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Introduction

Clause 8 of ISO/TS 10974:2018 describes methods (Tiers) for analyzing the RF power deposition for active implantable medical device (AIMD). EM evaluations in a complex near-field exposure scenario can be difficult and involve many uncertainty sources. Simulations requiring a model of the DUT and clinical incident field have uncertainties that need to be carefully assessed.

The objective of the uncertainty analysis is to determine the confidence interval of the RF-induced power deposition with respect to its true value. The acceptable level of uncertainty for an AIMD model is relative to the safety margin afforded by the AIMD's RF performance. For instance, if the expected MRI RF induced AIMD power deposition *in vivo* is very low, it is less critical to have a highly accurate model and more uncertainty can be tolerated in the model predictions.

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1 Scope

This document provides guidance for some methods that could be used to evaluate the sources of uncertainty. It is important to note that there are many legitimate methods for analyzing the overall uncertainty and that the methods in this document are illustrative only.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO/TS 10974:2018, *Assessment of the safety of magnetic resonance imaging for patients with an active implantable medical device*

3 Terms and definitions

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— ISO Online browsing platform: available at https://www.iso.org/obp

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4 Uncertainty background

4.1 General

The uncertainties are divided into random and systematic uncertainties.

Random errors result in measured values being distributed about the mean value. Measurement variations are often well approximated by normal or lognormal distributions. Many of the sources of uncertainty in the measurements described in this document are the result of exponential or r^n functions, e.g. the decay of power levels as a function of distance from the AIMD, and therefore can be approximated by lognormal distributions.

In addition to random errors, systematic errors should also be considered. Systematic error is the error remaining once the random error is removed as shown in Figure 1. Systematic errors should be eliminated wherever possible.

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