



National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL)

Sample Calculations for Uncertainty of Measurement in Electrical Testing

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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.

The Specific Criteria for Electrical Testing Laboratories (NABL 104) has been brought out which deals with the technical issues and serve the purpose of giving all the necessary action and guidelines for the preparation of application for NABL Accreditation by the laboratories and conducting assessment by the Technical Assessors.

As per the requirements of clause 5.4.6 of ISO/ IEC 17025: 2005, the testing laboratories are required to estimate the Uncertainty of Measurement.

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

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2. SCOPE OF DOCUMENT

This document is supplementary to “Specific Criteria for Electrical Testing Laboratories” (NABL 104). As per the requirements of clause 5.4.6 of ISO/ IEC 17025: 2005, the testing laboratories are required to estimate the Uncertainty of Measurement. This document guides the laboratory to estimate the Uncertainty of Measurement for Electrical Testing.

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

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3. REFERENCES

1. ISO/ IEC 17025: 2005 - General Requirements for the Competence of Testing and Calibration Laboratories
2. NABL 104 - Specific Criteria for Electrical Testing Laboratories

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_{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 ₁		0.281	Normal type B – k=2	0.352	0.141	1.0	0.352	0.141	Infinity
U ₂		0.16	Rectangular Type B sqrt(3)	0.231	0.0924	1.0	0.231	0.0924	Infinity
U ₃		0.000019	Rectangular Type B sqrt(3)	0.000028	0.0000115	1.0	0.000028	0.0000115	Infinity
Repeatability (U _r)	250.22	--	Normal Type A	0.0374	0.0149	1.0	0.0374	0.0149	4
U _c				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 ± 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_c)

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

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

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

Effective degrees of freedom (v_{eff}) =

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

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

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

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

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 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
				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 ± 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 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_{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 Xi	Estimates xi	Limits %	Probability Distribution Type A or B Factor	Standard Uncertainty %	Sensitivity Coefficient Ci	Uncertainty Contribution Ui(y) %	Degree of freedom Vi
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 ± 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 second

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

2.

From time interval Meter specification (Accuracy)

A_2	= 0.5% of reading = $0.5 * 18.3740 * 0.01$	= 0.092 seconds
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For rectangular distribution, the standard uncertainty = $U_2 = A_2/ \sqrt{3}$

U_2	= 0.0531 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 = $U_3 = A_3 / \sqrt{3}$

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

$$\% U_3 = 0.016 \% \quad U_3 * 100 / \text{Mean Reading}$$

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

4.

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 $V_5 = \text{infinity}$

5.

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 $V_6 = \text{infinity}$

6.

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 $V_7 = \text{infinity}$

7.

From Ammeter specification (Accuracy)

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

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

$$\% U_7 = 0.289 \%$$

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

8.

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 $V_8 = \text{infinity}$

Combined standard uncertainty = U_c

$$U_c = \text{sqrt}(U_r^2 + U_1^2 + U_2^2 + U_3^2 + U_4^2 + U_5^2 + U_6^2 + U_7^2 + U_8^2)$$

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

Effective degrees of freedom (v_{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 $k=2.45$,

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

$$\% U = 2.205 \%$$

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 ₁		0.015	Normal type B – 2	0.0075	1.0	0.0075	infinity
U ₂		0.5	Rectangular Type B sqrt(3)	0.289	1.0	0.289	Infinity
U ₃		0.005	Rectangular Type B sqrt(3)	0.016	1.0	0.016	Infinity
U ₄		0.092	Normal type B – 2	0.046	1.0	0.0046	infinity
U ₅		0.2	Rectangular Type B sqrt(3)	0.115	1.0	0.0115	Infinity
U ₆		0.0281	Normal type B – 2	0.0141	1.0	0.0141	infinity
U ₇		0.5	Rectangular Type B sqrt(3)	0.289	1.0	0.289	Infinity
U ₈		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 _c (seconds)						0.900	6.375
Expanded Uncertainty			k = 2.45			2.205	Infinity

Reporting of results:

Tripping time = 18.374 seconds ± 2.205 %

$$= 18.374 \pm 0.405 \text{ seconds}$$

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 (R1+R2+R3+R4+R5)/ 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/ 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 (v_{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

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

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)

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

$$\% U_c = 0.0137 \%$$

Effective degrees of freedom (v_{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 ₁ ('Uncertainty of CVD & PVM)		0.04430	Normal	2	0.02215	1	0.02215	Infinity
U ₂ ('Accuracy of CVD & PVM)		0.03% of FSD	Rectangular	1.73205	0.031	1	0.031	Infinity
U ₃ (Resolution of CVD & PVM)	0.2 kV	0.357	Rectangular	1.73205	0.206	1	0.206	Infinity
U _r (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 ± 0.42 %.

B. TIME PARAMETER

Source of uncertainty	Estimate	Limits	Probability distribution	Divisor	std. uncert.	Sensitivity Coefficient	Uncertainty Contribution %	Degree of freedom
U ₁ ('Uncertainty of Stop watch)		0.01460	Normal	2	0.0073	1	0.0073	Infinity
U ₂ ('Accuracy of stop watch)		0.02000	Rectangular	1.73205	0.0115	1	0.0115	Infinity
U ₃ (Resolution of stop watch)	0.0001 sec	0.000083	Rectangular	1.73205	0.000048	1	0.000048	Infinity
U _r (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 ± 0.0275 %.

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 W
Estimate	=	$0.0953 * 3273.4 * 0.01$	= 3.12 W
Degree of freedom V_2	=	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 W
Estimate	=	$0.5 * 3273.4 * 0.01$	= 16.367 W
Degree of freedom V_3	=	infinity	

3.

Uncertainty due to resolution of Wattmeter = U_3

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

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

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

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

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

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 = $U_7 = A_7 / \text{sprt}(3)$

$$U_7 (\%) = 0.246$$

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

Combined standard uncertainty (U_c)

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

$$\% U_c = 0.459 \%$$

Effective degrees of freedom (v_{eff}) =

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

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

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

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 Xi	Estimates xi	Limits %	Probability Distribution Type A or B Factor	Standard Uncertainty U (xi) %	Sensitivity Coefficient Ci	Uncertainty Contribution Ui (y) Volts %	Degree of freedom Vi
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_i)	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:

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

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