

Design of Ultrasonic MEMS Temperature Sensor

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Introduction:

- The attempt has taken to design a ultrasonic Micro Electronics Mechanical System (MEMS) of non-contact temperature sensor.
- The piezoelectric material is used both transmitter & receiver ends for the miniature ultrasonic device.
- In order to curb the expenses and save time, MEMS preferred to be done through a multidisciplinary simulation platform to test the feasibility of the proposed system.

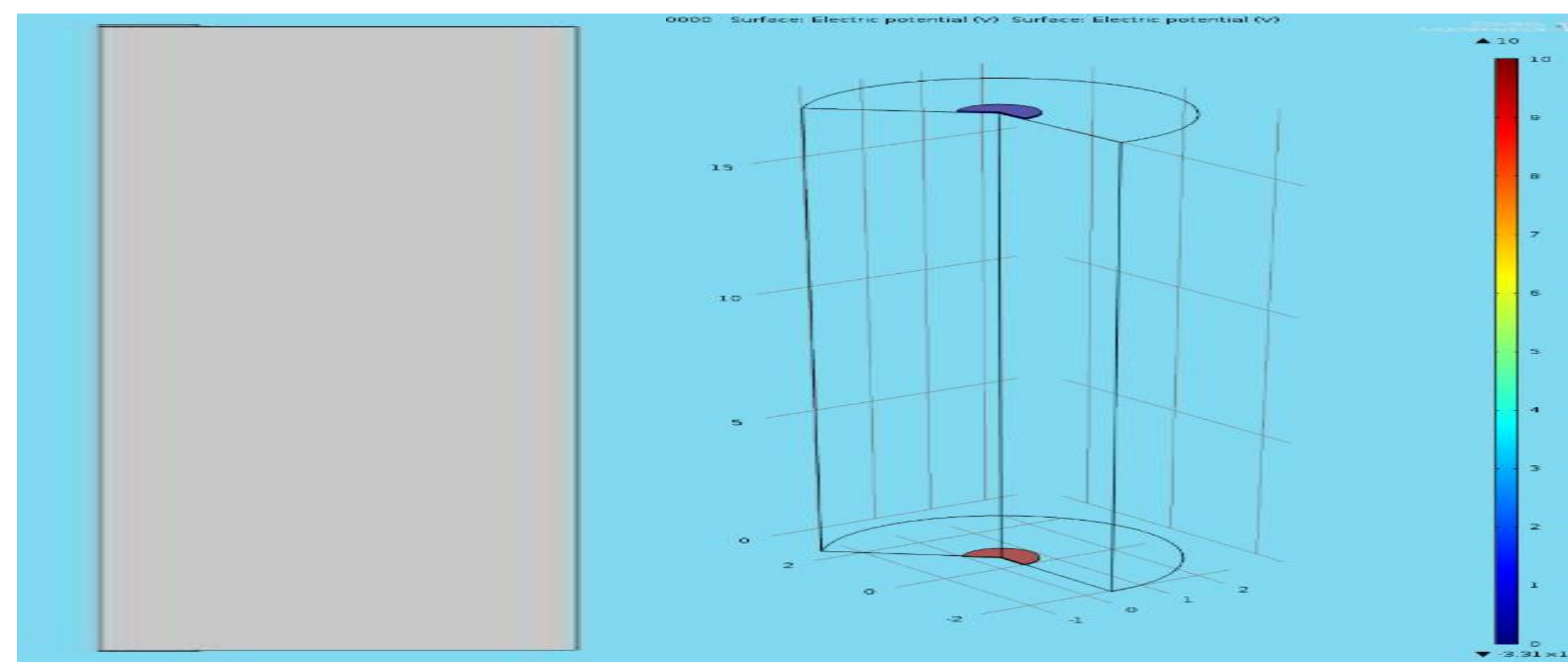


Fig-1: Asymmetrical Geometry of Ultrasonic Temperature Sensor

Computational Method:

- Speed of sound, Density of Air and Temperature of the Air correlated each other.

