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**MECH – 6632**

**APPLIED CONDUCTION  
HEAT TRANSFER**

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**PCB STEADY STATE HEAT TRANSFER OPTIMIZATION**

**Final Design & Analysis Project**

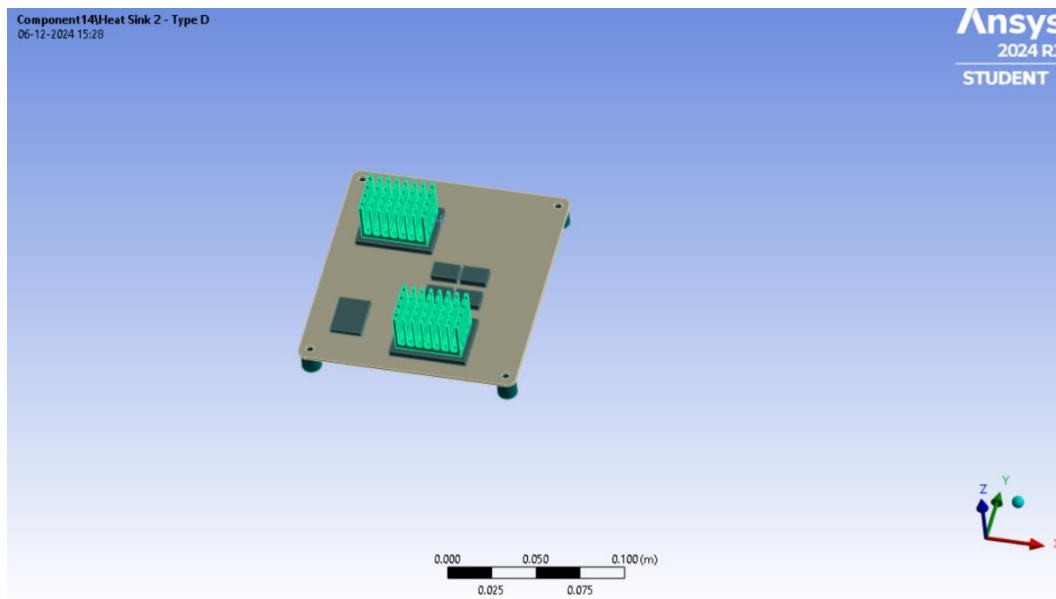
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## BASE ITERATION (TYPE D)



Heat Sink (Type D): This is likely a bigger structure made of metallic fins for dissipating heat generated by the internal components.

Processors (1 and 2): They are rectangular blocks, probably with heat spreaders, which are most likely the device main processing units and handle computations of the device.

Chips (1 thru 5): These are smaller rectangular components that may be memory chips or other specialized circuits.

Standoffs: These likely small cylindrical elements are spacers or isolators between various parts of the assembly.

Board: The bottom structure that holds all components together, likely above the heat sinks.

Material Composition:

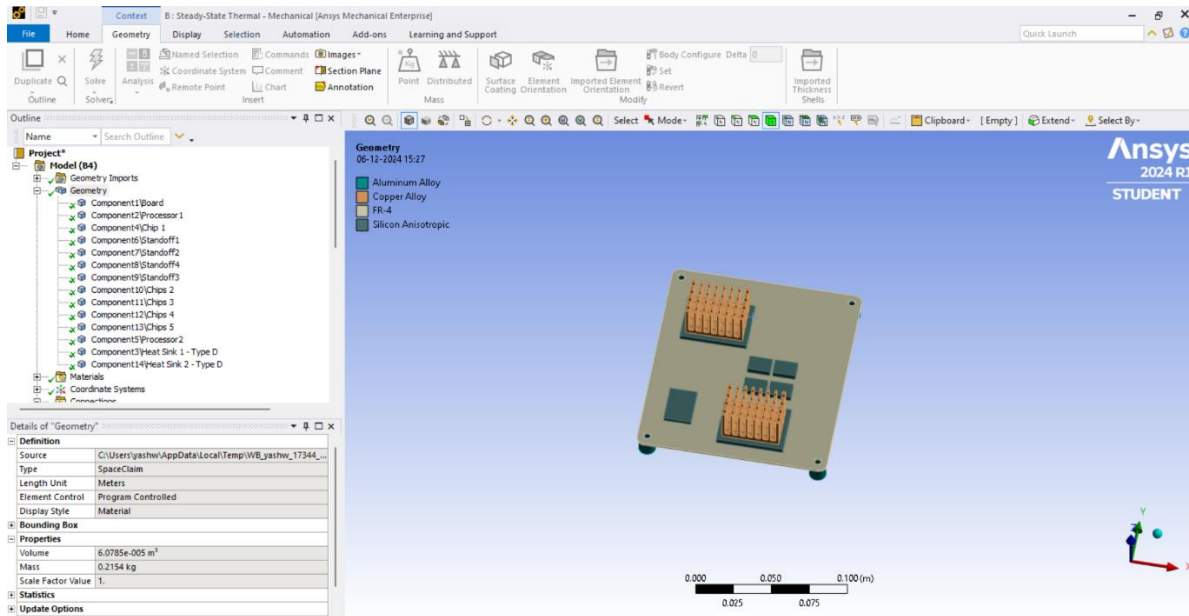
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Aluminum Alloy: Perhaps used for the heat sinks because of its excellent thermal conductivity.

Copper Alloy: Maybe heat spreaders or other components for which high electrical conductivity is a design requirement.

FR-4: This is a usual material for printed circuit boards (PCB).

Silicon Anisotropic: Chips are most likely made of it, known for their semiconductor properties.

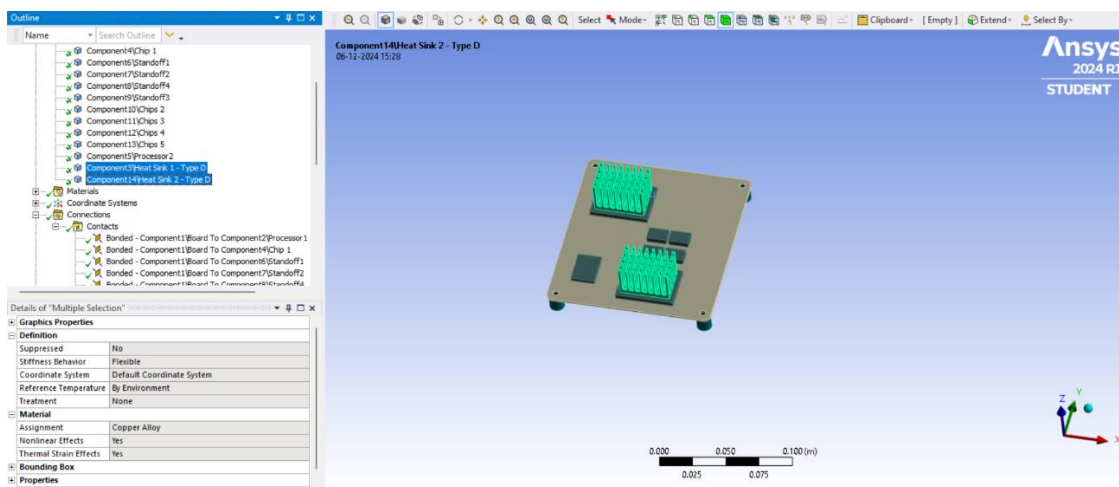


There are three types of heat sinks generally being used.

These are manufactured by extruding aluminum or copper through a die-a process permitting a variety of shapes and sizes of fins. They are normally used for general-purpose cooling.

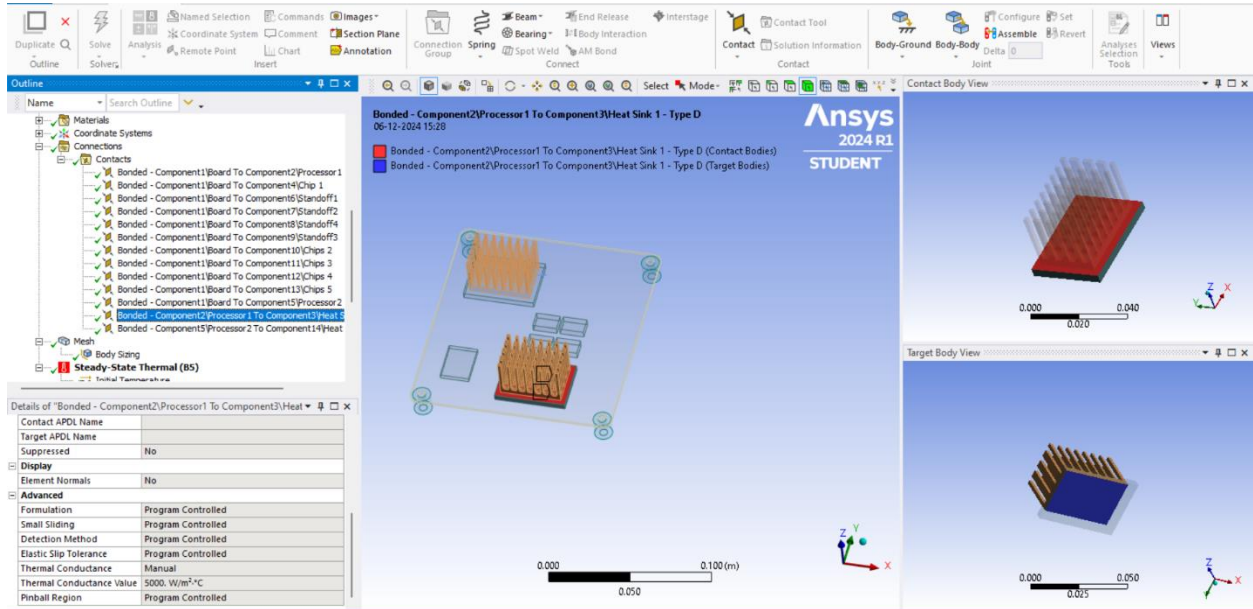
These heat sinks consist of a base plate with fins attached to it using thermal adhesive, most often used for high-power applications.

This type of heat sinks consists of a series of parallel plates that have fins attached to them, and they are usually used for high-performance purposes.

