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Energy Harvesting in Aeronautical Applications

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DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNOLOGY BUILDING BLOCKS FOR STRUCTURAL HEALTH MONITORING SENSING DEVICES IN AERONAUTICS







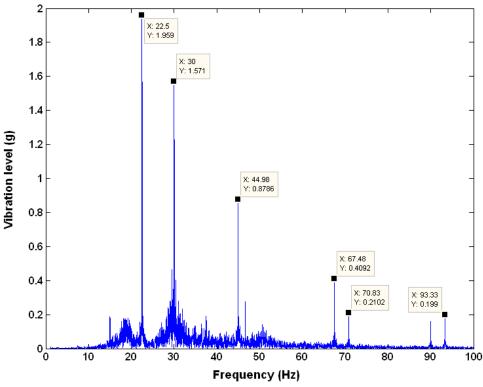
Overview: Application

Application: PZL SW-4 helicopter





Overview: Vibration spectrum



Frequency (Hz)	Vibration level (g)
30	1.58
45	0.88
67	0.41
70	0.21
93	0.2

Frequency spectrum taken from the vertical stabilizer on a PZL SW-4 helicopter*.

 $1g = 9.8 \text{ms}^{-2}$

* The helicopter was flying horizontally at 200km/h and at an altitude of 1000m with an outside air temperature of 10.5°C. The main rotor rotational speed was 103% where 100% = 7.288Hz.





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Design Requirement

- The thickness of the generator plus the displacement of the generator must be 3mm or less.
- → The generator should produce a minimum power of 100µW to enable periodic sensing and RF transmission.
- Bimorph thick-film piezoelectric generator



Design: Modeling

Linear model of cantilever-based bimorph piezoelectric generator

$$\ddot{z} + 2\zeta_{n}\omega_{n}\dot{z} + \omega_{n}z - \frac{d_{31}\omega_{n}}{t_{pzt}} \cdot v = \gamma^{*} \cdot a$$

$$R_{L}C_{p}\dot{v} + v + mR_{L}\frac{d_{31}\omega_{n}}{t_{pzt}}\dot{z} = \gamma$$

Non-linear model of cantilever-based bimorph piezoelectric generator

Non-linear term

$$\ddot{z} + 2\zeta_n \omega_{-} \dot{z} + \omega_{-} z + \alpha - \frac{\eta_{31}\omega_{-}}{t_{pzt}} \cdot v = \gamma^* \cdot a$$

 $R_L C_p \dot{v} + v + m R_L \frac{d_{31}\omega}{t_{pzt}} \dot{z} = 0$ α - The non-linear spring factor $\sim 10^{10}$

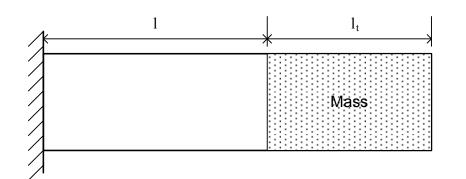
The non-linear model can be solved using numerical method.



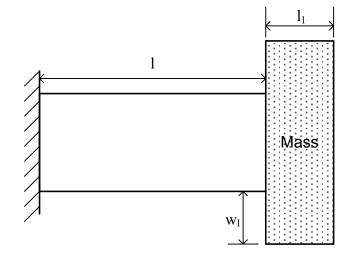


Design: Optimisation 1

General cantilever



T-shape cantilever





Simulation results show that:

- •T-shape cantilevers have less tip displacements than general cantilevers.
- •With given size constraints, T-shape generators can produce more than 100μ W power and have tip displacements less than 2mm only when they worked at the vibration of 0.41g@67Hz.

Optimized parameters:

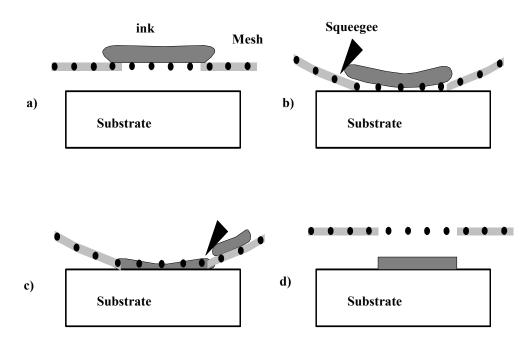
Generator	Substrate thickness (µm)	Dielectric thicness (µm)	Electrode thickness (µm)	PZT thickness (µm)	Mass layer thickness (µm)	Beam length (mm)	Mass length (mm)	Beam width (mm)	Output power (µW)	Tip displacement (mm)
A	100	20	10	75	500	20	10	27	261.34	1.96
В	100	20	10	75	500	22	8	23	109.35	1.34





