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- "reduced LN" is appended to terms and definitions;
- "reduced LT" is appended to terms and definitions;
- reduction process is appended to terms and definitions.

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INTRODUCTION

A variety of piezoelectric materials are used for surface acoustic wave (SAW) filter and resonator applications. Prior to the 1996 Rotterdam IEC TC 49 meeting, wafer specifications were typically negotiated between users and suppliers. During the meeting, a proposal was announced to address wafer standardization. This standard has been prepared in order to provide industry standard technical specifications for manufacturing piezoelectric single crystal wafers to be used in surface acoustic wave devices.

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1 Scope

This International Standard applies to the manufacture of synthetic quartz, lithium niobate (LN), lithium tantalate (LT), lithium tetraborate (LBO), and lanthanum gallium silicate (LGS) single crystal wafers intended for use as substrates in the manufacture of surface acoustic wave (SAW) filters and resonators.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60410:1973, *Sampling plans and procedures for inspection by attributes*

IEC 60758:2008, *Synthetic quartz crystal – Specifications and guide for use*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1 Single crystals for SAW wafer

3.1.1

as-grown synthetic quartz crystal

right-handed or left-handed single crystal quartz is grown hydrothermally

Note 1 to entry: The term "as-grown" indicates a state prior to mechanical fabrication.

Note 2 to entry: See IEC 60758 for further information concerning crystalline quartz.

3.1.2

lithium niobate

LN

single crystals approximately described by chemical formula LiNbO_3 , grown by Czochralski (crystal pulling from melt) or other growing methods

3.1.3

lithium tantalate

LT

single crystals approximately described by chemical formula LiTaO_3 , grown by Czochralski (crystal pulling from melt) or other growing methods

Note 1 to entry: This note applies to the French language only.

3.1.4**lithium tetraborate****LBO**

single crystals described by the chemical formula to $\text{Li}_2\text{B}_4\text{O}_7$, grown by Czochralski (crystal pulling from melt), vertical Bridgman, or other growing methods

Note 1 to entry: This note applies to the French language only.

3.1.5**lanthanum gallium silicate****LGS**

single crystals described by the chemical formula to $\text{La}_3\text{Ga}_5\text{SiO}_{14}$, grown by Czochralski (crystal pulling from melt) or other growing methods

Note 1 to entry: This note applies to the French language only.

3.2 Terms and definitions related to LN and LT crystals**3.2.1****Curie temperature** T_c

phase transition temperature between ferroelectric and paraelectric phases measured by differential thermal analysis (DTA) or dielectric measurement

3.2.2**single domain**

ferroelectric crystal with uniform electrical polarization throughout (for LN and LT)

3.2.3**polarization process**

electrical process used to establish a single domain crystal

Note 1 to entry: The polarization process is also referred to as "poling".

3.2.4**reduction process**

REDOX reaction to increase conductivity to reduce the harmful effects of pyroelectricity

3.2.5**reduced LN**

LN treated with a reduction process

Note 1 to entry: Reduced LN is sometimes referred to as "black LN".

3.2.6**reduced LT**

LT treated with a reduction process

Note 1 to entry: Reduced LT is sometimes referred to as "black LT".

3.3 Terms and definitions related to all crystals**3.3.1****lattice constant**

length of unit cell along a major crystallographic axis measured by X-ray using the Bond method

3.3.2**congruent composition**

chemical composition of a single crystal in a thermodynamic equilibrium with a molten solution of the same composition during the growth process

3.3.3

twin

crystallographic defect occurring in a single crystal

Note 1 to entry: The twin is separated from the rest of the material by a boundary, generally aligned along a crystal plane. The lattices on either side of the boundary are crystallographic mirror images of one another.

3.4 Flatness

3.4.1

fixed quality area

FQA

central area of a wafer surface, defined by a nominal edge exclusion, X , over which the specified values of a parameter apply

Note 1 to entry: The boundary of the FQA is at all points (e.g. along wafer flats) the distance X away from the perimeter of the wafer of nominal dimensions.