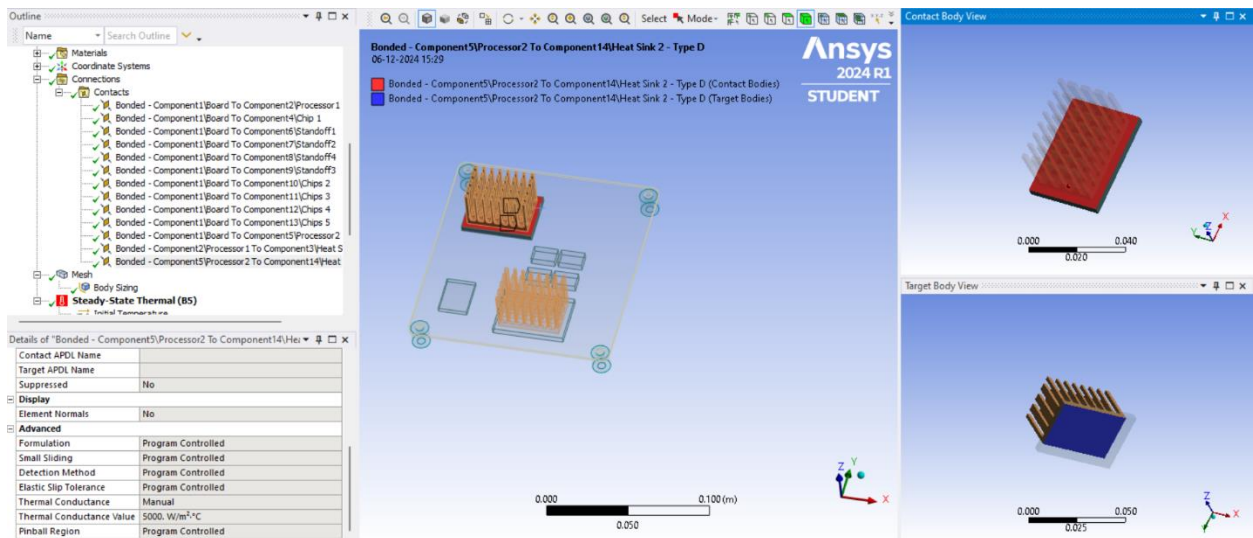


## THERMAL CONDUCTANCE TO HEAT SINK 1

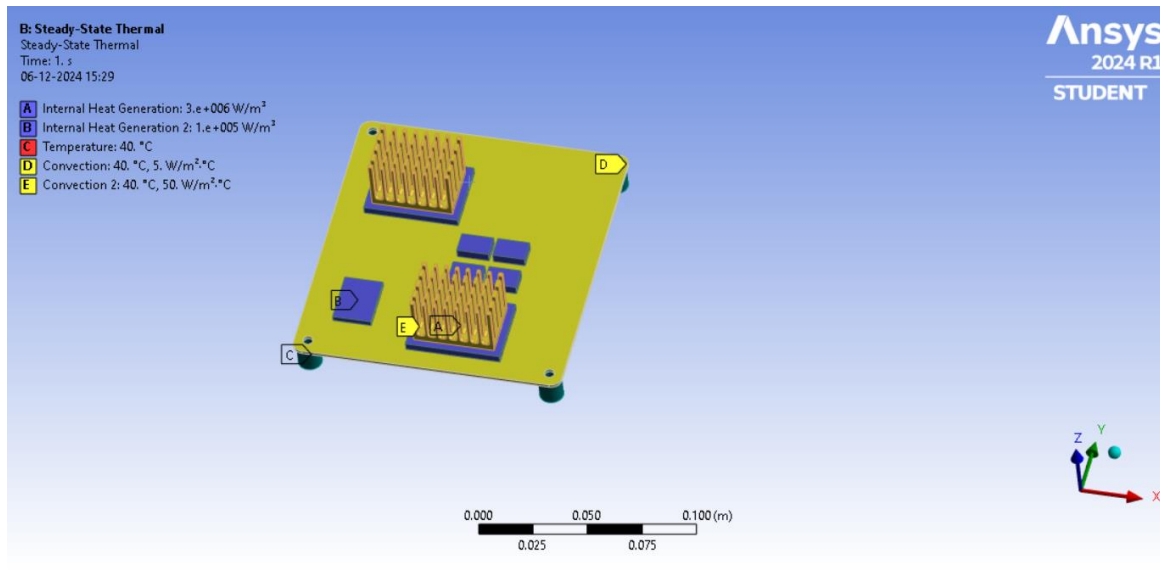
In this we used the bonded contact between the heatsink and the the conductance material . we used the thermal conductance as 5000 W/M<sup>2</sup> C for both the heat sinks.



## THERMAL CONDUCTANCE TO HEAT SINK 2



**Steady-State Condition:** In steady state, the heat generated internally is balanced by the heat dissipated through convection and fixed boundaries, leading to a stable temperature field



A: Internal Heat Generation ( $3.0 \times 10^6 \text{ W/m}^3$ )

B: Internal Heat Generation ( $1.0 \times 10^5 \text{ W/m}^3$ )

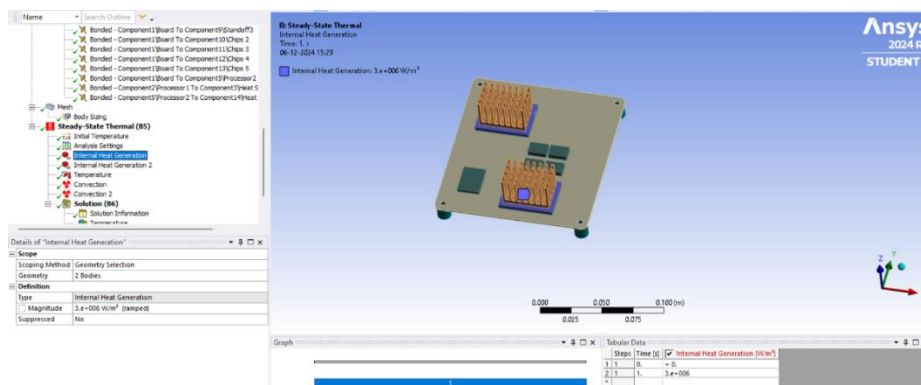
C: Temperature Constraint ( $40^\circ\text{C}$ )

D: Convection ( $40^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $5 \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C}$ )

E. Convection ( $40^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $50 \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C}$ )

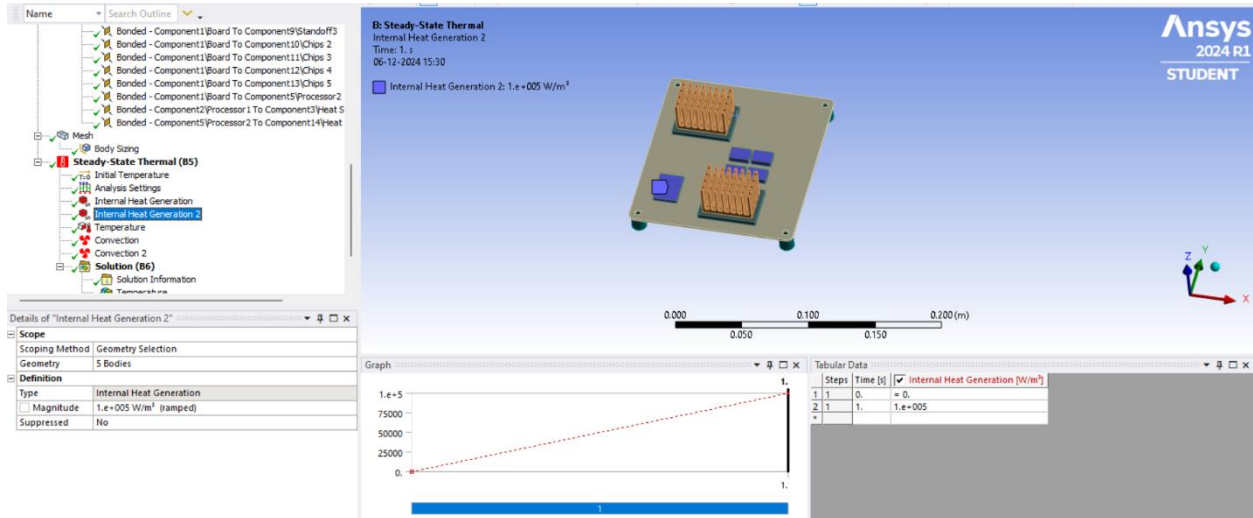
**Internal Heat Generation ( $3.0 \times 10^6 \text{ W/m}^3$ )**

In this we used internal heat generation to two processors  $3.0 \times 10^6 \text{ W/m}^3$ . Represents a localized area, likely electronic components or processors, generating high heat internally due to operational power dissipation.



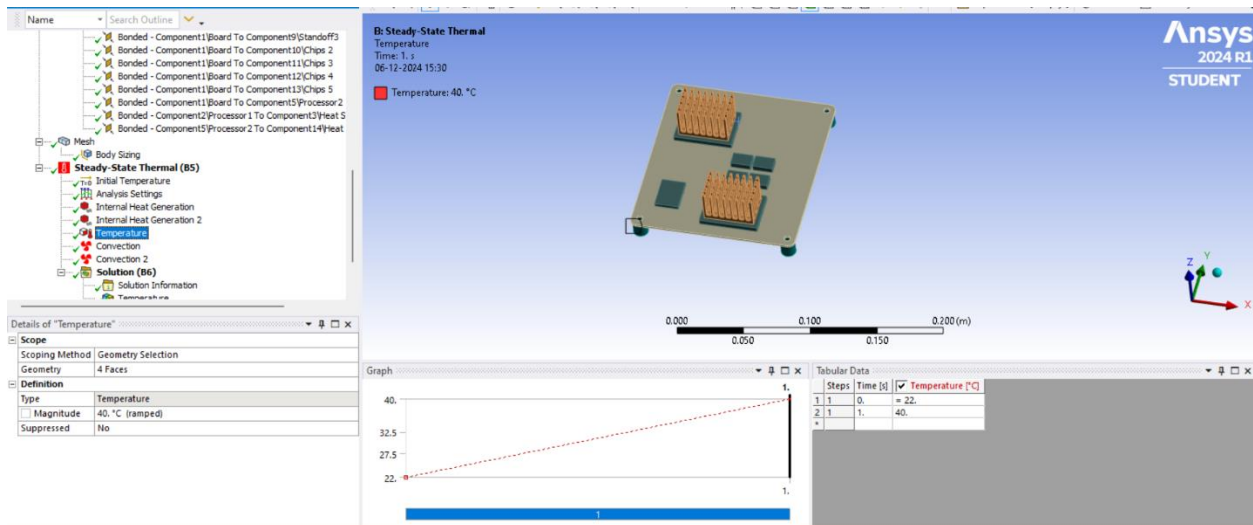
## B: Internal Heat Generation ( $1.0 \times 10^5 \text{ W/m}^3$ )

Indicates a region with lower internal heat generation, possibly less active components or materials with lower power usage.



