

FCC TAS validation – Part 2: Tests under dynamic transmit power scenarios

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History of this test report

1. Overview

FCC regulation allows time averaged RF power to demonstrate compliance to RF exposure safety limits. Because RF exposure is correlated to transmission power (TX power), e.g., lower RF exposure is correlated to lower TX power, the TX power can be controlled to meet FCC RF exposure limits defined specific absorption rate (SAR) limit for transmit frequencies < 6GHz. For SAR limit, the proposed Time-Averaged Specific Absorption Rate (TA-SAR) algorithm manages TX power to ensure that at all times the time-averaged RF exposure is compliant with the FCC SAR requirement. In the FCC regulation, the averaging window of SAR is 100 seconds for transmit frequencies less than 3GHz, 60 seconds for transmit frequencies between 3GHz and 6GHz.

This document describes the test plan, test procedures, measurement setup, and measurement results for the verification of the proposed TA-SAR algorithm being able to make RF exposure meet FCC requirement. The operating parameters for algorithm validation are described in Chapter 2. The overview of test proposal is given in Chapter 3. The test procedures for conducted power measurements and SAR measurements are described in Chapter 4. For TA-SAR validation, the measurement setup and results for conducted power are included in Chapter 5, while the measurement setup and results for SAR are included in Chapter 6. It is concluded in Chapter 7 that the proposed TA-SAR algorithm can apply dynamic power control to ensure FCC compliance in real-time.

2. Operating Parameters for Algorithm Validation

Mediatek developed the TA-SAR algorithm v2.2410.0 to control instantaneous TX power for transmit frequencies less and larger than 6GHz respectively, so that the total time-averaged RF exposures are less than FCC requirement.

TA-SAR algorithm validation has been performed for 2G, 3G, LTE, NR FR1 according to cases with different combinations of operating parameters listed in Table 2-1.

Table 2-1 TA-SAR operating parameters

3. Overview of TA-SAR Test Proposal

For the completeness of verifying that the proposed TA-SAR algorithm can realize FCC compliance regarding RF exposure, several test scenarios are constructed as below:

- **Scenario 1**: test under different TA-SAR parameters to verify that the TA-SAR algorithm meets compliance requirements with different combinations of operating parameters.
- **Scenario 2**: test under time-varying TX power to verify that the TA-SAR algorithm ensures SAR compliance through dynamic TX power.
- **Scenario 3**: test under call drop and re-establishment conditions to ensure the TA-SAR algorithm control continuity and SAR compliance.
- **Scenario 4**: test under RAT/band handover to ensure the TA-SAR algorithm control continuity and correctness.
- **Scenario 5**: test under different ECIs (Exposure Condition Index) to ensure the TA-SAR algorithm control behaves as expected during ECI switching from one ECI to another. (e.g., head \rightarrow body worn)
- **Scenario 6**: test under different transmission antennae to ensure the TA-SAR algorithm control works correctly during antenna switching from one antenna to another.
- **Scenario 7**: test under different time windows to ensure the TA-SAR algorithm control functions correctly during time window switching from one time window setting to another. (e.g., time window $100s\rightarrow60s$)
- **Scenario 8**: test under SAR exposure switching between two active radios (radio#1 only, radio#1+radio#2, and radio#2 only) to ensure the TA-SAR algorithm control continuity and SAR compliance.

4. TA-SAR Test Scenarios and Test Procedures

In order to demonstrate that TA-SAR algorithm performs as expected under various operating scenarios, Table 4-1 lists the test scenarios and expected test sequences to validate TA-SAR algorithm in these scenarios. The test sequences 0, 1, 2 are defined in section 4.1. The details of each test procedures via conducted power and SAR measurements are described in section 4.2~4.9 and section 4.10, respectively.

4.1 Test Sequences for All Scenarios

Three test sequences having possibly time-varying TX power are predefined for TA-SAR validation:

- **Test sequence 0**: EUT's TX power is requested to be maximum.
- **Test sequence 1**: EUT's TX power is requested to be at power less than *PLowThresh* for 300s, then at maximum power for 200s, and finally at *PLowThresh* -2dB for the remaining time.
- **Test sequence 2**: EUT's TX power to vary with time. This sequence is generated relative to measured *PUE_max*, measured *Psub6_limit* and calculated *PUE_backoff* (= measured *Psub6_limit* in dBm - *PUE_backoff_offset* in dB) of EUT based on measured *Psub6_limit*.
- Test sequence is generated based on below parameters of the EUT:
	- A. Measured maximum power ($P_{UE_{max}}$)
	- B. Measured Tx_power_at_*SAR_design_limit* (*Psub6_limit*)
	- C. Threshold of dynamic power reduction status determination: reserve hysteresis margin for instantaneous power (*PLowThresh*)
	- D. *SAR_time_window* (FCC: 100s for f < 3GHz, 60s for 3GHz < f <6GHz)

The test sequence 0, 1, and 2 are illustrated in Figure 4-1, Figure 4-2, and Figure 4-3, respectively. The waveforms of the three test sequences are listed in Table 4-2, Table 4-3, and Table 4-4.

Figure 4-1 Test sequence 0

Table 4-2 Test sequence 0

Figure 4-2 Test sequence 1

4.2 Test Configuration and Procedure for Scenario 1: Range of TA-SAR Parameters via Conducted Power Measurements

4.2.1 Configuration

This test is performed by changing the parameters $(P_{LowThreshold} f_{set}, P_{UE_backoff_offset}, P_{UE_max_cust_offset})$ for the selected RAT (Radio Access Technologies) and band. Since Mediatek's TA algorithm operation is independent of RATs/bands/channels, any one RAT can be selected for this test and the selected band of the RAT has the least *P*_{sub6} limit</sub>. In principle, two sets of the parameters are determined for this test (if applicable). If the parameters of the EUT are fixed (without a support of dynamic change), only the set of the default parameters needs to be tested.

4.2.2 Procedure

TX power is measured, recorded, and processed by the following steps:

• Step 1~4: measure and record TX power versus time for test scenario 1

• Step 5: convert the measured conducted TX power into SAR

Convert the measured conducted TX power from step 4 into 1gSAR or 10gSAR value using the following equation.

