Antenna Locations

Tissue Parameters

2450MHz Head liquid:

Recipe:

53.74% distilled water
22.59% DGBE
22.59% triton X-100
0.98% salt
0.1% bactericide

Di-electric constants measured on 12/20/2002. SAR measurements were made within 24 hours of the measurement of liquid parameters.

12/20/2002		
Freq. (MHz)	Rel. Perm.	Condy (S/m)
2450	38.42	1.737

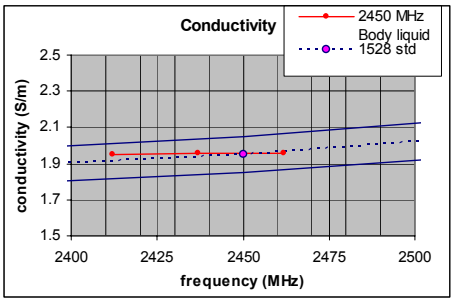
2450MHz Body Liquid:

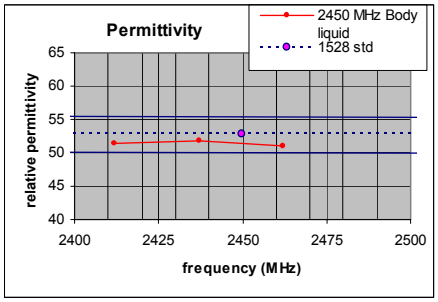
Recipe:

73.3% distilled water
12.88% DGBE
12.88% triton X-100
0.84% salt
0.1% bactericide

Di-electric constants measured on 12/20/2002. SAR measurements were made within 24 hours of the measurement of liquid parameters.

12/20/2002		
Freq. (MHz)	Rel. Perm.	Condy (S/m)
2412	51.33	1.948
2437	51.7	1.959
2462	51.07	1.96





Environment 12/20/2002:

Temperature: **20.6 °C – 21.4°C**
Humidity: **45% _ 55 %**

Test Equipment

Instrument description	Supplier/Manufacturer	Model	Serial No.	Calibration (date)
Bench top Robot	Mitsubishi supplied by Indexsar	RV-E2	Serial No.	N/A
SAM Phantom	Upright shell phantom made by Antennessa digitized and mounted by Indexsar	SAM	04/02 FT08	N/A
2450MHz Head Tissue Simulant	Cetecom Inc.	2450 Head	N/A	12/20/2002
2450MHz Body Tissue Simulant	Cetecom Inc.	2450 Body	N/A	12/20/2002
1900MHz Dipole	IndexSAR – IEEE 1528 design	IXD-190	0016	07/30/2002
Netwok Analyzer	Agilent	8753ES	US39172511	04/04/2002
RF Amplifier	Vectawave	N/A	N/A	N/A
Power Meter	Rohde and Schwartz	NRVD	836875/020	5/2002
Power Sensor	Rohde and Schwartz	URV5-Z2	836029/034	5/2002-
Power Sensor	Rohde and Schwartz	URV5-Z2	836029/035	5/2002-
SAR Probe	IndexSAR	IXP-050	S/N 0123	10/25/2002
Probe amplifier	Indexsar	IXA-010	S/N 043	N/A
Thermometer	Control Company	4039	20410549	11/20/2001

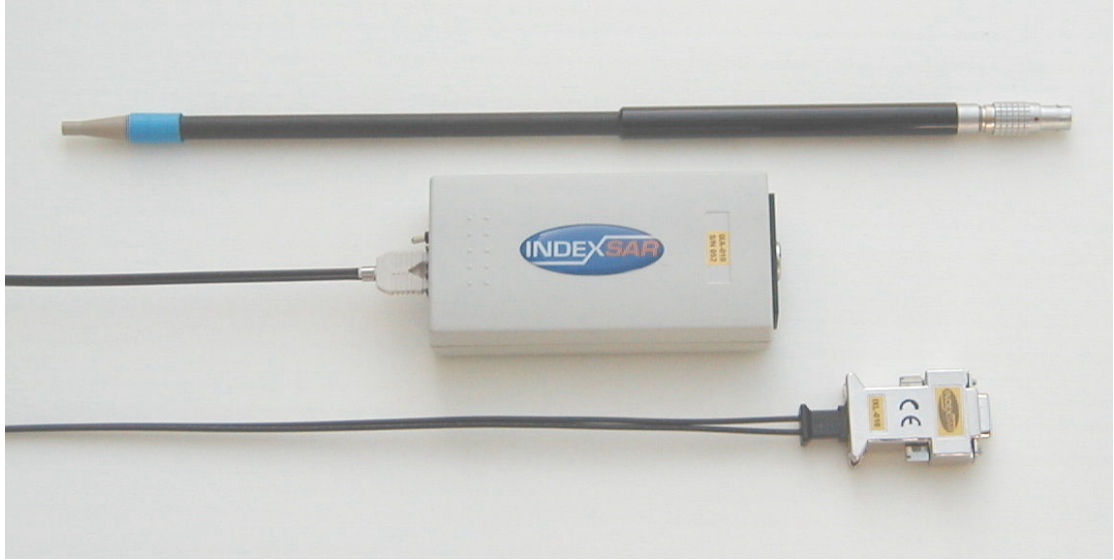
IMMERSIBLE SAR PROBE

CALIBRATION REPORT

Part Number: IXP – 050

S/N 0123

25th October 2002



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INTRODUCTION

This Report presents measured calibration data for a particular Indexsar SAR probe (S/N 0123) and describes the procedures used for characterisation and calibration.

Indexsar probes are characterised using procedures that, where applicable, follow the recommendations of CENELEC [1] and IEEE [2] 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. Equipment Used

For the first part of the characterisation procedure, the probe is placed in an isotropy measurement jig as pictured in Figure 1. In this position the probe can be rotated about its axis by a non-metallic belt driven by a stepper motor.

The probe is attached via its amplifier and an optical cable to a PC. A schematic representation of the test geometry is illustrated in Figure 2.

A balanced dipole (900 MHz) is inserted horizontally into the bracket attached to a second belt (Figure 1). The dipole can also be rotated about its axis. A cable connects the dipole to a signal generator, via a directional coupler and power meter. The signal generator feeds an RF amplifier at constant power, the output of which is monitored using the power meter. The probe is positioned so that its sensors line up with the rotation center of the source dipole. By recording output voltage measurements of each channel as both the probe and the dipole are rotated, data are obtained from which the spherical isotropy of the probe can be optimised and its magnitude determined.

The calibration process requires E-field measurements to be taken in air, in 900 MHz simulated brain liquid and at other frequencies/liquids as appropriate.