## C: Temperature Constraint (40°C)

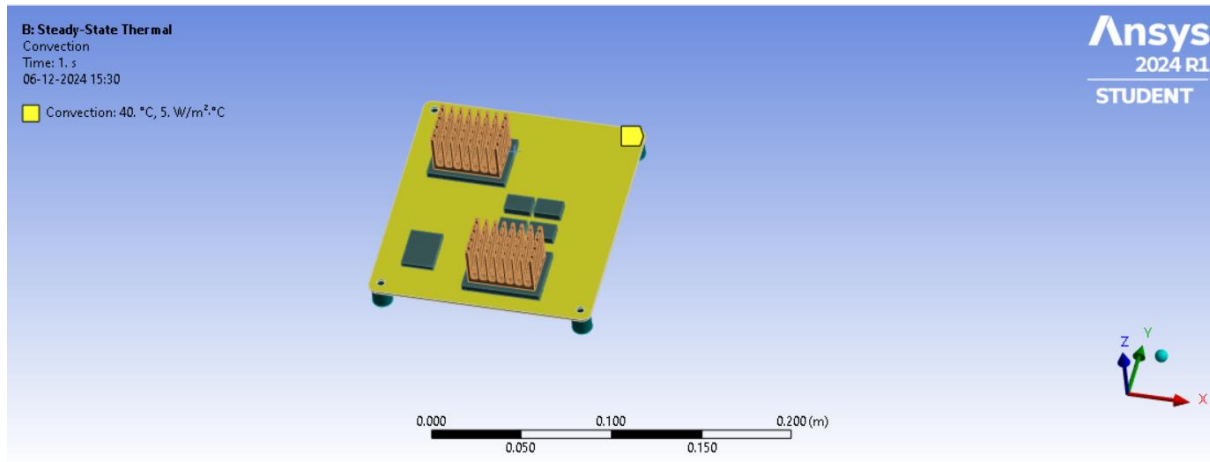
A fixed temperature boundary, such as a heat sink or a cooling interface, ensuring the area remains at a constant temperature of 40°C.





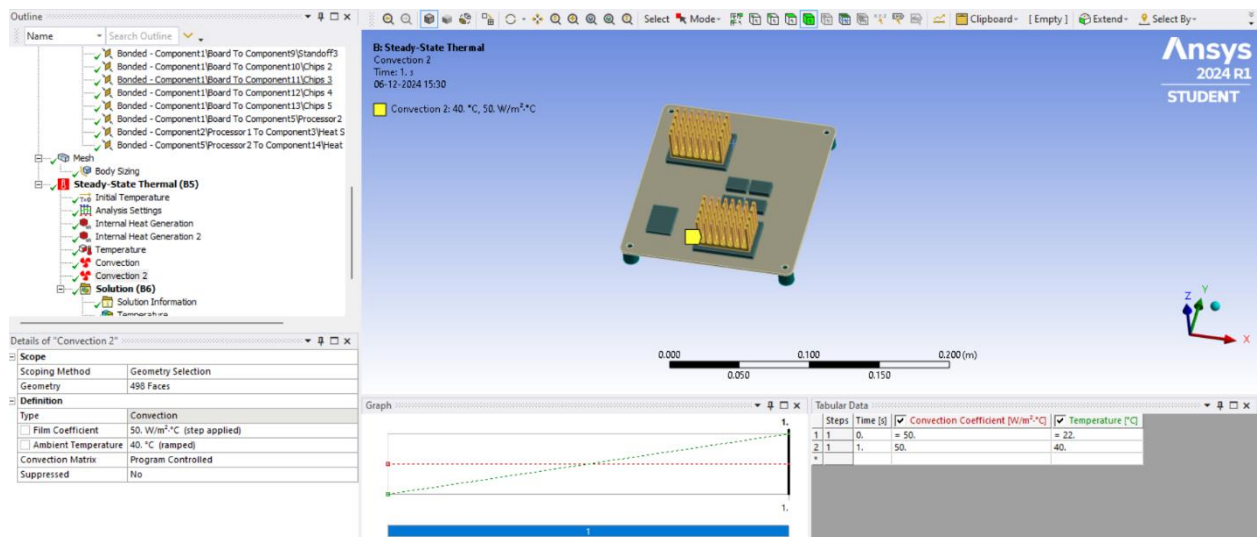
## D: Convection (40°C, 5 W/m<sup>2</sup>·°C)

A convective boundary condition with a convective heat transfer coefficient of 5 W/m<sup>2</sup>·°C at 40°C, implying a surface losing heat to surrounding air.



## E: Convection (40°C, 50 W/m<sup>2</sup>·°C)

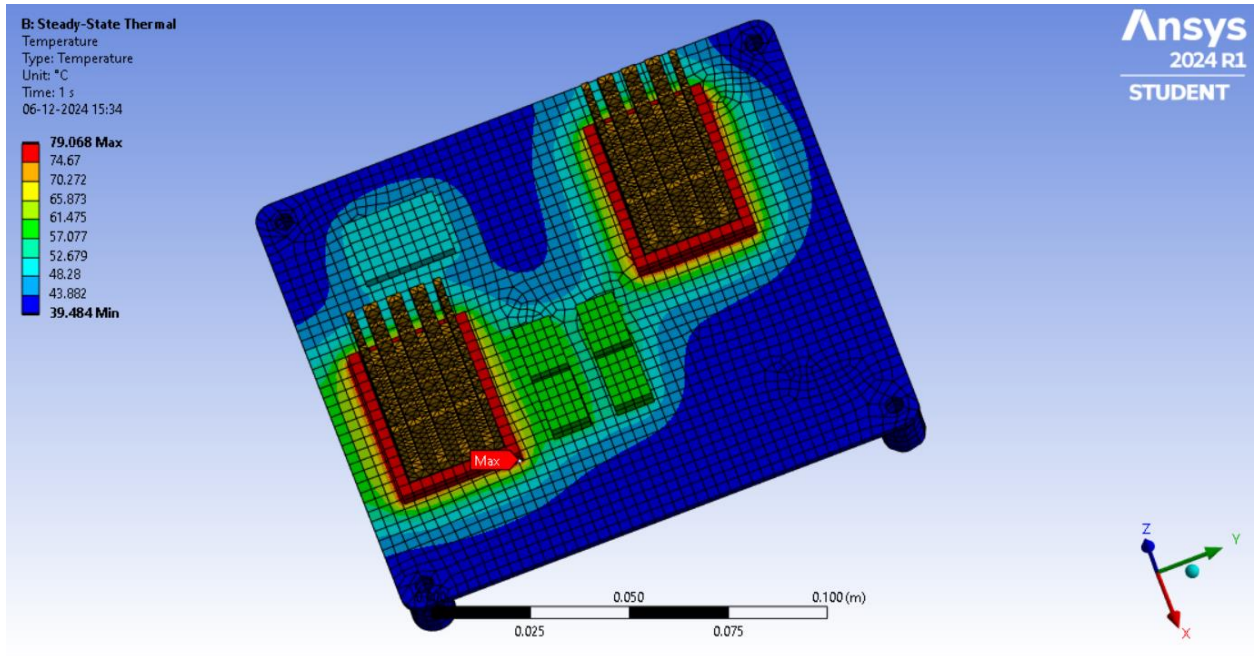
Indicates a stronger convective heat transfer (50 W/m<sup>2</sup>·°C) compared to D, possibly due to forced convection or a different cooling method. (better  $h = 50 \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C} = \$15$ )





## TEMPERATURE DEFORMATION:

Here the temperature is below the 80 C so it satisfies the customer satisfaction. It has a temperature of 79.068 max at the processor and minimum of 39.484 C . I think it satisfies the given conditions .



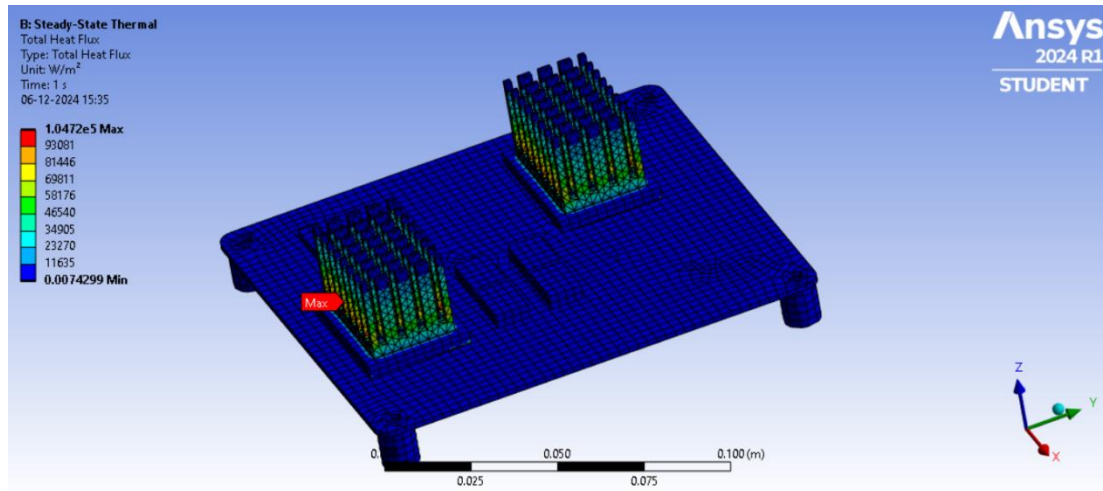
The thermal energy flux is very concentrated through the heatsink areas (colored in red, yellow, and green) specifically at the fins where convection is taking away heat to surroundings.

This is confirmed by the red arrow being the maximum heat flux in one of the heatsinks, thus establishing it as the critical thermal zone.

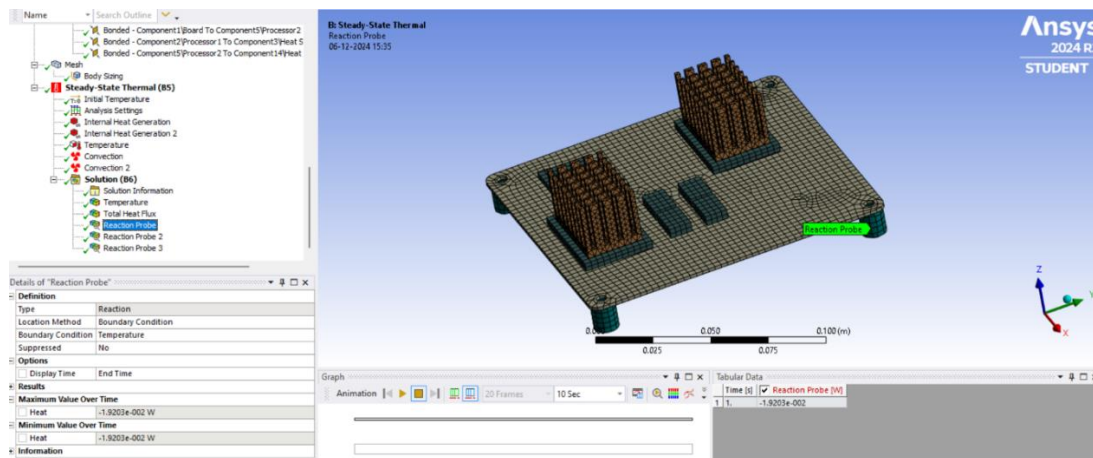
Highest at the base of the heatsinks, where the internal heat is confined.

