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## Part 2: Thermo power based thermoelectric energy harvesting

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 62830 describes procedures and definitions for measuring the thermo power of thin films used in micro-scale thermoelectric energy generators, micro heaters and micro coolers. This part of IEC 62830 specifies the methods of tests and the characteristic parameters of the thermoelectric properties of wire, bulk and thin films which have a thickness of less than 5  $\mu\text{m}$  and energy harvesting devices that have thermoelectric thin films, in order to accurately evaluate their performance and practical uses. This part of IEC 62830 is applicable to energy harvesting devices for consumer, general industries, military and aerospace applications without any limitations of device technology and size.

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#### 3.1

##### Seebeck coefficient

$S$

magnitude of an induced thermoelectric voltage in response to a temperature difference across a material, and the entropy per charge carrier in the material

#### 3.2

##### thermal conductivity

$k$

at a point fixed in a medium with a temperature field, scalar quantity  $\lambda$  characterizing the ability of the medium to transmit heat through a surface element containing that point:  $\varphi = -k \text{ grad } T$ , where  $\varphi$  is the density of heat flow rate and  $T$  is thermodynamic temperature

Note 1 to entry: In an anisotropic medium, thermal conductivity is a tensor quantity.

Note 2 to entry: The coherent SI unit of thermal conductivity is watt per metre kelvin,  $\text{W}/(\text{m}\cdot\text{K})$ .

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-113:2011, 113-04-38]

#### 3.3

##### electrical conductivity specific conductance

$\sigma$

value of a material's ability to conduct an electrical current