Note 2 to entry: This note applies to the French language only.

3.4.2

reference plane

plane depending on the flatness measurement and which can be any of the following:

- a) for clamped measurements, the flat chuck surface that contacts the back surface of the wafer;
- b) three points at specified locations on the front surface within the FQA;
- c) the least-squares fit to the front surface using all measured points within the FQA;
- d) the least squares fit to the front surface using all measured points within one site

3.4.3

site

square area on the front surface of the wafer with one side parallel to the OF

Note 1 to entry: Flatness parameters are assessed either globally for the FQA, or for each site individually.

3.4.4

thickness variation for five points

TV5

measure of wafer thickness variation defined as the maximum difference between five thickness measurements

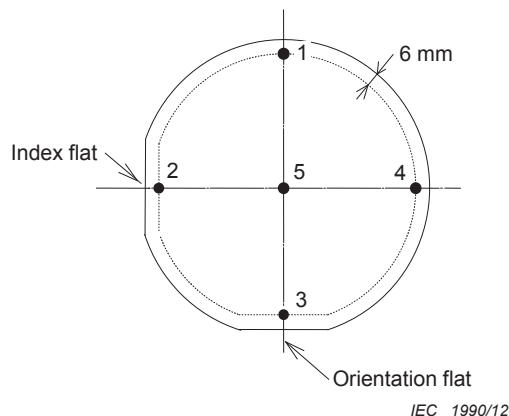
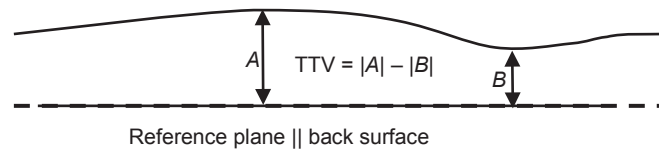


Figure 1 – Wafer sketch and measurement points for TV5 determination

Note 1 to entry: Thickness is measured at the centre of the wafer and at four peripheral points shown in Figure 1.

3.4.5**total thickness variation****TTV**

difference between the maximum thickness and the minimum thickness



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Figure 2 – Schematic diagram of TTV

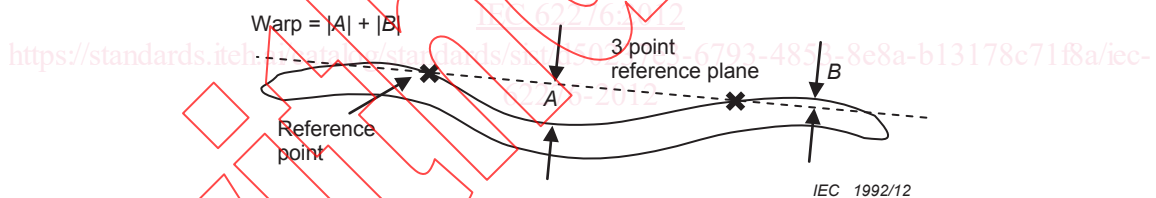
Note 1 to entry: The maximum thickness is represented by the letter A and the minimum thickness is represented by the letter B in Figure 2 above.

Note 2 to entry: Measurement of TTV is performed under clamped conditions with the reference plane as defined in 3.4.2 a).

Note 3 to entry: This note applies to the French language only.

3.4.6**warp**

maximum difference between a point on the front surface and a reference plane



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Figure 3 – Schematic diagram of warp

Note 1 to entry: Warp (shown in Figure 3) describes the deformation of an unclamped wafer.

Note 2 to entry: The reference plane is defined by 3-points as described in 3.4.2 b). Warp is a bulk property of a wafer and not of the exposed surface alone.

3.4.7**sori**

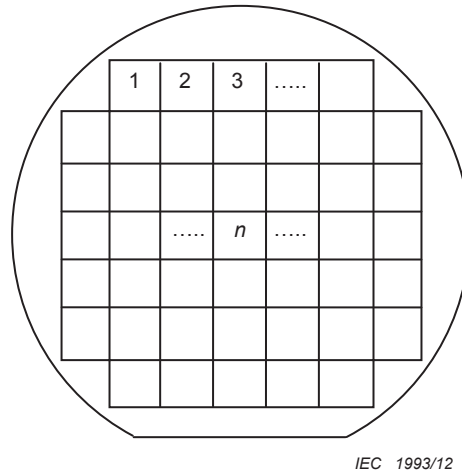
maximum difference between a point on the front surface and a reference plane.