Gradually decreasing toward the fins, indicating the heat is dissipated by convection

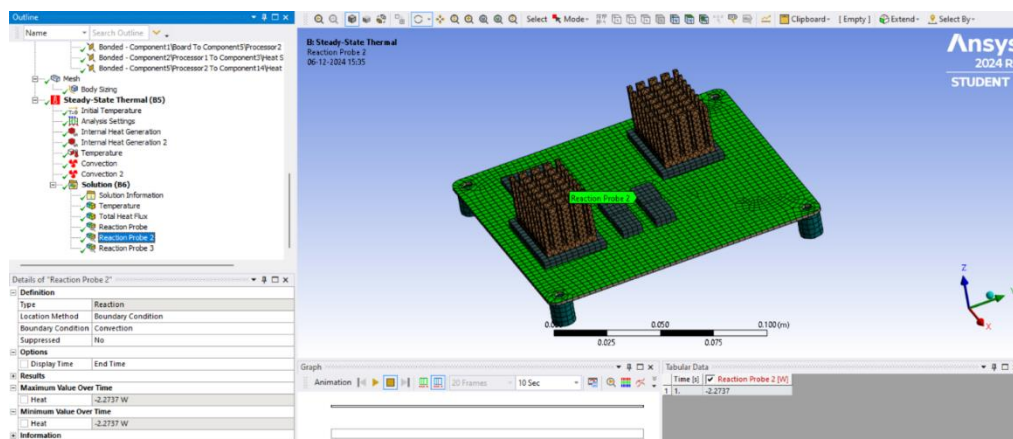
## HEAT FLUX CONCENTRATION



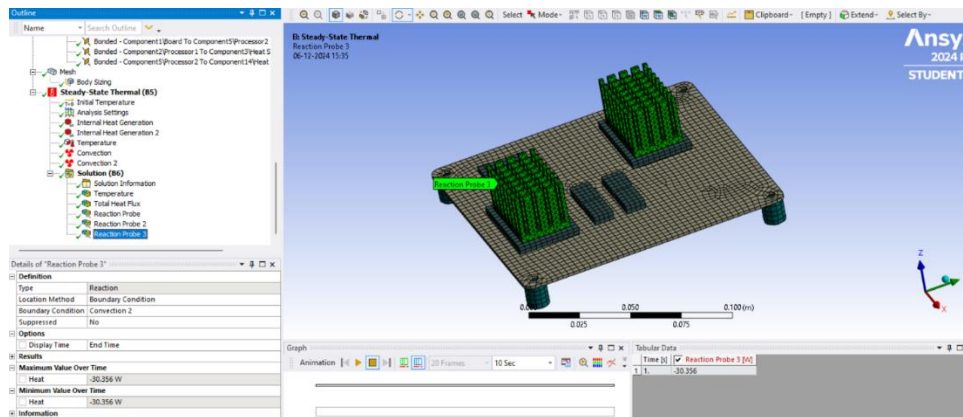
## THE REACTION PROBE FOR TEMPERATURE:



## THE REACTION PROBE FOR NATURAL CONVECTION:



## THE REACTION PROBE FOR FORCED CONVECTION 2



Thermal Conductance =  $5000 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C})$ , Fan = Good ( $h = 50 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C})$ )

Total Cost: Thermal Conductance value + fan option

$$= \$25 \times 2 + \$15$$

$$= \$75$$

Total Weight: 0.5154 kg

But in this iteration I got the fan weight as 0.2 kg but the given conditions the total weight is 0.5154 kg. In this iteration we reached the temperature below the  $80^\circ\text{C}$  by using the good materials. The main reason for increase in the weight because of the material used in this iteration as the copper.

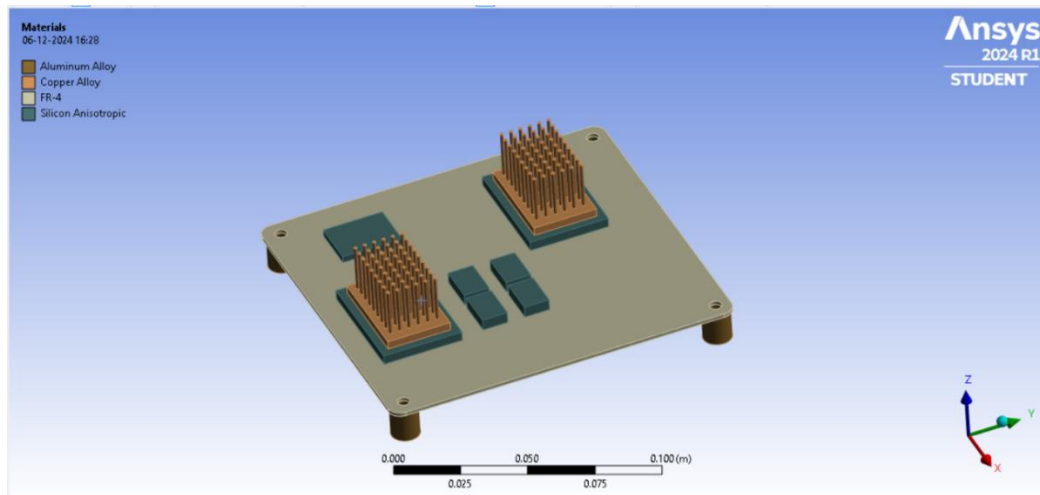
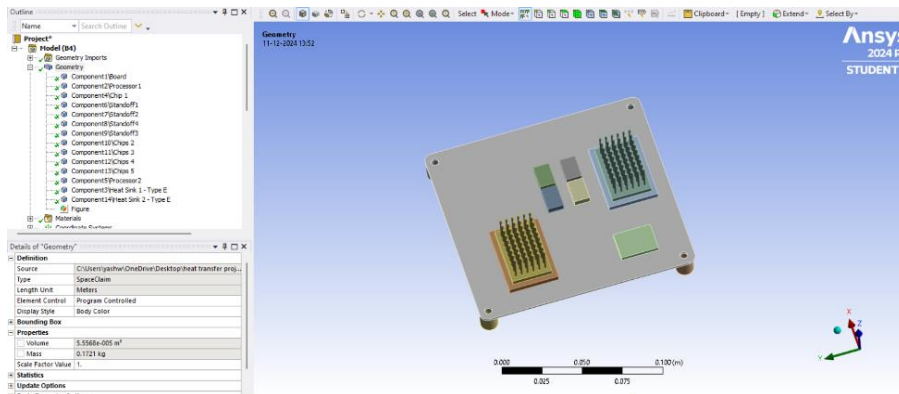
I think the total cost is \$40 is a reasonable cost for the customer.

### Advantages:

1. **Cost-Effective:** It balances higher performance without the excessive cost of  $10000 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C})$  conductance or the Better fan.
2. **Moderate Weight:** 0.5154 kg is light enough to not significantly impact the overall system weight.
3. **Performance:** The heat transfer coefficient of  $50 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C})$  ensures effective cooling, keeping the processor's temperature well below the critical limit of  $80^\circ\text{C}$ .

## ITERATION 2 (TYPE E)

In this iteration I used heat sink E



### Material Composition:

The model appears to be made up of many different materials:

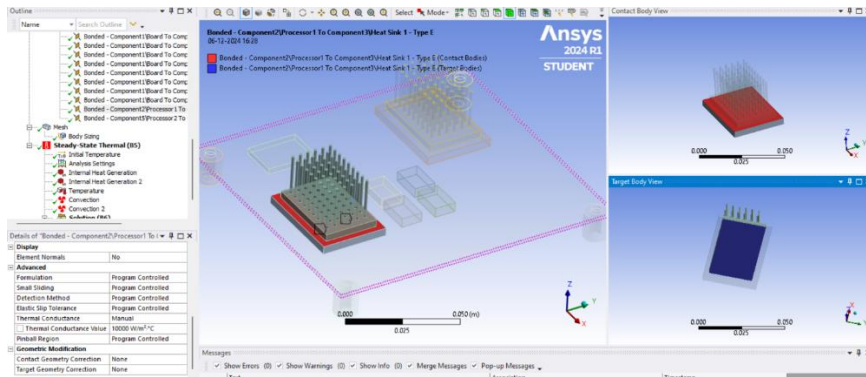
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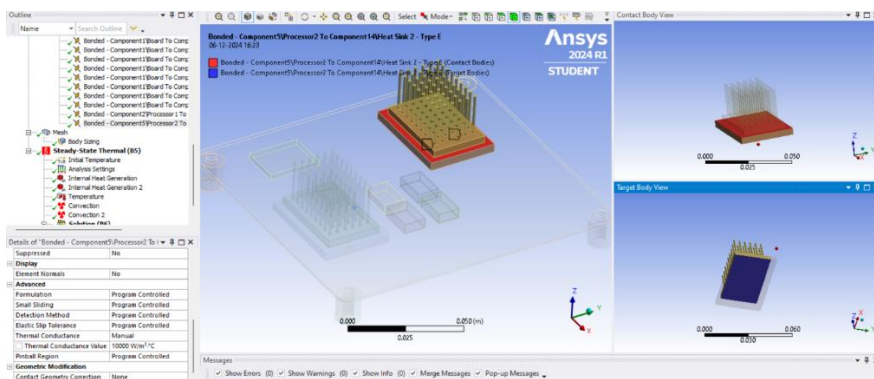
## THERMAL CONDUCTANCE TO HEAT SINK 1