2. Linearising 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:

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

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

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-050 probes with CW signals the DCP values are typically 0.10V (or 20 in the voltage units used by Indexsar software, which are V*200).

3. Selecting channel sensitivity factors to optimise isotropic response

The basic measurements obtained using the calibration jig (Fig 1) represent the output from each diode sensor as a function of the presentation angle of the source (probe and dipole rotation angles). The directionality of the orthogonally-arranged sensors can be checked by analysing the data using dedicated Indexsar software, which displays the data in 3D format as in Figure 3. The left-hand side of this diagram shows the individual channel outputs after linearisation (see above). The program uses these data to balance the channel outputs and then applies an optimisation process, which makes fine adjustments to the channel factors for optimum isotropic response.

The next stage of the process is to calibrate the Indexsar probe to a W&G EMR300 E-field meter in air. The principal reasons for this are to obtain conversion factors applicable should the probe be used in air and to provide an overall measure of the probe sensitivity.

A multiplier is applied to factors to bring the magnitudes of the average E-field measurements as close as possible to those of the W&G probe.

The following equation is used (where linearised output voltages are in units of V*200):

$$E_{air}^2 \text{ (V/m)} = U_{linx} * \text{Air Factor}_x + U_{liny} * \text{Air Factor}_y + U_{linz} * \text{Air Factor}_z \qquad (2)$$

It should be noted that the air factors are not separately used for normal SAR testing. The IXP-050 probes are optimised for use in tissue-simulating liquids and do not behave isotropically in air.

4. 900 MHz Liquid Calibration

Conversion factors for use when the probes are immersed in tissue-simulant liquids at 900 MHz are determined either using a waveguide or by comparison to a reference probe that has been calibrated by NPL. Waveguide procedures are described later. The summary sheet indicates the method used for the probe S/N 0123.

The conversion factor, referred to as the 'liquid factor' is also applied to the measurements of each channel. The following equation is used (where output voltages are in units of V*200):

$$E_{liq}^2 \text{ (V/m)} = U_{linx} * \text{Air Factor}_x * \text{Liq Factor}_x + U_{liny} * \text{Air Factor}_y * \text{Liq Factor}_y + U_{linz} * \text{Air Factor}_z * \text{Liq Factor}_z \quad (3)$$

A 3D representation of the spherical isotropy for probe S/N 0123 using these factors is shown in Figure 3.

The rotational isotropy can also determined from the calibration jig measurements and is reported as the 900MHz isotropy in the summary table. Note that waveguide measurements can also be used to determine rotational isotropy (Fig. 5).

The design of the cells used for determining probe conversion factors are waveguide cells is shown in Figure 4. The cells consist of a coax to waveguide transition and an open-ended section of waveguide containing a dielectric separator. Each waveguide cell stands in the upright positition and is filled with liquid within 10 mm of the open end. The seperator provides a liquid seal and is designed for a good electrical transition from air filled guide to liquid filled guide. The choice of cell depends on the portion of the frequency band to be examined and the choice of liquid used. 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. The return loss at the coaxial connector of the filled waveguide cell is measured initially using a network analyser and this information is used subsequently in the calibration procedure. The probe is positioned in the centre of the waveguide and is adjusted vertically or rotated using stepper motor arrangements. The signal generator is connected to the waveguide cell and the power is monitored with a coupler and a power meter. A fuller description of the waveguide method is given below.

The liquid dielectric parameters used for the probe calibrations are listed in the Tables below. The final calibration factors for the probe are listed in the summary chart.

WAVEGUIDE MEASUREMENT PROCEDURE

The calibration method is based on setting up a calculable specific absorption rate (SAR) in a vertically-mounted WG8 (R22) waveguide section [1]. The waveguide has an air-filled, launcher section and a liquid-filled section separated by a matching window that is designed to minimise reflections at the liquid interface. A TE_{01} mode is launched into the waveguide by means of a N-type-to-waveguide adapter. The power delivered to the liquid section is calculated from the forward power and reflection coefficient measured at the input to the waveguide. At the centre of the cross-section of the waveguide, the local spot SAR in the liquid as a function of distance from the window is given by functions set out in IEEE1528 as below:

Because of the low cutoff frequency, the field inside the liquid nearly propagates as a TEM wave. The depth of the medium (greater than three penetration depths) ensures that reflections at the upper surface of the liquid are negligible. The power absorbed in the liquid is determined by measuring the waveguide forward and reflected power. Equation (4) shows the relationship between the SAR at the cross-sectional center of the lossy waveguide and the longitudinal distance (z) from the dielectric separator

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

where the density ρ is conventionally assumed to be 1000 kg/m^3, ab is the cross-sectional area of the waveguide, 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 determined from a scan along the z-axis and compared with the theoretical value determined from Equation (5) using the measured dielectric properties of the lossy liquid.

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

Table A.1 of [1] can be used for designing calibration waveguides with a return loss greater than 30 dB at the most important frequencies used for personal wireless communications. 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 2500 MHz because of the waveguide size is not severe in the context of compliance testing.

CALIBRATION FACTORS MEASURED FOR PROBE S/N 0123

The probe was calibrated at 900, 1800, 1900 and 2450MHz MHz in liquid samples representing both brain liquid and body fluid 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 cross-section at a distance of 2.7 m 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.

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.

DIELECTRIC PROPERTIES OF LIQUIDS

The dielectric properties of the brain and body tissue-simulant liquids employed for calibration are listed in the tables below. The measurements were performed prior to each waveguide test using an Indexsar DiLine measurement kit, which uses the TEM method as recommended in [2].

AMBIENT CONDITIONS

Measurements were made in the open laboratory at 22 $\pm$ 2.0^{o}C. The temperature of the liquids in the waveguide used was measured using a mercury thermometer.

RESPONSE TO MODULATED SIGNALS

To measure the response of the probe and amplifier to modulated signals, the probe is held vertically in a liquid-filled waveguide.

An RF amplifier is allowed to warm up and stabilise before use. A spectrum analyser is used to demonstrate that the peak power of the RF amplifier for the CW signals and the pulsed signals are within 0.1dB of each other when the signal generator is switched from CW to modulated output. Subsequently, the power levels recorded are read from a power meter when a CW signal is being transmitted.

The test sequence involves manually stepping the power up in regular (e.g. 2 dB) steps from the lowest power that gives a measurable reading on the SAR probe up to the maximum that the amplifiers can deliver.

At each power level, the individual channel outputs from the SAR probe are recorded at CW and then recorded again with the modulation setting. The results are entered into a spreadsheet. Using the spreadsheets, the modulated power is calculated by applying a factor to the measured CW power (e.g. for GSM, this factor is 9.03dB). This process is repeated 3 times with the response maximised for each channel sensor in turn.

