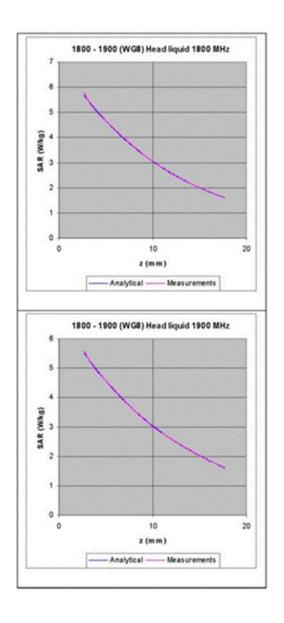
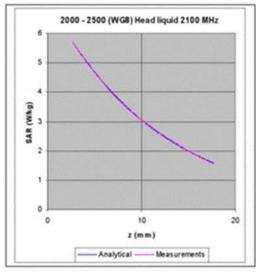


Figure 5 The measured SAR decay function along the centreline of the WG4 waveguide with conversion factors adjusted to fit to the theoretical function for the particular dimension, frequency, power and liquid properties employed.









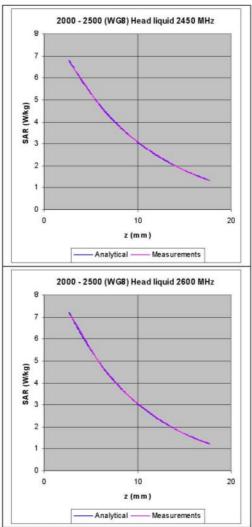


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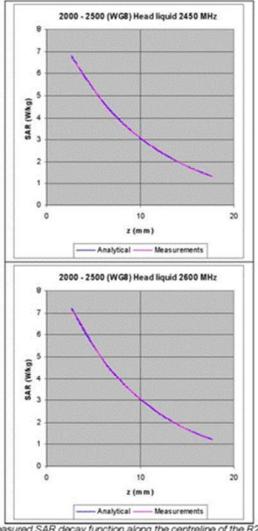
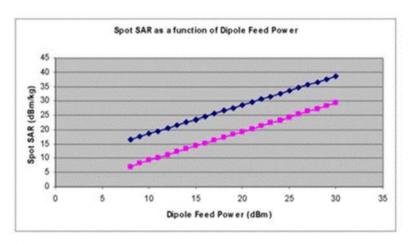


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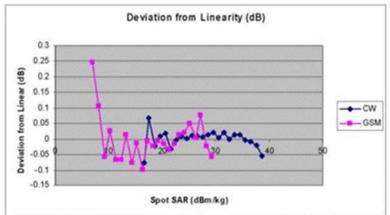


Figure 7: The typical linearity response of 5mm probes to both CW (blue) and GSM (pink) modulation in close proximity to a source dipole. The top diagram shows the SAR reading as a function of dipole feed power, with GSM modulation being approx a factor of of 8 (ie 9dB) lower than CW. The lower diagram shows the departure from linearity of the same two datasets.

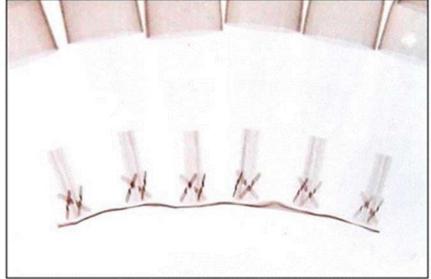


Figure 8 X-ray positive image of 5mm probes



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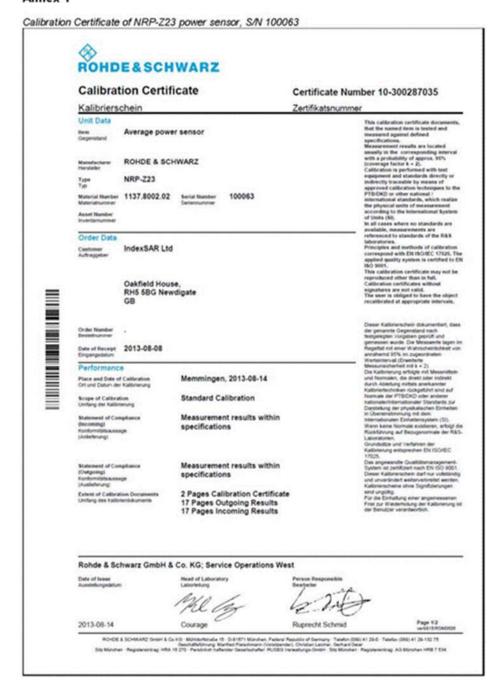
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835	10000	42.14	0.90	41.5	0.90	1.5	0.1	Pass	Pass
900	20.0	41.13	0.96	41,5	0.97	-0.9	-0.9	Pass	Pass
1800	Mand	39.72	1.43	40.0	1.40	-0.7	2.0	Pass	Pass
1900	Head	39.71	1.41	40.0	1.40	-0.7	0.6	Pass	Pass
2100	B335	40.50	1.48	39.8	1.49	1.8	-0.6	Pass	Pass
2450		39.17	1.85	39.2	1.80	-0.1	2.8	Pass	Pass
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Power sensor	Rohde & Schwarz	NRP-Z23	100169	06/08/2014	1400-48811	2	06/08/2016
Dielectric property measurement	Indexsar	DiLine (sensor lengths: 160mm, 80mm and 60mm)	N/A	(absolute) — checked against NPL values using reference liquids	N/A		N/A
Vector network analyser	Arritsu	MS6423B	003102	17/02/2015	RMA20027002	3	17/02/2016
SMA autocalibration module	Arritsu	36581KKF/1	001902	22/01/2015	RMA20021769	4	22/01/2016



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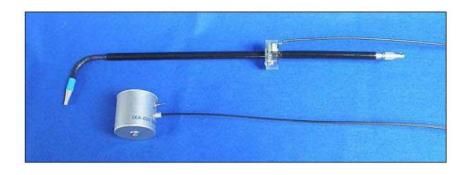
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INTRODUCTION

This Report presents measured calibration data for a particular Indexsar SAR probe (S/N LG0018) only and describes the procedures used for characterisation and calibration.

Indexsar probes are characterised using procedures that, where applicable, follow the recommendations of IEC 62209-1 [Ref 1], IEEE 1528 [Ref 2], IEC 62209-2 [Ref 3] and FCC OET65 [Ref 4] standards. The procedures incorporate techniques for probe linearisation, isotropy assessment and determination of liquid factors (conversion factors). Calibrations are determined by comparing probe readings with analytical computations in canonical test geometries (waveguides) using normalised power inputs.