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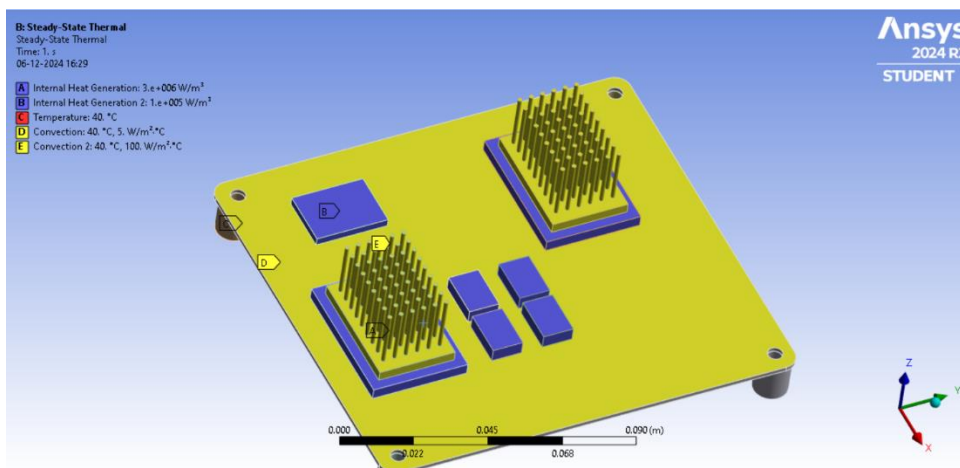


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## STEADY STATE CONDITION





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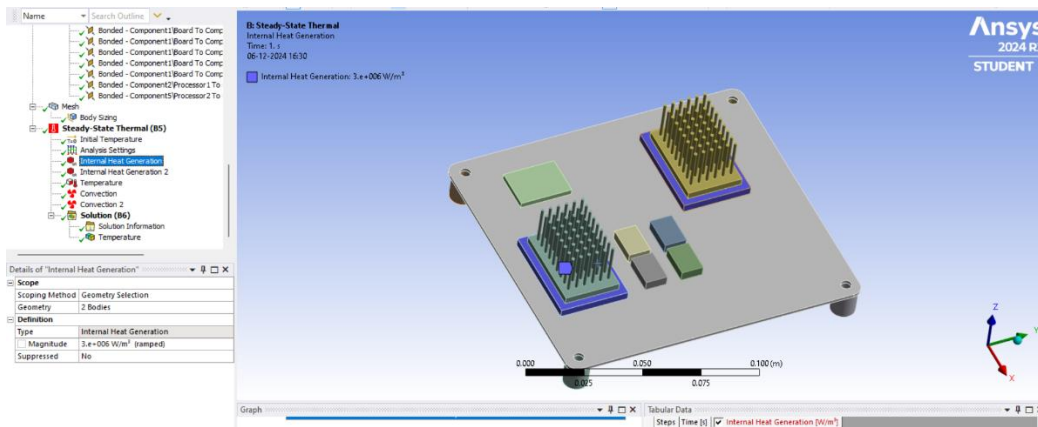
B: Internal Heat Generation ( $1.0 \times 10^5 \text{ W/m}^3$ )

C: Temperature Constraint ( $40^\circ\text{C}$ )

D: Convection ( $40^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $5 \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C}$ )

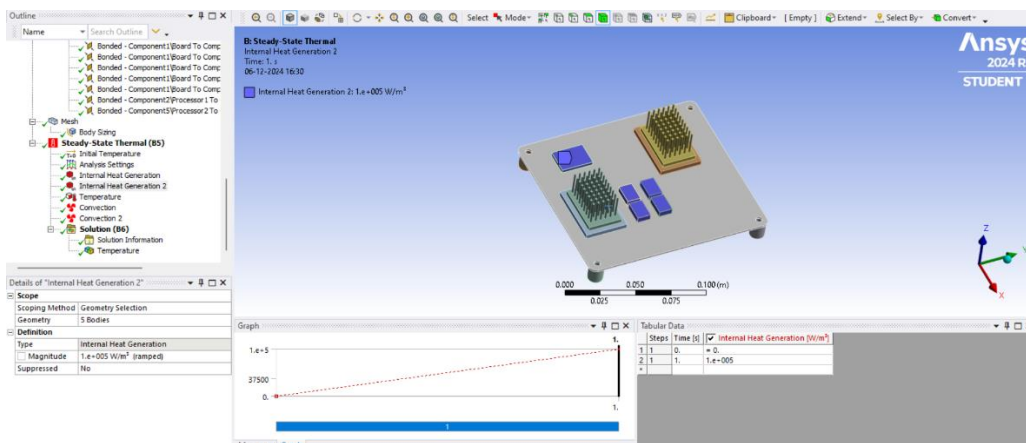
E. Convection ( $40^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $100 \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C}$ )

## INTERNAL HEAT GENERATION



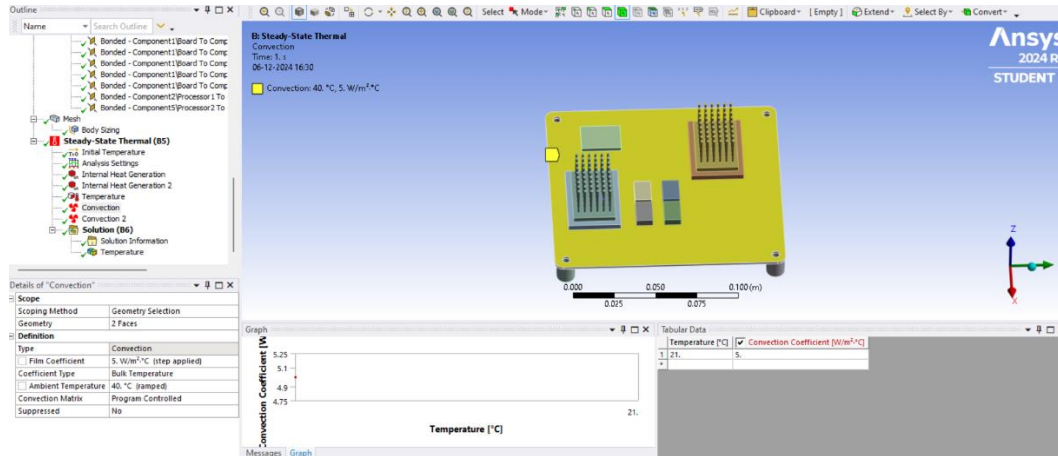
## INTERNAL HEAT GENERATION 2

In the steady state conditions we use the internal heat generation for all the five chips as  $1.0 \times 10^5 \text{ W/m}^3$ .



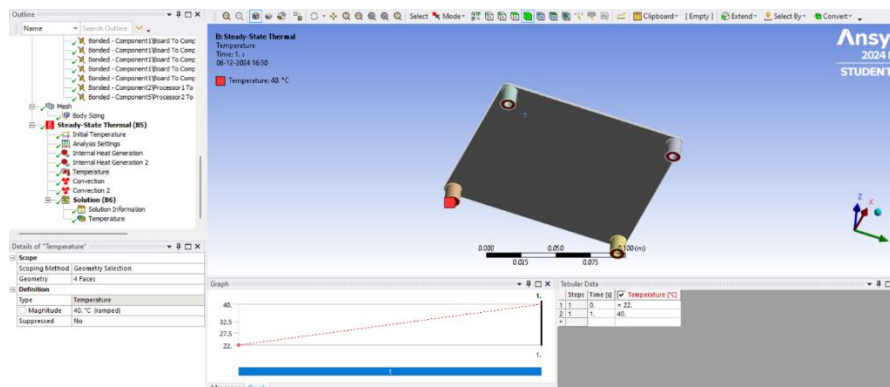
## NATURAL CONVECTION

In steady state thermal analysis this we used natural convection to the 2 surface of the boards  $5 \text{ W/m}^3$  at  $40^\circ\text{C}$



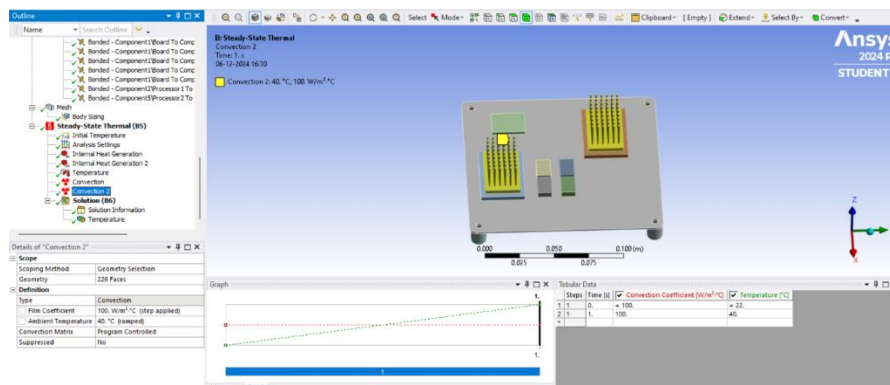
## FIXED TEMPERATURE

We used fixed temperatures for all 4 stands as  $40^\circ\text{C}$



## FORCED CONVECTION

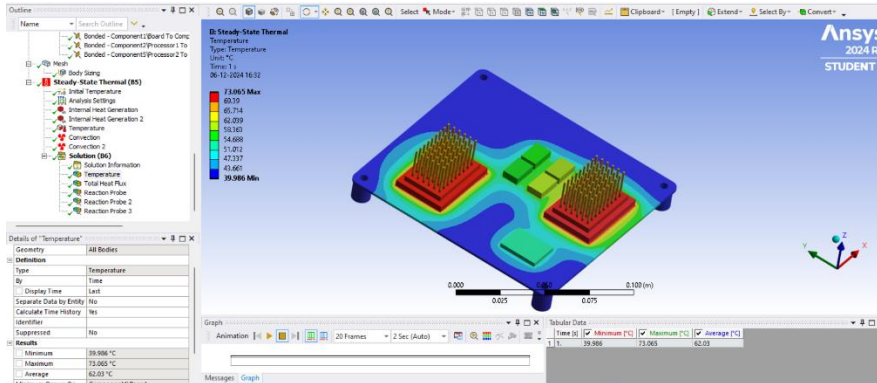
We used the force convection of to the both heat sinks  $h = 100 \text{ W/m}^3\text{C}$  at  $40^\circ\text{C}$





## TEMPERATURE DEFORMATION:

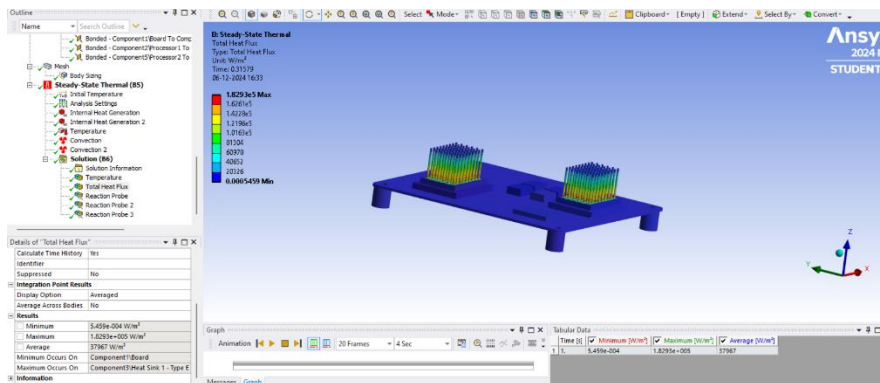
Here the temperature is below the 80 C so it satisfies the customer satisfaction. It has a temperature of 73.065 max at the processor and minimum of 39.986 C . I think it satisfies the given conditions .