- They are defined as below

$$T = \left(\left[\frac{c}{c_0} \right]^2 - 1 \right) * 273.15$$

$$T = \left[\frac{P}{\rho R} - 273.15 \right]$$

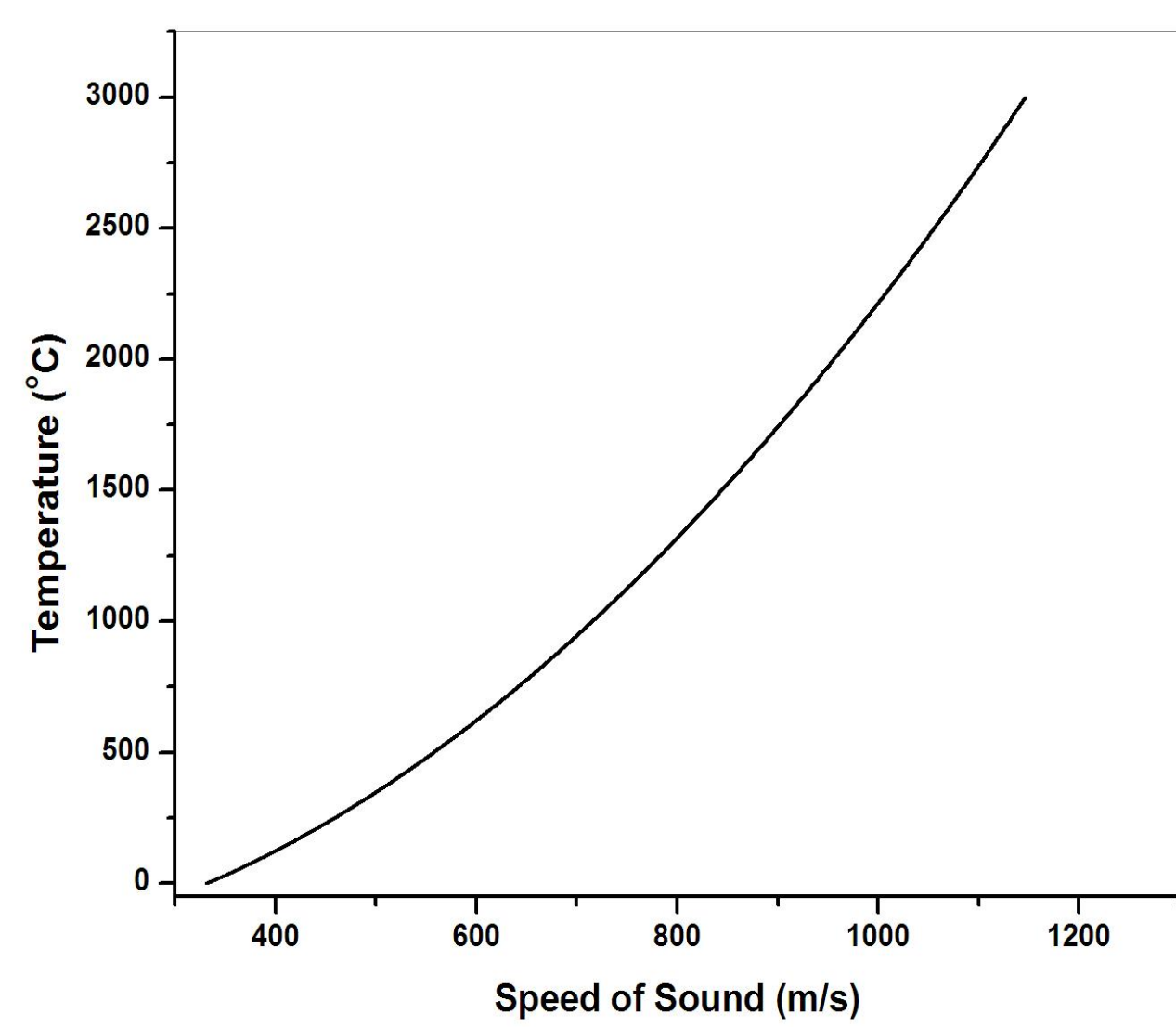


Fig-1: Speed of sound vs. Temperature