Each step of the calibration procedure and the equipment used is described in the sections below.

CALIBRATION PROCEDURE

1. Objectives

The calibration process comprises the following stages

- Determination of the channel sensitivity factors which optimise the probe's overall axial isotropy
- Use of these channel sensitivity factors to compare the SAR decay curve in a waveguide fluid cell with an analytical curve at each frequency of interest, and hence derive the liquid conversion factors at that frequency.

2. Probe output

The probe channel output signals are linearised in the manner set out in Refs [1] and [2]. The following equation is utilized for each channel:

$$U_{lin} = U_{o/p} + U_{o/p}^{2} / DCP$$
 (1)

where U_{lin} is the linearised signal, $U_{o/p}$ is the raw output signal in mV and DCP is the diode compression potential, also in mV.

DCP is determined from fitting equation (1) to measurements of U_{lin} versus source feed power over the full dynamic range of the probe. The DCP is a characteristic of the Schottky diodes used as the sensors. For the IXP-021 probes with CW signals the DCP values are typically 100mV.

In turn, measurements of E-field are determined using the following equation:

$$E_{liq}^{2}$$
 (V/m) = $U_{linx} * Air Factor_{x} * Liq Factor_{x}$

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Here, "Air Factor" represents each channel's sensitivity, while "Liq Factor" represents the enhancement in signal level when the probe is immersed in tissue-simulant liquids at each frequency of interest.

3. Selecting channel sensitivity factors to optimise isotropic response

Within SARA-C, a probe's predominant mode of operation is with the tip pointing directly towards the source of radiation. Consequently, optimising the probe's response to boresight signals ("axial isotropy") is far more important than optimising its spherical isotropy (where the direction, as well as the polarisation angle, of the incoming radiation must be taken into account).

A 5-6GHz waveguide containing head-fluid simulant is selected. Like all waveguides used during probe calibration, this particular waveguide contains two distinct sections: an air-filled launcher section, and a liquid cell section, separated by a dielectric matching window designed to minimise reflections at the air-liquid interface.

The waveguide stands in an upright position on a turntable and the liquid cell section is filled with 5-6GHz brain fluid to within 1 mm of the open end. The depth of liquid ensures there is negligible radiation from the waveguide open top and that the probe calibration is not influenced by reflections from nearby objects.

During the measurement, a TE₀₁ mode is launched into the waveguide by means of an N-type-to-waveguide adapter. The probe is held by the robot in a dedicated jig with the probe's long shaft horizontal and the short shaft pointing vertically down over the centre of the waveguide opening, Figure 1. In this position, the short shaft lies directly along the waveguide's main axis in the direction of signal travel. The probe is then lowered along the waveguide axis directly into the liquid until the tip is exactly 5mm above the centre of the dielectric window. This particular separation ensures that the probe is operating in a part of the waveguide where boundary corrections are not necessary.

The exact power applied to the input of the waveguide during this stage of the probe calibration is immaterial since only relative values are of interest during the assessment of axial isotropy. However, the power must be sufficiently above the noise floor and free from drift.

With the probe's short shaft lying directly along the waveguide axis, the probe's axial isotropy can be measured by changing their relative position angle. This can be done by either spinning the probe while the waveguide remains stationery (usual procedure for straight probes) or, as is the case for L-probes, the waveguide is turned by hand while the probe does not move. The dedicated Indexsar calibration software requests that the user rotates the waveguide in 10 degree steps about its axis, and at each position, an Indexsar 'Fast' amplifier samples the probe channels 500 times per second for

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0.4 s. The raw $U_{\text{o/p}}$ data from each sample are packed into 10 bytes and transmitted back to the PC controller via an optical cable. U_{linx} , U_{liny} and U_{linz} are derived from the raw $U_{\text{o/p}}$ values and written to an Excel template.

Once data have been collected from a full probe rotation, the Air Factors are adjusted using a special Excel Solver routine to equalise the output from each channel and hence minimise the axial isotropy. This automated approach to optimisation removes the effect of human bias.

Figure 3 represents the output from each diode sensor as a function of probe rotation angle.

Determination of Conversion ("Liquid") Factors at each frequency of interest

A lookup table of conversion factors for a probe allows a SAR value to be derived at the measured frequencies, and for either brain or body fluid-simulant.

The method by which the conversion factors are assessed is based on the comparison between measured and analytical rates of decay of SAR with perpendicular distance from a dielectric window. This way, not only can the conversion factors for that frequency/fluid combination be determined, but an allowance can also be made for the scale and range of boundary layer effects.

The theoretical relationship between the SAR at the cross-sectional centre of the lossy waveguide as a function of the longitudinal distance (z) from the dielectric separator is given by Equation 4:

$$SAR(z) = \frac{4(P_f - P_b)}{\rho ab\delta} e^{-2z/\delta}$$
(4)

Here, the density ρ is conventionally assumed to be 1000 kg/m³, ab is the cross-sectional area of the waveguide, and P_f and P_b are the forward and reflected power inside the lossless section of the waveguide, respectively. The penetration depth δ (which is the reciprocal of the waveguide-mode attenuation coefficient) is a property of the lossy liquid and is given by Equation (5).

$$\delta = \left[\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \sqrt{(\pi / a)^2 + j\omega \mu_o (\sigma + j\omega \varepsilon_o \varepsilon_r)} \right\} \right]^{-1}$$
 (5)

where σ is the conductivity of the tissue-simulant liquid in S/m, ε_r is its relative permittivity, and ω is the radial frequency (rad/s). Values for σ and ε_r are obtained prior to each waveguide test using an Indexsar DiLine measurement kit, which uses the TEM method as recommended in [2]. σ and ε_r are both

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temperature- and fluid-dependent, so are best measured using a sample of the tissue-simulant fluid immediately prior to the actual calibration.

Wherever possible, all DiLine and calibration measurements should be made in the open laboratory at 22 ± 2.0 °C; if this is not possible, the values of σ and ε_r should reflect the actual temperature. Values employed for calibration are listed in the tables below.

There are two ways of accommodating the geometry of an L-shaped probe as it traces out the decay profile. Above 3GHz, as here, the waveguide's fluid cell is short enough that the probe's short shaft can be lowered vertically down into the waveguide without the long shaft fouling on the waveguide edge, Figure 1. By contrast, at lower frequencies, the measurement geometry has to be changed, and the waveguide now lies horizontally and the fluid cell has to be capped with a metal plate at least three penetration depths away from the dielectric window (see Figure 2). A slot is cut in the top ("b") face through which tissue simulant fluid can be poured, and through which the probe can enter the guide and be offered up to the now vertical waveguide window.