Fabrication of the Generator

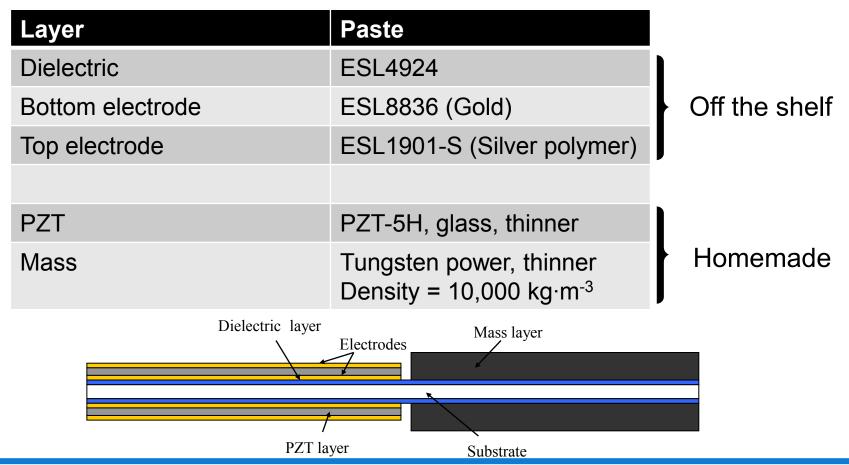
Screen Printing Process





Fabrication: Substrate and paste

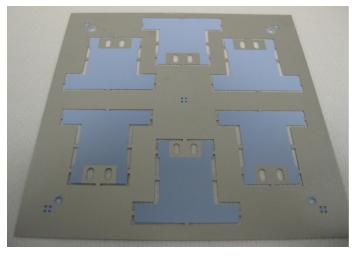
Substrate: Stainless Steel 430S17



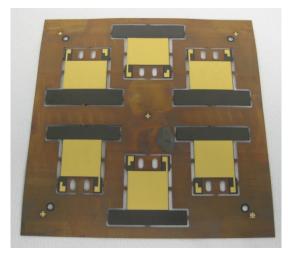


Fabrication: Printing process

Dielectric layer



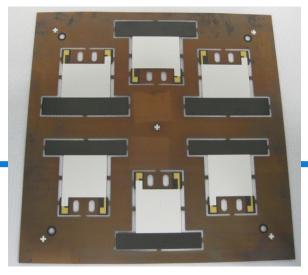
Bottom electrode

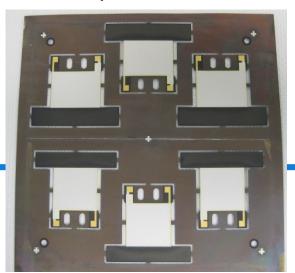


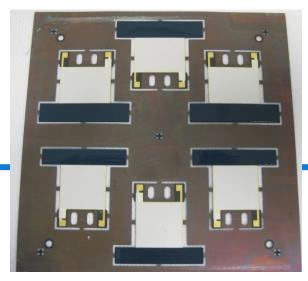
PZT layer

Top electrode

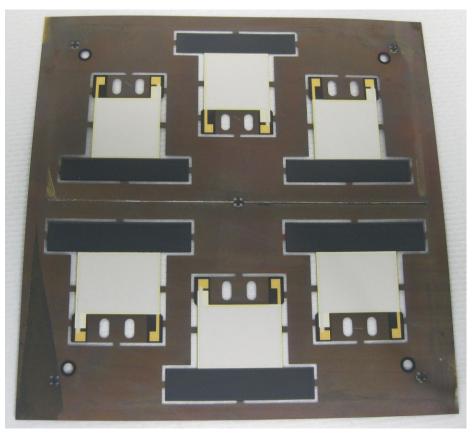
Mass







Fabrication: Finished devices



Polarization:

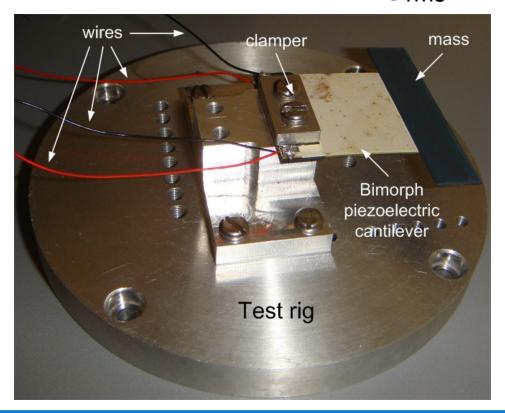
4 MV·m⁻¹ at 200 C, 30 minutes 4 MV·m⁻¹ cooling down, 20 minutes.

