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# COMPUTATION OF WAVEFORM PARAMETER UNCERTAINTIES

## 1 Scope

This document specifies methods for the computation of the temporal and amplitude parameters and their associated uncertainty for step-like and impulse-like waveforms. This document is applicable to any and all industries that generate, transmit, detect, receive, measure, and/or analyse these types of pulses.

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IEC 60469:2013, *Transitions, pulses and related waveforms – Terms, definitions and algorithms*

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### 3.1 aberration region

#### 3.1.1 post-transition aberration region

*interval* between a user-specified *instant* and a fixed *instant*, where the fixed *instant* is the first sampling *instant* succeeding the 50 % *reference level instant* for which the corresponding *waveform* value is within the *state boundaries* of the *state* succeeding the 50 % *reference level instant*

[SOURCE: IEC 60469:2013, 3.2.1.1, modified – the note 1 to entry has been deleted.]

#### 3.1.2 pre-transition aberration region

*interval* between a user-specified *instant* and a fixed *instant*, where the fixed *instant* is the first sampling *instant* preceding the 50 % *reference level instant* for which the corresponding *waveform* value is within the *state boundaries* of the *state* preceding the 50 % *reference level instant*

[SOURCE: IEC 60469:2013, 3.2.1.2, modified – the note 1 to entry has been deleted.]

## 3.2 amplitude

### 3.2.1 impulse amplitude

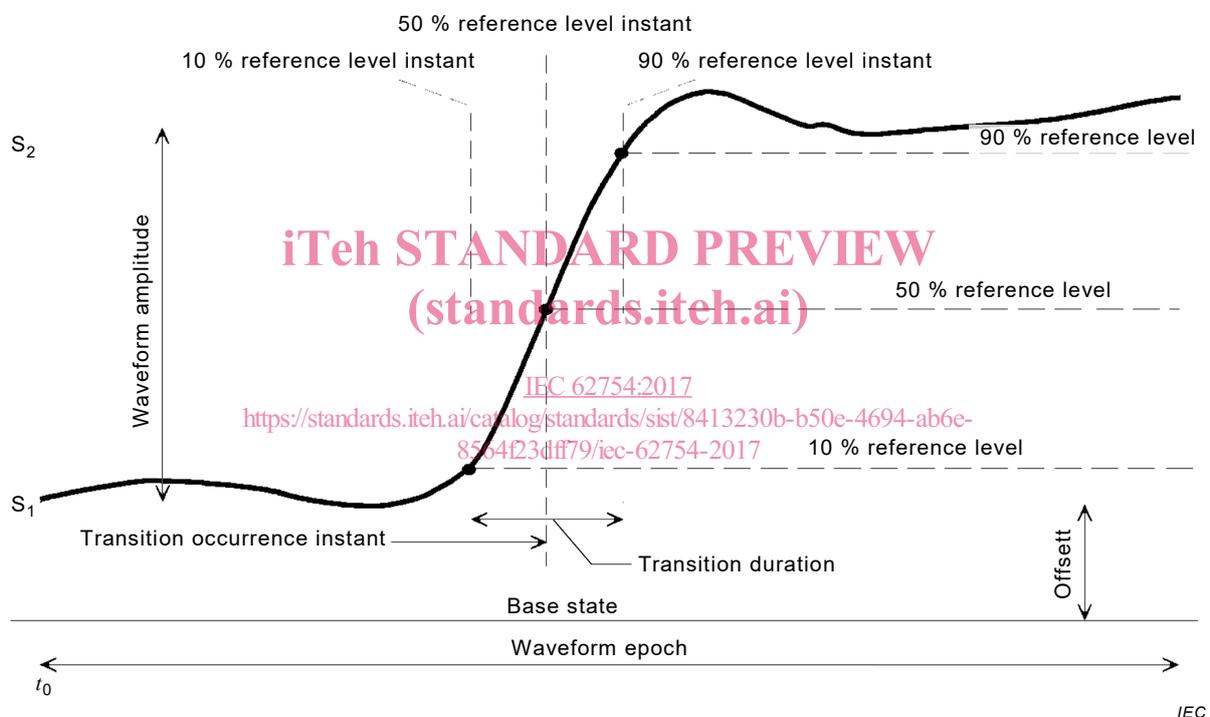
difference between the specified *level* corresponding to the *maximum peak* (*minimum peak*) of the positive (negative) *impulse-like waveform* and the *level* of the *state* preceding the first *transition* of that *impulse-like waveform*

