard uncertainty =  $U_2 = A_2 / \sqrt{3}$

$$\% U_7 = 0.289 \%$$

Degree of freedom  $V_8 = \text{infinity}$

7. Uncertainty due to resolution of Meter =  $U_8$

$$A_8 = 0.01 / 2 = 0.005$$

For rectangular distribution, the standard uncertainty =  $U_8 = A_8 / \sqrt{3}$

$$\% U_8 = 0.005 / \sqrt{3} = 0.016 \%$$

Degree of freedom  $V_9 = \text{infinity}$

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**Combined standard uncertainty =  $U_c$**

$$U_c = \sqrt{(U_r \cdot U_r) + (U_1 \cdot U_1) + (U_2 \cdot U_2) + (U_3 \cdot U_3) + (U_4 \cdot U_4) + (U_5 \cdot U_5) + (U_6 \cdot U_6) + (U_7 \cdot U_7) + (U_8 \cdot U_8)}$$

$$\% U_c = 0.900 \% \quad U_c \cdot 100 / \text{Mean Reading}$$

Effective degrees of freedom ( $v_{\text{eff}}$ ) =

$$v_{\text{eff}} = \frac{(U_c)^4}{\frac{(U_r)^4}{V_1} + \frac{(U_1)^4}{V_2} + \frac{(U_2)^4}{V_3} + \frac{(U_3)^4}{V_4} + \frac{(U_4)^4}{V_5} + \frac{(U_5)^4}{V_6} + \frac{(U_6)^4}{V_7} + \frac{(U_7)^4}{V_8} + \frac{(U_8)^4}{V_9}}$$

$$= \frac{(0.900)^4}{\frac{(0.801)^4}{4} + \frac{(0.0075)^4}{\infty} + \frac{(0.289)^4}{\infty} + \frac{(0.016)^4}{\infty} + \frac{(0.046)^4}{\infty} + \frac{(0.115)^4}{\infty} + \frac{(0.0141)^4}{\infty} + \frac{(0.289)^4}{\infty} + \frac{(0.016)^4}{\infty}}$$

$$= \frac{(0.900)^4}{\frac{(0.801)^4}{4} + 0}$$

$$= 6.375$$

Expanded Uncertainty for 95% level of confidence, the coverage factor  $k=2.45$ ,

$$\text{Thus } U = k \cdot U_c = 2.45 \cdot 0.900$$

$$\% U = 2.205 \%$$

## Uncertainty Budget

Source of Uncertainty Xi	Estimates xi.	Limits %	Probability Distribution Type A or B Factor	Standard Uncertainty %	Sensit. Coefficient Ci	Uncertainty Contribution Ui(y) %	Degree of freedom Vi
U <sub>1</sub>		0.015	Normal type B – 2	0.0075	1.0	0.0075	infinity
U <sub>2</sub>		0.5	Rectangular Type B sqrt(3)	0.289	1.0	0.289	Infinity
U <sub>3</sub>		0.005	Rectangular Type B sqrt(3)	0.016	1.0	0.016	Infinity
U <sub>4</sub>		0.092	Normal type B – 2	0.046	1.0	0.0046	infinity
U <sub>5</sub>		0.2	Rectangular Type B sqrt(3)	0.115	1.0	0.0115	Infinity
U <sub>6</sub>		0.0281	Normal type B – 2	0.0141	1.0	0.0141	infinity
U <sub>7</sub>		0.5	Rectangular Type B sqrt(3)	0.289	1.0	0.289	Infinity
U <sub>8</sub>		0.5	Rectangular Type B sqrt(3)	0.016	1.0	0.016	Infinity
Repeatability	18.374		Normal Type A	0.801	1.0	0.801	4
U <sub>c</sub> (seconds)						0.900	6.375
Expanded Uncertainty			k = 2.45			2.205	Infinity