Perform the running time average to power and 1gSAR or 10g SAR to determine time-averaged value versus time as follows,

- **•** Step 6: plot results
	- A. Make one power perspective plot containing
		- 1. Instantaneous TX power
		- 2. Requested power
		- 3. Calculated time-averaged power
		- 4. Calculated time-averaged power limits
	- B. Make one SAR perspective plot containing
		- 1. Calculated time-averaged 1gSAR or 10gSAR
		- 2. FCC limit of 1.6 W/kg (1gSAR) or 4.0 W/kg (10gSAR)

4.3 Test Configuration and Procedure for Scenario 1: Range of TA-SAR Parameters via Conducted Power Measurements

4.3.1 Configuration

Since Mediatek's TA-SAR feature operation is independent of bands and channels for a given RAT, selecting one band per RAT is sufficient to validate this feature. Two bands per RAT are proposed for this test. The criteria for band selection for each RAT is based on the *Psub6_limit* values (corresponding to *SAR_design_limit*) and is described as below:

- Select two bands, among the ones whose *Psub6_limit* values are below *PUE_max*, which correspond to least and highest *Psub6_limit* values respectively.
	- o Only one band needs to be tested if all the bands have same *Psub6_limit*.
	- o Only one band needs to be tested if only the band has *Psub6_limit* below *PUE_max*.
	- o If the same least *Psub6_limit* applies to multiple bands, select the band with the highest measured 1gSAR at *Psub6_limit*.
	- o If *Psub6_limit* values of all bands are all over *PUE_max* (i.e., TA-SAR feature is not enabled), there is no need to test this RAT.

4.3.2 Procedure

TX power is measured, recorded, and processed by the following steps:

• Step 1~4: measure and record TX power versus time for test scenario 2

• Step 5: convert the measured conducted TX power into SAR

Convert the measured conducted TX power from step 4 into 1gSAR or 10gSAR value using the following equation.

Perform the running time average to power and 1gSAR or 10g SAR to determine time-averaged value versus time as below:

- **•** Step 6: plot results
	- A. Make one power perspective plot containing
		- 1. Instantaneous TX power
		- 2. Requested power (test sequence1)
		- 3. Calculated time-averaged power
		- 4. Calculated time-averaged power limits
	- B. Make one SAR perspective plot containing
		- 1. Calculated time-averaged 1gSAR or 10gSAR
		- 2. FCC limit of 1.6 W/kg (1gSAR) or 4.0 W/kg (10gSAR)
- **•** Step 7: repeat steps 2~6 for test sequence 2

Repeat steps 2 ~ 6 for pre-defined test sequence 2 and replace test sequence 1 in step 4 with test sequence 2.

• Step 8: repeat steps 2~7 for different bands

4.4 Test Configuration and Procedure for Scenario 3: Call Disconnection and Re-establishment via Conducted Power Measurements

4.4.1 Configuration

For call disconnection measurement, the criteria of selecting the test configuration is:

- Select the RAT/band with least P_{sub6_limit} among all supported RATs/bands.
- Select the RAT/band having the highest measured 1gSAR at *Psub6_limit* if multiple RATs/bands having same least *Psub6_limit*.
- Select the radio configuration in this RAT/band that corresponds to the highest measured 1gSAR at *Psub6_limit*.

4.4.2 Procedure

TX power is measured, recorded, and processed by the following steps:

• Step 1~4: measure and record TX power versus time for test scenario 3

• Step 5: convert the measured conducted TX power into SAR

Convert the measured conducted TX power from step 4 into 1gSAR or 10gSAR value using the following equation. Perform the running time average to power and 1gSAR or 10g SAR to determine time-averaged value versus time as follows,

- **•** Step 6: plot results
	- A. Make one power perspective plot containing
		- 1. Instantaneous TX power
		- 2. Requested power
		- 3. Calculated time-averaged power
		- 4. Calculated time-averaged power limits
	- B. Make one SAR perspective plot containing
		- 1. Calculated time-averaged 1gSAR or 10gSAR
		- 2. FCC limit of 1.6 W/kg (1gSAR) or 4.0 W/kg (10gSAR)

4.5 Test Configuration and Procedure for Scenario 1: Range of TA-SAR Parameters via Conducted Power Measurements

4.5.1 Configuration

For a given TX antenna, select a RAT/band with the lowest *Psub6_limit* and the other RAT/band with the highest *Psub6_limit*. Both of them have *Psub6_limit* values less than *PUE_max* if possible.

- Select the RAT/band having the highest measured 1gSAR at *Psub6_limit* if multiple RATs/bands have the same lowest *Psub6_limit*.
- Select the RAT/band having the lowest measured 1gSAR at $P_{\text{sub6_limit}}$ if multiple RATs/bands have the same highest *Psub6_limit*.

4.5.2 Procedure

TX power is measured, recorded, and processed by the following steps:

Step 1~4: measure and record TX power versus time for test scenario 4

 Step 5: convert the measured conducted TX power into SAR Convert the measured conducted TX power from step 4 into 1gSAR or 10gSAR value using the following equation. Perform the running time average to power and 1gSAR or 10g SAR to determine time-averaged value versus time as follows,

- Step 6: plot results
- A. Make one power perspective plot containing
	- 1. Instantaneous TX power
	- 2. Requested power
	- 3. Calculated time-averaged power
	- 4. Calculated time-averaged power limits
- B. Make one SAR perspective plot containing
	- 1. Calculated time-averaged 1gSAR or 10gSAR
	- 2. FCC limit of 1.6 W/kg (1gSAR) or 4.0 W/kg (10gSAR)
	- 3. Normalized time-averaged 1gSAR/1.6 or 10gSAR/4.0

4.6 Test Configuration and Procedure for Scenario 5: Exposure Condition Index (ECI) Change via Conducted Power Measurements

4.6.1 Configuration

Select any one RAT/band, which has at least two ECIs whose Psub6_limit values are different and are below PUE_max.

