



# Manufacturing Status Review



# SPECTROM

Scientific Platform for the Exact Control of Thermally  
Regulated Optical Mechanisms

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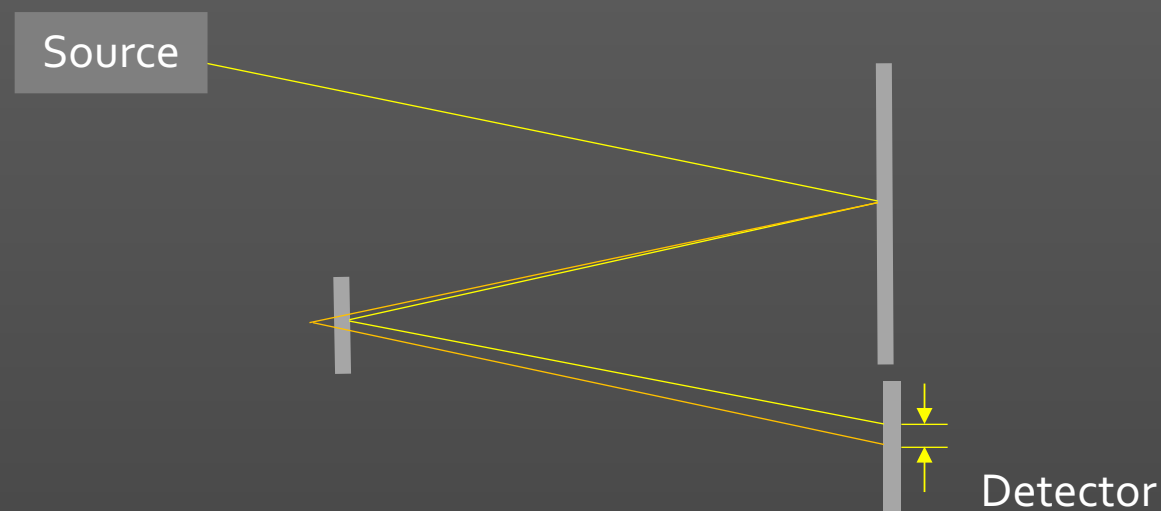
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# Project Purpose

- Maintaining precise alignment of optical instrumentation



- Optical bench costly carbon fiber composites
- Reduce cost by using aluminum frame
- Thermal expansion for active control mechanism

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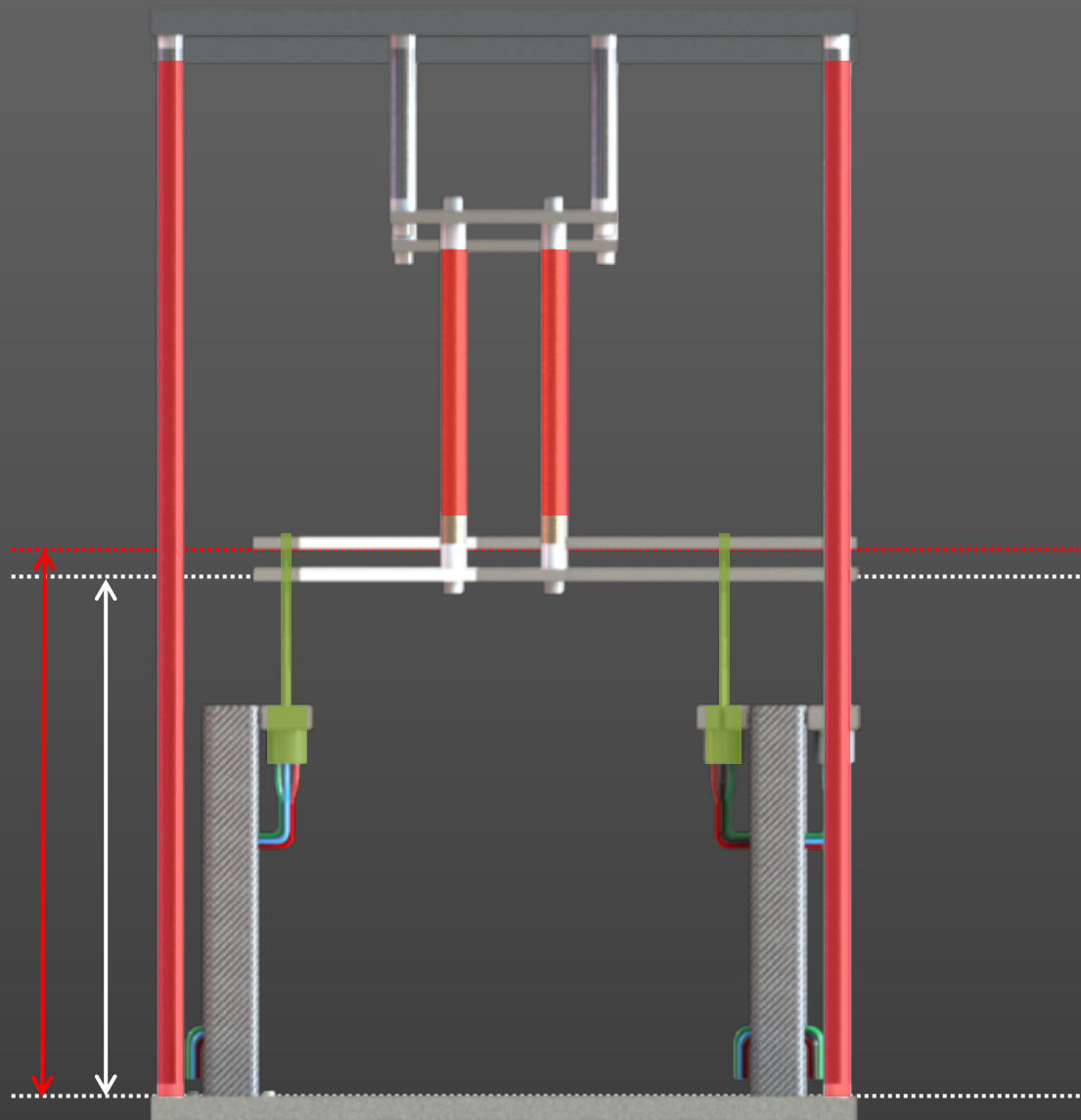