[SOURCE: IEC 60469:2013, 3.2.3.1]

### 3.2.2 waveform amplitude

difference between the *levels* of two different *states* of a *waveform*

SEE Figure 1.



**Figure 1 – Reference levels, reference level instants, waveform amplitude, and transition duration for a single positive-going transition**

[SOURCE: IEC 60469:2013, 3.2.3.2, modified – the Note 1 to entry has been deleted and the reference to Figure 1 has been added.]

## 3.3 correction

operation that combines the results of the conversion operation with the transfer function information to yield a *waveform* that is a more accurate representation of the *signal*

Note 1 to entry Correction may be effected by a manual process by an operator, a computational process, or a compensating device or apparatus. Correction shall be performed to an accuracy that is consistent with the overall accuracy desired in the *waveform measurement process*.

[SOURCE: IEC 60469:2013, 3.2.4]

### 3.4 coverage factor

numerical factor used as a multiplier of the combined standard uncertainty in order to obtain an expanded uncertainty

Note 1 to entry: A coverage factor,  $k$ , is typically in the range 2 to 3.

Note 2 to entry: Coverage factor is also defined as a “number larger than or equal to one by which a *combined standard measurement uncertainty* is multiplied to obtain an *expanded measurement uncertainty*,” (See ISO/IEC Guide 99:2007, 2.38).

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC Guide 98-3:2008, 2.3.6, modified – the Note 2 to entry has been added.]

### 3.5 degrees of freedom

in general, the number of terms in a sum minus the number of constraints on the terms of the sum

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC Guide 98-3:2008, C.2.31]

### 3.6 impulse response

output *signal* from an instrument, device, or system that is the result of an input *signal*, where this input *signal* can be described by a unit impulse function,  $\delta(t)$ :

$$\delta(t=0) = 1$$

$$\delta(t \neq 0) = 0$$

(1)

### 3.7 instant

particular time value within a *waveform epoch* that, unless otherwise specified, is referenced relative to the *initial instant* of that *waveform epoch*

[SOURCE: IEC 60469:2013, 3.2.13]

#### 3.7.1 initial instant

first sample *instant* in the *waveform*

[SOURCE: IEC 60469:2013, 3.2.13.3]

#### 3.7.2 impulse center instant

*instant* at which a user-specified approximation to the *maximum peak (minimum peak)* of the positive (negative) *impulse-like waveform* occurs

[SOURCE: IEC 60496:2013, 3.2.13.2]

#### 3.7.3 reference level instant

*instant* at which the *waveform* intersects a specified *reference level*

SEE Figure 1.

[SOURCE: IEC 60469:2013, 3.2.13.5, modified – the reference to Figure 1 has been added.]

### 3.8 interval

set of all values of time between a first *instant* and a second *instant*, where the second *instant* is later in time than the first

Note 1 to entry: These first and second *instants* are called the endpoints of the *interval*. The endpoints, unless otherwise specified, are assumed to be part of the *interval*.

[SOURCE: IEC 60469:2013, 3.2.15]

### 3.9 level

constant value having the same units as  $y$

SEE Figure 1.

Note 1 to entry:  $y$  is the *signal*.

[SOURCE: IEC 60469:2013, 3.2.17, modified – the reference to Figure 1 has been added as well as the note 1 to entry.]

#### 3.9.1 percent reference level

*reference level* specified by:

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$$y_{x\%} = y_{0\%} + \frac{x}{100\%} (y_{100\%} - y_{0\%}) \quad (2)$$

where

$$0\% < x < 100\% \quad \text{IEC 62754:2017}$$

$y_{0\%}$  = level of low state

$y_{100\%}$  = level of high state

$y_{0\%}$ ,  $y_{100\%}$ , and  $y_{x\%}$  are all in the same unit of measurement

SEE Figure 1.