4.6.2 Procedure

The test procedure is identical to section 4.5.2 except the following 2 changes:

- 1. Replace band switch operation with ECI switch.
- 2. In Step 4, the second ECI switching is arranged after the first one lasts for at least one time window, i.e., switch the second ECI back to the first ECI, and then continue with callbox requesting EUT's Tx power to be at maximum power for at least one time window.

It is noted that the following operations are done as well for this scenario:

- The correct power control is controlled by TA_SAR during ECI switches from one ECI to another.
- The validation criteria are, at all times, the time-averaged 1gSAR or 10gSAR versus time shall not exceed FCC limit of 1.6 W/kg for 1gSAR or 4.0 W/kg for 10gSAR.

4.7 Test Configuration and Procedure for Scenario 6: Antenna Switching via Conducted Power Measurements

4.7.1 Configuration

Among RATs/bands supporting TX antenna switches, select the RAT/band with the highest Psub6_limit difference between a pair of supported TX antennas.

- Select the RAT/band having the highest measured 1gSAR at Psub6_limit if multiple RATs/bands having the same Psub6_limit difference between the supported TX antennas.
- Antenna selection order
	- o Select the configuration with two antennas having *Psub6_limit* values less than *PUE_max*.
	- o If the previous configuration does not exist, select the configuration with one antenna having *Psub6_limit* value less than $P_{UE,max}$.
	- o If the above two cannot be found, select one configuration with the two antennas having the least difference between their Psub6_limit and PUE_max (i.e., Psub6_limit can be greater than PUE_max).

4.7.2 Procedure

The test procedure is identical to section 4.5.2 except the following 2 changes:

- 1. Replace band switch operation with antenna switch.
- 2. In Step 4, the second antenna switching is arranged after the first one lasts for at least one time window, i.e., switch the second antenna back to the first antenna, and then continue with callbox requesting EUT's Tx power to be at maximum power for at least one time window.

It is noted that the following operations are done as well for this scenario:

- The correct power control is controlled by TA_SAR during antenna switches from one antenna to another.
- The validation criteria are, at all times, the time-averaged 1gSAR or 10gSAR versus time shall not exceed FCC limit of 1.6 W/kg for 1gSAR or 4.0 W/kg for 10gSAR.

4.8 Test Configuration and Procedure for Scenario 7: Time Window Switching via Conducted Power Measurements

4.8.1 Configuration

Select one RAT/band with 60-second time averaging window, and the other RAT/band with 100-second time averaging window. Both of them have $P_{\text{sub6_limit}}$ values less than $P_{\text{UE_max}}$ if possible.

• At least one of the selected RAT/band has its P_{sub6} limit less than P_{UE} max.

4.8.2 Procedure

TX power is measured, recorded, and processed by the following steps:

• Step 1~4: measure and record TX power versus time for test scenario 7

• Step 5: convert the measured conducted TX power into SAR

Convert the measured conducted TX power from step 4 into 1gSAR or 10gSAR value using the following equation. Perform the running time average to power and 1gSAR or 10g SAR to determine time-averaged value versus time as follows,

- **•** Step 6: plot results
	- A. Make one power perspective plot containing
		- 1. Instantaneous TX power
		- 2. Requested power
		- 3. Calculated time-averaged power
		- 4. Calculated time-averaged power limits
	- B. Make one SAR perspective plot containing
		- 1. Calculated time-averaged 1gSAR or 10gSAR
		- 2. FCC limit of 1.6 W/kg (1gSAR) or 4.0 W/kg (10gSAR)
		- 3. Normalized time-averaged 1gSAR/1.6 or 10gSAR/4.0
- **•** Step 7~8: measure and record TX power versus time in another time window change
	- ² Transition from 60s time window to 100s time window, and vice versa (step7 to step 9)

• Step 9: convert the measurement and plot results

Convert the measured conducted TX power from step 8 into 1gSAR or 10gSAR value using the equation in step 5. Repeat step 6 to generate the plots.

4.9 Test Configuration and Procedure for Scenario 8: SAR Exposure Switching via Conducted Power Measurements

4.9.1 Configuration

If supported, SAR exposure switch with two active radios having the same and different time averaging windows should be covered in this test. TA algorithm operation is independent of the source of SAR exposure (e.g., LTE vs. NR FR1) and ensures total time-averaged RF exposure compliance for SAR exposure among the scenarios of radio 1 only, radio 1 + radio 2, and radio 2 only.

- Select any two < 6GHz RATs/bands that the EUT supports for simultaneous transmission (e.g., LTE+NR FR1).
- The selection order among all supported simultaneous transmission configurations is
	- o Select one configuration with *Psub6_limit* values of radio1 and radio2 less than their corresponding *PUE_max*, and their *Psub6_limit* values are different if possible.
	- o If the previous configuration does not exist, at least one radio has its *Psub6_limit* less than *PUE_max*.
	- o If above two cannot be found, select one configuration that has *Psub6_limit* of radio1 and radio2 with the least difference between *Psub6_limit* and *PUE_max* (i.e., *Psub6_limit* can be greater than *PUE_max*).
- One test with two active radios in any two different time windows is sufficient to cover this scenario.
- One SAR switching is sufficient because the TA algorithm operation is the same.

4.9.2 Procedure

- **•** Step 1~3: measure and record TX power versus time for test scenario 8
	- A. Measure conducted TX power corresponding to radio1 P_{sub6_limit}
		- **•** Establish device in call with the callbox for radio1 band.
		- Measure conducted TX power corresponding to radio1 P_{sub6 limit with TA_SAR enabled and $P_{UE\ backoff\ offset}$ set to 0 dB, callbox set to request maximum power.
	- B. measure conducted TX power corresponding to radio2 P_{sub6_limit}
		- Repeat above step to measure conducted TX power corresponding to radio2 P_{sub6 limit.
		- **•** If radio2 is dependent on radio1 (for example, non-standalone mode of NR FR1 requiring radio1 LTE as anchor), then establish radio1 + radio2 call with callbox, and request all down bits for radio1 LTE.
		- **•** In this scenario, with callbox requesting maximum power from radio2 NR FR1, measured conducted TX power corresponds to radio2 P_{sub6_limit} (as radio1 LTE is at all-down bits)

