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This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

a) addition of a new method of measurement: the measurement of integrated broadband cavitation energy between two frequency bounds.

The text of this Technical Specification is based on the following documents:

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INTRODUCTION

Ultrasonically induced **cavitation** is used frequently for immersion cleaning in liquids. There are two general classes of ultrasonically induced cavitation. **Inertial cavitation** is the rapid collapse of bubbles. **Non-inertial cavitation** refers to persistent pulsation of bubbles as a result of stimulation by an ultrasonic field. Both **inertial cavitation** and **non-inertial cavitation** can create significant localized streaming effects that contribute to cleaning. **Inertial cavitation** additionally causes a localized shock wave that can contribute to cleaning and or damage of parts. Both types of cavitation create acoustic signals (**cavitation noise**) which can be detected and measured with a **hydrophone**. This document provides techniques to measure and evaluate the degree of cavitation in support of validation efforts for ultrasonic cleaning tanks, cleaning equipment, and reactors, as used, for example, for the purposes of industrial process control or for hospital sterilization.

MEASUREMENT OF CAVITATION NOISE IN ULTRASONIC BATHS AND ULTRASONIC REACTORS

1 Scope

This document, which is a Technical Specification, provides a technique of measurement and evaluation of ultrasound in liquids for use in cleaning devices, equipment, and ultrasonic reactors. It specifies

- the **cavitation** measurement at frequencies between harmonics of the **operating frequency** f_0,
- the **cavitation** measurement derived by integrating broadband cavitation noise energy,
- the **cavitation** measurement by extraction of broadband spectral components.

This document covers the measurement and evaluation of cavitation, but not its secondary effects (cleaning results, sonochemical effects, etc.). Further details regarding the generation of cavitation noise in ultrasonic baths and ultrasonic reactors are provided in Annex A.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

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- IEC Electropedia: available at http://www.electropedia.org/
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at http://www.iso.org/obp

3.1
averaging time for cavitation measurement
t_{av}
length of time over which a signal is averaged to produce a measurement of cavitation

Note 1 to entry: Averaging time for cavitation is expressed in seconds (s).

Note 2 to entry: As cavitation is a stochastic process, integrating over a sufficiently large t_{av} can be necessary to generate stability of the readings. An example is given in Annex B under Formula (B.4).

3.2
cavitation
formation of vapour cavities in a liquid

3.3
cavitation noise
acoustic signals as measured by a **hydrophone**, arising from the presence of **cavitation** in a liquid, or the interaction of **cavitation** with the **direct field acoustic pressure** signal

3.4
inertial cavitation
sudden collapse of a bubble in a liquid in response to an externally applied acoustic field, such that an acoustic shock wave is created

3.5
non-inertial cavitation
oscillation in size or shape of a bubble in a liquid in response to an externally applied acoustic field that is sustained over multiple cycles of the driving frequency

3.6
end-of-cable loaded sensitivity
$\underline{M}_{\mathrm{L}}(f)$
<of a **hydrophone** or **hydrophone assembly**> quotient of the Fourier transformed **hydrophone** voltage-time signal $\mathcal{F}(u_{\mathrm{L}}(t))$ at the end of any integral cable or output connector of a **hydrophone** or **hydrophone assembly**, when connected to a specific **electric load impedance**, to the Fourier transformed acoustic pulse waveform $\mathcal{F}(p(t))$ in the undisturbed free field of a plane wave in the position of the reference centre of the **hydrophone** if the **hydrophone** were removed, at a specified frequency

$$\underline{M}_{\mathrm{L}}(f) = \frac{\mathcal{F}\left(u_{\mathrm{L}}(t)\right)}{\mathcal{F}\left(p(t)\right)}$$

Note 1 to entry: The Fourier transform is in general a complex-valued quantity but for this document only the modulus is considered, and is expressed in units of volt per pascal, V/Pa,

Note 2 to entry: The term "response" is sometimes used instead of "sensitivity".