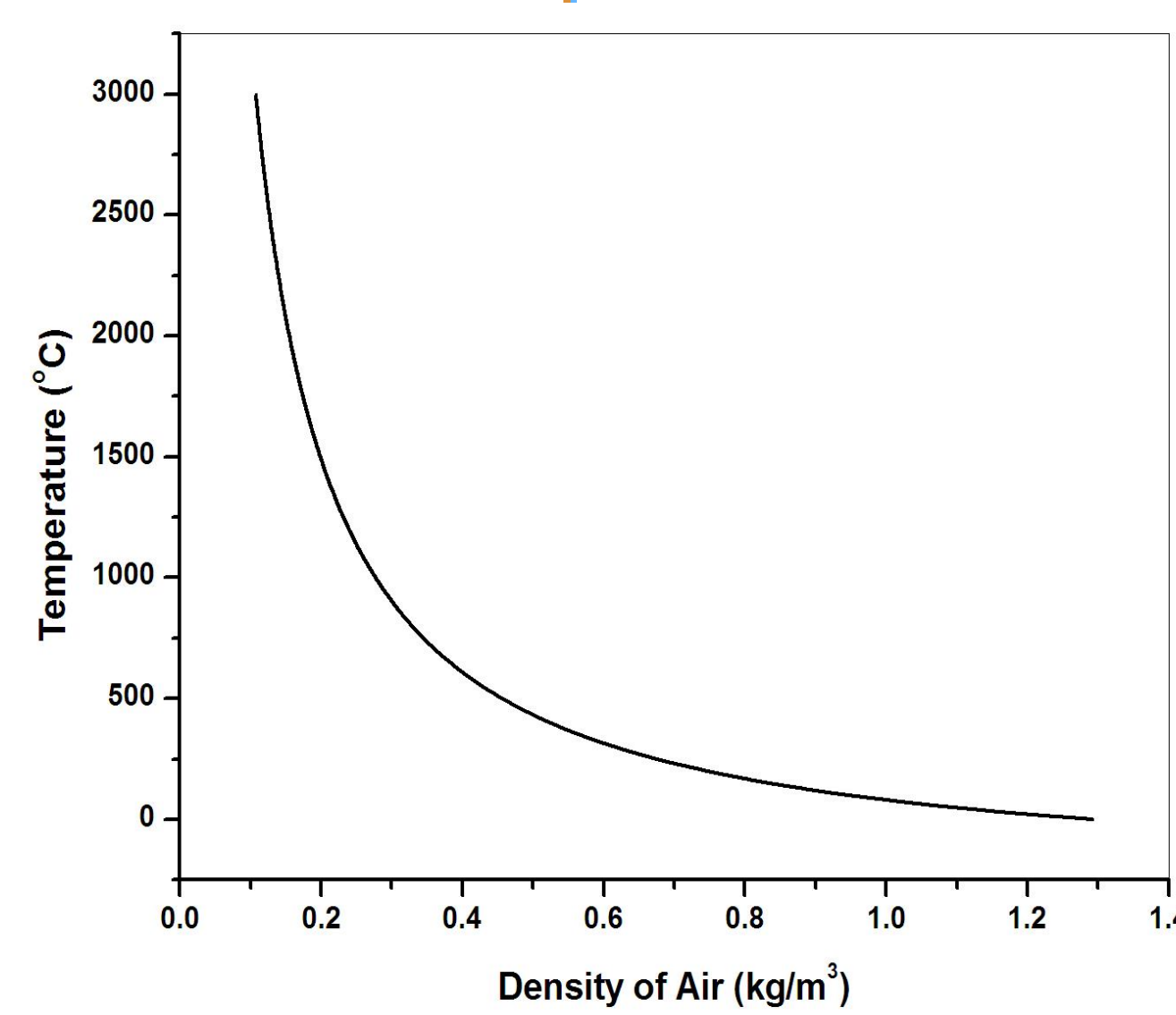


Fig-3: Air Density vs. Temperature

- Speed of sound increases with increase in temperature.
- Density of Air decreases with increases in temperature.

Model Optimization:

Transmitter & Receiver Thickness Optimization:

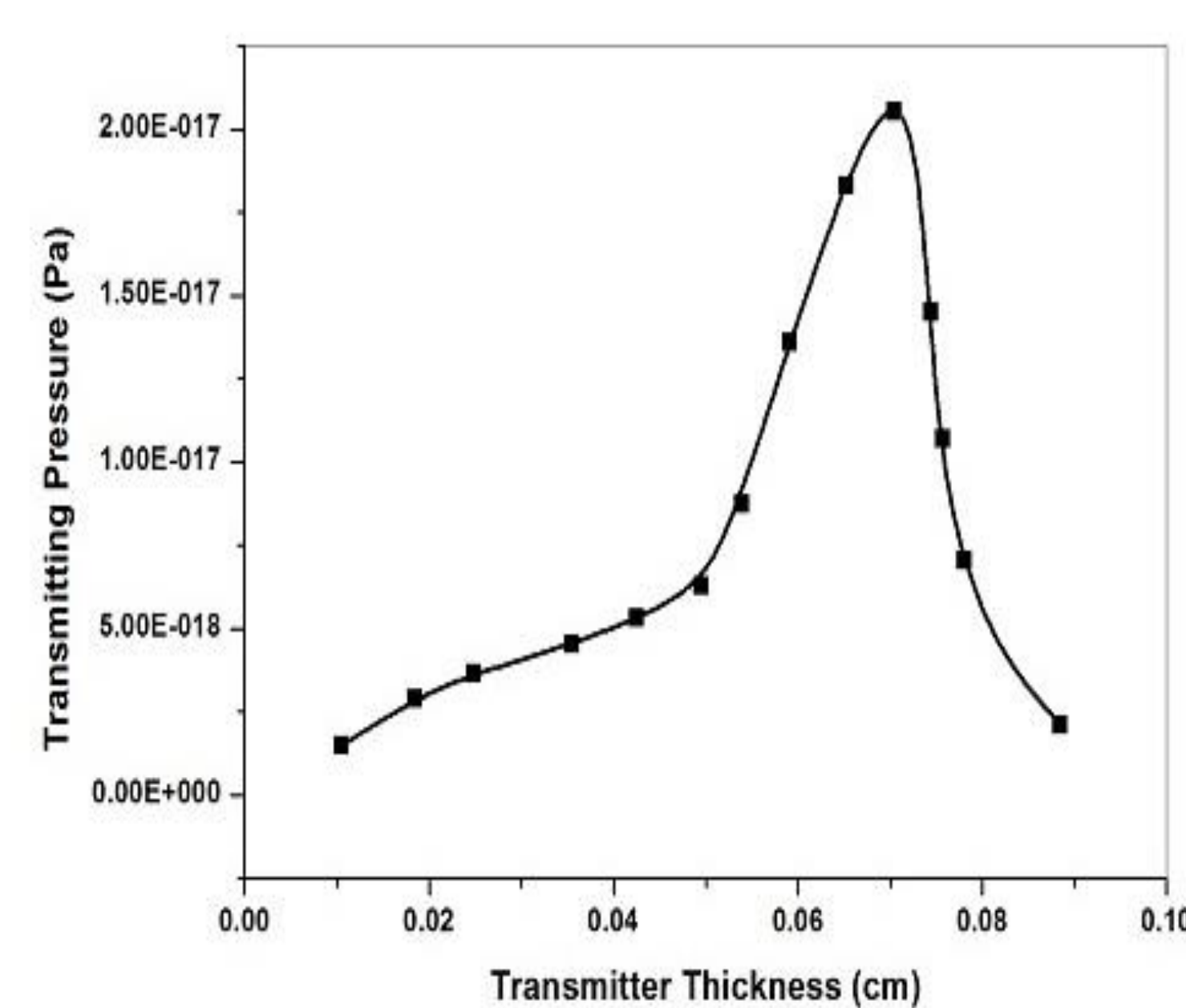


Fig-5: Transmitter Thickness Optimization

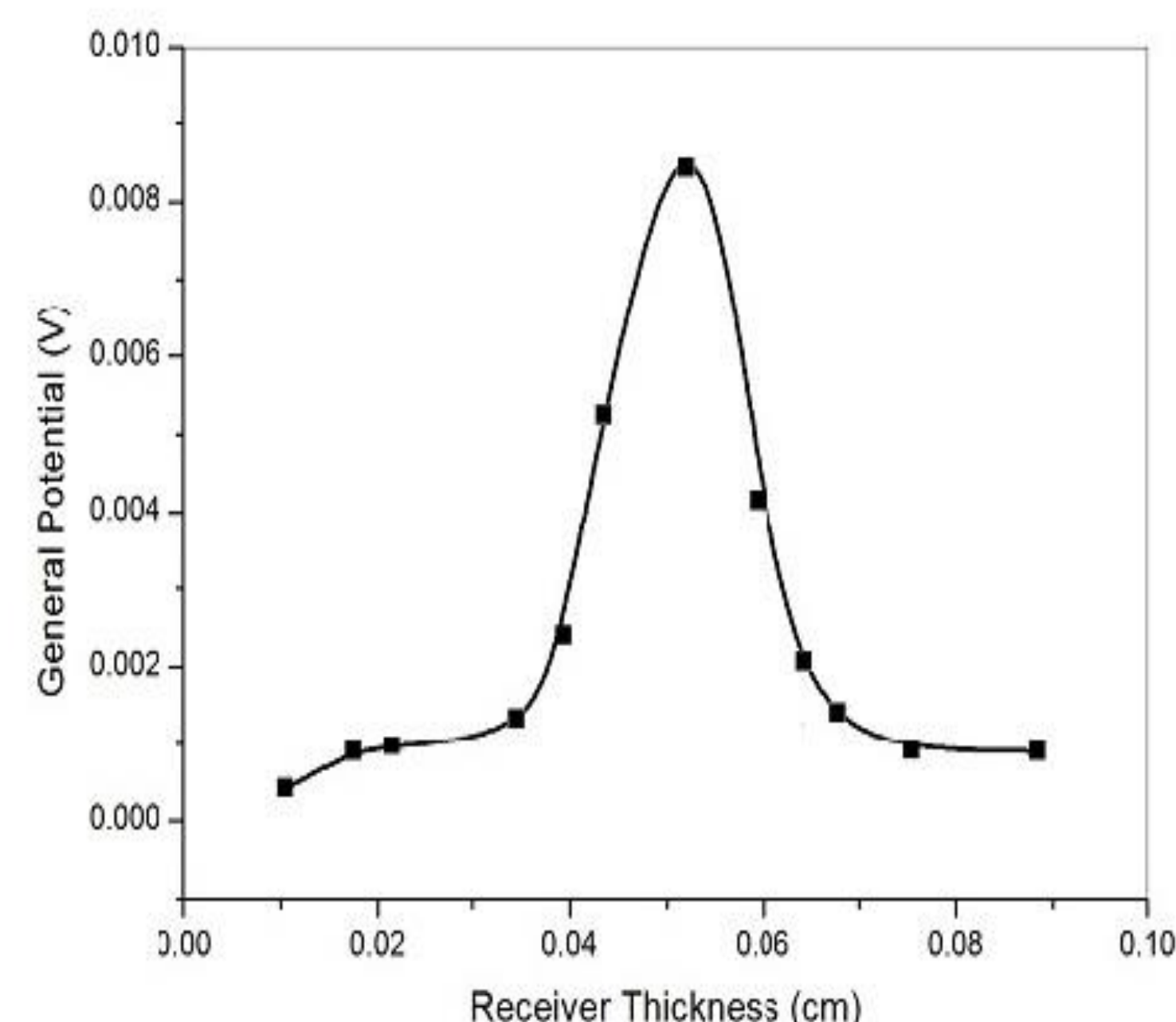


Fig-6: Receiver Thickness Optimization

- The transmitter and the receiver is optimized for maximum transmitting pressure and for maximum generated voltage respectively at a constant width of 0.5475 cm the thickness of the transmitter and the receiver are varied from 0.01 cm to 0.0885 cm.