• Step 4: convert the measured conducted TX power into SAR

Convert the measured conducted TX power from step 3 into 1gSAR or 10gSAR value using the following equation. Perform the running time average to power and 1gSAR or 10g SAR to determine time-averaged value versus time as follows,

- **•** Step 5: plot results
	- A. Make one power perspective plot containing
		- 1. Instantaneous TX power
		- 2. Requested power
		- 3. Calculated time-averaged power
		- 4. Calculated time-averaged power limits
	- B. Make one SAR perspective plot containing
		- 1. Calculated time-averaged 1gSAR or 10gSAR
		- 2. FCC limit of 1.6 W/kg (1gSAR) or 4.0 W/kg (10gSAR)
		- 3. Normalized time-averaged 1gSAR/1.6 or 10gSAR/4.0

4.10 Test Configuration and Procedure for Scenario 2: Time-Varying TX Power via SAR Measurements

4.10.1 Configuration

Sections 4.2 to 4.9 focus on Mediatek's TA feature compliance validation via conducted TX power measurements. This section further provides a SAR measurement procedure for time-varying TX power scenario described in section 4.3. Hence, this section follows the test configuration of section 4.3, and uses test sequences 1 and 2 defined in section 4.1.

4.10.2 Procedure

SAR is measured and recorded by the following steps:

• Step 1~4: measure and record SAR versus time

• Step 5: convert the measured SAR into time-averaged SAR

Convert the instantaneous measured SAR from step 4 into 1gSAR or 10gSAR value. Perform the running time average

to 1gSAR or 10g SAR to determine time-averaged value versus time as follows,

where, *meas_SAR_P*_{sub6_limit} is the value determined in step 1, and *meas_SAR(t)* is the instantaneous measured SAR measured in step 4.

- **•** Step 6: plot result
	- A. Calculated time-averaged 1gSAR or 10gSAR
	- B. FCC limit of 1.6 W/kg (1gSAR) or 4.0 W/kg (10gSAR)
- **•** Step 7: repeat steps 2 ~ 6 for pre-defined test sequence 2

Repeat steps 2 ~ 6 for pre-defined test sequence 2 and replace test sequence 1 in step 4 with test sequence 2.

• Step 8: repeat steps 2 ~ 7 for all the selected bands

The time-averaged SAR versus time shall not exceed FCC limit at all times.

5. TA-SAR Validation via Conducted Power Measurements

5.1 Measurement Setup

5.1.1 Test Bench Introduction

The call boxes KeySight UXM (supporting sub6 NR and LTE) and Rohde & Schwarz CMW500 (supporting LTE, WCDMA, C2K and 2G) are used to validate the proposed TA-SAR mechanism. Figure 6-2 shows the block diagram of the measurement bench, which supports the following test scenarios.

- Test scenario 1: range of TA-SAR parameters
- Test scenario 2: time-varying TX power
- Test scenario 3: call disconnection and re-establishment
- Test scenario 5: ECI change

For these measurements, RF port of the call box is connected to the EUT's antenna port, and the call box establishes a connection link through the test script console tool and the power meter measures the conducted output power of the EUT.

Figure 5- 1 TA-SAR conductive power test setup block diagram for scenarios 1/2/3/5

Figure 5-3 shows the block diagram of the measurement bench, which support test scenario 4 (band handover) and scenario 7 (time window switching). For these measurements, the RF port of the call box is connected with a 1-to-2 power divider, which allows the call box to transmit/receive signals from the two different system configurations set in these two test scenarios. Figure 5-4 shows the setup, which is highly similar to Figure 5-3, to support test scenario 6 (antenna switching); as seen in the figure, two EUT's antenna ports are individually connected with a RF cable.

Figure 5- 2 TA-SAR conductive power test setup block diagram for scenarios 4 and 7

Figure 5- 3 TA-SAR conductive power test setup block diagram for scenario 6

Figure 5-5 shows the setup for test scenario 4 (RAT handover) and scenario 8 (SAR exposure switching). Since two RATs need to be controlled in these two scenarios, RF port of RAT #1 and RF port of RAT #2 of the call box are individually connected to an antenna port of the EUT through a directional coupler. It is noted that each of the two RATs individually transmit signals though one antenna port. The antenna port assignment of each RAT for these two scenarios is described in Figure 5-1.

Figure 5- 4 TA-SAR conductive power test setup block diagram for scenarios 4/8

5.1.2 Sub6 NR/LTE/3G/2G Power Limit Table and Test Configurations

For the supported bands/channels/antennas of each technology, the measured power limit (*Psub6_limit*), corresponding to *SAR_design_limit*, is listed in the table 6-1. The *SAR_design_limit* is determined by taking 1-dB device uncertainty into consideration. Please note that for TDD bands with TX duty cycles less than or equal to 100%, the measured power limit corresponds to the burst averaged power level which does not account for TX duty cycle.

Table 6-1 Summary table of power limit (*Psub6_limit***) for all supported RAT**

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TA-SAR algorithm validation has been performed for 2G, 3G, LTE, NR FR1 according to cases with different combinations of operating parameters listed in Table 2-1.

Table 2-1 TA-SAR operating parameters

Table for Sub-6GHz TA-SAR validation test case list

Table 6-2 summarizes the test configurations of all RATs, and the corresponding worst-case measured SAR for each RAT under the power limit.

Table 6-2 Test configurations of radio technologies and worst-case measured SAR

Table 6-3 Test configurations of radio technologies and worst-case measured Plimit and Pmax

5.2 Conducted Power Measurement Results for Scenario1: Range of TA-SAR Parameters

In this scenario, two TA-SAR parameters are swept to validate Mediatek's TA-SAR algorithm. The parameter sets are summarized in Table 6-3, and the test procedure follows section 4.2.2. The measurement setup is shown in Figure 5-2. The high-level summary of the final validation results are also listed in the last column of the table, which concludes that Mediatek's TA-SAR algorithm can maintain the time-averaged SAR is always below the FCC requirement for all test cases. The following section will demonstrate case-by-case to show how Mediatek's TA-SAR algorithm behaves for different parameters.