The probe channel output signals are linearised in the manner set out in Section 1 above using equation (1) with the DCPs determined from the linearisation procedure. Calibration factors for the probe are used to determine the E-field values corresponding to the probe readings using equation (3). SAR is determined from the equation

$$SAR\ (W/kg) = E_{liq}^2\ (V/m) * \sigma(S/m) / 1000 \qquad (6)$$

Where σ is the conductivity of the simulant liquid employed.

Using the spreadsheet data, the DCP value for linearising each of the individual channels (X, Y and Z) is assessed separately. The corresponding DCP values are listed in the summary page of the calibration factors for each probe.

Figure 7 shows the linearised probe response to GSM signals, Figure 8 the response to GPRS signals (GSM with 2 timeslots) and Figure 9 the response to CDMA IS-95A and W-CDMA signals.

Additional tests have shown that the modulation response is similar at 1800MHz and is not affected by the orientation between the source and the probe.

SUMMARY OF CALIBRATION FACTORS FOR PROBE IXP-050 S/N 0123

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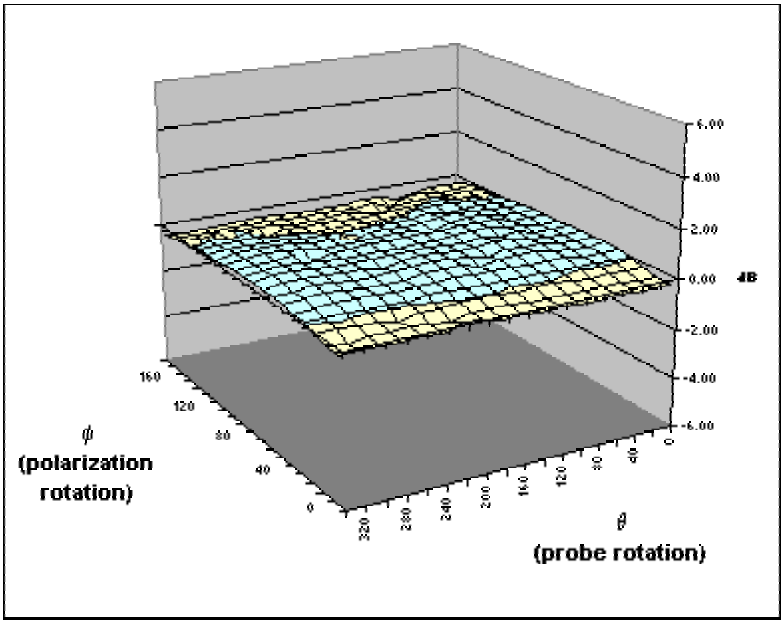


	X	Y	Z		
Air factors	346	318	3	(	
DCPs	20	2	2	(	
GSM	9	13.6	8.7	(V*200)	
GPRS	17.9	18	13.6	(V*200)	
CDMA	20	20	20	(V*200)	

f (MHz)	Axial isotropy (+/- dB)		S		Notes
	BRAIN	BODY	B	B	
835	0.15	0	0	0	
900	0.14	0	0	0	4
1800	0.14	0	0	0	
1900	0.14	0	0	0	
2000	0.14	-	0	-	
2450	0.15	0	0	0	

Notes	
1)	Extrapolated values in italics
2)	Calibrations done at 22C +/- 2C
3)	Probe calibration by substitution against NPL-calibrated probe
	(Probe IXP-050 S/N0071; NPL Cal Rept. No: EF07/2002/03/IndexSAR

4) Waveguide calibration

(the graph shows a simple, spreadsheet representation of surface shown in 3D in Figure 3 below)

PROBE SPECIFICATIONS

Indexsar probe 0123, along with its calibration, is compared with CENELEC 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 0123	CENELEC [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		

Dynamic range	S/N 0123	CENELEC [1]	IEEE [2]
Minimum (W/kg)	0.01	<0.02	0.01
Maximum (W/kg) N.B. only measured to 35 W/kg	>35	>100	100

Linearity of response	S/N 0123	CENELEC [1]	IEEE [2]
Over range 0.01 – 100 W/kg (+/- dB)	0.125	0.50	0.25

Isotropy (measured at 900MHz)	S/N 0123	CENELEC [1]	IEEE [2]
Axial rotation with probe normal to source (+/- dB) at 835, 900, 1800, 1900 and 2450 MHz	Max. 0.18 (see summary table)	0.5	0.25
Spherical isotropy covering all orientations to source (+/- dB)	0.44	1.0	0.50

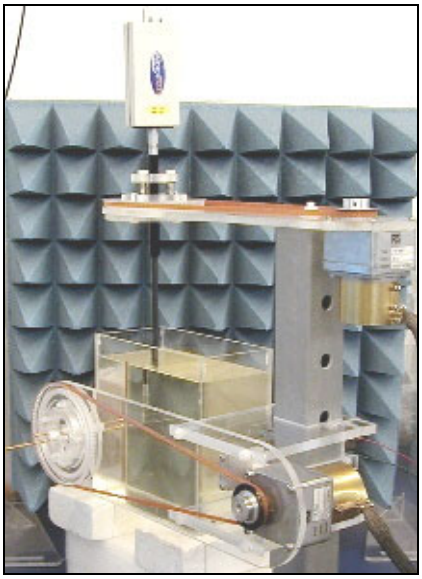
Construction	Each probe contains three orthogonal dipole sensors arranged on a triangular prism core, protected against static charges by built-in shielding, and covered at the tip by PEEK cylindrical enclosure material. No adhesives are used in the immersed section. Outer case materials are PEEK and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

REFERENCES

[1] CENELEC, EN 50361, July 2001. Basic Standard for the measurement of specific absorption rate related to human exposure to electromagnetic fields from mobile phones.

[2] IEEE 1528, Recommended practice for determining the spatial-peak specific absorption rate (SAR) in the human body due to wireless communications devices: Experimental techniques.

[3] Calibration report on SAR probe IXP-050 S/N 0071 from National Physical Laboratory. Test Report EF07/2002/03/IndexSAR. Dated 20 February 2002.