[SOURCE: IEC 62127-3:2022, 3.7, modified – Only the modulus is considered, Note 1 to entry has been exchanged and Note 2 to entry has been added.] [2]

3.7
end-of-cable loaded sensitivity level
$L_{M_{\mathrm{L}}}(f)$
<of a hydrophone or hydrophone assembly> twenty times the logarithm to the base 10 of the ratio of the modulus of the **end-of-cable loaded sensitivity** $\left|\underline{M}_{\mathrm{L}}\right|$ to a reference sensitivity of M_{ref}

$$L_{M_{\mathrm{L}}}(f) = 20\log_{10}\frac{\left|\underline{M}_{\mathrm{L}}(f)\right|}{M_{\mathrm{ref}}}\,\mathrm{dB}$$

Note 1 to entry: A commonly used value of the reference sensitivity M_{ref} is 1 V/µPa.

Note 3 to entry: The **end-of-cable loaded sensitivity level** is expressed in decibels (dB).

[SOURCE: IEC 62127-1:2022, 3.26, modified – In the definition, a different symbol is used and "quotient" has been replaced with "ratio".

3.8
hydrophone
transducer that produces electric signals in response to pressure fluctuations in water

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-801:2021, 801-32-26] [1]

3.9
hydrophone assembly
combination of **hydrophone** and **hydrophone pre-amplifier**

[SOURCE: IEC 62127-3:2022, 3.13] [2]

3.10
number of averages
N_{av}
number of waveforms captured and averaged in a **cavitation** measurement

3.11
operating frequency
f_0
driving frequency of ultrasound generator

Note 1 to entry: Operating frequency is expressed in hertz (Hz).

3.12
relative cavitation noise measurements
measurements made for purposes of comparison between two different cleaning environments or different locations within a cleaning environment, such that the **end-of-cable loaded sensitivity of the hydrophone** can be assumed to be identical in both cases

3.13
sampling frequency
f_s
number of points per second captured by a digital waveform recorder

Note 1 to entry: Sampling frequency is expressed in hertz (Hz).

3.14
size of the capture buffer
N_{cap}
total number of points captured at a time by a digital waveform recorder

3.15
capture time
t_{cap}
length of time to capture N_{cap} points at a sampling frequency of f_s

Note 1 to entry: Capture time is expressed in seconds (s).

3.16
cavitation noise level
L_{CN}
level calculated from the cavitation noise at frequencies between harmonics of f_0

Note 1 to entry: Cavitation noise is expressed in decibels (dB).

3.17
integrated broadband cavitation noise energy
E_{IBCN}
cavitation noise energy integrated between two identified frequency bounds, f_u and f_l

Note 1 to entry: Commonly expressed in units of V^2s^{-1}.

3.18
reference sound pressure
p_{ref}
sound pressure, conventionally chosen, equal to 20 µPa for gases and to 1 µPa for liquids and solids

Note 1 to entry: Reference sound pressure is expressed in pascals (Pa).

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-801:1994, 801-21-22] [1]

3.19
averaged power spectrum
$\overline{P^2}(f)$
power spectrum of the **instantaneous acoustic pressure** averaged over N_{av} measurements

Note 1 to entry: Averaged power spectrum is expressed in units of Pa^2.

3.20
median of acoustic pressure
P_n
median value of amplitude values of spectral lines within B_f

Note 1 to entry: Median of acoustic pressure is expressed in pascals (Pa).

3.21
band filter
B_f
band filter located at a centre frequency which is between harmonics of f_0

Note 1 to entry: Band filter is expressed in hertz (Hz).

3.22
centre frequency
f_c
centre frequency of the band filter B_f

Note 1 to entry: Centre frequency is expressed in hertz (Hz).

3.23
direct field acoustic pressure
P_0
portion of the RMS acoustic pressure signal arising directly from the ultrasonic driving excitation, at the **operating frequency** of the device

Note 1 to entry: RMS direct field acoustic pressure is expressed in pascals (Pa).

3.24
spectral acoustic pressure
$P(f)$
discrete Fourier transform of the hydrophone voltage divided by the **end-of-cable loaded sensitivity**

Note 1 to entry: Spectral acoustic pressure is expressed in pascals (Pa).

3.25
non-broadband cavitation component
P_{nb}
portion of the RMS acoustic pressure signal arising **from non-inertial cavitation**

Note 1 to entry: The non-inertial cavitation component is expressed in pascals (Pa).

3.26
broadband cavitation component
P_b
portion of the RMS acoustic pressure signal arising from **inertial cavitation**

Note 1 to entry: The inertial cavitation component is expressed in pascals (Pa).