Case1: FR1 n48 result for Range of TA-SAR

Figure 5- 5 Time-averaged conducted TX power over time

SAR

5.3 Conducted Power Measurement Results for Scenario 2: Time-Varying TX Power

In this scenario, Mediatek's TA-SAR algorithm is tested under more dynamic power test sequences. The test sequence #1 is shown in section 4.1 and test sequence #2 is tabulated in table 4.4. All of the test cases for this scenario are relegated in Table 6-3, and the test procedure follows section 4.3.2. The measurement setup is shown in Figure 5-2. The high-level summary of the final validation results are also listed in the last column of the table, which concludes that Mediatek's TA-SAR algorithm can maintain the time-averaged SAR is always below the FCC requirement for all test cases. The following sections will demonstrate case-by-case to show how Mediatek's TA-SAR algorithm behaves for each RAT.

5.3.1 Measurement results for 2G

The corresponding detailed test procedure is described in 4.3.2. For the figure set of each case, the first figure demonstrates the EUT's instantaneous conducted TX power, the time-averaged conducted TX power behavior over time, and the power limit (P_reg_sub6_limit = $P_{sub6\, limit}$ + 1dB device uncertainty). The second figure illustrates the corresponding time-averaged SAR over time converted from the TX time-averaged power by using the equation listed in section 4.3.2.

Case2-1: GSM1900 result for test sequence 1

Figure 5- 7 Time-averaged conducted TX power over time

Figure 5- 8 Time-averaged SAR

Case2-2: GSM1900 result for test sequence 2

Figure 5- 9 Time-averaged conducted TX power over time

Figure 5- 10 Time-averaged SAR

Case3-1: GSM850 result for test sequence 1

Figure 5- 11 Time-averaged conducted TX power over time

Figure 5- 12 Time-averaged SAR

Case3-2: GSM850 result for test sequence 2

Figure 5- 13 Time-averaged conducted TX power over time

Figure 5- 14 Time-averaged SAR

5.3.2 Measurement results for WCDMA

The corresponding detailed test procedure is described in 4.3.2. For the figure set of each case, the first figure demonstrates the EUT's instantaneous conducted TX power, the time-averaged conducted TX power behavior over time, and the power limit (P_reg_sub6_limit = P_{sub6_limit} + 1dB device uncertainty). The second figure illustrates the corresponding time-averaged SAR over time converted from the TX time-averaged power by using the equation listed in section 4.3.2. For all test cases, the time-averaged SAR does not exceed the FCC limit.

Case4-1: WCDMA B5 result for test sequence 1

Figure 5- 15 Time-averaged conducted TX power over time

Figure 6- 16 Time-averaged SAR

Case4-2: WCDMA B5 result for test sequence 2

Figure 5- 17 Time-averaged SAR

Case5-1: WCDMA B2 result for test sequence 1

Figure 5- 18 Time-averaged conducted TX power over time

Figure 5- 19 Time-averaged SAR

Case5-2: WCDMA B2 result for test sequence 2

Figure 5- 20 Time-averaged conducted TX power over time

Figure 5- 21 Time-averaged SAR

5.3.3 Measurement results for LTE

The corresponding detailed test procedure is described in 4.3.2. For the figure set of each case, the first figure demonstrates the EUT's instantaneous conducted TX power, the time-averaged conducted TX power behavior over time, and the power limit (P_reg_sub6_limit = P_{sub6_limit} + 1dB device uncertainty). The second figure illustrates the corresponding time-averaged SAR over time converted from the TX time-averaged power by using the equation listed in section 4.3.2. For all test cases, the time-averaged SAR does not exceed the FCC limit.

Case6-1: LTE B5 result for test sequence 1

Figure 5- 22 Time-averaged conducted TX power over time

SAR

Case6-2: LTE B5 result for test sequence 2

Figure 5- 20 Time-averaged conducted TX power over time

Figure 5- 24 Time-averaged SAR

Figure 5- 25 Time-averaged conducted TX power over time

Figure 5- 27 Time-averaged conducted TX power over time

Figure 5- 28 Time-averaged SAR

5.3.4 Measurement results for NR

The corresponding detailed test procedure is described in 4.3.2. For the figure set of each case, the first figure demonstrates the EUT's instantaneous conducted TX power, the time-averaged conducted TX power behavior over time, and the power limit (P_reg_sub6_limit = P_{sub6_limit} + 1dB device uncertainty). The second figure illustrates the corresponding time-averaged SAR over time converted from the TX time-averaged power by using the equation listed in section 4.3.2. For all test cases, the time-averaged SAR does not exceed the FCC limit.

Case8-1: NR n26 result for test sequence 1

Figure 5- 29 Time-averaged conducted TX power over time

SAR

Case8-2: NR n26 result for test sequence 2

Figure 5- 31 Time-averaged conducted TX power over time

Figure 5- 32 Time-averaged SAR

TA-SAR Conducted power

Figure 5- 35 Time-averaged conducted TX power over time

5.4 Conducted Power Measurement Results for Scenario 3: Call Disconnection and Re-establishment

In this scenario, the test power sequence #0 (i.e., maximum TX power is requested by a call box for each RAT) is used, and the call drop is manually configured for a pre-defined period and then the call is re-established to continue data transmission. The test case for this scenario is relegated in Table 6-3, and the test procedure follows section 4.4.2. The measurement setup is shown in Figure 5-2. The high-level summary of the final validation results is also listed in the last column of the table, which concludes that Mediatek's TA-SAR algorithm can maintain the time-averaged SAR is always below the FCC requirement. The following section will demonstrate how Mediatek's TA-SAR algorithm behaves.

The corresponding detailed test procedure is described in 4.4.2. Figure 5-42 demonstrates the EUT's instantaneous conducted TX power, the time-averaged conducted TX power behavior over time, and the power limit (P_reg_sub6_limit $= P_{sub6 limit}$ + 1dB device uncertainty). Figure 5-43 illustrates the corresponding time-averaged SAR over time converted from the TX time-averaged power by using the equation listed in section 4.4.2. As seen in this figure, the timeaveraged SAR does not exceed the FCC limit.

