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This second edition of IEC 61994-4-2 cancels and replaces the first edition published in 2003. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

The main changes with respect to the previous edition are :

- definitions updated;
- terminology given in orderly sequence;
- drawing inserted for easier understanding the vibration modes.

The text of this technical specification is based on the following documents:

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49/924/DTS	49/932/RVC

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### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61994 specifies the terms and definitions for piezoelectric ceramics representing the present state-of-the-art, which are intended for use in the standards and documents of IEC technical committee 49.

### 2 Normative references

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### 3 Terms and definitions

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

#### 3.1

##### aging

irreversible changes with time in the properties of the material

#### 3.2

##### bulk acoustic wave

elastic wave propagating in solid material such as piezoelectric ceramics

#### 3.3

##### coupling coefficient

the coupling coefficient (electro-mechanical coupling coefficient) is a constant representing the piezoelectric efficiency of a piezoelectric ceramic. More specifically, it represents the efficiency of converting electrical energy into mechanical energy, and it is defined as the square root of the ratio of mechanical energy excited to electrical energy transferred.

$$k = \sqrt{\frac{\text{mechanical energy excited}}{\text{electrical energy transferred}}}$$

#### 3.4

##### Curie temperature

temperature at which a ferroelectric material undergoes a structural phase transition to a state where a spontaneous polarisation vanishes

#### 3.5

##### electric polarisation

$P$

at a given point within a domain of quasi-infinitesimal volume  $V$ , vector quantity equal to the electric dipole moment  $p$  of the substance contained within the domain divided by the volume,  $V$

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{p} / V$$

NOTE The electric polarization  $\mathbf{P}$  satisfies the relation

$$\mathbf{D} = \varepsilon_0 \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{P}$$

where

$\mathbf{D}$  is the electric flux density;

$\mathbf{E}$  is the electric field strength and

$\varepsilon_0$  is the dielectric constant in free space.

[IEC 60050-121: 1998, 121-11-37]

### 3.6

#### expansion vibration

vibration mode of a disc or plate where the displacement is in the plane surface (see Figure 1)

### 3.7

#### ferroelectric material

material that exhibits, over some range of temperature, a spontaneous electric polarization that can be reversed or reoriented by application of an electric field

### 3.8

#### flexural vibration

for a resonator shaped as a thin narrow bar, displacements appearing in a direction perpendicular to the length of the bar (see Figure 1)

### 3.9

#### frequency constant

product of the resonance frequency and the vibrating piece dimension which determines the resonance frequency.

NOTE For fundamental mode the frequency constant equals to the velocity of an acoustic wave.

### 3.10

#### insulation resistance

resistance under specified conditions between two conductive elements separated by insulating materials

[IEC 60050-151: 2001, 151-15-43]

### 3.11

#### length vibration

for a resonator shaped as a thin and narrow bar, the dominant deformation which appears only along the longitudinal axis (see Figure 1)

### 3.12

#### (absolute) permittivity

$\varepsilon$

scalar or tensor quantity the product of which by the electric field strength  $\mathbf{E}$  in a medium is equal to the electric flux density  $\mathbf{D}$ :

$$\mathbf{D} = \varepsilon \times \mathbf{E}$$

NOTE For an isotropic medium the permittivity is a scalar quantity; for an anisotropic medium it is a tensor quantity.

[IEC 60050-121: 1998, 121-12-12]

### 3.13

#### **piezoelectric ceramics**

ceramics with a high dielectric constant which are given piezoelectricity by polarising property.

### 3.14

#### **piezoelectric effect**

piezoelectricity is the ability to generate an electric field in response to applied mechanical stress. The piezoelectric effect is reversible in that materials exhibiting the direct piezoelectric effect (the production of an electric field when stress is applied) also exhibit the reverse piezoelectric effect (the production of stress and/or strain when an electric field is applied).