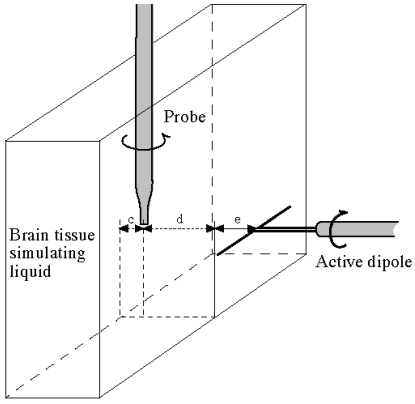


Figure 1. Spherical isotropy jig showing probe, dipole and box filled with simulated brain liquid (see Ref [2], Section A.5.2.1)

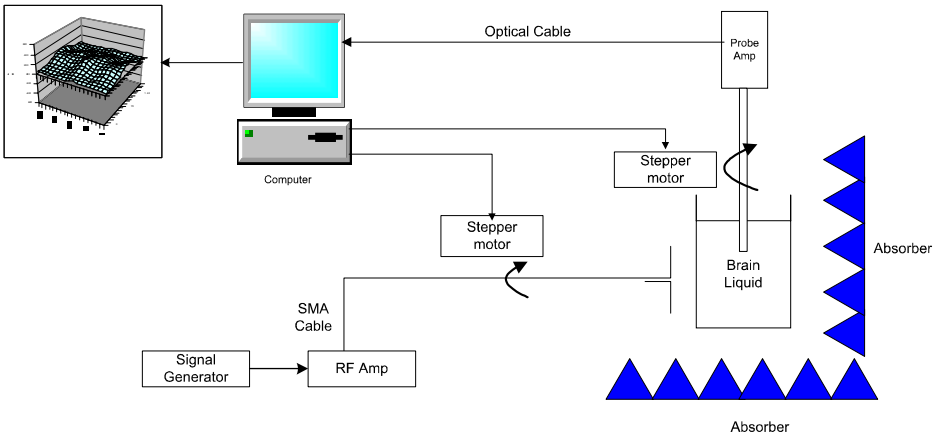


Figure 2. Schematic diagram of the test geometry used for isotropy determination

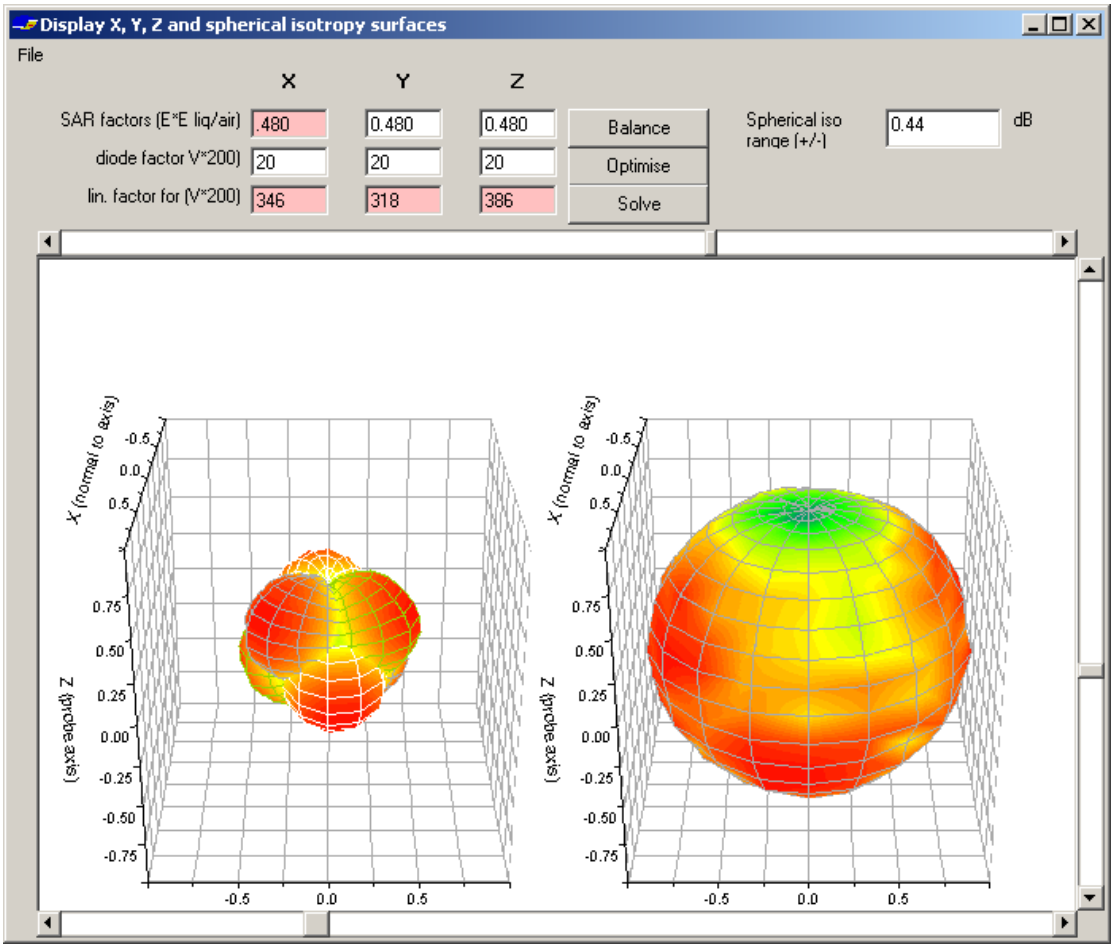


Figure 3. Graphical representation of the probe response to fields applied from each direction. The diagram on the left shows the individual response characteristics of each of the three channels and the diagram on the right shows the resulting probe sensitivity in each direction. The colour range in the figure images the lowest values as blue and the maximum values as red. For the probe S/N 0123, this range is (+/-) 0.44 dB. The probe is more sensitive to fields parallel to the axis and less sensitive to fields normal to the probe axis.

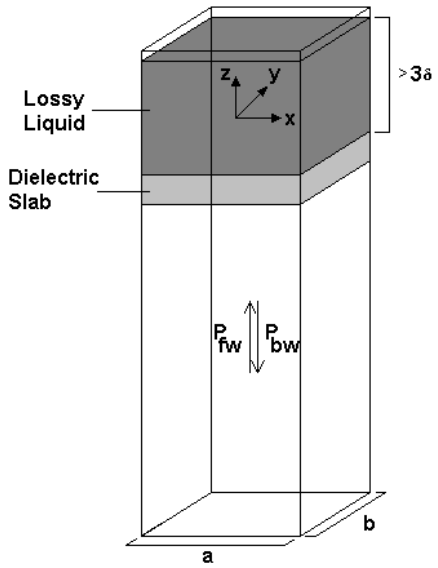


Figure 4. Geometry used for waveguide calibration (after Ref [2]. Section A.3.2.2)