Figure 5- 42 Time-averaged conducted TX power over time

Figure 5- 37 Time-averaged SAR

5.5 Conducted Power Measurement Results for Scenario Band Handover

In this scenario, the test power sequence #0 (i.e., maximum TX power is requested by a call box for each RAT) is used, and band (and RAT) handover is manually configured at a specific time instance. The test case widely cover handover scenarios between two RATs. The test case for this scenario is relegated in Table 6-3, and the test procedure follows section 4.5.2. The measurement setup is shown in Figure 5-3 (band handover) and Figure 5-5 (RAT handover). The highlevel summary of the final validation results is also listed in the last column of the table, which concludes that Mediatek's TA-SAR algorithm can maintain the time-averaged SAR is always below the FCC requirement. The following section will demonstrate how Mediatek's TA-SAR algorithm behaves.

The corresponding detailed test procedure is described in 4.5.2. The first figure demonstrates the EUT's instantaneous conducted TX power and the time-averaged conducted TX power behavior over time, and the power limit $(P_{\text{reg_sub6_limit} = P_{\text{sub6_limit}} + 1$ dB device uncertainty). The handover is configured at the time instance of 500 seconds. It is observed in the figure that the time-averaged TX power of the individual RAT is below its own P_{sub6} limit. The second figure illustrates the corresponding time-averaged normalized SAR over time converted from the TX time-averaged power by using the equation listed in section 4.5.2. The figure shows that the time-averaged normalized SAR does not exceed the normalized FCC limit of 1.

Case11: band handover happens at the time instance of 500 seconds.

Total normalized Time-averaged RF exposure (Scenario 4, Tech: LTE, Band7 / Tech: WCDMA, Band5)

5.6 Conducted Power Measurement Results for Scenario 5: ECI Change

In this scenario, the test power sequence #0 (i.e., maximum TX power is requested by a call box for each RAT) is used, and ECI change at the EUT side is manually configured at a specific time instance. The test case cover ECI switching scenario between two ECIs. The test case for this scenario is relegated in Table 6-3, and the test procedure follows section 4.6.2. The measurement setup is shown in Figure 5-2. The high-level summary of the final validation results is also listed in the last column of the table, which concludes that Mediatek's TA-SAR algorithm can maintain the time-averaged SAR is always below the FCC requirement. The following section will demonstrate how Mediatek's TA-SAR algorithm behaves. The corresponding detailed test procedure is described in 4.6.2. The first figure demonstrates the EUT's instantaneous conducted TX power and the time-averaged conducted TX power behavior over time, and the power limit (P_reg_sub6_limit = P_{sub6 limit + 1dB device uncertainty). During the test period, there are two ECI change events configured individually at the time instances 500 seconds and 700 seconds. The 1st change is from ECI = 5 to ECI = 4 and the 2^{nd} change is from ECI = 4 back to ECI = 5. It is observed in the figure that the time-averaged TX power of the individual RAT is below its own *Psub6_limit*. The second figure illustrates the corresponding time-averaged normalized SAR over time converted from the TX time-averaged power by using the equation listed in section 4.6.2. The figure shows that the time-averaged normalized SAR does not exceed the normalized FCC limit of 1.

Case12: LTE B38 ECI5 changes to ECI4 happen at the time instances of 500 and 700 seconds, respectively

Figure 5- 40 Time-averaged conducted TX power over time

NOTE : The inst. TX power should be compared with P_reg_sub6_limit of the corresponding configuration, i.e. 16.0 dBm for ECI 5 and 21 dBm for ECI 4, then transformed and averaged in SAR perspective to check compliance. Therefore, even though the time-averaged TX power seems to exceed P_reg_sub6_limit after configuration changed (from 700s to 730s), the time-averaged SAR pass regulation as a matter of fact.

Total normalized Time-averaged RF exposure
Scenario 5, Tech: NR FR1, ECI5
/ Tech: NR FR1, ECI4

5.7 Conducted Power Measurement Results for Scenario 7: Time Window Switching

In this scenario, the test power sequence #0 (i.e., maximum TX power is requested by a call box for each RAT) is used, and band handover events within a RAT are manually configured at specific time instances. This scenario aims to validate the correctness of the TA-SAR algorithm with existence of moving average time window change. The two test cases for this scenario are relegated in Table 6-3, and the test procedure follows section 4.8.2. The measurement setup is shown in Figure 5-3. The high-level summary of the final validation results are also listed in the last column of the table, which concludes that Mediatek's TA-SAR algorithm can maintain the time-averaged SAR is always below the FCC requirement for all the cases. The following sections will demonstrate how Mediatek's TA-SAR algorithm behaves.

5.7.1 Measurement results for Time window switching 60s-100s-60

The corresponding detailed test procedure is described in 4.8.2. During the test period, there are two band handover events configured individually at the time instances 450 seconds and 620 seconds. The 1st handover is from B48 to B7 and the 2nd handover is from B7 back to B48. The first figure demonstrates the EUT's instantaneous conducted TX power and the time-averaged conducted TX power behavior over time, and the power limit (P_reg_sub6_limit = P_{sub6_limit} + 1dB device uncertainty). It is observed in the figure that the time-averaged TX power during the transitions of the band changes is maintained below the power limitation. The second figure illustrates the corresponding time-averaged normalized SAR over time converted from the TX time-averaged power by using the equation listed in section 4.8.2. The figure shows that the time-averaged normalized SAR does not exceed the normalized FCC limit of 1.

Case13: FR1 n48 handover to FR1 n38 happens at the time instances of 450 and 620 seconds.

Total normalized Time-averaged RF exposure
Scenario 7, Tech: NR FR1, Band48
Tech: NR FR1, Band38

5.7.2 Measurement results for Time window switching 100s-60s-100s

The corresponding detailed test procedure is described in 4.8.2. During the test period, there are two band handover events configured individually at the time instances 500 seconds and 620 seconds. The 1st handover is from B66 to B48 and the 2nd handover is from B48 back to B66. The first figure demonstrates the EUT's instantaneous conducted TX power and the time-averaged conducted TX power behavior over time, and the power limit (P_reg_sub6_limit = P_{sub6 $limit$ + 1dB device uncertainty). It is observed in the figure that the time-averaged TX power during the transitions of the band changes is maintained below the power limitation. The second figure illustrates the corresponding time-averaged normalized SAR over time converted from the TX time-averaged power by using the equation listed in section 4.8.2. The figure shows that the time-averaged normalized SAR does not exceed the normalized FCC limit of 1.

