
MEASURED DATA UNCERTAINTY APPROXIMATION

This EES program was used to approximate the random uncertainty to be ascribed to the measurements made at the NIST and FSEC PV-SDHW system installations (see Chapter 4):

```
"Function to determine the random uncertainty in the average of several numbers  
of uncertainty delta"  
Function del_avg(N,delta)  
del_avg=sqrt(N*delta^2)/N  
end
```

```
"Function to determine the random uncertainty in the sum of several numbers  
of uncertainty delta"  
Function del_sum(N,delta)  
del_sum=sqrt(N*delta^2)  
end
```

```
"uncertainty in temperature measurements"  
delta_T_min=1 "C" "uncertainty Type T TC from Omega"  
delta_Tav_min=del_avg(6,delta_T_min) "C" "minutely uncertainty in tank temp."  
delta_Tav_hr=del_avg(60,delta_Tav_min) "C" "hourly uncertainty in tank temp."  
delta_Tav_day=del_avg(24,delta_Tav_hr) "C" "daily uncertainty in tank temp."  
delta_Tav_month=del_avg(30,delta_Tav_day) "C" "monthly uncertainty in tank temp."  
delta_Tav_hr_amb=del_avg(60,delta_T_min) "C" "hourly uncertainty in ambient temp."
```

```
"uncertainty in tank heat loss"  
loss_hr=UA*(T_avg_hr-T_a_avg_hr) "kJ" "approx. avg. hourly loss"  
UA=2.70 "kJ/h-C" "approx. of tank UA"  
delta_UA/UA=0.05 "approx. of fractional uncert. in UA"  
T_avg_hr=45 "C" "approx. of avg. tank temp."  
T_a_avg_hr=25 "C" "approx. of avg. ambient temp."  
delta_T_a_avg_hr=del_avg(60,delta_T_min) "C"  
delta_loss_hr=sqrt(((T_avg_hr-T_a_avg_hr)*delta_UA)^2+(UA*delta_Tav_hr)^2+(UA*delta_T_a_avg_hr)^2)  
"kJ"  
delta_loss_day=del_sum(24,delta_loss_hr) "kJ"  
delta_loss_month=del_sum(30,delta_loss_day) "kJ"  
deltafract_loss_month=delta_loss_month/(loss_hr*24*30) "fractional uncertainty in monthly tank heat loss"
```

"uncertainty in tank load"

$load_hr = m * c_p * (T_{out} - T_{in})$ "kJ" "approx. avg. hourly load"

$m = 40$ "kg" "approx. of tank water mass"

$\Delta m / m = 0.01$ "approx. of fractional uncert. in m"

$c_p = 4.18$ "kJ/kg-C" "specific heat"

$\Delta c_p / c_p = 0.005$ "approx. of fractional uncert. in c_p "

$T_{out} = 50$ "C" "approx. of avg. outlet temp."

$\Delta T_{out} = \Delta_{avg}(4, \Delta T_{min})$ "C" "uncert. in outlet temp. per draw"

$\Delta T_{in} = \Delta_{avg}(4, \Delta T_{min})$ "C" "uncert. in inlet temp. per draw"

$T_{in} = 30$ "C" "approx. of avg. inlet temp."

$\Delta load_hr = \sqrt{(c_p * (T_{out} - T_{in}) * \Delta m)^2 + (m * (T_{out} - T_{in}) * \Delta c_p)^2 + (m * c_p * \Delta T_{out})^2 + (m * c_p * \Delta T_{in})^2}$ "kJ"

$\Delta load_day = \Delta_{sum}(6, \Delta load_hr)$ "kJ"

$\Delta load_month = \Delta_{sum}(30, \Delta load_day)$ "kJ"

$\Delta fract_load_month = \Delta load_month / (load_hr * 6 * 30)$ "fractional uncertainty in monthly tank load"

"uncertainty in tank electrical energy input"

$P_{min} = I_{min} * V_{min}$ "W" "approx. avg. power"

$I_{min} = 8$ "A" "approx. avg. current"

$V_{min} = 150$ "V" "approx. avg. voltage"

$\Delta V_{min} / V_{min} = 0.01$ "approx. fractional uncertainty in V"

$\Delta I_{min} / I_{min} = 0.01$ "approx. fractional uncertainty in I"

$\Delta PVenergy_min = (I_{min} * \Delta V_{min} + V_{min} * \Delta I_{min}) * 60 / 1000$ "kJ"

$\Delta PVenergy_hr = \Delta_{sum}(60, \Delta PVenergy_min)$ "kJ"

$\Delta PVenergy_day = \Delta_{sum}(24, \Delta PVenergy_hr)$ "kJ"

$\Delta PVenergy_month = \Delta_{sum}(30, \Delta PVenergy_day)$ "kJ"

$\Delta fract_PVenergy_month = \Delta PVenergy_month / (P_{min} * 60 / 1000 * 60 * 24 * 30)$ "fractional uncertainty in monthly electrical input"