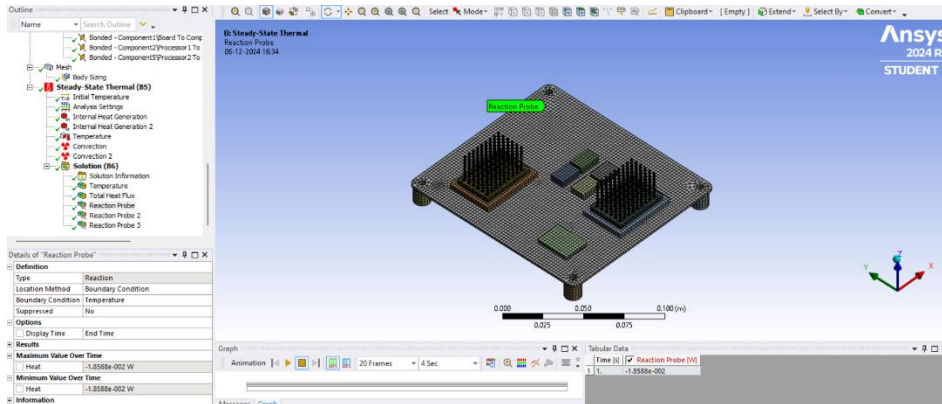
## HEAT FLUX CONCENTRATION:

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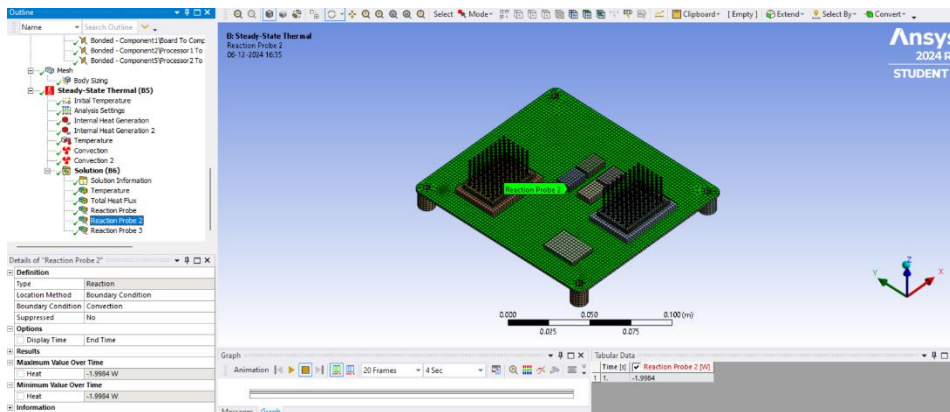
The maximum heat flux is indicated by the red arrow at one heatsink, confirming this as the critical thermal zone.



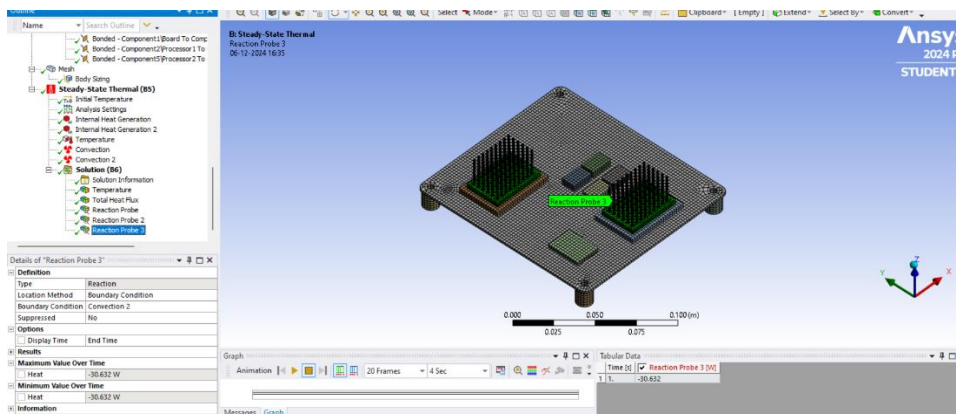
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## THE REACTION PROBE FOR NATURAL CONVECTION



## THE REACTION PROBE FOR FORCED CONVECTION 2



**Thermal Conductance =  $5000 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C})$ , Fan = Good ( $h = 50 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C})$ )**

Total Cost: Thermal Conductance value + fan option

$$= \$50 \times 2 + \$25$$

$$= \$125$$

Total Weight: 0.4721 kg

But in this iteration I got the weight as 0.4721 kg but the given conditions the fan weight is 0.15 kg . it satisfy the given weight conditions

In this iteration we reached the temperature below the 80 C by using the good materials.

The main reason for increase in the weight because of the material used in this iteration as the copper.

I think the total cost is \$65 is a reasonable cost for the customer .

**Advantages:**

1. **Cost-Effective:** It balances higher performance without the excessive cost of  $10000 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C})$  conductance or the Better fan.
2. **Moderate Weight:** 0.4721 kg is light enough to not significantly impact the overall system weight.
3. **Performance:** The heat transfer coefficient of  $50 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C})$  ensures effective cooling, keeping the processor's temperature well below the critical limit of  $80^\circ\text{C}$ .

## ITERATION 3 (TYPE C)

In this iteration I used heat sink C

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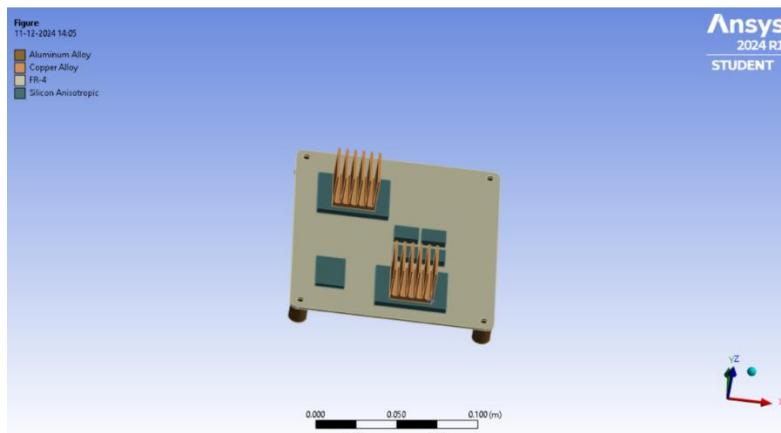
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Copper Alloy: heat sinks 1 and heat sinks 2 heat sinks due to its excellent thermal conductivity.

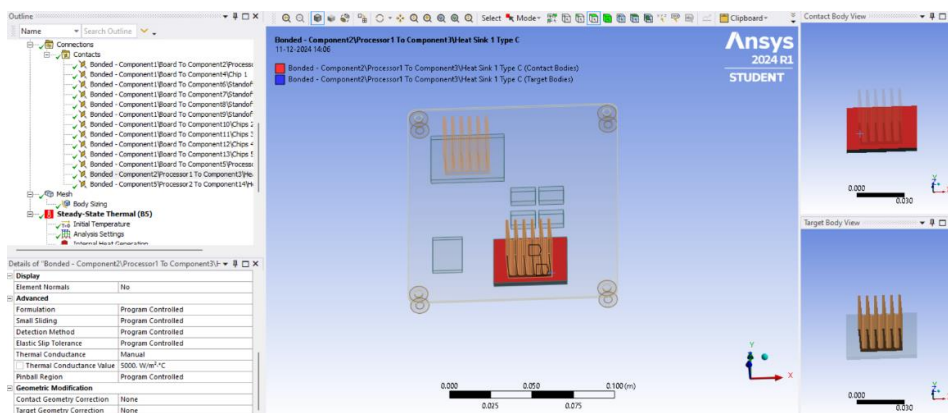
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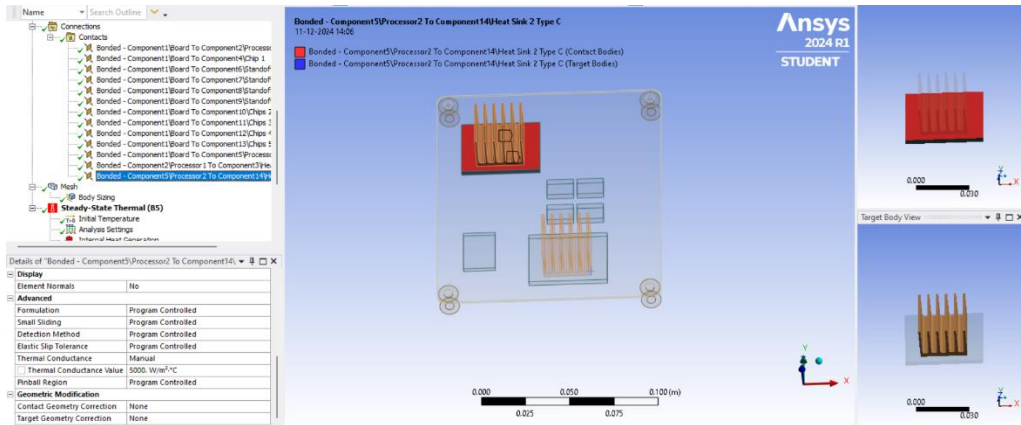


