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## Pyroelectric PZT sensors screen printed on glass

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Introduction **Pyroelectrics Screen Printing PZT** sensor Poling Pyroelectric characterization Piezo **Thermal loading** Water Jet Microfluidic Conclusions

#### **Pyroelectrics**

Ferroelectrics : Internal polarization

→ Piezoelectrics : Polarization changes with stress

**Pyroelectrics** : Polarization change with temperature variation

$$I_{pyro} = pS_{el} \frac{dT}{dt}$$



! Measure only temperature variations

Pyro coef. from 30 to 200 (µC.m<sup>-2</sup>.K<sup>-1</sup>)

Applications : Bolometers, IR detector, presence detector, fingerprint sensor Terahertz detectors

### **Screen printing**

Localised transfer of lnk paste through a stencil on a mesh.

**Glass substrate 2x Silver Electrodes 3x PZT (15µm each)** Hardening 10mn 120°C Firing : 650°C (instead of 850°C) Passivation : Si<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub> PECVD Deposition







PZT paste from Smart Fabrics Inks

#### **Screen printing**



#### Surface 8mm<sup>2</sup>

## Poling

Ferroelectric materials needs to be polled in order to align the domains and to maximize the internal polarization.

200°C. 160V 3.2 MV.m<sup>-1</sup> 10mn



#### **Pyroelectric Characterization**

The current is monitored with a shielded Keithley 6514 electrometer.

Temperature on the sample is measured with a thermocouple placed on the sample surface and its time derivative is computed

P= 67 μC.m<sup>-2</sup>.K<sup>-1</sup>

P≈100 on ceramics fired @ 850°C



#### **Piezoelectric**

Mechanical oscillations on natural frequency Measured with the piezo effect Mechanical escapement



- Different clamping position, different resonant frequency

- Damping

#### Water Jet

#### Thermal Stimulation with jet of hot and cold water



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### **Microfluidic**

Microfluidic channel aligned on top of Pyroelectric element

PDMS bloc with a single channel / inlet / outlet

O<sub>2</sub> plasma bonding permanent bonding Or mechanical clamping

Syringe pushers connected to inlet with a T junction

3mmx1mm cross section





# Sequential streams for Temperature gradients



#### Measurement



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## **Toward micro power generation**

The device can be used as a micro power generator

- Waste heat collection : Hot and cold water sources
- + pressure (or gravity) to circulate the flow

Maximum Carnot efficiency

$$\eta_{\rm max} = 1 - \frac{T_c}{T_h}$$

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Output power not measured

Electrical charge must be adapted

**Problem : sequential flow H+C...** 

#### Flow focusing

Flow focuring allows the creation of droplets in non miscible fluids

Using two phase non miscible liquids as hot and cold sources :

One pressure input









To be evaluated....

#### **Conclusions**

PZT thick film screen printed on glass

**Pyroelectric and Piezoelectric behaviour** 

Streams of consecutive hot and cold water fed through a microfluidic channel

**Positive and negative pulses -> pyroelectric current** 

Potential use in waste heat micro power generation

Optimisation :

Material coefficient Substrate (losses) non miscible liquids (one pressure source)