[IEC 60050-121: 1998, 121-12-86, modified]

### 3.15

#### **poling**

process by which a d.c. electric field exceeding the coercive field is applied to a multi-domain ferroelectric to produce a net remanent polarisation

### 3.16

#### **remanent polarisation**

polarisation electric that remains after an applied electric field is removed

### 3.17

#### **spontaneous polarization**

electric polarization within a single ferroelectric domain

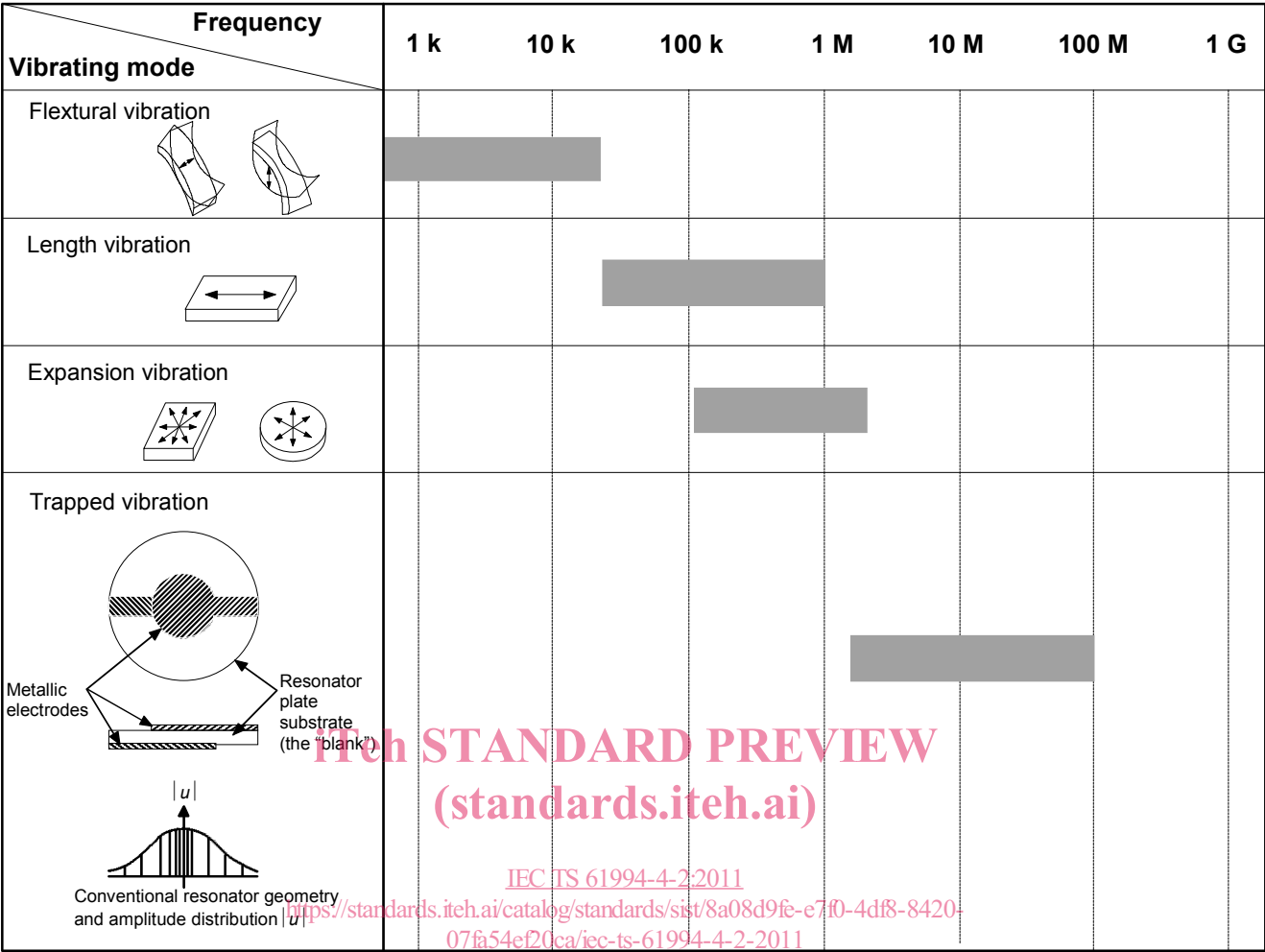
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#### **trapped vibration mode**

vibration mode the wave energy of which is trapped in the electrode region on the piezoelectric ceramic resonator shaped as a thin plate and vibrating in a thickness mode (see Figure 1)

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Signifies the direction of the vibration

Figure 1 – Vibrating modes and their application frequencies

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