INDEXSAR
800MHz validation Dipole
Type IXD-080 **S/N 0093**

Performance measurements

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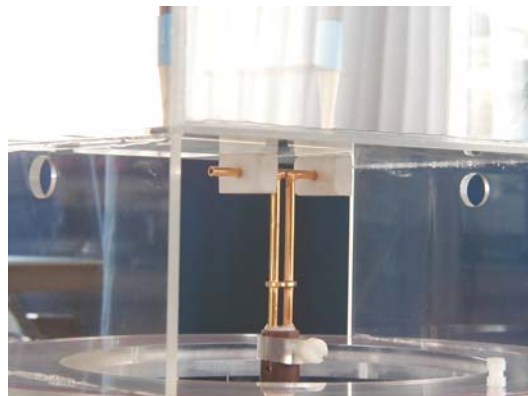
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1. Measurement Conditions

Measurements were performed using a box-shaped phantom made of PMMA with dimensions designed to meet the accuracy criteria for reasonably-sized phantoms that do not have liquid capacities substantially in excess of the volume of liquid required to fill the Indexsar upright SAM phantoms used for SAR testing of handsets against the ear.

An Anritsu MS4623B vector network analyser was used for the return loss measurements.
The dipole was placed in a special holder made of low-permittivity, low-loss materials. This holder enables the dipole to be positioned accurately in the centre of the base of the Indexsar box-phantom used for flat-surface testing and validation checks.

The validation dipoles are supplied with special spacers made from a low-permittivity, low-loss foam material. These spacers are fitted to the dipole arms to ensure that, when the dipole is offered up to the phantom surface, the spacing between the dipole and the liquid surface is accurately aligned according to the guidance in the relevant standards documentation. The spacers are rectangular with a central hole equal to the dipole arm diameter and dimensioned so that the longer side can be used to ensure a spacing of 15mm from the liquid in the phantom (for tests at 900MHz and below) and the shorter side can be used for tests at 1800MHz and above to ensure a spacing of 10mm from the liquid in the phantom. The spacers are made on a CNC milling machine with an accuracy of $1/40^{th}$ mm but they may suffer wear and tear and need to be replaced periodically. The material used is Rohacell, which has a relative permittivity of approx. 1.05 and a negligible loss tangent.

The apparatus supplied by Indexsar for dipole validation tests thus includes:

Balanced dipoles for each frequency required are dimensioned according to the guidelines given in IEEE 1528 [1]. The dipoles are made from semi-rigid 50 Ohm co-ax, which is joined by soldering and is gold-plated subsequently. The constructed dipoles are easily deformed, if mis-handled, and periodic checks need to be made of their symmetry.

Rohacell foam spacers designed for presenting the dipoles to 2mm thick PMMA box phantoms. These components also suffer wear and tear and should be replaced when the central hole is a loose-fit on the dipole arms or if the edges are too worn to ensure accurate alignment. The standard spacers are dimensioned for use with 2mm wall thickness (additional spacers are available for 4mm wall thickness).

2. Typical SAR Measurement

A SAR validation check is performed with the box-phantom located on the SARA2 phantom support base on the SARA2 robot system. Tests are then conducted at a feed power level of approx. 0.25W. The actual power level is recorded and used to normalise the results obtained to the standard input power conditions of 1W (forward power). The ambient temperature is 21°C +/- 1°C and the relative humidity is around 40% during the measurements.

The phantom is filled with a 900MHz brain liquid using a recipe from [1], which has the following electrical parameters (measured using an Indexsar DiLine kit) at 900MHz:

Relative Permittivity	**42.5**
Conductivity	**0.97 S/m**

The SARA2 software version VPM2.2 is used with an Indexsar probe previously calibrated using waveguides.

The 3D measurements made using the dipole at the bottom of the phantom box is shown below:
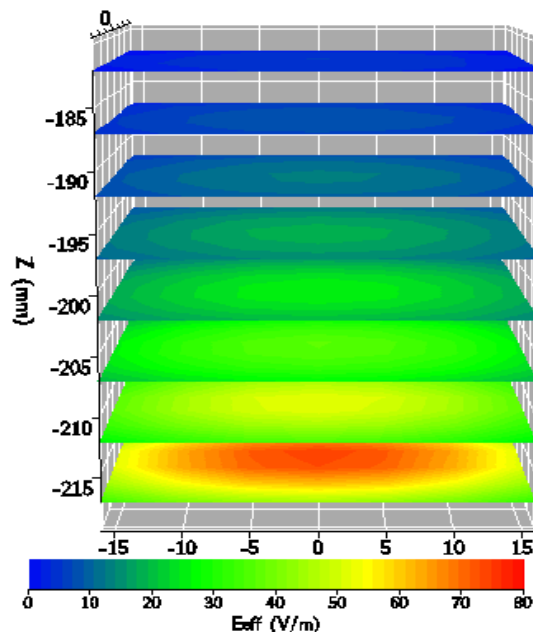
The results, normalised to an input power of 1W (forward power) are typically:

Averaged over 1 cm3 (1g) of tissue	**10.55 W/kg**
Averaged over 10cm3 (10g) of tissue	**6.80 W/kg**

These results can be compared with Table 8.1 in [1]. The agreement is within 10%.