Case14: FR1 n38 handover to FR1 n48 happens at the time instances of 500 and 620 seconds.

Figure 5- 44 Time-averaged conducted TX power over time

Figure 5- 45 Normalized time-averaged SAR

5.8 Conducted Power Measurement Results for Scenario 8: SAR Exposure Switching (EN-DC)

In this scenario, the test power sequence #0 (i.e., maximum TX power is requested by a call box for each RAT) is used, and LTE and NR FR1 are turned on at the same time for a pre-defined period during the test. This scenario aims to validate whether the TA-SAR algorithm is able to maintain TER below the FCC limit when the two radios change TX power dynamically. The experiment parameters are summarized in Table 6-10, and the test procedure follows section 4.9.2. The measurement setup is shown in Figure 5-5.

During the test period,

- Time = 300s~500s: NR FR1-only scenario.
- Time = 500s~700s: LTE + NR FR1 scenario.
- Time = 700s~900s: LTE-only scenario.

The first figure demonstrates the EUT's instantaneous conducted TX power and the time-averaged conducted TX power behavior over time, and the power limit (P_reg_sub6_limit = P_{sub6 $limit$ + 1dB device uncertainty). It is observed in the figure that the time-averaged TX power in all time periods is maintained below the power limitation. The second figure illustrates the corresponding time-averaged normalized SAR over time converted from the TX time-averaged power by using the equation listed in section 4.9.2. The figure shows that the time-averaged normalized SAR does not exceed the normalized FCC limit of 1.

Case15: SAR Exposure Switch for LTE B7 to FR1 n78

Figure 5- 46 Time-averaged conducted TX power over time

Total normalized Time-averaged RF exposure
Scenario 8, Tech: LTE, Band7
Tech: NR FR1, Band78

Figure 5- 47 Normalized time-averaged SAR

6. TA-SAR Validation via SAR Measurements

6.1 Measurement Setup

The measurement setup is similar to normal fixed power SAR measurement. The difference in SAR measurement setup for time averaging feature validation is that the call box operates under the close loop power control mode and is connected to the PC, so that the PC can control the call box based on the test sequence to configure EUT's TX target power. The same test procedure used in conducted power setup for time-varying TX power measurement is also used in this section for time-averaging SAR measurements. Since the SAR chamber is an uncontrolled environment, the path loss between call box antenna and the EUT are well calibrated. The test setup is illustrated in Figure 7-1.

Figure 6-1 TA-SAR wireless test environment

6.2 SAR Measurement Results for Scenario 2: Time-Varying TX Power

In this scenario, Mediatek's TA-SAR algorithm is tested under more dynamic power test sequences. The test sequence #1 is shown in section 4.1 and test sequence #2 is tabulated in table 4.4. All of the test cases for this scenario are relegated in Table 7-1, and the test procedure follows section 4.10.2. The measurement setup is shown in Figure 6-1, 7-2(a) and 7- 2(b). All of the measurements are conduct in SPORTON (i.e., an FCC certified lab) by using DASY6. The high-level summary of the final validation results is given in the last column of the table, which concludes that Mediatek's TA-SAR algorithm can maintain the time-averaged SAR is always below the FCC requirement for all test cases. The following sections will demonstrate case-by-case to show how Mediatek's TA-SAR algorithm behaves for each RAT.

Test Case	Test Scenario	Test band	Test Position	Gap (mm)	Test Sequen ce	ANT	ECI	Plimit Setting	Pmax Setting	Measured Plimit	Measued Pmax	PUE max Cust offset	PUE backoff offset
	2. Time-varying TX power	GPRS 1900	Right Side	10 _{mm}	1/2	2	5	18.00	21.00	17.73	20.66	3	3
2		GPRS 850	Left Side	10 _{mm}	1/2		5	19.00	23.00	19.15	23.07	3	3
3		WCDMA Band 5	Front	0 _{mm}	1/2		3	22.50	23.50	22.80	23.37	4	3
$\overline{4}$		WCDMA Band 2 Right Side		10 _{mm}	1/2	2	5	17.50	24.00	17.41	23.56	4	3
$\overline{5}$		LTE Band 5	Back	10 _{mm}	1/2	0	5	24.00	25.00	24.61	24.59	4	3
6		LTE Band 7	Right Side	10 _{mm}	1/2	2	5	16.00	25.00	16.39	25.30	4	3
		FR1 n26	Back	10 _{mm}	1/2	Ω	5	24.00	25.00	24.60	25.50	4	3
8		FR1 n48	Top Side	10 _{mm}	1/2	6	5	13.30	23.30	12.61	23.61	4	3

Table 7-1 Operating parameters for different TA-SAR parameters setting

6.2.1 SAR Measurement results for 2G

Case1-1: 2G GSM1900 result for test sequence 1

Figure Time-averaged SAR

Case1-2: GSM1900 result for test sequence 2

Figure Time-averaged SAR

Case2-1: 2G GSM850 result for test sequence 1

Figure 6-17 Time-averaged SAR

Figure 6-18 Time-averaged SAR

6.2.2 SAR Measurement results for 3G WCDMA

Figure 6-11 Time-averaged SAR

Case3-2: WCDMA B5 result for test sequence 2

Figure 6-12 Time-averaged SAR

Case4-1: WCDMA B2 result for test sequence 1

Figure 6-13 Time-averaged SAR

Case4-2: WCDMA B2 result for test sequence 2

Figure 6-14 Time-averaged SAR

6.2.3 SAR Measurement results for LTE

Case5-1: LTE B5 result for test sequence 1

Figure 6-7 Time-averaged SAR

Figure 6-8 Time-averaged SAR

Figure 6-9 Time-averaged SAR

Figure 6-10 Time-averaged SAR

6.2.4 SAR Measurement results for NR

Case7-1: NR n26 result for test sequence 1

Figure 6-3 Time-averaged SAR

Figure 6-4 Time-averaged SAR

Figure 6-5 Time-averaged SAR

Figure 6-6 Time-averaged SAR for case

7. Conclusions

This document proposes TA-SAR test scenarios and procedures, and further proves Mediatek's TA-SAR algorithms can meet the FCC SAR regulations with the proposed test scenarios and procedures. As shown in Chapters 6 and 8, Mediatek's TA-SAR algorithms are able to maintain SAR over time below the FCC regulatory limits (based on the agreed TX-powerto-SAR translation). Furthermore, the near-field measurements are also done in an FCC certified lab (i.e., SPORTON) to further validate the proposed test methodologies, and the results shown in Chapters 7 and 9 demonstrate that Mediatek's TA-SAR algorithms really can maintain SAR over time below the FCC regulatory limits under the proposed test procedures. Based on the provided measurement evidences, it is concluded that Mediatek's TA-SAR algorithms can be tested by using the proposed test methodology for FCC compliance.