During high frequency calibration, the probe is lowered carefully until the flat face of the tip is just touching the cross-sectional centre of the dielectric window. 200 samples are then taken and written to an Excel template file before moving the probe away from the waveguide window. This cycle is repeated 150 times, with a different separation each time, in steps of 0.35mm.

Once the data collection is complete, a Solver routine is run which optimises the measured-theoretical fit by varying the conversion factor, and the boundary correction size and range.

Different waveguides are used for 835/900MHz, 1800/1900MHz, 2100/2450/2600MHz and 5200/5800MHz measurements. Table A.1 of [1] can be used for designing calibration waveguides with a return loss greater than 20 dB at the most important frequencies used for personal wireless communications, and better than 15dB for frequencies greater than 5GHz. Values for the penetration depth for these specific fixtures and tissue-simulating mixtures are also listed in Table A.1.

For 450 MHz calibrations, a slightly different technique must be used — the equatorial response of the probe-under-test is compared with the equivalent response of a probe whose 450MHz characteristics have already been determined by NPL. The conversion factor of the probe-under-test can then be deduced.

According to [1], this calibration technique provides excellent accuracy, with standard uncertainty of less than 3.6% depending on the frequency and medium. The calibration itself is reduced to power measurements traceable to a standard calibration procedure. The practical limitation to the frequency band of 800 to 5800 MHz because of the waveguide size is not severe in the context of compliance testing.

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CALIBRATION FACTORS MEASURED FOR PROBE S/N LG0018

The probe was calibrated at 5200, 5500 and 5800 MHz in liquid samples representing brain tissue at these frequencies.

The calibration was for CW signals only, and the horizontal axis of the probe was parallel to the direction of propagation of the incident field i.e. end-on to the incident radiation.

The reference point for the calibration is in the centre of the probe's cross-section at a distance of 1.39 mm from the probe tip in the direction of the probe amplifier. A value of 1.39 mm should be used for the tip to sensor offset distance in the software. The distance of 1.39 mm for assembled probes has been confirmed by taking X-ray images of the probe tips (see Figure 9).

It is important that the diode compression point and air factors used in the software are the same as those quoted in the results tables, as these are used to convert the diode output voltages to a SAR value.

CALIBRATION EQUIPMENT

The Table on page 18 indicates the calibration status of all test equipment used during probe calibration.



MEASUREMENT UNCERTAINTIES

A complete measurement uncertainty analysis for the SARA-C measurement system has been published in Reference [3]. Table 17 from that document is re-created below, and lists the uncertainty factors associated just with the calibration of probes.

Source of uncertainty	Uncertainty value ± %	Probability distribution	Divisor	Cį	Standard uncertainty ui ± %	v _i or v _{eff}
Forward power	3.92	N	1.00	1	3.92	60
Reflected power	4.09	N	1.00	1	4.09	+0
Liquid conductivity	1.308	N	1.00	- 1	1.31	**
Liquid permittivity	1.271	N	1.00	- 1	1.27	40
Field homgeneity	3.0	R	1.73	1	1.73	40
Probe positioning	0.22	R	1.73	1	0.13	+0
Field probe linearity	0.2	R	1.73	1	0.12	40
Combined standard uncertainty		RSS			6.20	

At the 95% confidence level, therefore, the expanded uncertainty is $\pm 12.4\%$

SUMMARY OF CAL FACTORS FOR PROBE IXP-021 S/N LG0018

			SAR Calib	rs / Boundary	y Corrections*			
Freq (MHz)	Tissue Type	Air Factor X ((V/m) ² /mV)	Air Factor Y ((V/m)²/mV)	Air Factor Z ((V/m) ² /mV)	Rotational Isotropy (± dB)	SAR Conv Factor	Boundary Correction f(0)	Boundary Correction d(mm)
5200						0.788	0.55	1.1
5500	Head	289.0	322.7	348.3	0.10	0.800	0.50	1.5
5800						0.800	0.66	1.0



PROBE SPECIFICATIONS

Indexsar probe LG0018, along with its calibration, is compared with BSEN 62209-1 and IEEE standards recommendations (Refs [1] and [2]) in the Tables below. A listing of relevant specifications is contained in the tables below:

Dimensions	S/N LG0018	BSEN [1]	IEEE [2]
Vertical shaft (mm)	510		
Horizontal shaft (mm)	84.15		
Tip length (mm)	10		
Body diameter (mm)	12		
Tip diameter (mm)	2.55	8	8
Distance from probe tip to dipole centers (mm)	1.39		

Dynamic range	S/N	BSEN [1]	IEEE [2]
	LG0018		
Minimum (W/kg)	0.01	<0.02	0.01
Maximum (W/kg)	>100	>100	100
N.B. only measured to > 100 W/kg			
on representative probes			

Rotational Isotropy (at 5.2GHz)	S/N LG0018	BSEN [1]	IEEE [2]
Axial rotation with probe normal to source (+/- dB)	0.10	0.5	0.25

Construction	Each probe contains three orthogonal dipole sensors arranged on a triangular prism core, protected against static charges by built-in shielding, and covered at the tip by PEEK cylindrical enclosure material. Outer case materials are PEEK and heat-shrink sleeving.
Chemical resistance	Tested to be resistant to TWEEN and sugar/salt-based simulant liquids but probes should be removed, cleaned and dried when not in use. NOT recommended for use with glycol or soluble oil-based liquids.



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References are either specific (identified by date of publication, edition number, version number, etc.) or non-specific.

For a specific reference, subsequent revisions do not apply.

For a non-specific reference, the latest version applies.

[1] IEC 62209-1.

