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Introduction

The principles underlying the piezoelectricity of ceramics are discussed in IEC 60483 “Guide to dynamic measurements of piezoelectric ceramics with high electromechanical coupling”. Piezoelectric ceramics are polycrystalline ferroelectrics mainly based on lead zirconate titanate ($\text{Pb}(\text{ZrTi})\text{O}_3$), barium titanate (BaTiO_3) and lead titanate (PbTiO_3). Their piezoelectricity is the result of the preferential orientation of polar regions at remanent polarisation. In ceramics, the remanent polarisation is created by application of a dc electric field to the polycrystalline material. The value of this remanent polarisation results in the high level of piezoelectric activity in piezoceramics.

Both the direct and inverse piezoelectric effects are utilized. In a variety of applications, piezoelectric transducers operate at resonance. Static and quasi-static applications complete a wide range of functions.

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