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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition of IEC 62276 published in 2012. It constitutes a technical revision.

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

– Corrections of Euler angle indications in Table 1 and axis directions in Figure 3.
– Definition of "twin" is not explained clearly enough in 3.3.3. Therefore it is revised by a more detailed definition.
– Etch channels maximum number at quartz wafer of seed which do not pass through from surface to back surface are classified for three grades in 4.2.13 a). Users use seed portions of quartz wafers for devices. They request quartz wafers with less etch channels

in seeds to reduce defects of devices. The classification of etch channels in seed may prompt a rise in quartz wafer quality.

The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

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Full information on the voting for the approval of this standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

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INTRODUCTION

A variety of piezoelectric materials are used for surface acoustic wave (SAW) filter and resonator applications. Prior to an IEC meeting in 1996 in Rotterdam, wafer specifications were typically negotiated between users and suppliers. During this 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.

SINGLE CRYSTAL WAFERS FOR SURFACE ACOUSTIC WAVE (SAW) DEVICE APPLICATIONS – SPECIFICATIONS AND MEASURING METHODS

1 Scope

This document 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 are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60758:2016, *Synthetic quartz crystal – Specifications and guidelines for use*

ISO 2859-1: 1999, *Sampling procedures for inspection by attributes – Part 1: Sampling schemes indexed by acceptance quality limit (AQL) for lot-by-lot inspection*

3 Terms and definitions

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3.1 Single crystals for SAW wafer

3.1.1
as-grown synthetic quartz crystal
right-handed or left-handed single crystal quartz 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

3.1.4
lithium tetraborate
LBO
single crystals described by the chemical formula to $Li_2B_4O_7$, grown by Czochralski (crystal pulling from melt), vertical Bridgman, or other growing methods

3.1.5
lanthanum gallium silicate
LGS
single crystals described by the chemical formula to $La_3Ga_5SiO_{14}$, grown by Czochralski (crystal pulling from melt) or other growing methods

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
two or more same single crystals which are combined together by the law of symmetrical plane or axis

Note 1 to entry: Twins exhibit symmetry that may be classified as reflection across a mirror plane (twin plane), rotation around an axis (twin axis), or inversion through a point (twin center).

Note 2 to entry: Optical twins（growth twins） and electrical twins（transformation twins） are the most relevant to SAW wafers. Optical twins arise from defects related to growth. Electrical twins may result from extreme conditions (temperature and pressure, for example) during processing.

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.

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) for without clamped measurememts, three points at specified locations on the front surface within the FQA;

for without clamped measurememts, the least-squares fit to the front surface using all measured points within the FQA;

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

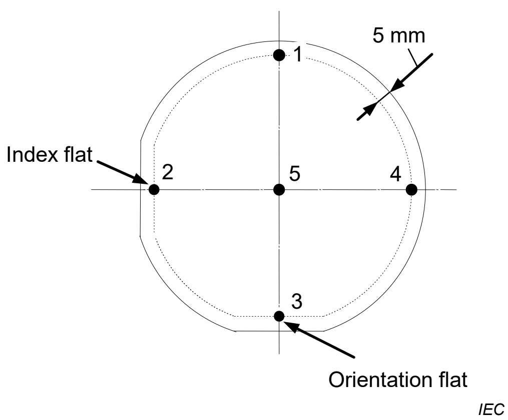

Figure 1 – Wafer sketch and measurement points for TV5 determination