Human exposure to radio frequency fields from hand-held and body-mounted wireless communication devices — Human models, instrumentation, and procedures — Part 1: Procedure to determine the specific absorption rate (SAR) for hand-held devices used in close proximity to the ear (frequency range of 300 MHz to 3 GHz)

[2] IEEE 1528

Recommended Practice for Determining the Peak Spatial-Average Specific Absorption Rate (SAR) in the Human Head from Wireless Communications Devices: Measurement Techniques

[3] IEC 62209-2

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[4] FCC OET65

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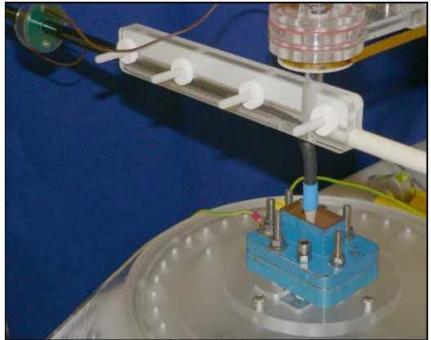


Figure 1 Test geometry used for isotropy determination above 3 GHz



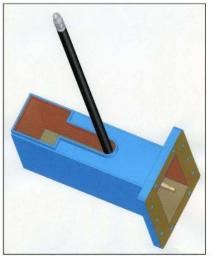


Figure 2. Schematic showing the innovative design of slot in the waveguide termination



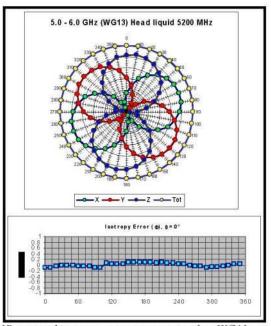
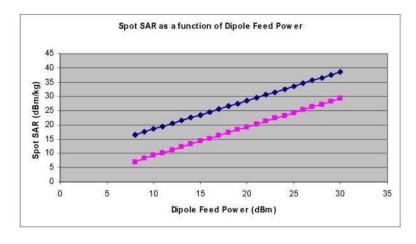


Figure 3Rotational isotropy measurements inside a WG13 waveguide.





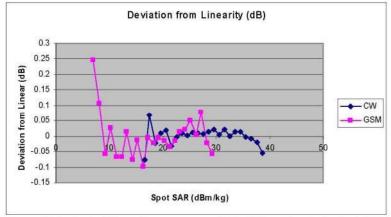


Figure 4 The typical linearity response of IXP-021 probes to both CW (blue) and GSM (pink) modulation in close proximity to a source dipole. The top diagram shows the SAR reading as a function of dipole feed power, with GSM modulation being approx a factor of 8



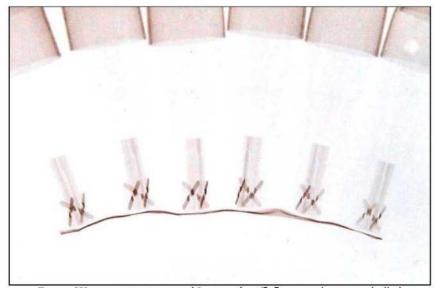


Figure 5X-ray positive image of 5mm probes (2.5mm probes are similar)



Table indicating the dielectric parameters of the liquids used for calibrations at each frequency

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Frequency (MHz)	Type	Relative Permittivity	Conductivity (S/m)	Relative Permittivity	Conductivity (S/m)	Relative Permittivity	Conductivity	Relative Permittivity	Conductivity
5200		37.39	4.72	36.0	4.66	3.9	1.3	Pass	Pass
5500	Head	36.36	5.12	35.7	4.97	2.0	3.2	Pass	Pass
5800		35.51	5.49	35.3	5.27	0.6	4.2	Pass	Pass



Table of test equipment calibration status as at time of probe calibration

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Instrument description	Supplier / Manufacturer	Model	Serial No.	Last calibration date	Calibration due date
Power sensor	Rohde & Schwarz	NRP-Z23	100063	09/08/2012	09/08/2014
Dielectric property measurement	Indexsar	DiLine (sensor lengths: 160mm, 80mm and 60mm)	N/A	(absolute) – checked against NPL values using reference liquids	N/A
Vector network analyser	Anritsu	MS6423B	003102	21/01/2014	21/01/2015
SMA autocalibration	Anritsu	36581KKF/1	001902	21/01/2014	21/01/2015





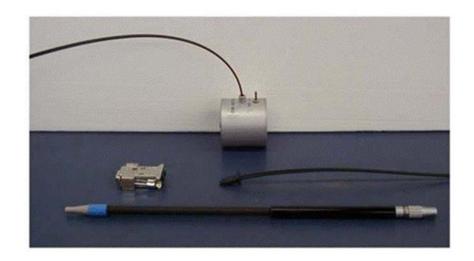
IMMERSIBLE SAR PROBE

CALIBRATION REPORT

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Serial Number:	0204	
Place of Calibration:	IndexSAR, UK	
Date of Receipt of Probe:	10 February 2015	
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INTRODUCTION

Straight probes work on either SARA-C (to measure SAR values in flat phantoms containing Body tissue simulant fluid), or on SARA2 (where they, too, can measure in a flat phantom with Body fluid, or in a SAM phantom containing Head fluid).

This Report presents measured calibration data for a particular Indexsar SAR probe (S/N 0204) for use on SARA-C only. The calibration factors do not apply to, and will not give correct readings on, the IndexSAR SARA2 system.

Indexsar probes are characterised using procedures that, where applicable, follow the recommendations of IEC 62209-1 [Ref 1], IEEE 1528 [Ref 2], IEC 62209-2 [Ref 3] and FCC [Ref 4] standards. The procedures incorporate techniques for probe linearisation, isotropy assessment and determination of liquid factors (conversion factors). Calibrations are determined by comparing probe readings with analytical computations in canonical test geometries (waveguides) using normalised power inputs.

Each step of the calibration procedure and the equipment used is described in the sections below.

CALIBRATION PROCEDURE

1. Objectives

The calibration process comprises the following stages

- Determination of the channel sensitivity factors which optimise the probe's overall axial isotropy
- Channel sensitivity factors are largely frequency independent.
 Consequently, they can be combined to model the exponential decay of SAR in a waveguide fluid cell at each frequency of interest, and hence derive the liquid conversion factors at that frequency.

2. Probe output

The probe channel output signals are linearised in the manner set out in Refs [1] - [4]. The following equation is utilized for each channel:

$$U_{lin} = U_{olp} + U_{olp}^2 / DCP$$
 (1)

where U_{lin} is the linearised signal, $U_{o/p}$ is the raw output signal in mV and DCP is the diode compression potential, also in mV.

DCP is determined from fitting equation (1) to measurements of U_{lin} versus source feed power over the full dynamic range of the probe. The DCP is a characteristic of the Schottky diodes used as the sensors. For the IXP-020 probes with CW signals the DCP values are typically 100mV.



For this value of DCP, the typical linearity response of IXP-050 probes to CW and to GSM modulation is shown in Figure 4, along with departures of this same dataset from linearity.