d₃₃ coefficient: 131 pC/N



Test: Setup results

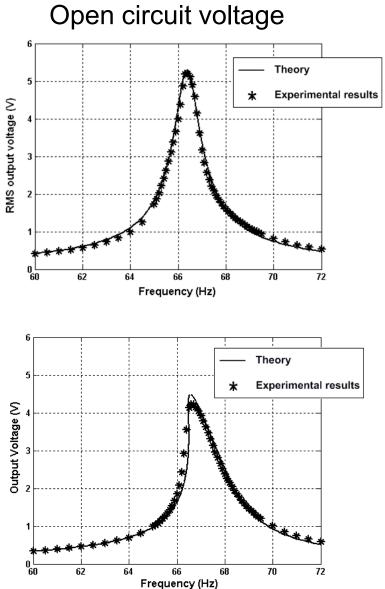
The generator was tested on a shaker. The excitation level was $0.29g_{rms}$, i.e. $0.41g_{pk}$.





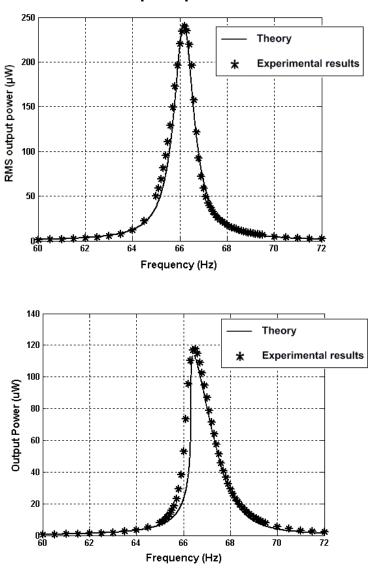


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Output power



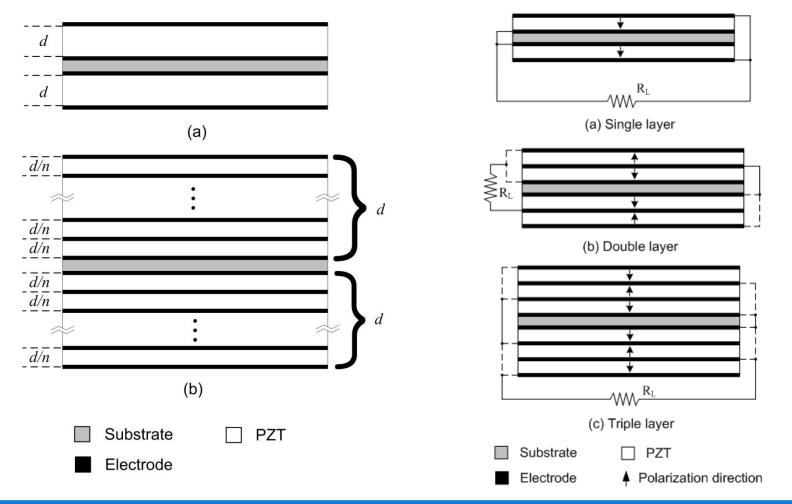


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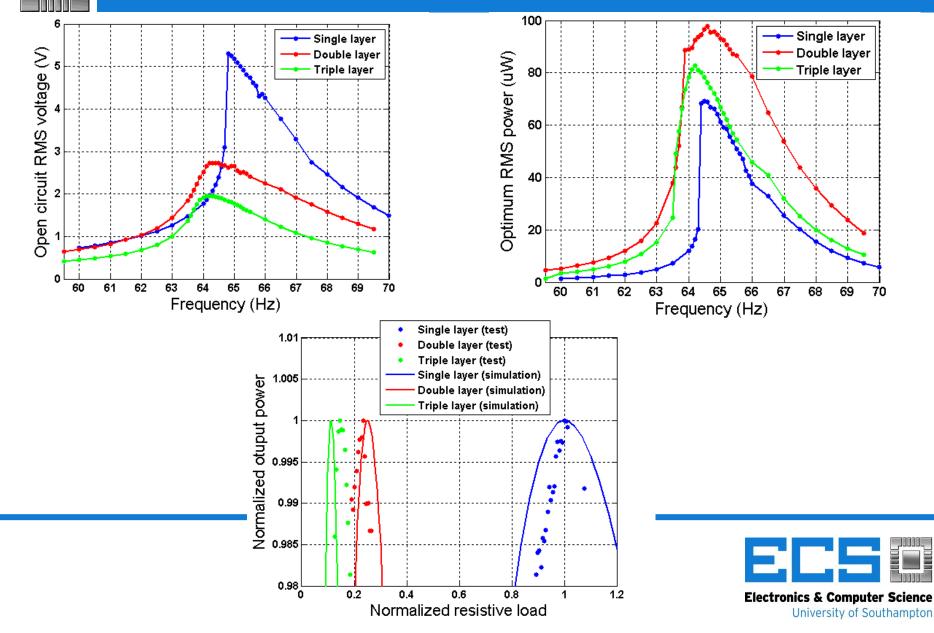


