

16.0 MEASUREMENT UNCERTAINTIES

| Error Description | Uncertainty Value ±% | Probability Distribution | Divisor | c_i 1g | Standard Uncertainty ±% (1g) | v_i or v_{eff} |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------|-------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Measurement System | | | | | | |
| Probe calibration | ± 4.8 | Normal | 1 | 1 | ± 4.8 | ∞ |
| Axial isotropy of the probe | ± 4.7 | Rectangular | $\sqrt{3}$ | (1- c_p) | ± 1.9 | ∞ |
| Spherical isotropy of the probe | ± 9.6 | Rectangular | $\sqrt{3}$ | (c_p) | ± 3.9 | ∞ |
| Spatial resolution | ± 0.0 | Rectangular | $\sqrt{3}$ | 1 | ± 0.0 | ∞ |
| Boundary effects | ± 5.5 | Rectangular | $\sqrt{3}$ | 1 | ± 3.2 | ∞ |
| Probe linearity | ± 4.7 | Rectangular | $\sqrt{3}$ | 1 | ± 2.7 | ∞ |
| Detection limit | ± 1.0 | Rectangular | $\sqrt{3}$ | 1 | ± 0.6 | ∞ |
| Readout electronics | ± 1.0 | Normal | 1 | 1 | ± 1.0 | ∞ |
| Response time | ± 0.8 | Rectangular | $\sqrt{3}$ | 1 | ± 0.5 | ∞ |
| Integration time | ± 1.4 | Rectangular | $\sqrt{3}$ | 1 | ± 0.8 | ∞ |
| RF ambient conditions | ± 3.0 | Rectangular | $\sqrt{3}$ | 1 | ± 1.7 | ∞ |
| Mech. constraints of robot | ± 0.4 | Rectangular | $\sqrt{3}$ | 1 | ± 0.2 | ∞ |
| Probe positioning | ± 2.9 | Rectangular | $\sqrt{3}$ | 1 | ± 1.7 | ∞ |
| Extrapolation & integration | ± 3.9 | Rectangular | $\sqrt{3}$ | 1 | ± 2.3 | ∞ |
| Test Sample Related | | | | | | |
| Device positioning | ± 6.0 | Normal | 0.89 | 1 | ± 6.7 | 12 |
| Device holder uncertainty | ± 5.0 | Normal | 0.84 | 1 | ± 5.9 | 8 |
| Power drift | ± 5.0 | Rectangular | $\sqrt{3}$ | | ± 2.9 | ∞ |
| Phantom and Setup | | | | | | |
| Phantom uncertainty | ± 4.0 | Rectangular | $\sqrt{3}$ | 1 | ± 2.3 | ∞ |
| Liquid conductivity (target) | ± 5.0 | Rectangular | $\sqrt{3}$ | 0.6 | ± 1.7 | ∞ |
| Liquid conductivity (measured) | ± 10.0 | Rectangular | $\sqrt{3}$ | 0.6 | ± 3.5 | ∞ |
| Liquid permittivity (target) | ± 5.0 | Rectangular | $\sqrt{3}$ | 0.6 | ± 1.7 | ∞ |
| Liquid permittivity (measured) | ± 5.0 | Rectangular | $\sqrt{3}$ | 0.6 | ± 1.7 | ∞ |
| Combined Standard Uncertainty | | | | | ± 13.7 | |
| Expanded Uncertainty (k=2) | | | | | ± 27.5 | |

The divisor for device positioning uncertainty and holder uncertainty are based on the procedure defined in IEEE Std 1528 (draft) (see reference [5]), or based on the degrees of freedom for each error source.

For estimation of Device Positioning Uncertainty (divisor=0.89) 12 different devices were used (see last column - i.e. degrees of freedom). The corresponding k_p factor for $v_{eff}=12$ is 2.23, therefore the divisor is $2/2.23=0.89$.

For estimation of Device Holder Uncertainty (divisor=0.84) 8 different devices were used (see last column - i.e. degrees of freedom). The corresponding k_p factor for $v_{eff}=8$ is 2.37, therefore the divisor is $2/2.37=0.84$.