### Reporting of results:

Tripping time = 18.374 seconds ± 2.205 %

= 18.374 seconds ± 0.405 seconds

## Sample 5

### UNCERTAINTY CALCULATION FOR TRANSFORMER

Product : Distribution transformer  
Test : Separate Source Voltage Withstand Test  
(Power Frequency Voltage Withstand Test)

Standards used :

#### **1) Capacitive voltage Divider and peak voltmeter**

Range used for testing : 0-50 kV  
Accuracy : 0.03 % of FSD  
Uncertainty of Capacitive voltage Divider and peak voltmeter from its calibration certificate : 0.0443 %  
Resolution : 0.2 kV

#### **2) Digital Stop watch**

Range used for testing : 0-99.99 seconds  
Accuracy : 0.02 % of RDG  
Uncertainty of Digital Stop watch from its calibration certificate : 0.0146 %  
Resolution : 0.0001 second

Reading No.	Voltage (kV)
1	28
2	28
3	28
4	28
5	28

### Type A Evaluation

Mean Reading (kV.) = 28 kV  $(R_1+R_2+R_3+R_4+R_5)/5$   
Standard deviation = 0  
Std. uncertainty  $U_r$  = 0.0 Standard Deviation/  $\sqrt{5}$   
Degree of freedom =  $V_1$  = 5 - 1 = 4  
Std. uncertainty (%  $U_r$ ) = 0.0  $U_r * 100/ \text{Mean reading}$

## Type B Evaluation

### A. Voltage Parameter

1. Uncertainty of Capacitive voltage Divider and peak voltmeter from its calibration certificate.

$$A_1 = 0.0443 \%$$

The distribution is normal and the coverage factor for approximately 95% confidence level is 2

$$U_1(\%) = A_1 / 2 = 0.0443 / 2 = 0.02215 \%$$

$$\text{Estimate} = 0.0443 * 28 * 0.01 = 0.0124 \text{ kV.}$$

Degree of freedom  $V_2 = \text{infinity}$

2. Accuracy of Capacitive voltage Divider and peak voltmeter

$$A_2 = 0.03\% \text{ of FSD}$$

$$= 0.03 * 50 * 0.01 = 0.015 \text{ kV}$$

For rectangular distribution, the standard uncertainty =  $U_2 = A_2 / \text{sqrt}(3)$

$$U_2 = 0.0086 \text{ kV}$$

$$\% U_2 = U_2 * 100 / \text{Mean Reading}$$

$$= 0.0086 * 100 / 28 = 0.031 \%$$

Degree of freedom  $V_3 = \text{infinity}$

3. Uncertainty due to resolution of Capacitive voltage Divider and peak voltmeter

$$A_3 = 0.2 / 2 = 0.1 \text{ kV} = \text{Estimate}$$

$$A_3(\%) = 0.1 * 100 / 28 = 0.357 \%$$

For rectangular distribution, the standard uncertainty =  $U_3 = A_3 / \text{sqrt}(3)$

$$U_3 = 0.0577 \text{ kV}$$

$$\% U_3 = U_3 * 100 / \text{Mean Reading}$$

$$= 0.0577 * 100 / 28 = 0.206 \%$$



### Combined standard uncertainty ( $U_c$ )

$$U_c = \sqrt{U_r^2 + U_1^2 + U_2^2 + U_3^2}$$

$$\% U_c = 0.21 \%$$

Effective degrees of freedom ( $\nu_{\text{eff}}$ ) =

$$\nu_{\text{eff}} = \frac{(U_c)^4}{\frac{(U_1)^4}{\nu_1} + \frac{(U_2)^4}{\nu_2} + \frac{(U_3)^4}{\nu_3} + \frac{(U_r)^4}{\nu_r}}$$

$$\nu_{\text{eff}} = \text{infinity}$$

Expanded Uncertainty for approximately 95% level of confidence, the coverage factor  $k=2$ , Thus