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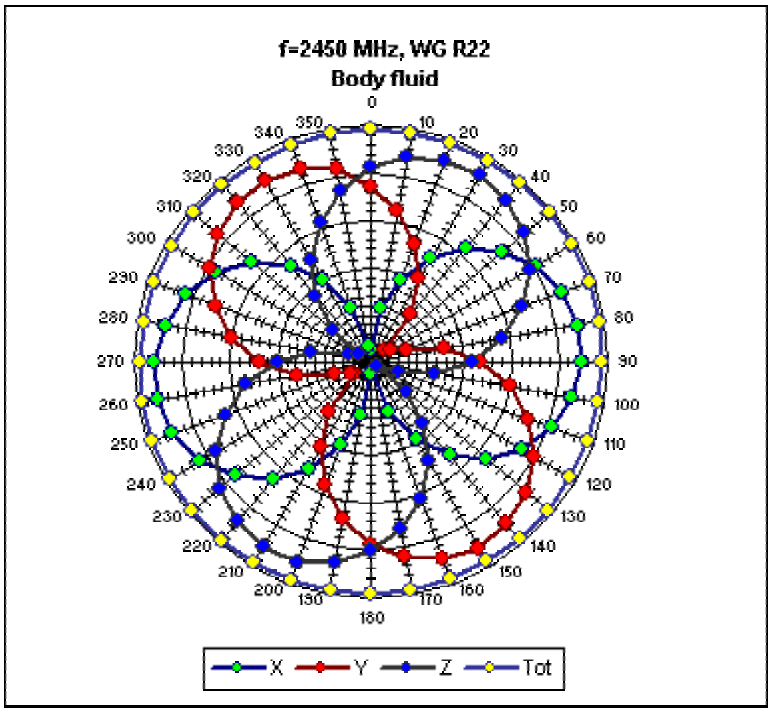


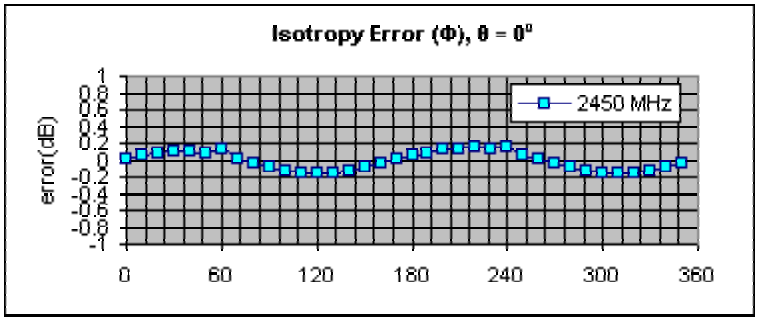


Figure 5. Example of the rotational isotropy of probe S/N 0123 obtained by rotating the probe in a liquid-filled waveguide at 2450 MHz. Similar distributions are obtained at the other test frequencies (1800 and 1900 MHz) both in brain liquids and body fluids (see summary table)

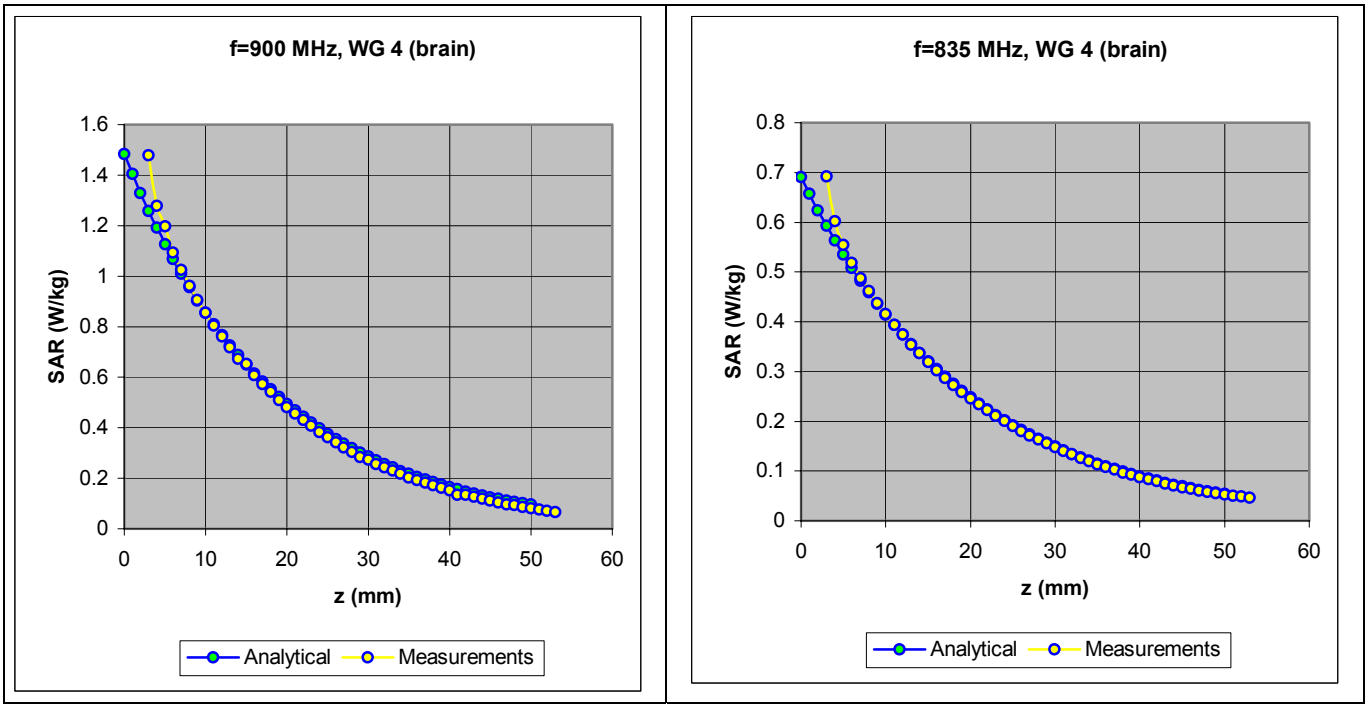
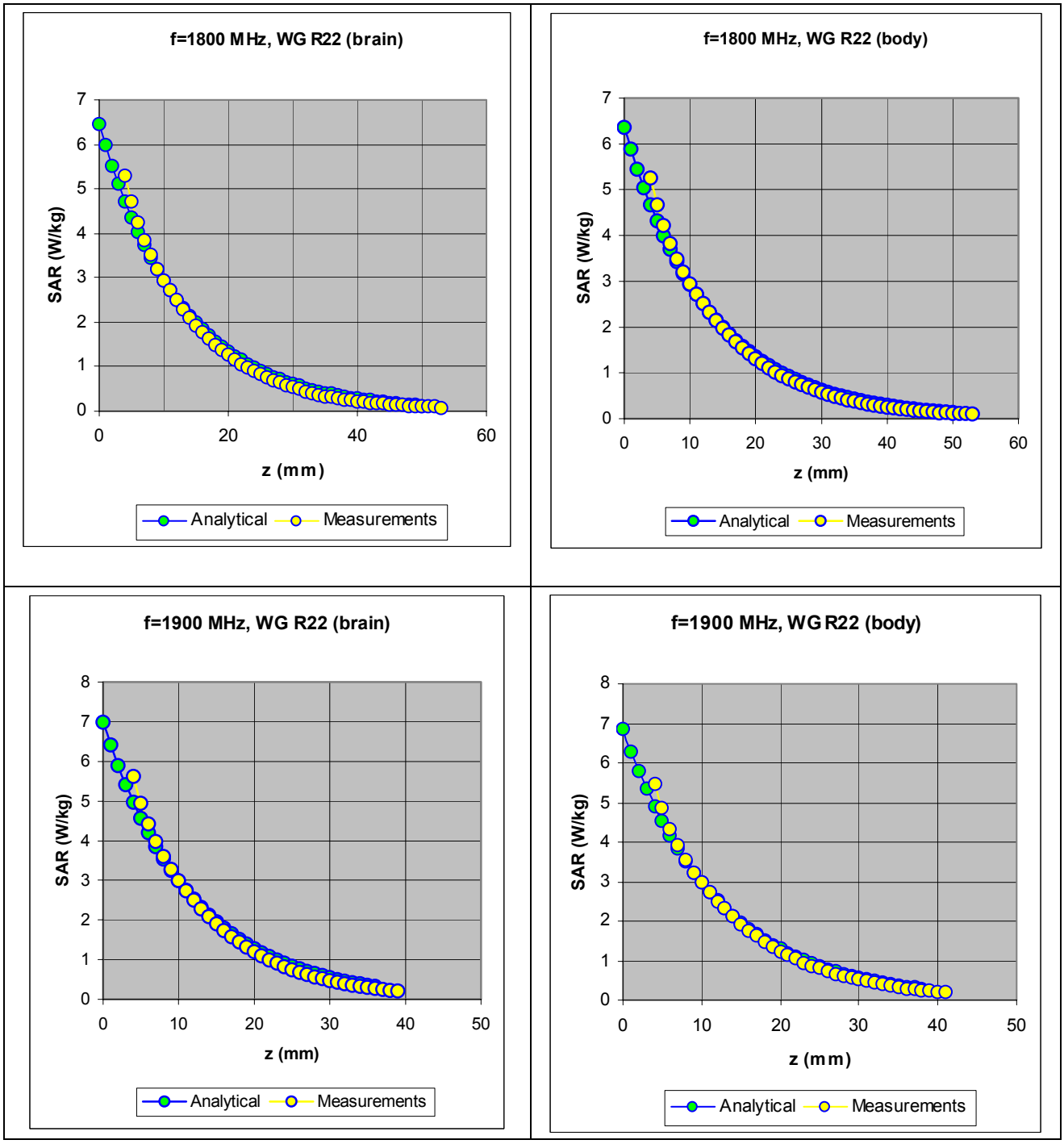