In turn, measurements of E-field are determined using the following equation:

$$E_{liq}^{2} (V/m) = U_{linx} * Air Factor_{x} * Liq Factor_{x} + U_{liny} * Air Factor_{y} * Liq Factor_{y} + U_{linz} * Air Factor_{z} * Liq Factor_{z}$$
 (3)

Here, "Air Factor" represents each channel's sensitivity, while "Liq Factor" represents the enhancement in signal level when the probe is immersed in tissue-simulant liquids at each frequency of interest.

3. Selecting channel sensitivity factors to optimise isotropic response

Within SARA-C, an L-probe's predominant mode of operation is with the tip pointing directly towards the source of radiation. Consequently, optimising the probe's response to boresight signals ("axial isotropy") is far more important than optimising its spherical isotropy (where the direction, as well as the polarisation angle, of the incoming radiation must be taken into account).

The setup for measuring the probe's axial isotropy is shown in Figure 1. Since isotropy is frequency-independent, measurements are normally made at a frequency of 900MHz as lower frequencies are more tolerant of positional inaccuracies.

A 900MHz waveguide containing head-fluid simulant is selected. Like all waveguides used during probe calibration, this particular waveguide contains two distinct sections: an air-filled launcher section, and a liquid cell section, separated by a dielectric matching window designed to minimise reflections at the air-liquid interface.

The waveguide stands in an upright position and the liquid cell section is filled with 900MHz brain fluid to within 10 mm of the open end. The depth of liquid ensures there is negligible radiation from the waveguide open top and that the probe calibration is not influenced by reflections from nearby objects.

During the measurement, a TE₀₁ mode is launched into the waveguide by means of an N-type-to-waveguide adapter. The probe is then lowered vertically into the liquid until the tip is exactly 10mm above the centre of the dielectric window. This particular separation ensures that the probe is operating in a part of the waveguide where boundary corrections are not necessary.

Care must also be taken that the probe tip is centred while rotating.

The exact power applied to the input of the waveguide during this stage of the probe calibration is immaterial since only relative values are of interest while the probe rotates. However, the power must be sufficiently above the noise floor and free from drift.



The dedicated Indexsar calibration software rotates the probe in 10 degree steps about its axis, and at each position, an Indexsar 'Fast' amplifier samples the probe channels 500 times per second for 0.4 s. The raw $U_{\rm olp}$ data from each sample are packed into 10 bytes and transmitted back to the PC controller via an optical cable. $U_{\rm linx}$, $U_{\rm liny}$ and $U_{\rm linz}$ are derived from the raw $U_{\rm olp}$ values and written to an Excel template.

Once data have been collected from a full probe rotation, the Air Factors are adjusted using a special Excel Solver routine to equalise the output from each channel and hence minimise the axial isotropy. This automated approach to optimisation removes the effect of human bias.

Figure 2 represents the output from each diode sensor as a function of probe rotation angle.

Determination of Conversion ("Liquid") Factors at each frequency of interest

A lookup table of conversion factors for a probe allows a SAR value to be derived at the measured frequencies, and for either brain or body fluid-simulant.

The method by which the conversion factors are assessed is based on the comparison between measured and analytical rates of decay of SAR with height above a dielectric window. This way, not only can the conversion factors for that frequency/fluid combination be determined, but an allowance can also be made for the scale and range of boundary layer effects.

The theoretical relationship between the SAR at the cross-sectional centre of the lossy waveguide as a function of the longitudinal distance (z) from the dielectric separator is given by Equation 4:

$$SAR(z) = \frac{4(P_f - P_b)}{\rho ab \delta} e^{-2z/\delta}$$
(4)

Here, the density ρ is conventionally assumed to be 1000 kg/m³, ab is the cross-sectional area of the waveguide, and P_f and P_b are the forward and reflected power inside the lossless section of the waveguide, respectively. The penetration depth δ (which is the reciprocal of the waveguide-mode attenuation coefficient) is a property of the lossy liquid and is given by Equation (5).

$$\delta = \left[\text{Re} \left\{ \sqrt{(\pi/a)^2 + j\omega \mu_o (\sigma + j\omega \varepsilon_o \varepsilon_r)} \right\} \right]^{-1}$$
(5)

where σ is the conductivity of the tissue-simulant liquid in S/m, ε_r is its relative permittivity, and ω is the radial frequency (rad/s). Values for σ and ε_r are obtained prior to each waveguide test using an Indexsar DiLine measurement kit, which uses the TEM method as recommended in [2]. σ and ε_r are both



temperature- and fluid-dependent, so are best measured using a sample of the tissue-simulant fluid immediately prior to the actual calibration.

Wherever possible, all DiLine and calibration measurements should be made in the open laboratory at 22 ± 2.0 °C; if this is not possible, the values of σ and ε_r should reflect the actual temperature. Values employed for calibration are listed in the tables below.

By ensuring the liquid height in the waveguide is at least three penetration depths, reflections at the upper surface of the liquid are negligible. The power absorbed in the liquid is therefore determined solely from the waveguide forward and reflected power.

Different waveguides are used for 700MHz, 835/900MHz, 1450MHz, 1800/1900MHz, 2100/2450/2600MHz and 5200/5800MHz measurements. Table A.1 of [1] can be used for designing calibration waveguides with a return loss greater than 20 dB at the most important frequencies used for personal wireless communications, and better than 15dB for frequencies greater than 5GHz. Values for the penetration depth for these specific fixtures and tissue-simulating mixtures are also listed in Table A.1.

According to [1], this calibration technique provides excellent accuracy, with standard uncertainty of less than 3.6% depending on the frequency and medium. The calibration itself is reduced to power measurements traceable to a standard calibration procedure. The practical limitation to the frequency band of 800 to 5800 MHz because of the waveguide size is not severe in the context of compliance testing.

During calibration, the probe is lowered carefully until it is just touching the cross-sectional centre of the dielectric window. 240 samples are then taken and written to an Excel template file before moving the probe vertically upwards. This cycle is repeated 150 times. The vertical separation between readings is determined from practical considerations of the expected SAR decay rate, and range from 0.35mm steps below 3GHz, down to 0.05mm at 5GHz.

Once the data collection is complete, a Solver routine is run which optimises the measured-theoretical fit by varying the conversion factor, and the boundary correction size and range.

For calibrations at 450MHz, where waveguide calibrations become unfeasible, a full 3D SAR scan over a tuned dipole is performed, and the conversion factor adjusted to make the measured 1g and 10g volume-averaged SAR values agree with published targets.

CALIBRATION FACTORS MEASURED FOR PROBE S/N 0204

The probe was calibrated at 700, 835, 900, 1800, 1900, 2100, 2450 and 2600 MHz in liquid samples representing brain and body liquid at these frequencies.