Multilayer piezoelectric generator





Multilayer piezoelectric generator: Results



	Single-layer	<i>n</i> -layer
Overcall capacitance	1	n ²
Optimum resistive load	n ²	1
Open circuit voltage	n	1

- Maximum output power of a double-layer generator is about 40% more than that of a single-layer generator while a triple-layer generator has about 20% more output power than a single-layer generator.
- It is not worth fabricating triple (or more) layer piezoelectric generators unless low input impedances are required.



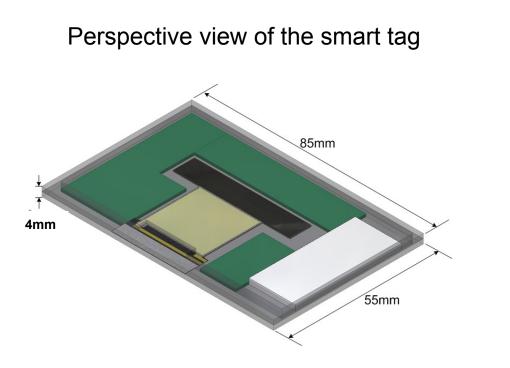


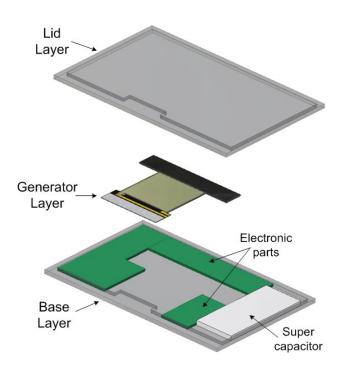
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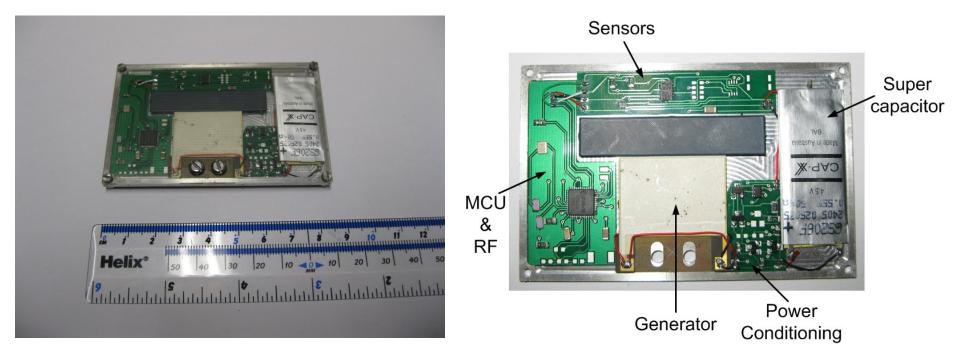