Figure 6. The measured SAR decay function along the centreline of the WG4 waveguide with conversion factors adjusted to fit to the theoretical function for the particular dimension, frequency, power and liquid properties employed.



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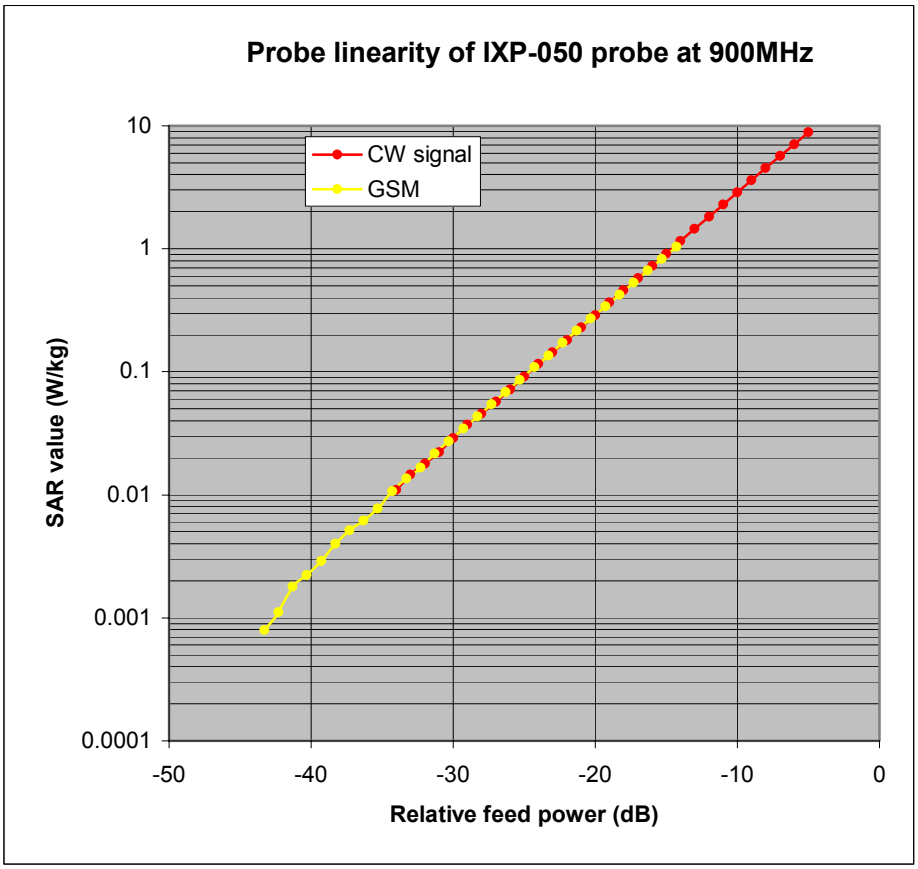


Figure 8. The GSM response of an IXP-050 probe at 900MHz.