The calibration was for CW signals only, and the axis of the probe was parallel to the direction of propagation of the incident field i.e. end-on to the incident radiation. The axial isotropy of the probe was measured by rotating the probe about its axis in 10 degree steps through 360 degrees in this orientation.

The reference point for the calibration is in the centre of the probe's crosssection at a distance of 2.7 mm from the probe tip in the direction of the probe amplifier. A value of 2.7 mm should be used for the tip to sensor offset distance in the software. The distance of 2.7mm for assembled probes has been confirmed by taking X-ray images of the probe tips (see Figure 5).

It is important that the diode compression point and air factors used in the software are the same as those quoted in the results tables, as these are used to convert the diode output voltages to a SAR value.

CALIBRATION EQUIPMENT

The table on page 19 indicates the calibration status of all test equipment used during probe calibration.

MEASUREMENT UNCERTAINTIES

A complete measurement uncertainty analysis for the SARA-C measurement system has been published in Reference [6]. Table 17 from that document is re-created below, and lists the uncertainty factors associated just with the calibration of probes.

Source of uncertainty	Uncertainty value ± %	Probability distribution	Divisor	cı	Standard uncertainty ui ± %	V _i OI V _{eff}
Forward power	3.92	N	1.00	1	3.92	-
Reflected power	4.09	N	1.00	1	4.09	-
Liquid conductivity	1.308	N	1.00	1	1.31	
Liquid permittivity	1.271	N	1.00	1	1.27	-
Field homogeneity	3.0	R	1.73	1	1.73	-
Probe positioning	0.22	R	1.73	- 1	0.13	
Field probe linearity	0.2	R	1.73	1	0.12	-
Combined standard uncertainty		RSS			6.20	

At the 95% confidence level, therefore, the expanded uncertainty is ±12.4%

SUMMARY OF CAL FACTORS FOR PROBE IXP-050 S/N 0204

		Channel Sen		
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Air Factors*	91.78	66.90	81.32	$(V/m)^2/mV$
DCPs	100	100	100	mV

Measured Isotropy	(+/-) dB
Axial Isotropy*	0.05±0.01

Physical Informatio	n
Sensor offset (mm)	2.7
Elbow - Tip dimension (mm)	0.0



		Head Fluid			Body Fluid		
requency* (MHz)	SAR Conv Factor	Boundary Correction f(0)	Boundary Correction d(mm)	SAR Conv Factor	Boundary Correction f(0)	Boundary Correction d(mm)	Notes
450	0.311	0.90	1.7	0.317	1.00	1.6	3
700	0.313	0.89	1.7	0.312	0.58	1.8	1,2
835	0.307	1.78	1.1	0.309	0.53	1.5	1,2
900	0.311	0.81	1.6	0.318	0.94	1.4	1,2
1800	0.357	0.70	1.5	0.382	0.51	1.9	1,2
1900	0.392	0.76	1.8	0.398	0.58	1.8	1,2
2100	0.395	0.70	2.0	0.434	0.62	1.5	1,2
2450	0.397	1.09	1.4	0.440	1.04	1.2	1,2
2600	0.382	1.30	1.5	0.446	1.11	1.4	1,2
Notes				-	-		



PROBE SPECIFICATIONS

Indexsar probe 0204, along with its calibration, is compared with BSEN 62209-1 and IEEE standards recommendations (Refs [1] and [2]) in the Tables below. A listing of relevant specifications is contained in the tables below:

Dimensions	S/N 0204	BSEN [1]	IEEE [2]
Overall length (mm)	350		
Tip length (mm)	10		
Body diameter (mm)	12		
Tip diameter (mm)	5.2	8	8
Distance from probe tip to dipole centers (mm)	2.7		

Typical Dynamic range	S/N 0204	BSEN [1]	IEEE [2]
Minimum (W/kg)	0.01	<0.02	0.01
Maximum (W/kg) N.B. only measured to > 100 W/kg on representative probes	>100	>100	100

Isotropy (measured at 900MHz)	S/N 0204	BSEN [1]	IEEE [2]
Axial rotation with probe normal to source (+/- dB)	0.05	0.5	0.25

NB Isotropy is frequency independent

Construction	Each probe contains three orthogonal dipole sensors arranged on a triangular prism core, protected against static charges by built-in shielding, and covered at the tip by PEEK cylindrical enclosure material. No adhesives are used in the immersed section. Outer case materials are PEEK and heat-shrink sleeving.
Chemical resistance	Tested to be resistant to TWEEN20 and sugar/salt-based simulant liquids but probes should be removed, cleaned and dried when not in use. NOT recommended for use with glycol or soluble oil-based liquids.



REFERENCES

References are either specific (identified by date of publication, edition number, version number, etc.) or non-specific.

For a specific reference, subsequent revisions do not apply.

For a non-specific reference, the latest version applies.

[1] IEC 62209-1.

Human exposure to radio frequency fields from hand-held and bodymounted wireless communication devices — Human models, instrumentation, and procedures — Part 1: Procedure to determine the specific absorption rate (SAR) for hand-held devices used in close proximity to the ear (frequency range of 300 MHz to 3 GHz)

[2] IEEE 1528

Recommended Practice for Determining the Peak Spatial-Average Specific Absorption Rate (SAR) in the Human Head from Wireless Communications Devices: Measurement Techniques

[3] IEC 62209-2

Human exposure to radio frequency fields from hand-held and bodymounted wireless communication devices – Human models, Instrumentation, and procedures – Part 2: Procedure to determine the specific absorption rate (SAR) for wireless communication devices used in close proximity to the human body (frequency range of 30 MHz to 6 GHz)

[4] FCC KDB865664

- Indexsar Report IXS-0300, October 2007.
 Measurement uncertainties for the SARA2 system assessed against the recommendations of BS EN 62209-1:2006
- [6] SARA-C SAR Testing System: Measurement Uncertainty, v1.0.3. October 2011.