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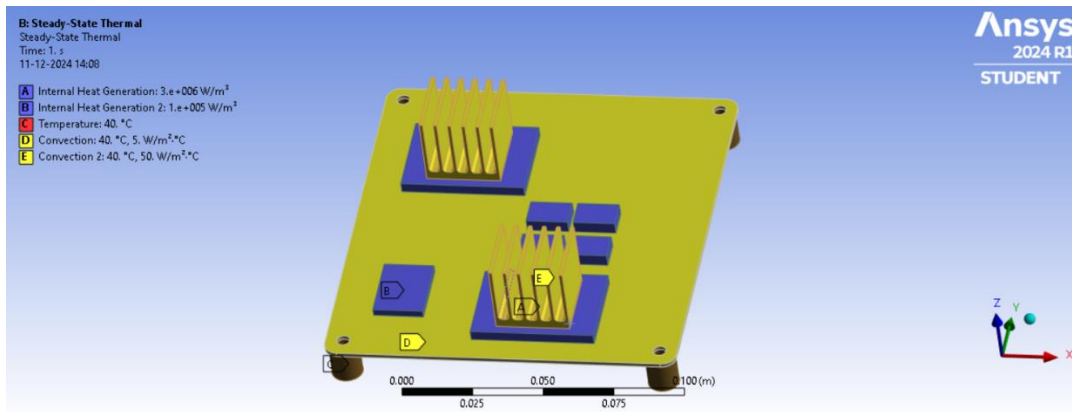
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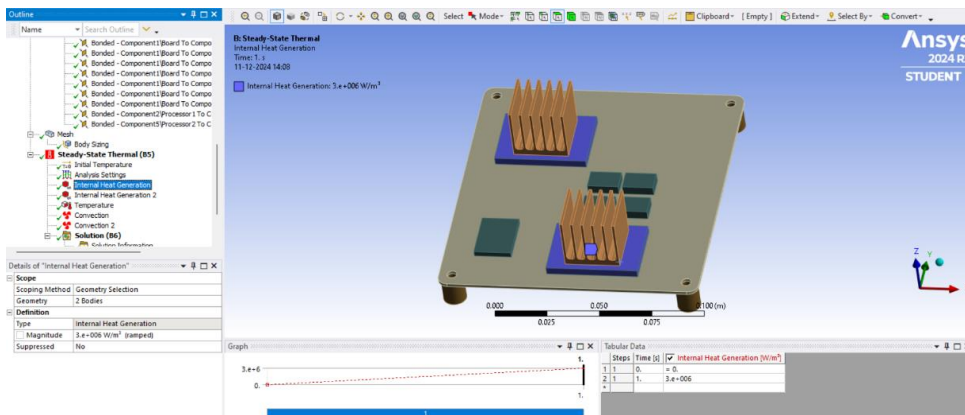


## STEADY STATE CONDITION



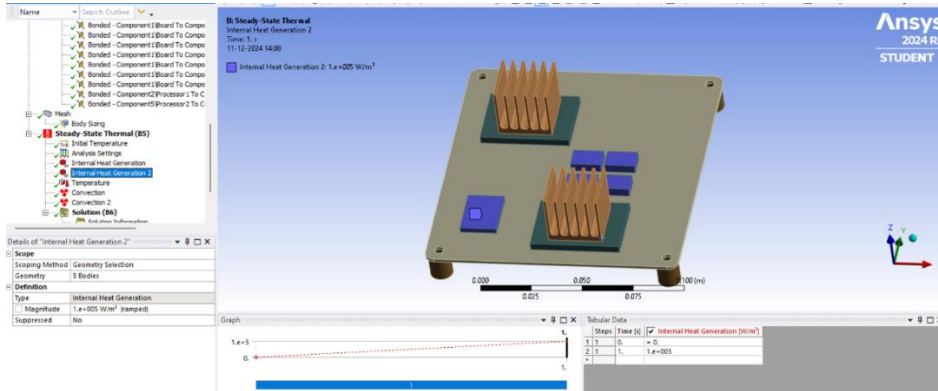
## INTERNAL HEAT GENERATION

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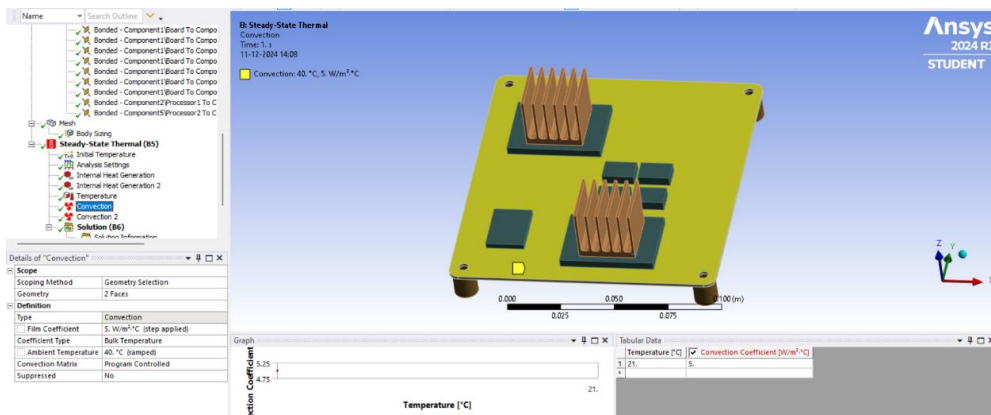


## INTERNAL HEAT GENERATION 2

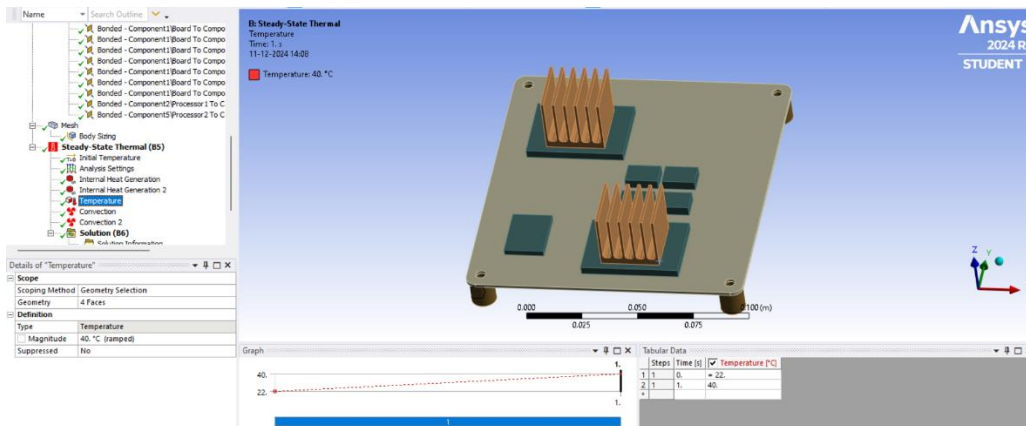
In the steady state conditions we use the internal heat generation for all the five chips as  $1.0 \times 10^5 \text{ W/m}^3$ .



## NATURAL CONVECTION

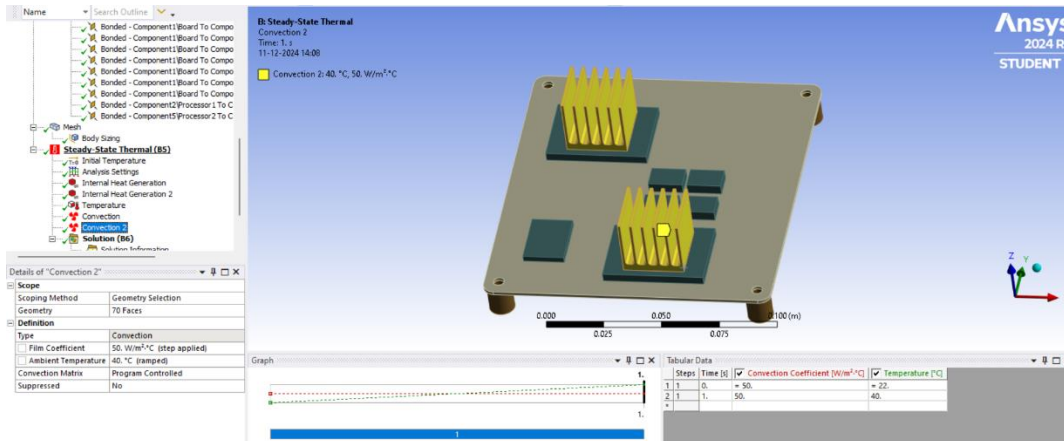


## FIXED TEMPERATURE



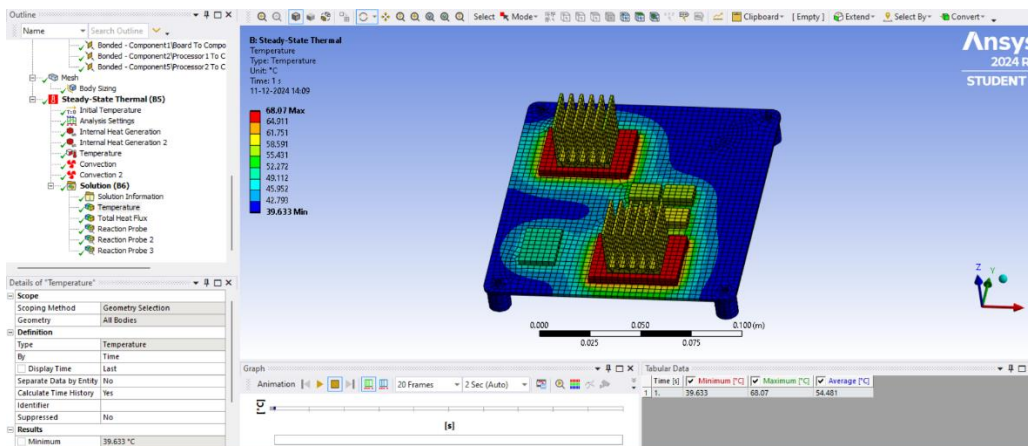


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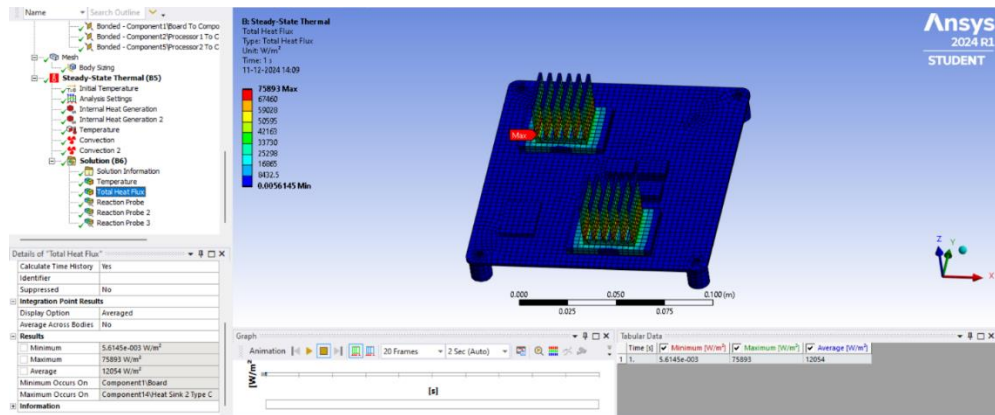
## Heat Flux Concentration:

The heatsinks show a gradient of heat flux:

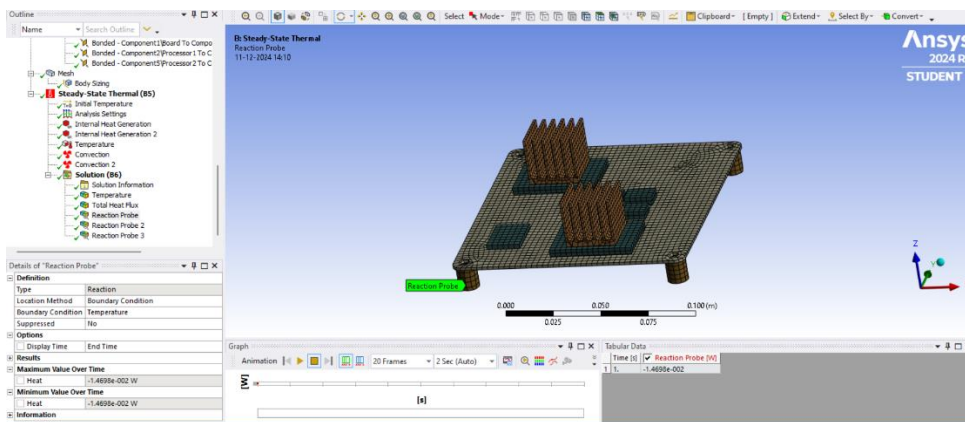
Higher near the base of the heatsinks, where the internal heat is concentrated.

