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- IEC 62779-1 defines general requirements of a semiconductor interface for human body communication. It includes general and functional specifications of the interface.

- IEC 62779-2 defines a measurement method on electrical performances of an electrode that constructs a semiconductor interface for human body communication.

- IEC 62779-3 defines functional type of a semiconductor interface for human body communication, and operational conditions of the interface.

IEC 60748-4 gives requirements on interface integrated circuits for semiconductor devices. Especially, Chapter III, Section 7 in this standard is applied to interface circuits for a communication network using a general channel, such as wire or wireless. However, a channel for HBC is the human body whose channel properties, such as signal loss and delay profile, are different from the general channel, so the Chapter III, Section 7 cannot be applied to an interface for HBC. Furthermore, a standard on a communication protocol for body area network (BAN) − IEEE 802.15.6 (IEEE Std 802.15.6-2012), which includes a communication protocol for HBC was published in 2012. A common interface for HBC should be defined to secure communication compatibility between various devices that are implemented on/inside the human body or embedded in peripheral equipments.

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1   Scope

This part of IEC 62779 series defines a functional type of a semiconductor interface for human body communication (HBC). An interface for HBC includes an electrode that is physical structure to transmit a data signal to the human body or receive a transmitted data signal from the body. An electrode directly contacts with the human body in many cases, but it cannot maintain the contact condition when an object, such as clothes, exists between the interface and the body or a near field communication is required; hence, depending on the contact condition, an interface for HBC can be categorized into a contact and non-contact type as shown in Figure 1. This part includes the categorization of the interface for HBC according to the contact condition; and performance parameters characterizing the interface of each category.

| a) contact type | b) non-contact type |
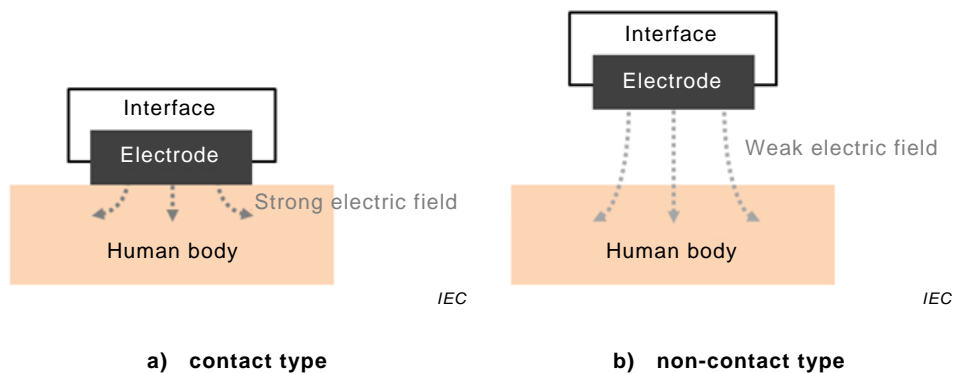
Key

| Human Body | Human body of a user using HBC | Electrode | Physical structure to transmit an electrical signal to the human body or receive a signal from the human body |

Figure 1 – HBC interfaces

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