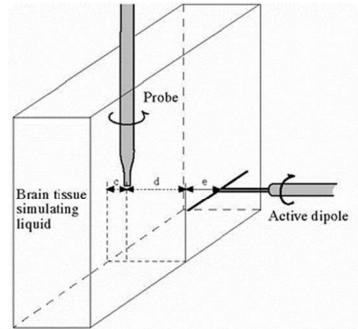


Figure 1. Spherical isotropy jig showing probe, dipole and box filled with simulated brain liquid (see Ref [2], Section A.5.2.1)

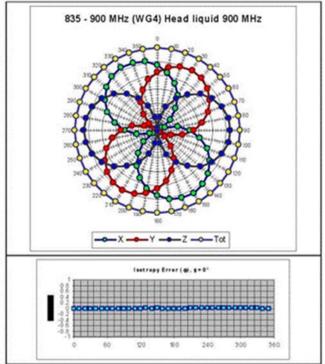


Figure 2. The axial isotropy of a typical IXP-050 probe obtained by rotating the probe in a liquid-filled waveguide at 900 MHz. (NB Axial Isotropy is largely frequency-independent)



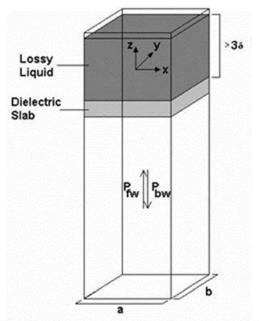
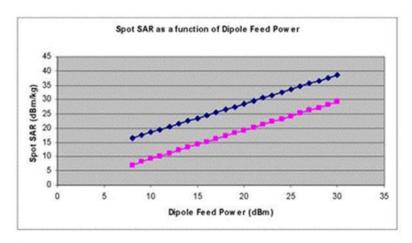


Figure 3. Geometry used for waveguide calibration (after Ref [2]. Section A.3.2.2)





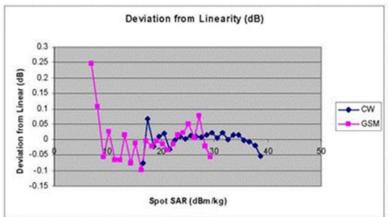


Figure 4: The typical linearity response of IXP-050 probes to both CW (blue) and GSM (pink) modulation in close proximity to a source dipole. The top diagram shows the SAR reading as a function of dipole feed power, with GSM modulation being approx a factor of 8 (ie 9dB) lower than CW. The lower diagram shows the departure from linearity of the same two datasets.



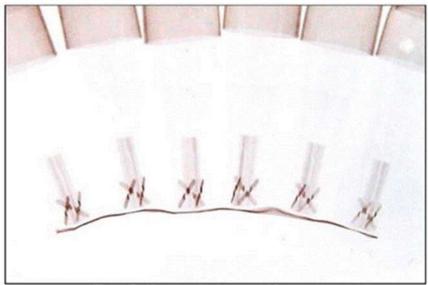


Figure 5: X-ray positive image of 5mm probes

Table indicating the dielectric parameters of the liquids used for calibrations at each frequency

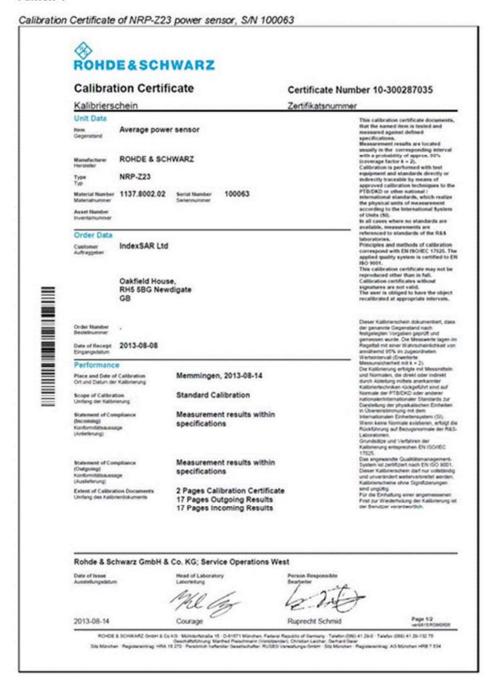
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450	(B) (S) (B)	43.52	0.864	43.5	0.87	0.0	-0.7	Pass	Pass
700	Head	43.349	0.888	42.2	0.89	2.8	0.1	Pass	Pass
835		41.55	0.898	41.5	0.90	0.1	-0.2	Pass	Pass
900		41.139	0.957	41.5	0.97	-0.9	-1.3	Pass	Pass
1800		39.632	1.401	40.0	1.40	-0.9	0.1	Pass	Pass
1900		40.057	1.396	40.0	1.40	0.1	-0.3	Pass	Pass
2100		40.32	1.51	39.8	1.49	1.3	1.3	Pass	Pass
2450		39.03	1.849	39.2	1.80	-0.4	2.7	Pass	Pass
2600		38.587	1.972	39.0	1.96	+1.1	0.6	Pass	Pass
450	53002	56.86	0.938	56.7	0.94	0.3	-0.2	Pass	Pass
700		55.954	0.964	55.73	0.96	0.4	0.5	Pass	Pass
835		55.587	0.977	55.2	0.97	0.7	0.7	Pass	Pass
900		54.857	1.045	55	1.05	-0.3	-0.5	Pass	Pass
1800	Body	52.958	1.531	53.3	1.52	-0.6	0.7	Pass	Pass
1900		52.965	1.524	53.3	1.52	-0.6	0.3	Pass	Pass
2100		53.886	1.618	53.2	1.62	1.3	-0.1	Pass	Pass
2450		52.768	1.965	52.7	1.95	0.1	0.8	Pass	Pass
2600		52.354	2.179	52.5	2.16	-0.3	0.9	Pass	Pass

Table of test equipment calibration status

Instrument description	Supplier / Manufacturer	Model	Serial No.	Last calibration date	Cal certificate number	See Annex	Calibration due date
Power sensor	Rohde & Schwarz	NRP-Z23	100063	14/08/2013	10-300287035	1	14/08/2015
Power sensor	Rohde & Schwarz	NRP-Z23	100169	06/08/2014	1400-48811	2	06/08/2016
Dielectric property measurement	Indexsar	DiLine (sensor lengths: 160mm, 80mm and 60mm)	N/A	(absolute) — checked against NPL values using reference liquids	N/A		N/A
Vector network analyser	Arritsu	MS6423B	003102	17/02/2015	RMA20027002	3	17/02/2016
SMA autocalibration module	Arritsu	36581KKF/1	001902	22/01/2015	RMA20021769	4	22/01/2016



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Annex 2 Calibration Certificate of NRP-Z23 power sensor, S/N 100169

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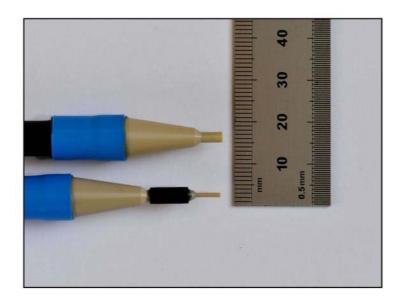
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INTRODUCTION

Straight probes work on either SARA-C (to measure SAR values in flat phantoms containing Body tissue simulant fluid), or on SARA2 (where they, too, can measure in a flat phantom with Body fluid, or in a SAM phantom containing Head fluid).