Integration concept of the smart tag: lamination of different layers







Layout of the smart tag

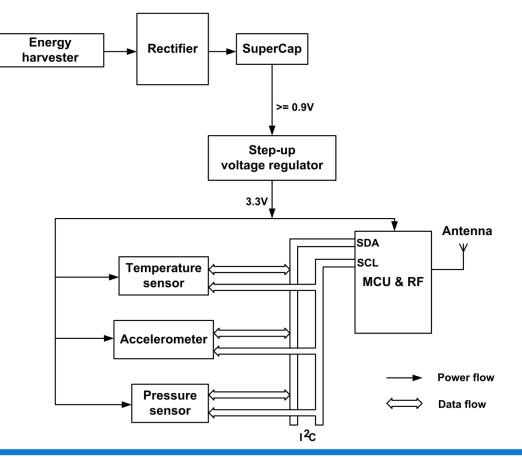
Practical device



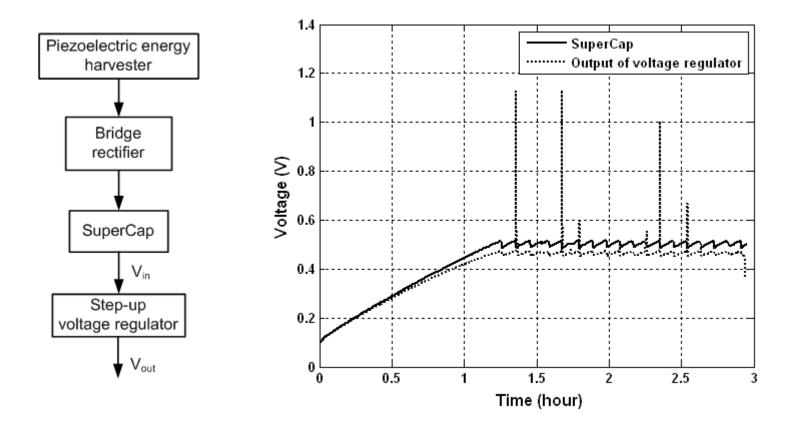
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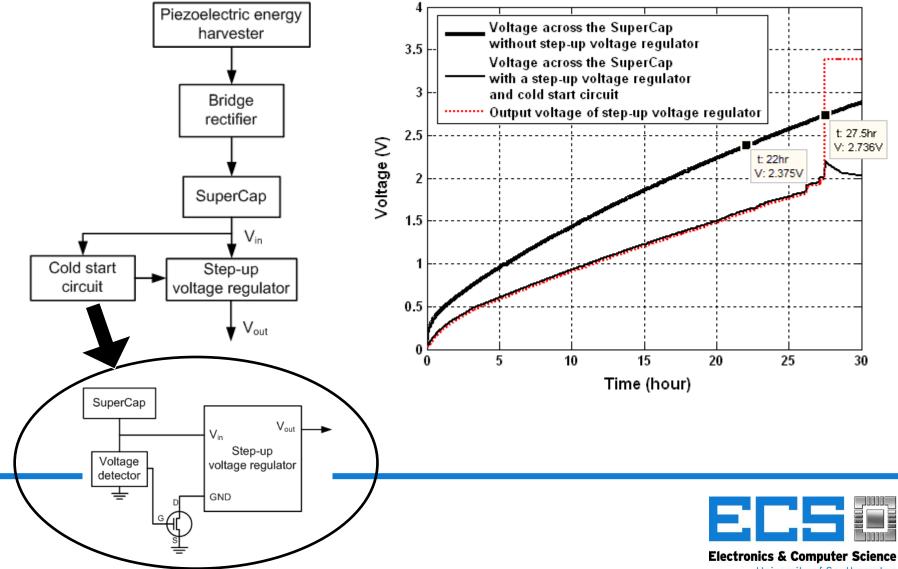
System Description





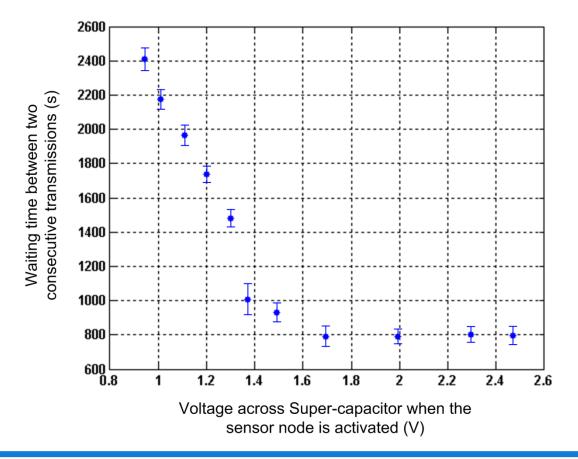






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Waiting time between two consecutive transmissions







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- Energy harvesters for other applications, e.g. fixed wing aircrafts.
- Planar electromagnetic energy harvesters.
- Resonant frequency tuning.





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Conclusions

- TRIADE
- Thick-film piezoelectric generator
 - → 0.41g@67 Hz
 - Tip displacement < 2 mm</p>
 - Output power > 100 μW
- Multilayer piezoelectric generator
 - Double-layer piezoelectric energy harvesters have the highest output power
- A Self-Powered Smart Tag
 - Credit card size
 - Integration of an energy harvester, power conditioning circuit, sensors, a microprocessor and a transceiver





Thank you for your attention!