Gradually reducing towards the fins, indicating the dissipation of heat through convection.

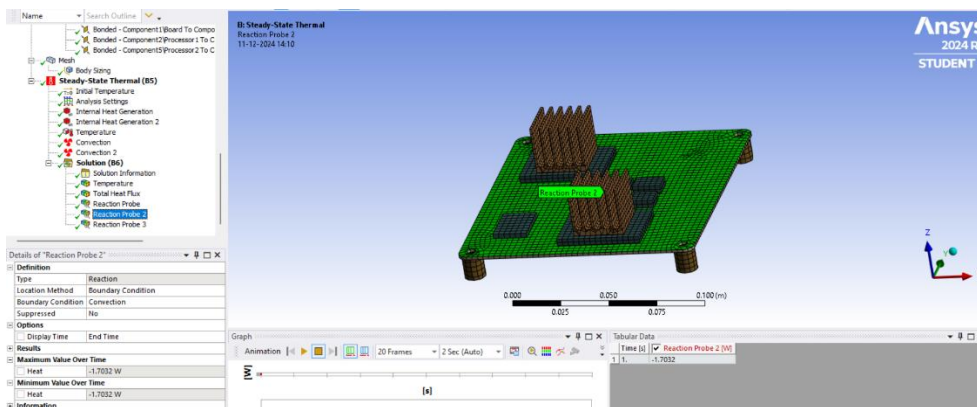




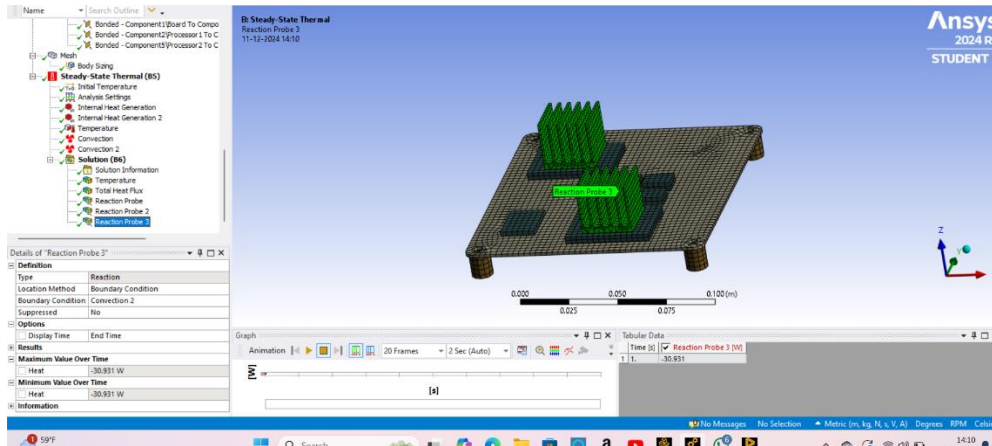
## THE REACTION PROBE FOR TEMPERATURE



## THE REACTION PROBE FOR NATURAL CONVECTION



## THE REACTION PROBE FOR FORCED CONVECTION 2



The combination of **Thermal Conductance =  $5000 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C})$**  and **Better Fan ( $h = 100 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C})$ )** is a high-performance option offering robust cooling at a slightly higher cost and weight.

Thermal Conductance:  $5000 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C})$

Fan Type: Better ( $h = 100 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C})$ )

Total Cost: Thermal Conductance value + fan option

$$= \$25 \times 2 + \$25$$

$$= \$125$$

Total Cost: \$125

But in this iteration, I got the weight as 0.5823kg but the given conditions the weight is 0.2 kg fan it satisfy the given weight conditions. In this iteration we reached the temperature below 80 C by using the good materials.

Here we used the copper alloys as heat sink materials in this iteration. I got the satisfying all the design conditions and boundary conditions and satisfying the customer requirements.

### Advantages:

1. **High Efficiency:** The higher heat transfer coefficient of  $100 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C})$  ensures superior cooling performance, keeping temperatures well below  $80^\circ\text{C}$  even under heavy thermal loads.
2. **Moderate Cost:** While slightly more expensive, this setup provides excellent value for performance-critical applications.

3. **Improved Thermal Management:** Ideal for situations where maintaining lower operating temperatures is crucial for reliability and extended lifespan of components.

## **WEIGHT SUMMARY:**

### **FOR ITERATION 1:**

Weight of the board: 0.2154kg

Weight of each fan = 0.15kg

Total weight of two fans:  $0.15\text{kg} \times 2 = 0.30\text{kg}$

Total weight of the PCB = weight of board + weight of fans

$$= 0.2154\text{kg} + 0.30\text{kg}$$

$$= 0.5154\text{kg}$$

### **FOR ITERATION 2:**

Weight of the board: 0.1721kg

Weight of each fan = 0.15kg

Total weight of two fans :  $0.15\text{kg} \times 2 = 0.30\text{kg}$

Total weight of the PCB = weight of board + weight of fans

$$= 0.1721\text{kg} + 0.30\text{kg}$$

$$= 0.4721\text{kg}$$

### **FOR ITERATION 3:**

Weight of the board: 0.1823kg

Weight of each fan = 0.15kg

Total weight of two fans :  $0.2\text{kg} \times 2 = 0.40\text{kg}$

Total weight of the PCB = weight of board + weight of fans

$$= 0.1823\text{kg} + 0.40\text{kg}$$

$$= 0.5823\text{kg}$$

## **COST SUMMARY:**

### **Iteration 1**

Thermal Conductance:  $5000 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C})$

Fan: Good ( $h = 50 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C})$ )

Thermal Conductance: \$25 per each application

Total Thermal Conductance cost =  $\$25 \times 2$

$$= \$ 50$$

Fan (Good): \$25 per application

Total cost of PCB = Total Thermal Conductance cost + Fan cost

$$= \$50 + \$25$$

$$= \$ 75$$

### **Iteration 2**

Thermal Conductance:  $10000 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C})$

Fan: Better ( $h = 100 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C})$ )

Thermal Conductance: \$50 per application

Fan (Better): \$25 per application

Total Thermal Conductance cost =  $\$50 \times 2$

$$= \$ 100$$

Total cost of PCB = Total Thermal Conductance cost + Fan cost

$$= \$100 + \$25$$

$$= \$ 125$$

**Total Cost: \$125**

### **Iteration 3**

Thermal Conductance:  $5000 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C})$

Fan: Better ( $h = 100 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C})$ )

Thermal Conductance: \$25 per application

Fan (Better): \$25 per application

Total Thermal Conductance cost = \$25 \*2

= \$ 50

Fan (Good): \$25 per application

Total cost of PCB = Total Thermal Conductance cost + Fan cost

= \$50 + \$25

= \$ 75

**Total Cost: \$75**

## **FINAL RECOMANDATIONS:**

### **Iteration 1 (Cheapest Weight Option)**

Thermal Conductance:  $5000 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C})$

Fan: Good ( $h = 50 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C})$ )

Cost of Thermal Conductance: \$25 per application  $\rightarrow$  \$50 .

Fan: \$15 per fan  $\rightarrow$  \$15 (1 fan).

**Total Cost: \$65.**

Weight comparison

Weight of the board: 0.2154 kg.

Weight of two fans:  $0.15 \text{ kg} \times 2 = 0.30 \text{ kg}$ .

Total Weight: 0.5154 kg.

Convective heat transfer coefficient,  $h = 50 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C})$ , provides sufficient cooling for moderate heat dissipation.

### **Iteration 2 (Most Expensive Option)**

Thermal Conductance:  $10000 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C})$

Fan: Better ( $h = 100 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C})$ )

Cost of Thermal Conductance: \$50 per application  $\rightarrow$  \$100.

Fan: \$25 per fan  $\rightarrow$  \$25 (1 fan).

**Total Cost: \$125.**

Weight comparison:

Weight of the board: 0.1721 kg.

Weight of two fans:  $0.15 \text{ kg} \times 2 = 0.30 \text{ kg}$ .

Total Weight: 0.4721 kg.

Higher cooling efficiency ensures better long-term reliability for high-performance systems. It provides a safety margin for higher heat dissipation



### **Iteration 3 (Balanced Option)**

Thermal Conductance:  $5000 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C})$

Fan: Better ( $h = 100 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C})$ )

Cost of Thermal Conductance: \$25 per application  $\rightarrow$  \$50 .

Fan: \$25 per fan  $\rightarrow$  \$25 (1 fan).

Total Cost: \$75.

Weight comparison:

Weight of the board: 0.1823 kg.

Weight of two fans:  $0.2 \text{ kg} \times 2 = 0.40 \text{ kg}$ .

Total Weight: 0.5823 kg.

### **Cheapest Cost (iteration 1)**

- Iteration 1 has the lowest total cost of \$65.
- This configuration uses  $5000 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C})$  thermal conductance and Good Fans ( $h = 50 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C})$ ), which provide a balanced performance while minimizing expenses.

### **Lightest Weight (iteration 2)**

- Iteration 2 has the lowest total weight of 0.4721 kg.
- It achieves this by using  $10000 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C})$  thermal conductance and Better Fans ( $h = 100 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C})$ ), although it incurs the highest cost of \$125.

### **Recommendation**

For a cost-effective and lightweight balance, Iteration 1 is the best choice:

Cost: \$65 (lowest among all the iterations).

Weight: 0.5154 kg (slightly heavier than Iteration 2 but much cheaper compared to other 2).

This is ideal for systems requiring moderate cooling performance without compromising on affordability.

It balances efficiency and cost effectively, keeping the temperature below the maximum limit under normal operating conditions.

This is suitable for systems with moderate heat dissipation needs or typical environmental conditions.