Note 1 to entry: Commonly used *reference levels* are: 0 %, 10 %, 50 %, 90 %, and 100 %.

[SOURCE: IEC 60469:2013, 3.2.17.3, modified – the reference to Figure 1 has been added.]

### 3.10 measurand

quantity intended to be measured

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC Guide 99:2007, 2.3, modified – the notes have been deleted.]

### 3.11 measurement model model of measurement model

mathematical relation among all quantities known to be involved in a measurement

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC Guide 99:2007, 2.48, modified – the notes have been deleted.]

**3.12**  
**measurement uncertainty**  
**uncertainty of measurement**  
**uncertainty**

non-negative parameter characterizing the dispersion of the quantity values being attributed to a *measurand*, based on the information used

Note 1 to entry Measurement uncertainty is also defined as a “parameter, associated with the result of a measurement, that characterizes the dispersion of the values that could reasonably be attributed to the *measurand*,” (See ISO/IEC Guide 98-3:2008, 2.2.3).

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC Guide 99:2007, 2.26, modified – the notes have been deleted and the note 1 to entry has been added.]

**3.12.1**  
**standard measurement uncertainty**  
**standard uncertainty of measurement**  
**standard uncertainty**

*measurement uncertainty* expressed as a standard deviation

Note 1 to entry: *Standard measurement uncertainty* is also defined as an “*uncertainty* of the results of measurement expressed as a standard deviation,” ( See ISO/IEC Guide 98-3:2008, 2.3.1).

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC Guide 99:2007, 2.30, modified – the note 1 to entry has been added.]

**3.12.2**  
**combined standard measurement uncertainty**  
**combined standard uncertainty**

standard *measurement uncertainty* that is obtained using the individual standard measurement uncertainties associated with the input quantities in a measurement model

Note 1 to entry: Combined standard uncertainty is also defined as a “standard uncertainty of the result of a measurement when that result is obtained from the values of a number of other quantities, equal to the positive square root of a sum of terms, the terms being the variances or covariances of these other quantities weighted according to how the measurement result varies with changes in these quantities,” (See ISO/IEC Guide 98-3:2008, 2.3.4).

[ISO/IEC Guide 99:2007, 2.31, modified – the note has been deleted and the note 1 to entry has been added.]

**3.12.3**  
**expanded measurement uncertainty**  
**expanded uncertainty**

product of a *combined standard measurement uncertainty* and a factor larger than the number one

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC Guide 99:2007, 2.35]

Note 1 to entry: Expanded uncertainty is also defined as a “quantity defining an interval about the result of a measurement that may be expected to encompass a large fraction of the distribution values that could reasonably be attributed to the *measurand*,” (See ISO/IEC Guide 98-3:2008,2.3.5).

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC Guide 99:2007, 2.35, modified – the notes have been deleted and the note 1 to entry has been added.]

**3.12.4**  
**instrumental measurement uncertainty**  
**instrumental uncertainty**

component of *measurement uncertainty* arising from a measuring instrument or measuring system in use

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC Guide 99:2007, 4.24, modified – the term "instrumental uncertainty" has been added as a synonym and the notes have been deleted.]

### 3.12.4.1

#### **intrinsic (instrumental) uncertainty**

*uncertainty* of a measuring instrument when used under reference conditions

[SOURCE: IEC 60359:2001, 3.2.10]