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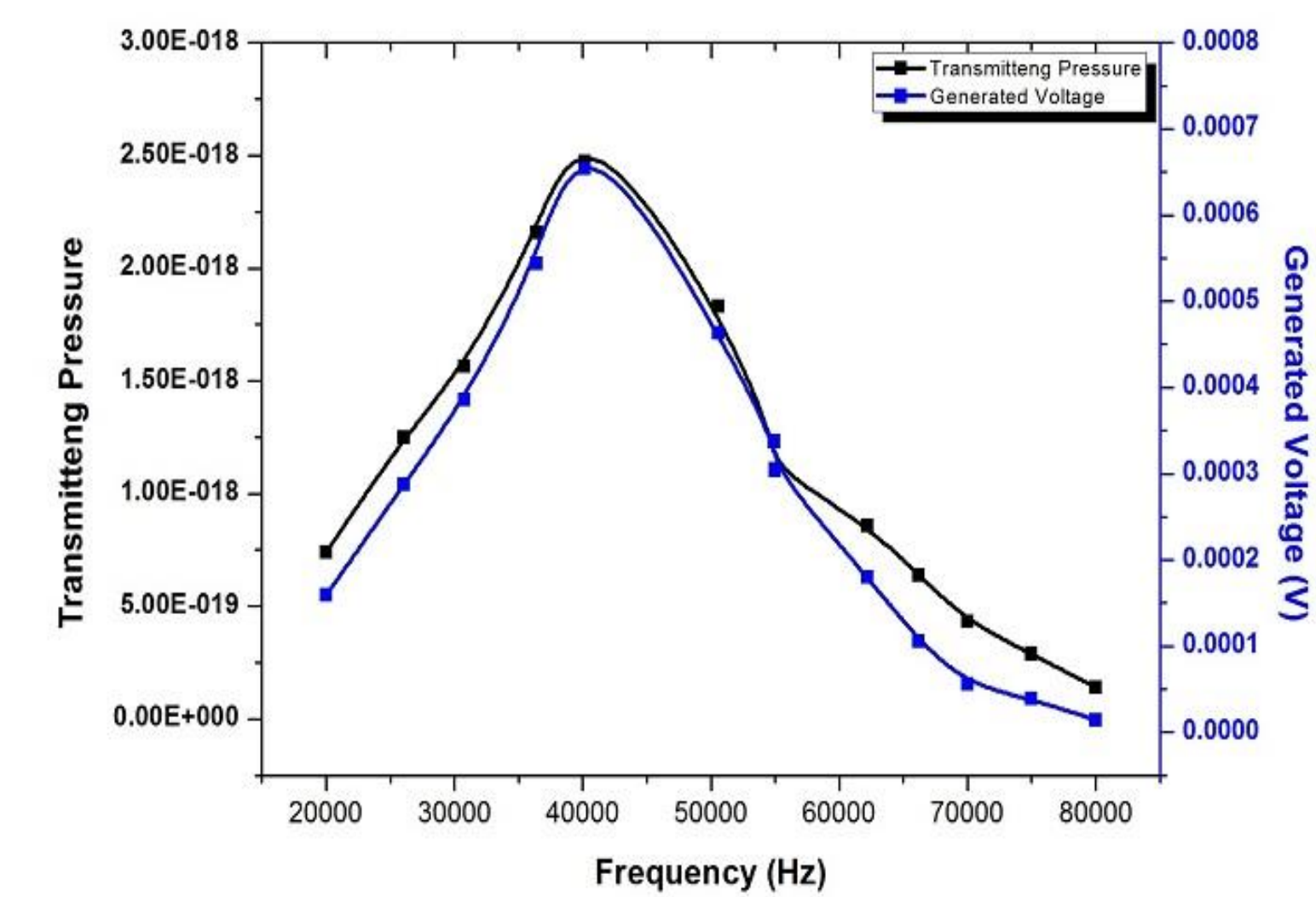


Fig-4: Frequency Optimization

- The operating frequency of the transmitter is varied from 20 KHz to 80 KHz at a constant supplied voltage of 10 volts.
- The optimum transmitting pressure and generated voltage is obtained at optimized frequency of 40 KHz.

Result & Discussion:

- The medium density and speed of sound is varied with changing temperature while keeping the shape and size intact.
- When air density decreases, it results in less particles in the medium which shows in Fig-7.
- Increasing temperature impacts the air density negatively which ultimately leads in decline of pressure received at the receiver.
- Fig. 8 clearly shows that the receiving pressure is inversely proportional to temperature.