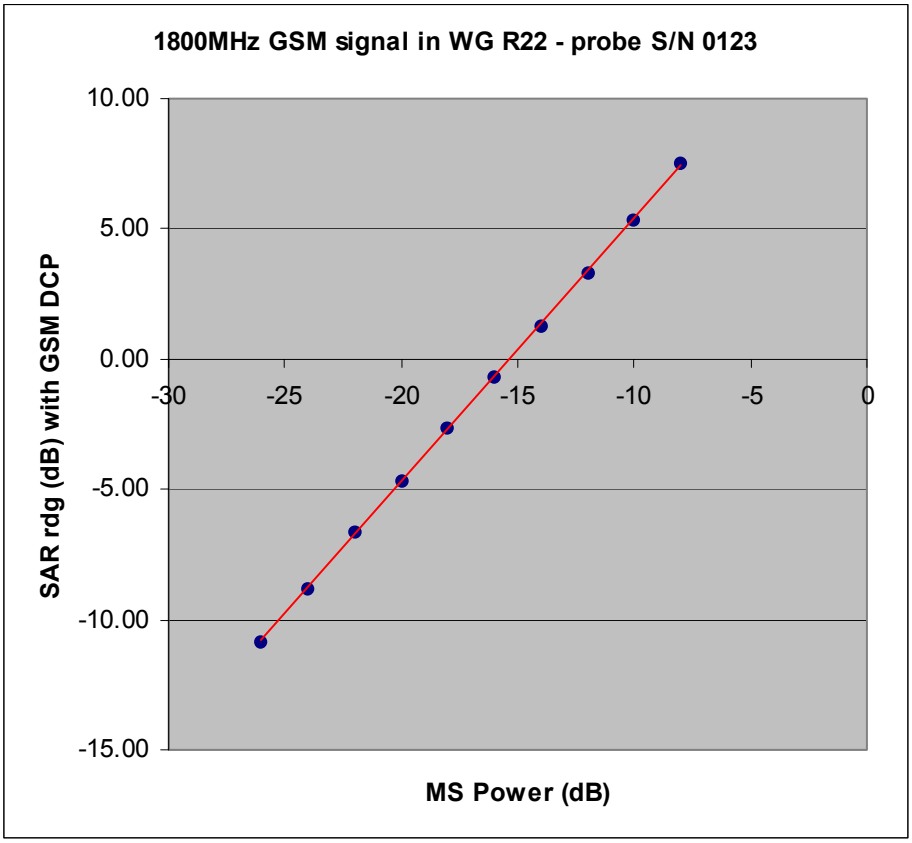


Figure 8a. The actual GSM response of IXP-050 probe S/N 0123 at 1800MHz

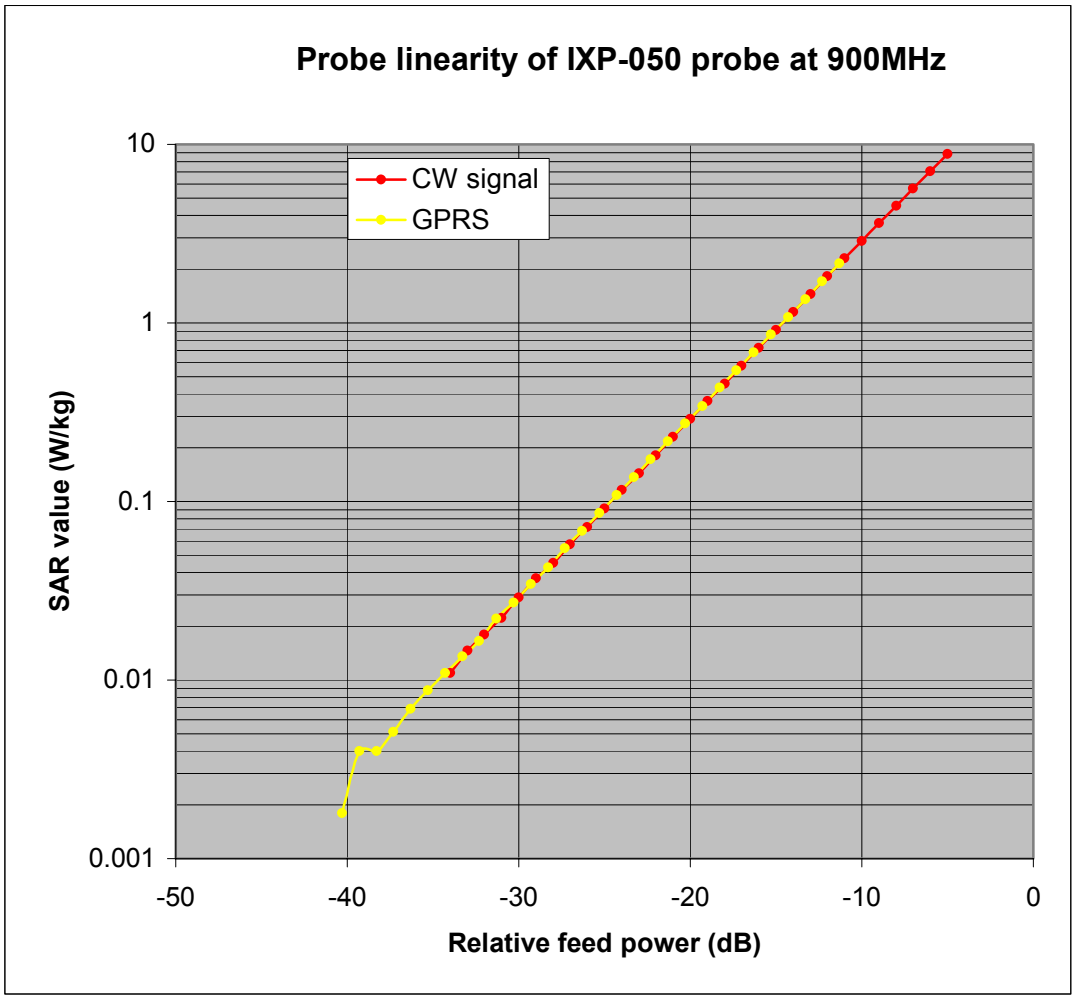
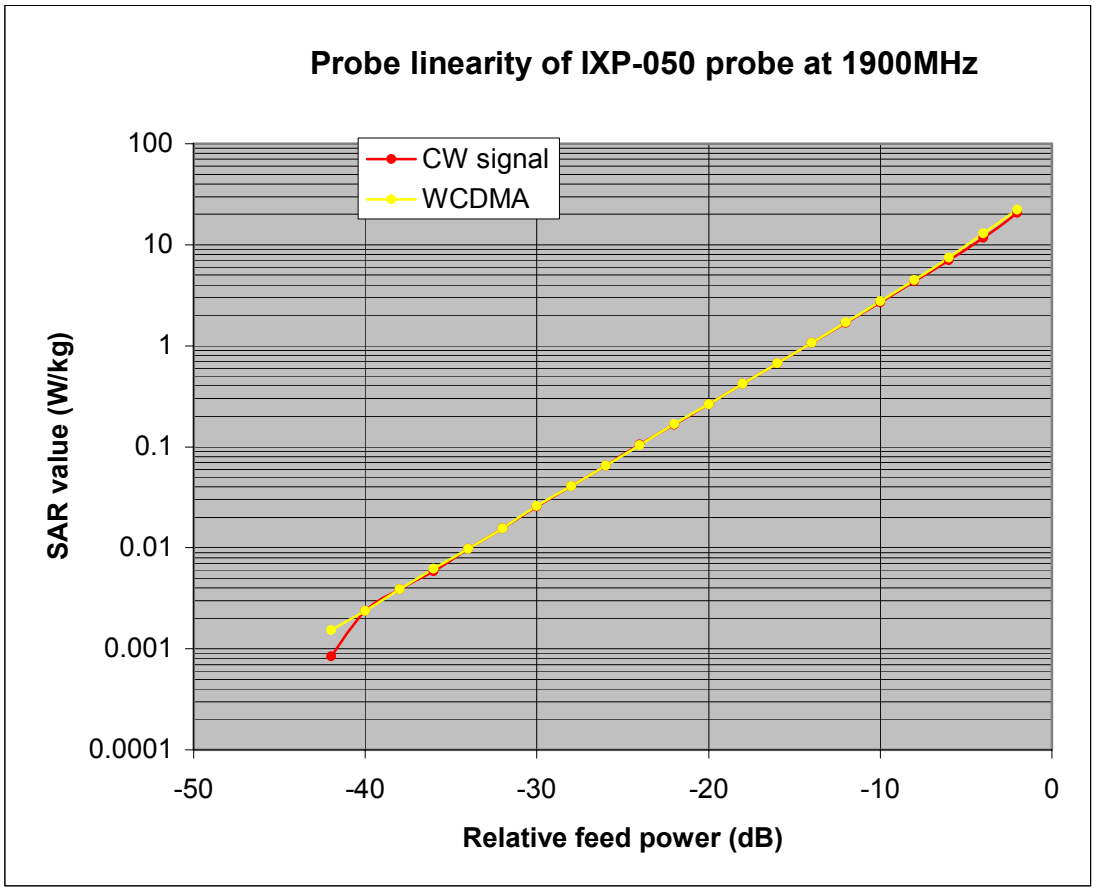