### 3.12.4.2

#### **operating instrumental uncertainty**

*instrumental uncertainty* under the rated operating conditions

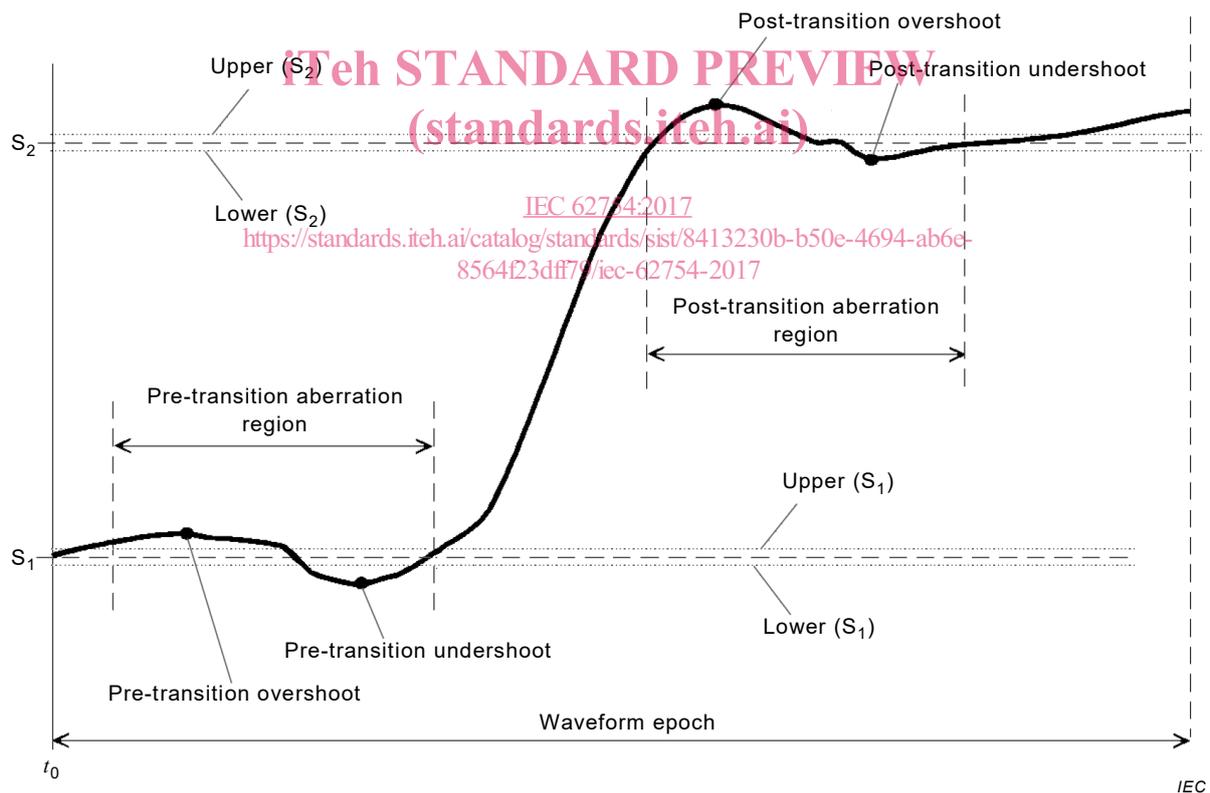
[SOURCE: IEC 60359:2001, 3.2.11]

### 3.13

#### **overshoot**

waveform aberration within a post-transition aberration region or pre-transition aberration region that is greater than the upper state boundary for the associated state level

SEE Figure 2.



**Figure 2 – Overshoot, undershoot, state levels, and state boundaries for a single positive-going transition**

[SOURCE: IEC 60469:2013, 3.2.19, modified – the reference to Figures 5 and 6 in the source definition has been replaced by the reference to Figure 2.]

### 3.14

#### **parameter**

any value (number multiplied by a unit of measure) that can be calculated from a *waveform*

[SOURCE: IEC 60469:2013, 3.2.20]

### 3.15

#### **maximum peak**

pertaining to the greatest value of the *waveform*

[SOURCE: IEC 60469:2013, 3.2.21]

### 3.16

#### **minimum peak**

pertaining to the least value of the *waveform*

[SOURCE: IEC 60469:2013, 3.2.22]

### 3.17

#### **pulse duration**

difference between the first and second *transition occurrence instants*

[SOURCE: IEC 60469:2013, 3.2.27, modified – the note has been deleted.]