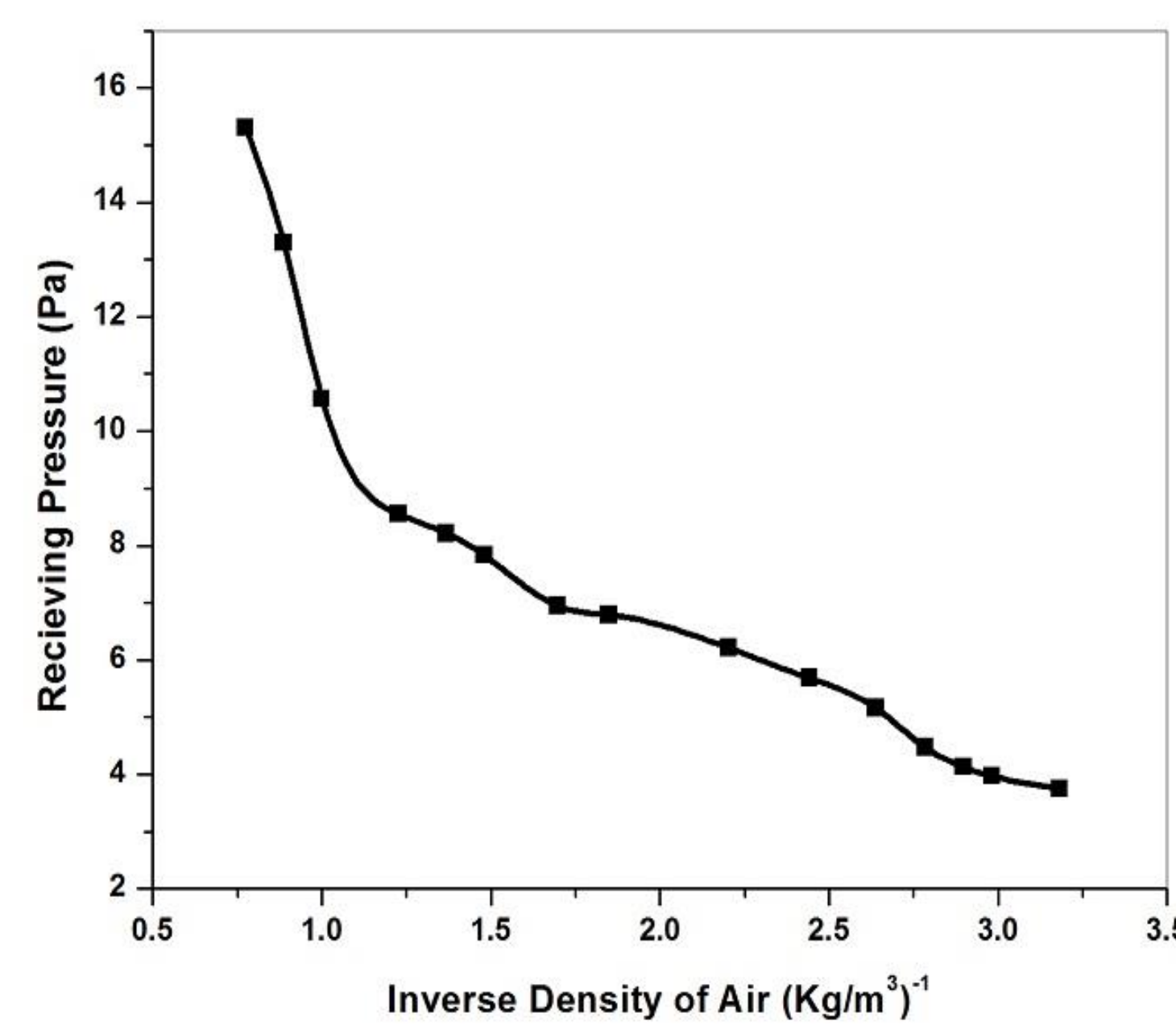


Fig-7: (Air Density)⁻¹ vs. Receiving Pressure

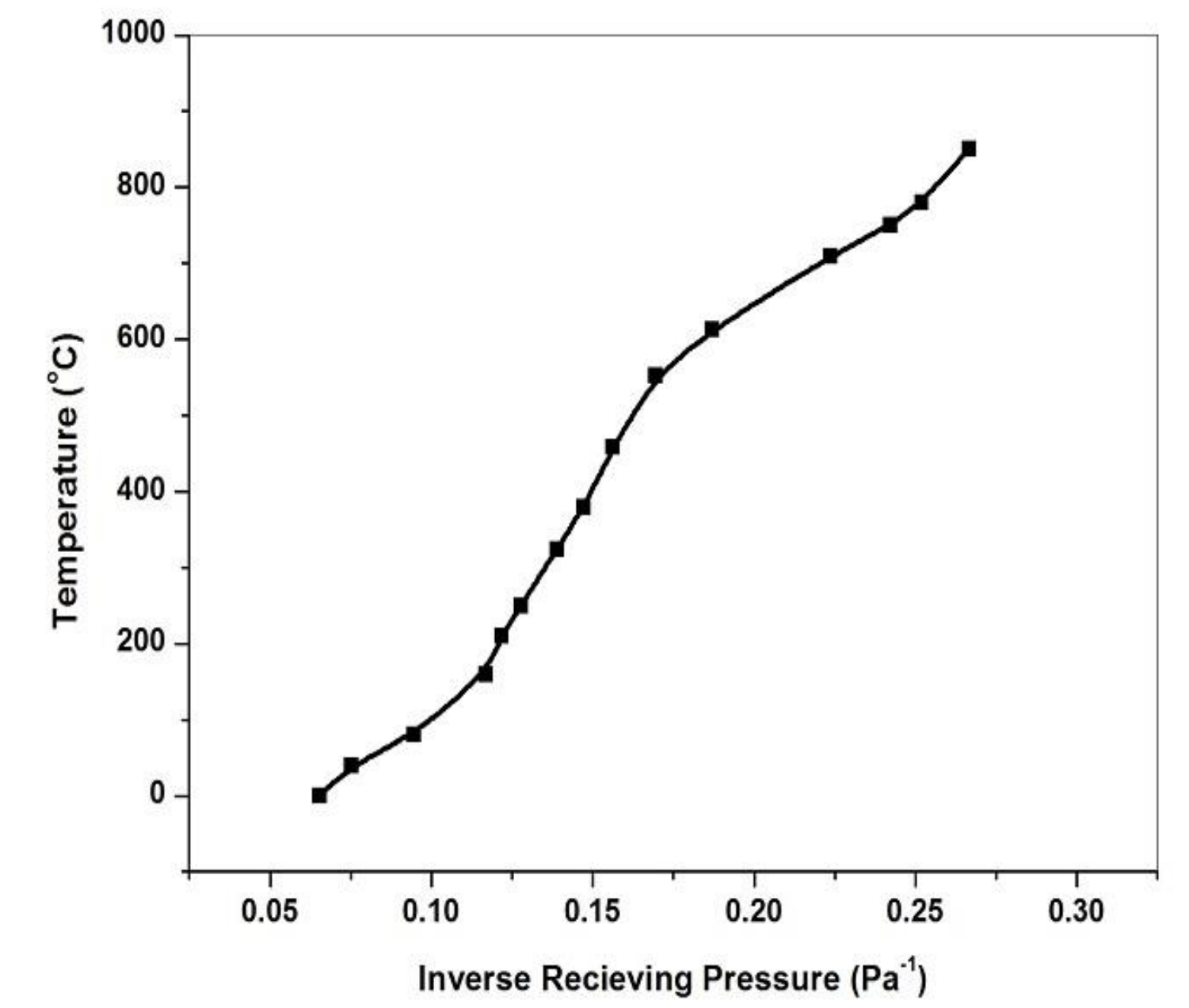


Fig-8: (Receiving Pressure)⁻¹ vs. Temperature

- Generated potential is directly proportional to receiving pressure which is clearly indicated in graph in Fig. 9.
- By comparing Fig. 7,8 & 9, conclude that the generated voltage at the receiver end decreases as at the temperature rises.