$$U = k \cdot U_c = 2 \cdot 0.21 \%$$

Total expanded uncertainty for voltage parameter  $\% U = 0.42 \%$

## Type B Evaluation

### B. Time Parameter

1. Uncertainty of Digital Stop watch from its calibration certificate.

$$A_1 = 0.0146 \%$$

The distribution is normal and the coverage factor for approximately 95% confidence level is 2

$$U_1(\%) = 0.0146 / 2 = 0.0073 \%$$

$$\text{Estimate} = 0.0146 * 60 * 0.01 = 0.00876 \text{ sec}$$

$$\text{Degree of freedom } V_2 = \text{infinity}$$

2. Accuracy of Digital Stop watch

$$A_2 = 0.02 \% \text{ of reading}$$

For rectangular distribution, the standard uncertainty =  $U_2 = A_2 / \sqrt{3}$

$$\% U_2 = 0.0115 \%$$

$$\text{Estimate} = 0.02 * 60 * 0.01 = 0.012 \text{ sec}$$

$$\text{Degree of freedom } V_3 = \text{infinity}$$

3. Uncertainty due to resolution of Digital Stop watch

$$A_3 = 0.0001 / 2 = 0.00005 \text{ sec.} = \text{Estimate}$$

$$A_3 = 0.00005 * 100 / 60 = 0.000083 \%$$

For rectangular distribution, the standard uncertainty =  $U_3 = A_3 / \sqrt{3}$

$$U_3 = 0.0000288 \text{ sec.}$$

$$\% U_3 = U_3 * 100 / \text{Mean Reading} = 0.000048 \%$$

$$\text{Degree of freedom } V_4 = \text{infinity}$$

**Combined standard uncertainty ( $U_c$ )**

$$U_c = \sqrt{U_r^2 + U_1^2 + U_2^2 + U_3^2}$$

$$\% U_c = 0.0137 \%$$

Effective degrees of freedom ( $v_{\text{eff}}$ ) =

$$v_{\text{eff}} = \frac{(U_c)^4}{\frac{(U_1)^4}{V_2} + \frac{(U_2)^4}{V_3} + \frac{(U_3)^4}{V_4} + \frac{(U_r)^4}{V_1}}$$

$$v_{\text{eff}} = \text{infinity}$$

Expanded Uncertainty for approximately 95% level of confidence, the coverage factor  $k=2$ , Thus

$$U = k * U_c = 2 * 0.0137 \%$$

Total expanded uncertainty for time parameter  $\% U = 0.0275 \%$

## Uncertainty Budget

### A. VOLTAGE PARAMETER

Source of uncertainty	Estimate	Limits %	Probability distribution	Divisor	std. uncert.	Sensitivity Coefficient	Uncertainty Contribution %	Degree of freedom
U <sub>1</sub> ('Uncertainty of CVD & PVM)		0.04430	Normal	2	0.02215	1	0.02215	Infinity
U <sub>2</sub> ('Accuracy of CVD & PVM)		0.03% of FSD	Rectangular	1.73205	0.031	1	0.031	Infinity
U <sub>3</sub> (Resolution of CVD & PVM)	0.2 kV	0.357	Rectangular	1.73205	0.206	1	0.206	Infinity
U <sub>r</sub> (Type-A-Repeatability)	28 kV	0.00000	Normal	1	0.0000	1	0.0000	4
Combined std. Uncertainty (%)							0.21	Infinity
Expanded uncertainty (%)			k =	2			0.42	Infinity

#### Reporting of results:

Applied Voltage = 28 kV  $\pm$  0.42 %  
 = 28 kV  $\pm$  0.1176 kV

### B. TIME PARAMETER

Source of uncertainty	Estimate	Limits	Probability distribution	Divisor	std. uncert.	Sensitivity Coefficient	Uncertainty Contribution %	Degree of freedom
U <sub>1</sub> ('Uncertainty of Stop watch)		0.01460	Normal	2	0.0073	1	0.0073	Infinity
U <sub>2</sub> ('Accuracy of stop watch)		0.02000	Rectangular	1.73205	0.0115	1	0.0115	Infinity
U <sub>3</sub> (Resolution of stop watch)	0.0001 sec	0.000083	Rectangular	1.73205	0.000048	1	0.000048	Infinity
U <sub>r</sub> (Type-A-Repeatability)	60 sec	0.00000	Normal	1.00000	0.0000	1	0.0000	4
Combined std. Uncertainty (%)							0.0137	Infinity
Expanded uncertainty (%)			k =	2			0.0275	Infinity

