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We will study the following heat equation with nonlinear piecewise boundary value problem:

$$\begin{cases} u_t(x, t) = \Delta u(x, t) & \text{in } \Omega \times (0, T] \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial n}(x, t) = u^p(x, t) & \text{on } \Gamma \times (0, T] \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial n}(x, t) = 0 & \text{on } (\partial\Omega \setminus \Gamma) \times (0, T] \\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x) & \text{in } \Omega \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where $p > 1$, $u_0(x) \geq 0$, Ω is a bounded open set in \mathbb{R}^n with $\partial\Omega \in C^{1+\alpha}$, Γ is a connected part of $\partial\Omega$ with positive measure. The problem is motivated by partial damage to insulation of high speed flying subjects. We prove the local existence, uniqueness and comparison principle of the solutions in a suitable space. After that, we prove that the solution must blow up in finite time. And the blow up time is estimated by the measure of Γ and the size of initial data. (Received January 15, 2015)