

Novel method for calculation and measurement of unloaded Q-factor of superconducting dielectric resonators

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The dielectric resonator technique is recognised as the best method for the measurement of surface resistance (R_{surf}) of High Temperature Superconducting thin films. The R_{surf} is calculated from the Unloaded Q-factor (Q_0) of the resonator, and to obtain accurate values of the Q_0 -factor multi-frequency measurements of S_{21} , S_{11} and S_{22} and data circle fitting are required. As a result, surface resistance measurements at varying temperatures are very time consuming. In this paper we introduce a simplified method for calculations the Q_0 -factor, which require measurements of S_{11} and S_{22} at the lowest temperature only. For all other temperatures only S_{21} measurements are needed. The method has shown to give sufficiently accurate Q_0 values and hence the surface resistance.

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