3. Dipole impedance and return loss

The dipoles are designed to have low return loss ONLY when presented against a lossy-phantom at the specified distance. A Vector Network Analyser (VNA) was used to perform a return loss measurement on the specific dipole when in the measurement-location against the box phantom. The distance was as specified in the standard i.e. 10mm from the liquid (for 900MHz). The Indexsar foam spacers (described above) were used to ensure this condition during measurement.

The impedance was measured at the SMA-connector with the network analyser. The following parameters were measured:

Dipole impedance at 900 MHz   Re{Z} = **49.998 Ω**
                                  Im{Z} = **631.311 µΩ**

Return loss at 900MHz   **-20.418 dB**

4. Dipole handling

The dipoles are made from standard, copper-sheathed coaxial cable. In assembly, the sections are joined using ordinary soft-soldering. This is necessary to avoid excessive heat input in manufacture, which would destroy the polythene dielectric used for the cable. The consequence of the construction material and the assembly technique is that the dipoles are fragile and can be deformed by rough handling. Conversely, they can be straightened quite easily as described in this report.

If a dipole is suspected of being deformed, a normal workshop lathe can be used as an alignment jig to restore the symmetry. To do this, the dipole is first placed in the headstock of the lathe (centred on the plastic or brass spacers) and the headstock is rotated by hand (do NOT use the motor). A marker (lathe tool or similar) is brought up close to the end of one dipole arm and then the headstock is rotated by 0.5 rev. to check the opposing arm. If they are not balanced, judicious deformation of the arms can be used to restore the symmetry.

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Please note that, because of their construction, the dipoles are short-circuited for DC signals.

5. Tuning the dipole

The dipole dimensions are based on calculations that assumed specific liquid dielectric properties. If the liquid dielectric properties are somewhat different, the dipole tuning will also vary. A pragmatic way of accounting for variations in liquid properties is to 'tune' the dipole (by applying minor variations to its effective length). For this purpose, Indexsar can supply short brass tube lengths to extend the length of the dipole and thus 'tune' the dipole. It cannot be made shorter without removing a bit from the arm. An alternative way to tune the dipole is to use copper shielding tape to extend the effective length of the dipole. Do both arms equally.

It should be possible to tune a dipole as described, whilst in place in the measurement position as long as the user has access to a VNA for determining the return loss.

6. References

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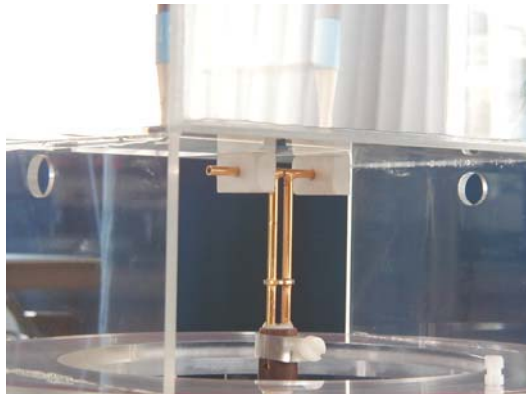
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1900MHz validation Dipole
Type IXD-190 **S/N 0112**

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The phantom is filled with a 1900MHz brain liquid using a recipe from [1], which has the following electrical parameters (measured using an Indexsar DiLine kit) at 1900MHz:

Relative Permittivity   **41.5**
Conductivity   **1.85 S/m**

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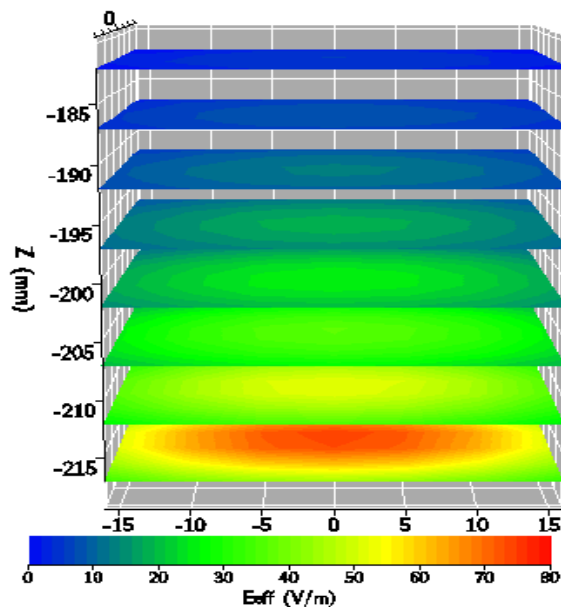
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Averaged over 1 cm3 (1g) of tissue   **49.26 W/kg**
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The impedance was measured at the SMA-connector with the network analyser. The following parameters were measured:

Dipole impedance at 1900 MHz   Re{Z} = **49.996 Ω**
Im{Z} =   **15.159 mΩ**

Return loss at 1900MHz   **-26.178 dB**

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