Note 1 to entry: Sori describes the deformation of an unclamped wafer.

Note 2 to entry: In contrast to warp, in this case the reference plane is defined by a least-squares fit to the front surface (3.4.2 c)).

3.4.8**local thickness variation****LTV**

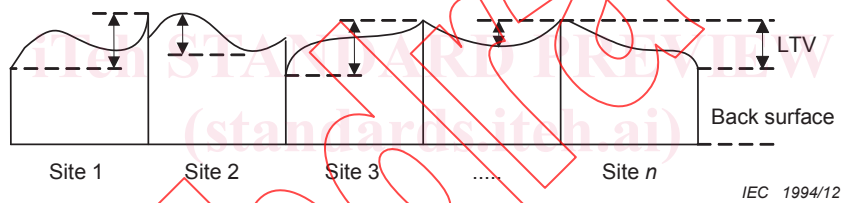
variation determined by a measurement of a matrix of sites with defined edge dimensions



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NOTE: All sites have their centres within the FQA.

Figure 4 – Example of site distribution for LTV measurement



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Figure 5 – LTV value of each site

Note 1 to entry: Measurement is performed on a clamped wafer with the reference plane as defined in 3.4.2 a). A site map example is shown in Figure 4. The value is always a positive number and is defined for each site as the difference between the highest and lowest points within each site, as shown in Figure 5. For a wafer to meet an LTV specification, all sites shall have LTV values less than the specified value.

Note 2 to entry: This note applies to the French language only.

**3.4.9
percent local thickness variation
PLTV**

percentage of sites that fall within the specified values for LTV

Note 1 to entry: As with the LTV measurement, this is a clamped measurement.

Note 2 to entry: This note applies to the French language only.

**3.4.10
focal plane deviation
FPD**

deviation measured relative to the 3-point reference plane

Note 1 to entry: The 3-point reference plane is defined in 3.4.2 b).

Note 2 to entry: The value obtained indicates the maximum distance between a point on the wafer surface (within the FQA) and the focal plane. If that point is above the reference, the FPD is positive. If that point is below the reference plane, the FPD is negative.

Note 3 to entry: This note applies to the French language only.

3.5 Definitions of appearance defects

3.5.1

contamination

foreign matter on a surface of wafer which cannot be removed after cleaning

3.5.2

crack

fracture that extends to the surface and may or may not penetrate the entire thickness of the wafer

3.5.3

scratch

shallow groove or cut below the established plane of the surface, with a length to width ratio greater than 5:1

3.5.4

chip

region where material has been removed from the surface or edge of the wafer

Note 1 to entry: The size can be expressed by its maximum radial depth and peripheral chord length.

3.5.5

dimple

smooth surface depression larger than 3 mm diameter

3.5.6

pit

non-removable surface anomaly

EXAMPLE A hollow, typically resulting from a bulk defect or faulty manufacturing process.

3.5.7

orange peel

large featured, roughened surface visible to the unaided eye under diffuse illumination

3.5.8

acceptable quality level

AQL

maximum percent defective (or maximum number of defects per hundred units) that, for purposes of sampling inspections, can be considered satisfactory as a process average

SOURCE: IEC 60410:1973, 4.2.

3.6 Other terms and definitions

3.6.1

manufacturing lot

lot established by agreement between the customer and the supplier

3.6.2

orientation flat

OF

flat portion of wafer perimeter indicating the crystal orientation

Note 1 to entry: Generally, the orientation flat corresponds to the SAW propagation direction.

Note 2 to entry: Orientation flat is also referred to as the “primary flat” (see Figure 1).

Note 3 to entry: This note applies to the French language only.