8. cDASY6 System Verification

8.1 The system to be used for the near field power density measurement

- SPEAG DASY6 system
- SPEAG cDASY6 5G module software
- **EUmmWVx** probe
- 5G Phantom cover

8.2 Test Side Location

Sporton Lab and below test site location are accredited to ISO 17025 by Taiwan Accreditation Foundation (TAF code: 1190). The ISED Assigned Code is 4086B and 4086H

8.3 SAR E-Field Probe

8.4 Data Acquisition Electronics (DAE)

The data acquisition electronics (DAE) consists of a highly sensitive electrometergrade preamplifier with auto-zeroing, a channel and gain-switching multiplexer, a fast 16 bit AD-converter and a command decoder and control logic unit. Transmission to the measurement server is accomplished through an optical downlink for data and status information as well as an optical uplink for commands and the clock.

The input impedance of the DAE is 200 MOhm; the inputs are symmetrical and floating. Common mode rejection is above 80 dB.

9. Test Equipment List

General Note:

1. Prior to system verification and validation, the path loss from the signal generator to the system check source and the power meter, which includes the amplifier, cable, attenuator and directional coupler, was measured by the network analyzer. The reading of the power meter was offset by the path loss difference between the path to the power meter and the path to the system check source to monitor the actual power level fed to the system check source.

2. The dipole calibration interval can be extended to 3 years with justification according to KDB 865664 D01. The dipoles are also not physically damaged, or repaired during the interval. The justification data in appendix C can be found which the return loss is < -20dB, within 20% of prior calibration, the impedance is within 5 ohm of prior calibration for each dipole.

10. System verification and validation

10.1 Tissue Verification

The tissue dielectric parameters of tissue-equivalent media used for SAR measurements must be characterized within a temperature range of 18℃ to 25℃, measured with calibrated instruments and apparatuses, such as network analyzers and temperature probes. The temperature of the tissue-equivalent medium during SAR measurement must also be within 18℃ to 25℃ and within ± 2℃ of the temperature when the tissue parameters are characterized. The tissue dielectric measurement system must be calibrated before use. The dielectric parameters must be measured before the tissueequivalent medium is used in a series of SAR measurements.

The liquid tissue depth was at least 15cm in the phantom for all SAR testing

<Tissue Check Results>

10.2 System Verification

Comparing to the original SAR value provided by SPEAG, the verification data should be within its specification of 10 %. Below table shows the target SAR and measured SAR after normalized to 1W input power. The table below indicates the system performance check can meet the variation criterion and the plots can be referred to Appendix D.

<System Verification Results>

11. Uncertainty Assessment

Declaration of Conformity:

The test results with all measurement uncertainty excluded is presented in accordance with the regulation limits or requirements declared by manufacturers.

Comments and Explanations:

The declared of product specification for EUT presented in the report are provided by the manufacturer, and the ufacturer takes all the responsibilities for the accuracy of product specification.

The component of uncertainly may generally be categorized according to the methods used to evaluate them. The evaluation of uncertainly by the statistical analysis of a series of observations is termed a Type An evaluation of uncertainty. The evaluation of uncertainty by means other than the statistical analysis of a series of observation is termed a Type B evaluation of uncertainty. Each component of uncertainty, however evaluated, is represented by an estimated standard deviation, termed standard uncertainty, which is determined by the positive square root of the estimated variance.

A Type A evaluation of standard uncertainty may be based on any valid statistical method for treating data. This includes calculating the standard deviation of the mean of a series of independent observations; using the method of least squares to fit a curve to the data in order to estimate the parameter of the curve and their standard deviations; or carrying out an analysis of variance in order to identify and quantify random effects in certain kinds of measurement.

A type B evaluation of standard uncertainty is typically based on scientific judgment using all of the relevant information available. These may include previous measurement data, experience, and knowledge of the behavior and properties of relevant materials and instruments, manufacture's specification, data provided in calibration reports and uncertainties assigned to reference data taken from handbooks. Broadly speaking, the uncertainty is either obtained from an outdoor source or obtained from an assumed distribution, such as the normal distribution, rectangular or triangular distributions indicated in table below.

(a) standard uncertainty is determined as the product of the multiplying factor and the estimated range of variations in the measured quantity

(b) *κ* is the coverage factor

Standard Uncertainty for Assumed Distribution

The combined standard uncertainty of the measurement result represents the estimated standard deviation of the result. It is obtained by combining the individual standard uncertainties of both Type A and Type B evaluation using the usual "root-sum-squares" (RSS) methods of combining standard deviations by taking the positive square root of the estimated variances.

Expanded uncertainty is a measure of uncertainty that defines an interval about the measurement result within which the measured value is confidently believed to lie. It is obtained by multiplying the combined standard uncertainty by a coverage factor. Typically, the coverage factor ranges from 2 to 3. Using a coverage factor allows the true value of a measured quantity to be specified with a defined probability within the specified uncertainty range. For purpose of this document, a coverage factor two is used, which corresponds to confidence interval of about 95 %. The DASY uncertainty Budget is shown in the following tables.

The judgment of conformity in the report is based on the measurement results excluding the measurement uncertainty.

Appendix A. Plots of System Performance Check

Appendix B. DASY Calibration Certificate

Appendix C. Test Setup Photos