# SIMULATION OF THERMAL SENSOR FOR SPACECRAFT THERMAL CONTROL USING COMSOL

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# INTRODUCTION

- OVER HEATING IS A MAJOR CAUSE OF FAILURE OF MAJORITY OF SPACE MISSIONS.
- SUCCESS OF THERMAL CONTROL SYSTEM DEPENDS ON DESIGN OF THERMAL CONTROL SYSTEM
- SENSOR ACTUATING THE THERMAL CONTROL SYSTEM PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE MISSON
- EFFICIENT DESIGN OF THE THERMAL SENSOR . NEED OF THE HOUR

# **EFFICIENT DESIGN**

- COMPATIBLE AND OPERABLE WITH SMALL SIZED OF SATELLITES
- > SPONTANEOUS RESPONSE
- EASE OF OPERATION

# **MECHANSIM** Piezoelectric **Bimetallic** MOSFET Crystal **Micro Beam**

## GEOMETRY REPRESENTATION



#### **BIMETALLIC BEAM**

- DRIVING FORCE OF THE MECHANSIM
- PRIMARY SENSING ELEMENT
- ✤ IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE BODY OF THE SATELLITE
- ◆ USES DIFFERENCE IN THERMAL EXPANSION COEFFICIENT OF TWO MATERIALS
- ✤ STIMULATES THE PIEZOELECTRIC CRYSTAL

#### **GOVERNING EQUATIONS**

 $(\dot{\alpha}_1 Y_1 - \dot{\alpha}_2 Y_2) \times \Delta T$  Difference in thermal stress

$$\epsilon_{\mathbf{x}} = \frac{1}{E} \left[ \sigma_{\mathbf{x}} - \vartheta (\sigma_{\mathbf{y}} + \sigma_{\mathbf{z}}) \right] + \alpha \Delta T$$
 Net Strain

$$\frac{\partial \sigma_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{xy}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \tau_{zx}}{\partial z} + X = 0 Volume Equilibrium$$

## PIEZOELECTRIC CRYSTAL

- ✤ THE IMPINGING BIMETALLIC BEAM STIMULATES THE PIEZOELECTRIC CRYSTAL
- COMPRESSION RESULTS IN INDUCED POLARISATION IN THE CRYSTAL AT THE LATTICE LEVEL
- CHARGE SEPERATION RESULTS VOLTAGE DIFFERENCE ACROSS THE TWO FACES OF THE CRYSTAL
- ✤ THIS VOLTAGE IS FED TO THE MOSFET

#### **GOVERNING EQUATIONS**

#### $D = hS + b^{S}E$ Field Equation

 $\mathbf{\phi} = N_{\phi} \widehat{\mathbf{\phi}}$  Interpolation

 $[K_{u\phi}^{T}]u + [K_{\phi\phi}]\phi = \{Q\}$  Coupling Equation

#### MOSFET

VOLTAGE FROM THE PIEZOELECTRIC CYRSTAL FED TO THE GATE AND SOURCE TERMINALS

> BIAS CRITERIA : GATE SOURCE VOLTAGE GREATER THAN THRESHOLD VOLTAGE MET

> > CURRENT FLOWS FROM THE SOURCE TO DRAIN TO ACTUATE THE THERMAL CONTROL SYSTEM

# **GOVERNING EQUATION**

$$(V_{GS} - v(x) - V_t) \times (Wdx) \times C_{ox} = dq$$

# **RESULTS – STRESS DISTRIBUTION IN THE BEAM**



# DISPLACEMENT OF THE BEAM



# ELECTRIC DISPLACEMENT OF PIEZOELECTRIC CRYSTAL



# VOLTAGE DISTRIBUTION ACROSS THE MOSFET



# THANK YOU

Questions ....