Figure 9. The GPRS response of an IXP-050 probe at 900MHz.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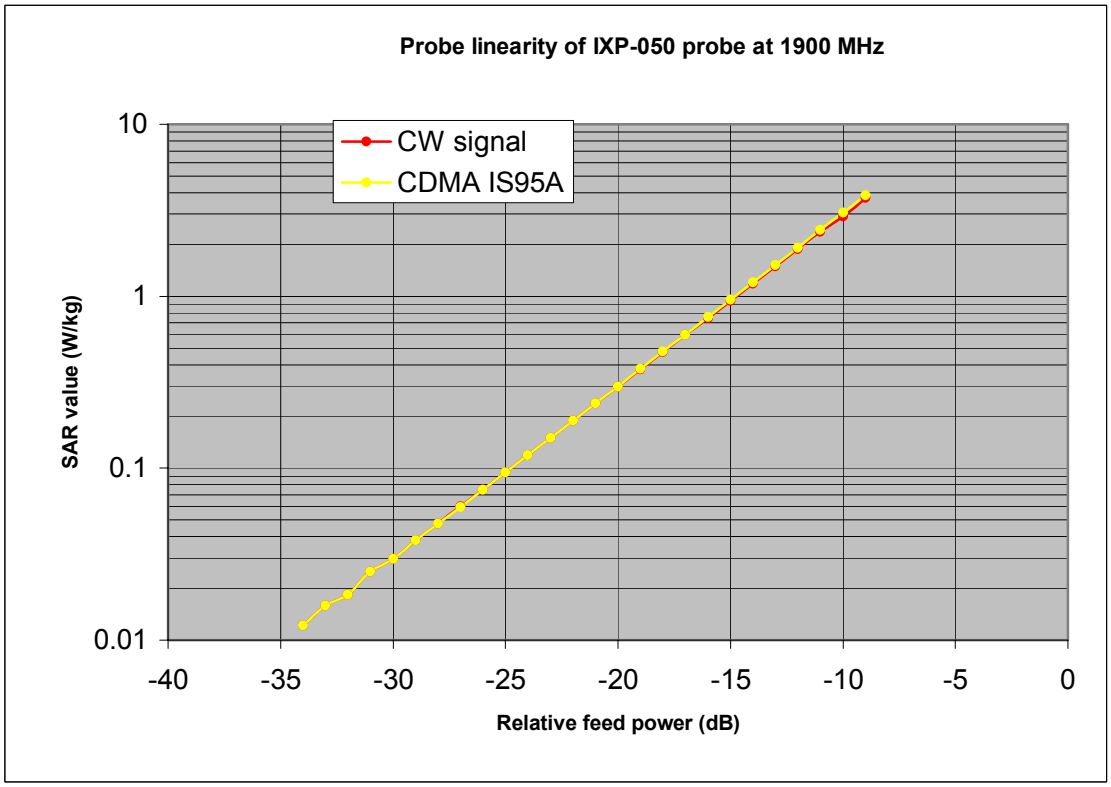
Relative feed power (dB)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Relative feed power (dB)

Figure 10. The CDMA response of an IXP-050 probe at 1900MHz.

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

Liquid used	Relative permittivity (measured)	Conductivity (S/m) (measured)
835 MHz BRAIN	43.3	0.911
835 MHz BODY	58.9	0.985
900 MHz BRAIN	42.5	0.97
900 MHz BODY	58.45	1.044
1800 MHz BRAIN	38.97	1.33
1800 MHz BODY	52.53	1.51
1900 MHz BRAIN	38.43	1.429
1900 MHz BODY	52.02	1.62
2000 MHz BRAIN	37.42	1.36
2450 MHz BRAIN	39.29	1.737
2450 MHz BODY	62.9	2.08

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Calibration Certificate
Dosimetric E-field Probe

Type:	**IXP-050**
Manufacturer:	**IndexSAR, UK**
Serial Number:	**0123**
Place of Calibration:	**IndexSAR, UK**

IndexSAR Limited hereby declares that the IXP-050 Probe named above has been calibrated for conformity to the IEEE 1528 and CENELEC En 50361 standards on the date shown below.

Date of Initial Calibration:	**25th October 2002**

The probe named above will require a calibration check on the date shown below.

Next Calibration Date:	**October 2003**

The calibration was carried out using the methods described in the calibration document.
Where applicable, the standards used in the calibration process are traceable to the UK's National Physical Laboratory.

Calibrated By:

Approved By:

Please keep this certificate with the calibration document. When the probe is sent for a calibration check, please include the calibration document.