#### Reporting of results:

Time of Voltage Application = 60 seconds  $\pm$  0.0275 %  
 = 60 seconds  $\pm$  0.0165 seconds

### Sample 6

## UNCERTAINTY CALCULATION FOR VOLTAGE FOR POWER MEASUREMENTS IN 3 PHASE INDUCTOR MOTOR

Product	:	3 phase Induction motor
Test	:	Full load test
Equipment used	:	Wattmeter-3phase 3 wire (2 wattmeter method) Current Transformer (a) Current Transformer (b)
Accuracy	:	Wattmeter 0.5
Uncertainty from calibration report	:	Wattmeter 0.0953% Current transformer (a) 0.092% (ratio error - 0.31%) Current transformer (b) 0.092% (ratio error - 0.426%)
Resolution	:	Wattmeter 1 W
CT Ratio	:	15/ 5 = 3
No. of Observation	:	5

Reading No.	Measured Power (Wattmeter rdg.) W	Actual Power (=Wattmeter rdg * CT ratio) W
1	3260	9780
2	3281	9843
3	3260	9780
4	3282	9846
5	3284	9852

### Type A Evaluation

Mean Rdg. (Wattmeter rdg)	=	3273.4 W	(R1+R2+R3+R4+R5)/ 5
Mean Rdg. (Actual Power)	=	9820.2 W	
Standard deviation	=	36.84 W	
Standard Uncertainty $U_r$	=	16.475 W	Standard Deviation/ sqrt(5)
Degree of freedom	=	$V_1 = 5-1 = 4$	
Std. uncertainty (% $U_r$ )	=	0.168 %	$U_r *100/ \text{Mean Reading}$

## Type B Evaluation

1. Uncertainty of Wattmeter from its calibration certificate. The distribution is normal and the coverage factor for approximately 95% confidence level is 2

$$A_1 = 0.0953 \%$$

$$U_1(\%) = A_1/2 = 0.0953/2 = 0.048 \%$$

$$U_1 = 0.048 * 3273.4 * 0.01 = 1.571 \text{ W}$$

$$\text{Estimate} = 0.0953 * 3273.4 * 0.01 = 3.12 \text{ W}$$

Degree of freedom  $V_2 = \text{infinity}$

2. Accuracy of Wattmeter

$$A_2 = 0.5 \%$$

For rectangular distribution, the standard uncertainty =  $U_2 = A_2/\text{sqrt}(3)$

$$U_2 (\%) = 0.289 \%$$

$$U_2 = 0.289 * 3273.4 * 0.01 = 9.46 \text{ W}$$

$$\text{Estimate} = 0.5 * 3273.4 * 0.01 = 16.367 \text{ W}$$

Degree of freedom  $V_3 = \text{infinity}$

3. Uncertainty due to resolution of Wattmeter =  $U_3$

$$A_3 = 1/2 = 0.5 \text{ W}$$

For rectangular distribution, the standard uncertainty =  $U_3 = A_3/\text{sqrt}(3)$

$$U_3 = 0.289 \text{ W}$$

$$U_3 (\%) = 0.008 \%$$

$$\text{Estimate} = 0.5 \text{ W}$$

Degree of freedom  $V_4 = \text{infinity}$

4. Uncertainty of current transformer (a) from its calibration certificate. The distribution is normal and the coverage factor for approximately 95% confidence level is 2