### 3.18

#### **pulse separation**

*duration* between the 50 % *reference level instant*, unless otherwise specified, of the second *transition* of one *pulse* in a *pulse train* and that of the first *transition* of the immediately following *pulse* in the same *pulse train*

[SOURCE: IEC 60469:2013, 3.2.28]

### 3.19

#### **waveform reconstruction**

#### **deconvolution**

process of removing the effect of the measurement instrument, connectors, cables, and jitter on the measured *waveform*

Note 1 to entry: This process deconvolves the impulse response of the measurement instrument from the measured *waveform*.

### 3.20

#### **sample**

element of a *sampled waveform*, given in units of the amplitude of the *signal* at a given time

### 3.21

#### **signal**

physical phenomenon, one or more of whose characteristics may vary to represent information

Note 1 to entry: This phenomenon is a function of time.

[SOURCE: IEC 60469:2013, 3.2.38]

### 3.22

#### **state**

particular *level* or, when applicable, a particular *level* and upper and lower limits (the upper and lower *state boundaries*) that are referenced to or associated with that *level*

Note 1 to entry: Unless otherwise specified, multiple *states* are ordered from the most negative *level* to the most positive *level*, and the *state levels* are not allowed to overlap. The most negative *state* is called *state 1*. The most positive *state* is called *state n*. The *states* are denoted by  $s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n$ ; the *state levels* are denoted by  $level(s_1)$ ,

$level(s_2), \dots, level(s_n)$ ; the upper *state boundaries* are denoted by  $upper(s_1), upper(s_2), \dots, upper(s_n)$ ; and the lower *state boundaries* are denoted by  $lower(s_1), lower(s_2), \dots, lower(s_n)$ .

SEE Figure 2.

[SOURCE: IEC 60469:2013, 3.2.40, modified – the reference to Figure 2 has been added and note 2 of the original definition has been deleted.]

### 3.23 state boundaries

upper and lower limits of the states of a *waveform*

SEE Figure 2.

Note 1 to entry: All values of a *waveform* that are within the boundaries of a given *state* are said to be in that *state*. The *state boundaries* are defined by the user.

[SOURCE: IEC 60469:2013, 3.2.41, modified – the reference to Figure 2 has been added.]

### 3.24 state occurrence

contiguous region of a *waveform* that is bounded by the upper and lower *state boundaries* of a *state*, and whose *duration* equals or exceeds the specified minimum *duration* for *state* attainment. The state occurrence consists of the entire portion of the waveform that remains within the state boundaries of that state.

Note 1 to entry *State occurrences* are numbered as ordered pairs  $(s_i, n)$ , where  $s_i$  refers to the  $i^{\text{th}}$  state, and  $n$  is the number of the occurrence of that particular state within the *waveform epoch*. In a given *waveform epoch*, when the *waveform* first enters a *state*  $s_i$ , that state occurrence is  $(s_i, 1)$ . If and when the *waveform* exits that *state*, that *state occurrence* is over. If and when the *waveform* next enters and remains in state  $s_i$ , that *state occurrence* would be labelled  $(s_i, 2)$ ; and so on.

[SOURCE: IEC 60469:2013, 3.2.42, modified – the note has been shortened so that it does not discuss figures that are not contained in this document]

### 3.25 timebase

that component of a measurement instrument that provides the unique *instant* for each sample in a *sampled waveform*

Note 1 to entry: The *timebase* provides a vector of sampling instants where each *instant* corresponds to a unique sample in the *waveform*. Often the interval between sample *instants* is not uniform and exhibits both systematic and random errors.

### 3.26 transition

contiguous region of a *waveform* that connects, either directly or via intervening *transients*, two *state occurrences* that are consecutive in time but are occurrences of different *states*

[SOURCE: IEC 60469:2013, 3.2.47]

#### 3.26.1 negative-going transition

*transition* whose terminating *state* is more negative than its originating *state*

Note 1 to entry: The endpoints of the *negative-going transition* are the last exit of the *waveform* from the higher *state boundary* and the first entry of the *waveform* into the lower *state boundary*.

[SOURCE: IEC 60469:2013, 3.2.47.1, modified – note 2 has been deleted.]