This Report presents measured calibration data for a particular Indexsar SAR probe (S/N G0014) for use on SARA-C only. The calibration factors do not apply to, and will not give correct readings on, the IndexSAR SARA2 system.

Indexsar probes are characterised using procedures that, where applicable, follow the recommendations of IEC 62209-1 [Ref 1], IEEE 1528 [Ref 2], IEC 62209-2 [Ref 3] and FCC OET65 [Ref 4] standards, or equivalent. The procedures incorporate techniques for probe linearisation, isotropy assessment and determination of liquid factors (conversion factors). Calibrations are determined by comparing probe readings with analytical computations in canonical test geometries (waveguides) using normalised power inputs.

Each step of the calibration procedure and the equipment used is described in the sections below. Where applicable, all test equipment is calibrated by the manufacturers themselves, ensuring traceability to national standards.

CALIBRATION PROCEDURE

1. Objectives

The calibration process comprises the following stages

- Determination of the channel sensitivity factors which optimise the probe's overall axial isotropy, thereby ensuring independence of probe reading from incident polarisation.
- Use of these channel sensitivity factors to compare the SAR decay curve in a waveguide fluid cell with an analytical curve at each frequency of interest, and hence derive the liquid conversion factors at that frequency.

2. Probe output

The probe channel output signals are linearised in the manner set out in Refs [1] - [4]. The following equation is utilized for each channel:

$$U_{lin} = U_{o/p} + U_{o/p}^{2} / DCP$$
 (1)

where U_{lin} is the linearised signal in mV, U_{o/p} is the raw output signal in mV and DCP is the diode compression potential, also in mV.



DCP is determined from fitting equation (1) to measurements of U_{lin} versus source feed power over the full dynamic range of the probe. The DCP is a characteristic of the Schottky diodes used as the sensors. For the IXP-020 probes with CW signals the DCP values are typically 100mV.

For this value of DCP, the typical linearity response of IXP-025 probes to CW and to GSM modulation is shown in Figure 3, along with departures of this same dataset from linearity.

In turn, measurements of E-field are determined using the following equation:

$$E_{liq}^{2} (V/m) = U_{linx} * Air Factor_{x} * Liq Factor_{x} + U_{liny} * Air Factor_{y} * Liq Factor_{y} + U_{linz} * Air Factor_{z} * Liq Factor_{z}$$
 (3)

Here, "Air Factor" represents each channel's sensitivity, while "Liq Factor" represents the enhancement in signal level when the probe is immersed in tissue-simulant liquids at each frequency of interest.

3. Selecting channel sensitivity factors to optimise isotropic response

Within SARA-C, a probe's predominant mode of operation is with the tip pointing directly towards the source of radiation. Consequently, optimising the probe's response to boresight signals ("axial isotropy") is far more important than optimising its spherical isotropy (where the direction, as well as the polarisation angle, of the incoming radiation must be taken into account).

A 5-6GHz waveguide containing head-fluid simulant is selected. Like all waveguides used during probe calibration, this particular waveguide contains two distinct sections: an air-filled launcher section, and a liquid cell section, separated by a dielectric matching window designed to minimise reflections at the air-liquid interface.

The waveguide stands in an upright position and the liquid cell section is filled with 5-6GHz brain fluid to within 1 mm of the open end. The depth of liquid, equivalent to at least 4 penetration depths, ensures both that there is negligible radiation from the waveguide open top, and that the probe calibration is not influenced by reflections either from nearby objects or the liquid/air interface.

During the measurement, a TE 10 mode is launched into the waveguide by means of an N-type-to-waveguide adapter. The probe is then lowered vertically into the liquid until the tip is exactly 5mm above the centre of the dielectric window. This particular separation ensures that the probe is operating in a part of the waveguide where boundary corrections are not necessary.

Care must also be taken that the probe tip is centred while rotating.

The exact power applied to the input of the waveguide during this stage of the probe calibration is immaterial since only relative values are of interest while the probe rotates. However, the power must be sufficiently above the noise floor and free from drift.



The dedicated Indexsar calibration software rotates the probe in 10 degree steps about its axis, and at each position, an Indexsar 'Fast' amplifier samples the probe channels 500 times per second for 0.4 s. The raw $U_{\text{o/p}}$ data from each sample are packed into 10 bytes and transmitted back to the PC controller via an optical cable. U_{linx} , U_{liny} and U_{linz} are derived from the raw $U_{\text{o/p}}$ values and written to an Excel template.

Once data have been collected from a full probe rotation, the Air Factors are adjusted using a special Excel Solver routine to equalise the output from each channel and hence minimise the axial isotropy. This automated approach to optimisation removes the effect of human bias.

Figure 1 represents the output from each diode sensor as a function of probe rotation angle.

Determination of Conversion ("Liquid") Factors at each frequency of interest

A lookup table of conversion factors for a probe allows a SAR value to be derived at the measured frequencies, and for either brain or body fluid-simulant.

The method by which the conversion factors are assessed is based on the comparison between measured and analytical rates of decay of SAR with height above a dielectric window. This way, not only can the conversion factors for that frequency/fluid combination be determined, but an allowance can also be made for the scale and range of boundary layer effects.

The theoretical relationship between the SAR at the cross-sectional centre of the lossy waveguide as a function of the longitudinal distance (z) from the dielectric separator is given by Equation 4:

$$SAR(z) = \frac{4(P_f - P_b)}{\rho ab\delta} e^{-2z/\delta}$$
(4)

Here, the density ρ is conventionally assumed to be 1000 kg/m³, ab is the cross-sectional area of the waveguide, and P_f and P_b are the forward and reflected power inside the lossless section of the waveguide, respectively. The penetration depth δ (which is the reciprocal of the waveguide-mode attenuation coefficient) is a property of the lossy liquid and is given by Equation (5).

$$\delta = \left[\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \sqrt{(\pi / a)^{2} + j\omega \mu_{o} (\sigma + j\omega \varepsilon_{o} \varepsilon_{r})} \right\} \right]^{-1}$$
(5)

where σ is the conductivity of the tissue-simulant liquid in S/m, ε_r is its relative permittivity, and ω is the radial frequency (rad/s). Values for σ and ε_r are obtained prior to each waveguide test using an Indexsar DiLine measurement