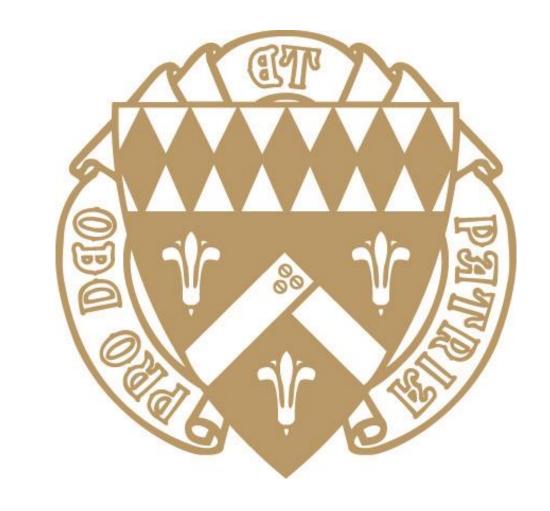


Thermoelectric Power Generator to charge Personal Devices



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Introduction

- Campers, Hikers and Outdoor enthusiasts are always looking for efficient ways to generate energy for devices.
- Having a small and portable charging device is important to the consumer due to little storage when doing outdoor activities
- Using renewable energy is significant due to park regulations and protection of the environment.
- This device would use naturally occurring temperature difference energy to transform to a DC electrical output to power a small device.

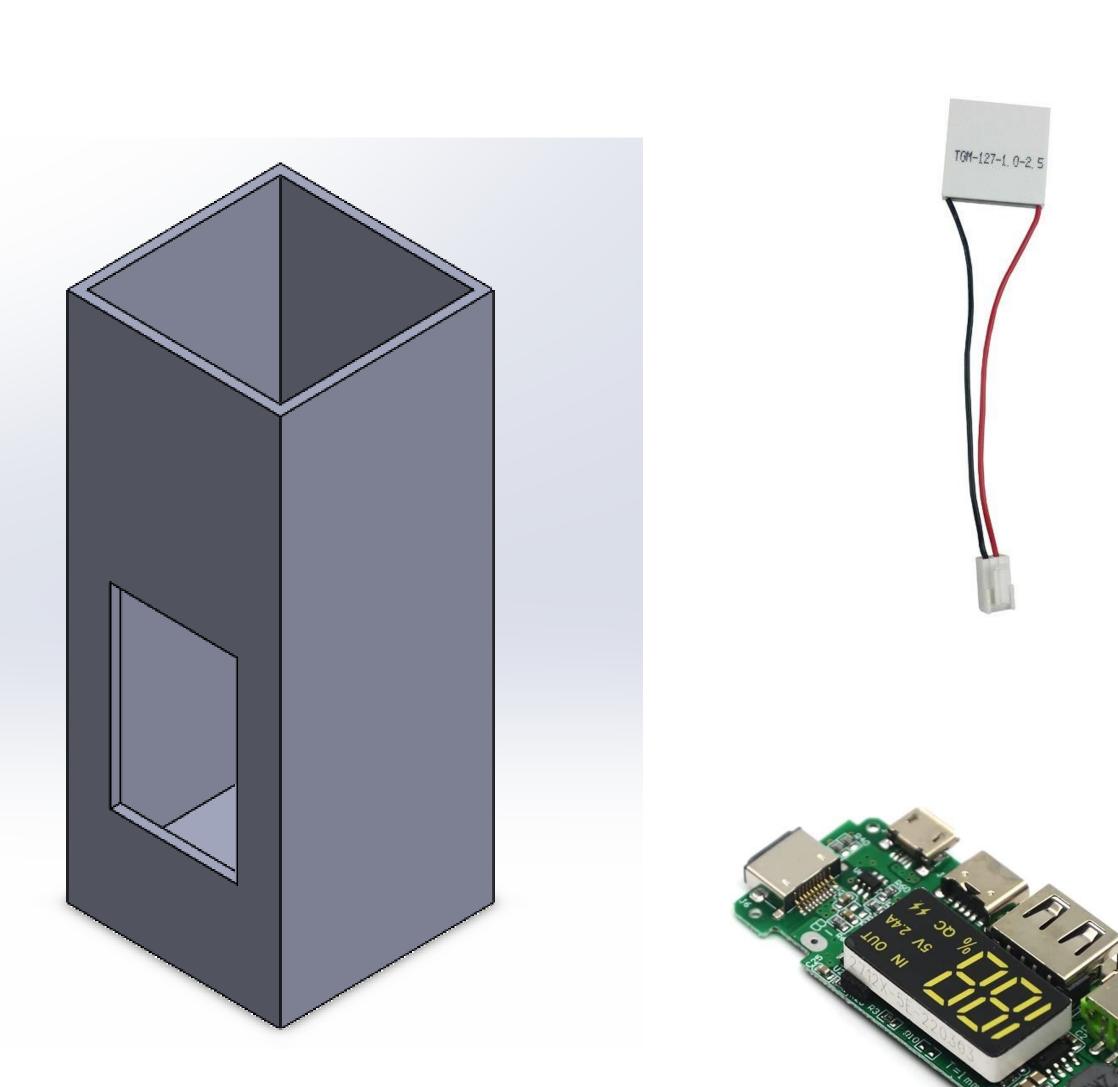
Piezoelectric Effect

- 1. "Piezo" means "squeeze"
- 2. By deforming a crystal such as Bismuth Telluride the perfect crystalline structure gets disturbed and tries to correct itself. This creates a thermal output.
- 3. By applying a heat source to a single side of the crystal the crystalline structure is forced out of its perfect structure and creates an electrical output.
- 4. This electrical output is DC (direct current) voltage which is what charges our phones

Design Layout

Design AIMS

- 1.Make a small, portable device using a Thermoelectric Generator Chip or (TEG Chip) to produce an electrical DC output, using the naturally occurring temperature difference within camping scenarios.
- 2. This design must be small, light in weight. Create enough power to charge a device (5 volts) from common temperature differences.



Thermoelectric Generator components: Housing, TEG chips, OverCharge Protector

Future Design and Goals

- Make device with more charging port options- be able to charge a wide variety of device with multiple adapters available
- Have a longer battery life while still be small and portable- find areas to put larger battery or more batteries into the device.
- Faster charge does adding more chips result in a faster charge that is relevant
- More portable, possibly all fabric, with flexible chips, could be rolled up

Conclusion

- The Thermoelectric Generator Chip takes up less space and is more consistent than Wind Turbines, Hydroelectric Turbines and Solar Panels due to there always being a temperature change present.
- This design works well in any weather conditions.
- The portability of this design makes it a great option for backpackers.

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