$$A_4 = 0.092 \%$$

$$U_4 (\%) = A_4/2 = 0.092/2 = 0.046 \%$$

Degree of freedom  $V_5 = \text{infinity}$

5. Ratio error for current transformer (a) from its calibration certificate

$$A_5 = 0.31 \%$$

For rectangular distribution, the standard uncertainty =  $U_5 = A_5 / \sqrt{3}$

$$U_5 (\%) = 0.178 \%$$

Degree of freedom  $V_6 = \text{infinity}$

6. Uncertainty of current transformer (b) from its calibration certificate. The distribution is normal and the coverage factor for approximately 95% confidence level is 2

$$A_6 = 0.092 \%$$

$$U_6 (\%) = A_6 / 2 = 0.092 / 2 = 0.046 \%$$

Degree of freedom  $V_7 = \text{infinity}$

7. Ratio error for current transformer (b) from its calibration certificate.

$$A_7 = 0.426 \%$$

For rectangular distribution, the standard uncertainty is =  $U_7 = A_7 / \sqrt{3}$

$$U_7 (\%) = 0.246$$

Degree of freedom  $V_8 = \text{infinity}$

### Combined standard uncertainty ( $U_c$ )

$$U_c = \sqrt{U_r^2 + U_1^2 + U_2^2 + U_3^2 + U_4^2 + U_5^2 + U_6^2 + U_7^2}$$

$$\% U_c = 0.459 \%$$

Effective degrees of freedom ( $v_{\text{eff}}$ ) =

$$v_{\text{eff}} = \frac{(U_c)^4}{\frac{(U_1)^4}{v_1} + \frac{(U_2)^4}{v_2} + \frac{(U_3)^4}{v_3} + \frac{(U_4)^4}{v_4} + \frac{(U_5)^4}{v_5} + \frac{(U_6)^4}{v_6} + \frac{(U_7)^4}{v_7} + \frac{(U_r)^4}{4}}$$

$$= \frac{(0.459)^4}{\frac{(0.048)^4}{\infty} + \frac{(0.289)^4}{\infty} + \frac{(0.008)^4}{\infty} + \frac{(0.046)^4}{\infty} + \frac{(0.178)^4}{\infty} + \frac{(0.046)^4}{\infty} + \frac{(0.246)^4}{\infty} + \frac{(0.168)^4}{4}}$$

$$v_{\text{eff}} = 222.9$$

Expanded Uncertainty for approximately 95% level of confidence, the coverage factor  $k = 2$ , Thus

$$U = k \cdot U_c = 2 \cdot 0.459$$

$$\% U = 0.918 \%$$



## Uncertainty Budget

Source of Uncertainty $X_i$	Estimates $x_i$	Limits %	Probability Distribution Type A or B Factor	Standard Uncertainty $U(x_i)$ %	Sensitivity Coefficient $C_i$	Uncertainty Contribution $U_i(y)$ Volts %	Degree of freedom $V_i$
$U_1$		0.0953	Normal Type B 2	0.048	1.0	0.048	Infinity
$U_2$		0.5	Rectangular Type B $\sqrt{3}$	0.289	1.0	0.289	Infinity
$U_3$	0.03	0.015	Rectangular Type B $\sqrt{3}$	0.008	1.0	0.008	Infinity
$U_4$		0.092	Normal Type B 2	0.046	1.0	0.046	Infinity
$U_5$		0.31	Rectangular Type B $\sqrt{3}$	0.178	1.0	0.178	Infinity
$U_6$		0.092	Normal Type B 2	0.046	1.0	0.046	Infinity
$U_7$		0.426	Rectangular Type B $\sqrt{3}$	0.246	1.0	0.246	Infinity
Repeatability ( $U_r$ )	9820.2	--	Normal Type A	0.168	1.0	0.168	4
$U_c$						0.459	222.9
Expanded Uncertainty (U)			$k = 2$			0.918	Infinity

### Reporting of results:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Measured Power} &= 9820.2 \text{ W} \pm 0.918\% \\ &= 9820.2 \text{ W} \pm 90.1 \text{ W} \end{aligned}$$

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