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- a) informative Annex B, relative combined standard uncertainty for surface resistance measurement has been added;
- b) precision and accuracy statements have been converted to uncertainty;
- c) reproducibility in surface resistant measurement has been added.

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#### INTRODUCTION

Since the discovery of some Perovskite-type Cu-containing oxides, extensive research and development (R & D) work on high-temperature superconductors (HTS) has been, and is being, done worldwide, and its application to high-field magnet machines, low-loss power transmission, electronics and many other technologies is in progress.

In various fields of electronics, especially in telecommunication fields, microwave passive devices such as filters using HTS are being developed and are undergoing on-site testing [1]<sup>1</sup> [2].

Superconductor materials for microwave resonators [3], filters [4], antennas [5] and delay lines [6] have the advantage of very low loss characteristics. The parameters of superconductor materials needed for the design of microwave low loss components are the surface resistance,  $(R_s)$  and the temperature dependence of the  $R_s$ . Knowledge of this parameter is of primary importance for the development of new materials on the supplier side and for the design of superconductor microwave components on the customer side.

 $R_{\rm s}$  of high quality HTS films is generally several orders of magnitude lower than that of normal metals [7] [8] [9] [10], which has increased the need for a reliable characterization technique to measure this property. Traditionally, the  $R_{\rm s}$  of niobium or any other low-temperature superconducting material was measured by first fabricating an entire three-dimensional resonant cavity and then measuring its Q-value [11]. The  $R_{\rm s}$  could be calculated by solving the electro-magnetic field (EM) distribution inside the cavity. Another technique involves placing a small sample inside a larger cavity. This technique has many forms but usually involves the uncertainty introduced by extracting the loss contribution due to the HTS films from the experimentally measured total loss of the cavity.

The best HTS samples are epitaxial films grown on flat crystalline substrates and no high-quality films have been grown on any curved surface so far. What is needed is a technique that: can use these small flat samples; requires no sample preparation; does not damage or change the film; is highly repeatable; has great sensitivity (down to  $1/1\,000$  the  $R_{\rm s}$  of copper); has great dynamic range (up to the  $R_{\rm s}$  of copper); can reach high internal powers with only modest input powers; and has broad temperature coverage (4,2 K to 150 K).

The dielectric resonator method is selected among several methods to determine the surface resistance at microwave frequencies because it is considered to be the most popular and practical at present. Especially, the sapphire resonator is an excellent tool for measuring the  $R_{\rm S}$  of HTS materials [12] [13] [14]

The test method given in this document can also be applied to other superconductor bulk plates including low  $T_{\rm c}$  materials.

This document is intended to provide an appropriate and agreeable technical base for the time being to engineers working in the fields of electronics and superconductivity technology.

The test method covered in this document is based on the VAMAS (Versailles Project on Advanced Materials and Standards) pre-standardization work on the thin film properties of superconductors.

Numbers in square brackets refer to the bibliography.