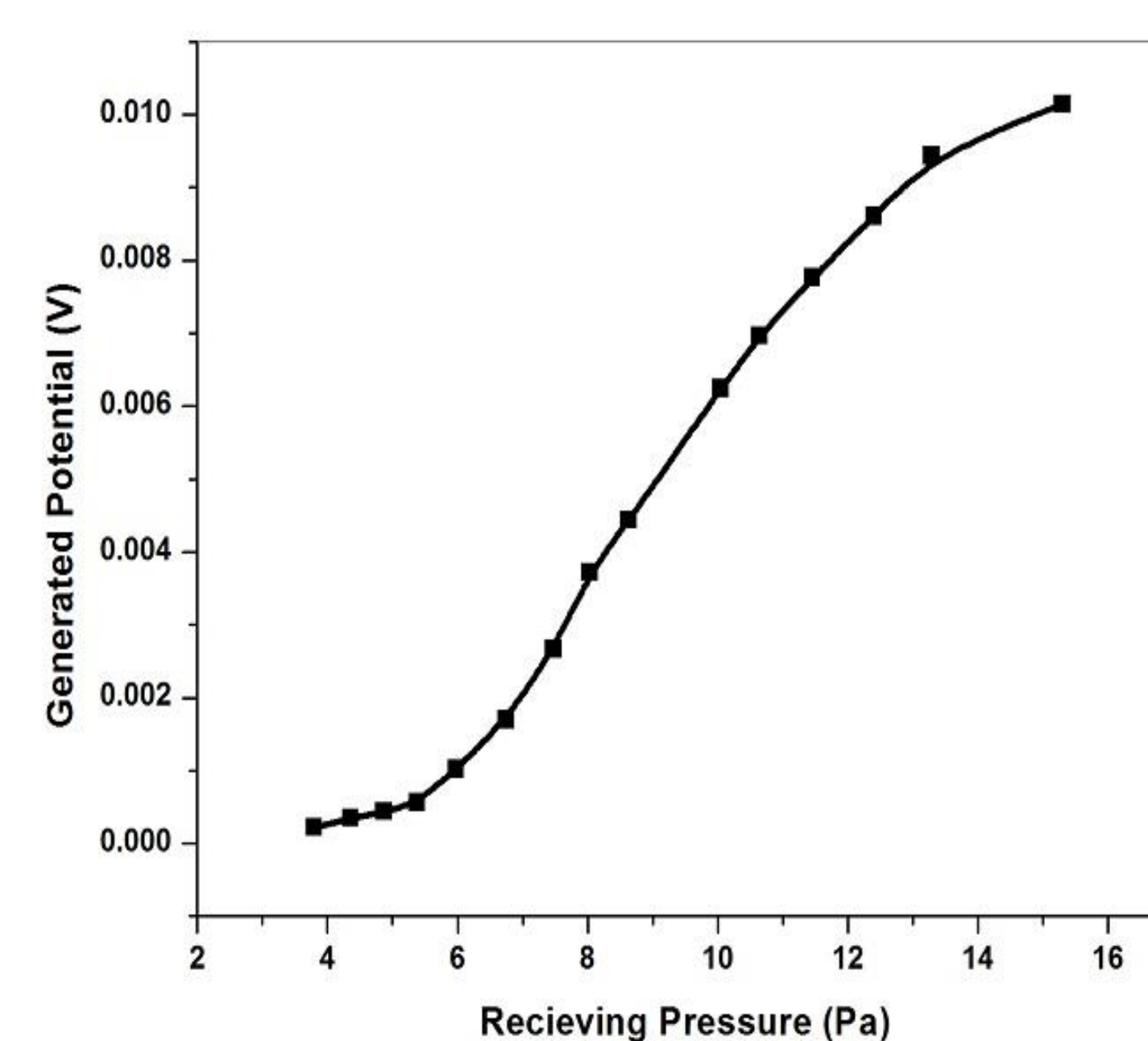


Fig-9: (Receiving Pressure)⁻¹ vs. Generated Voltage

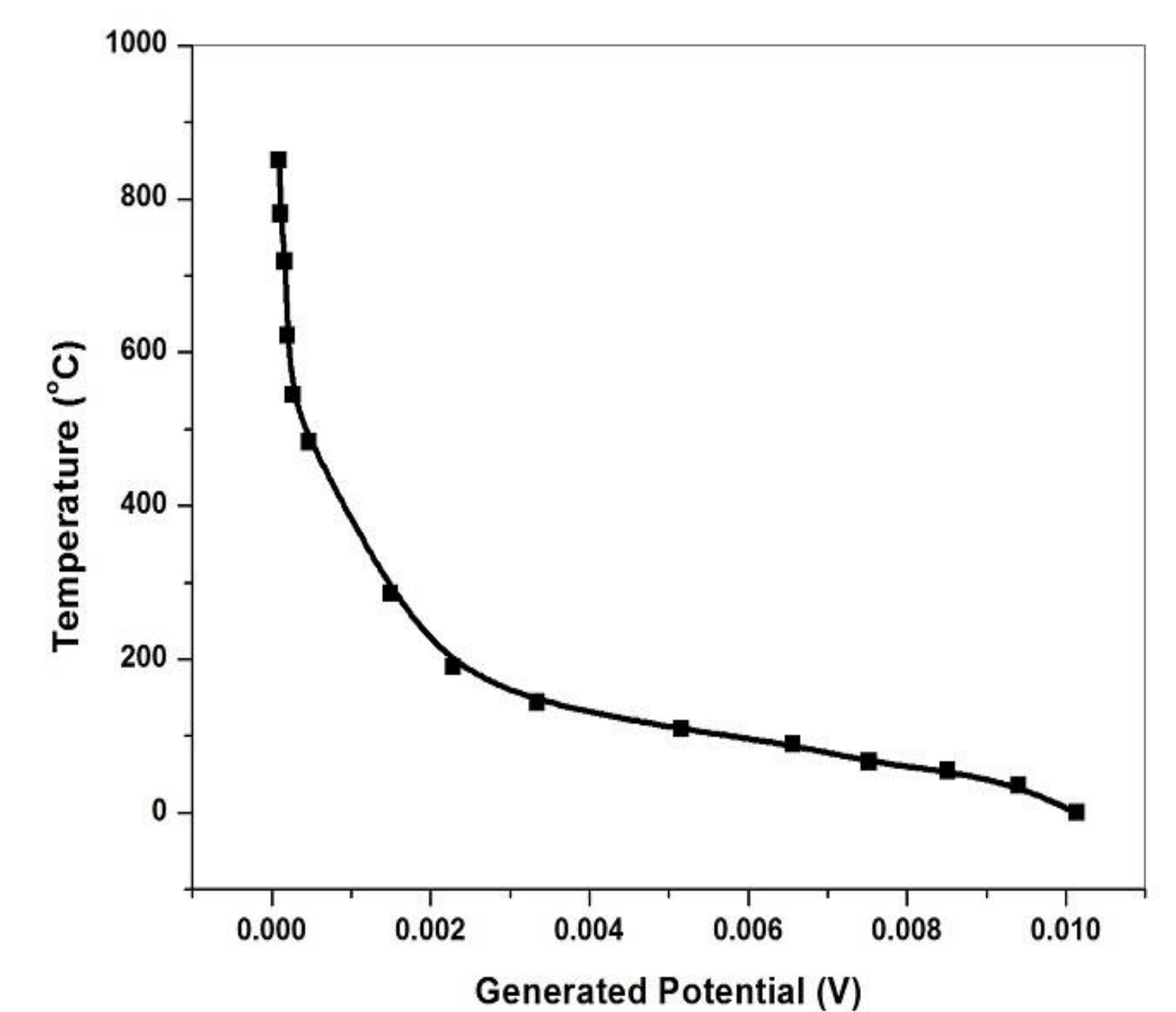


Fig-10: Generated Voltage vs. Temperature

Conclusion:

- Quartz is used to design this MEMS device, which squanders its piezoelectric property around 880 Deg. Celsius.
- The temperature limitation is not exclusively related to the piezoelectric material's curie point and for successful design, all materials used in the construction of a device need to be consider.
- For contactless sensing of very high temperature piezoelectric technology is highly efficient.