# Project Statement

Design, integrate, and verify precision, of an **active control system** that utilizes **thermal expansion** to adjust the **alignment** of spacecraft optical instrumentation. This system will correct for misalignment introduced by thermal expansion of an **aluminum optical bench**.



# Concept of Operations



1. The test bed is heated to induce alignment error between two planes.

2. Alignment error is measured by the Alignment Measurement System (AMS).

3. Heating is applied to the Alignment Correction System (ACS) to maintain alignment of the two planes.

4. Displacement and temperature data are recorded and stored by the electronics package.



# Critical Project Elements

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## System Solution

Active control of plane alignment using expansion of a high CTE material

Alignment Correction System (ACS)

Accurate measurement of plane alignment in three-axes

Alignment Measurement System (AMS)

Introduction of controlled thermally induced alignment error

Test Bed

Thermal control and measurement of heated elements

Electronics Package

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# Levels of Success



	Test Demonstration Unit (TDU)	Alignment Correction System (ACS)	Alignment Measurement System (AMS)	Electronics Package
Level 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Induce <math>&gt; 100\mu\text{m}</math> of plane alignment translation error over <math>\Delta T=10\text{K}</math></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Correct plane alignment to within <math>\pm 2\mu\text{m}</math> of original position within 120 seconds</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Measure translation displacement of two planes with <math>1.75\mu\text{m}</math> accuracy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Heater control to enable translation correction within <math>\pm 2\mu\text{m}</math></li> </ul>
Level 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Induce customer-provided temperature profile to within <math>0.5\text{ K}</math> at all times</li> <li>Know temperature of actuators to within <math>\pm 0.3\text{ K}</math> at all times</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain plane alignment within <math>\pm 2\mu\text{m}</math> for 95% of the test bed heating profile</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Active temperature control using thermistor feedback</li> <li>Record time, position and temperature data for duration of testing</li> </ul>
Level 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Induce <math>&gt; 50\mu\text{m}</math> rotational displacement over <math>\Delta T</math> of <math>10\text{ K}</math> starting from <math>296.15\text{ K}</math></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain plane alignment within <math>\pm 2\mu\text{m}</math> and <math>\pm 20\mu\text{rad}</math> for 95% of the test bed heating profile</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Measure translation and rotation displacements to <math>\pm 1.75\mu\text{m}</math> and <math>\pm 15.3\mu\text{rad}</math> accuracy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Record, and display real-time position and temperature data at a rate of at least 1 measurement per second</li> </ul>

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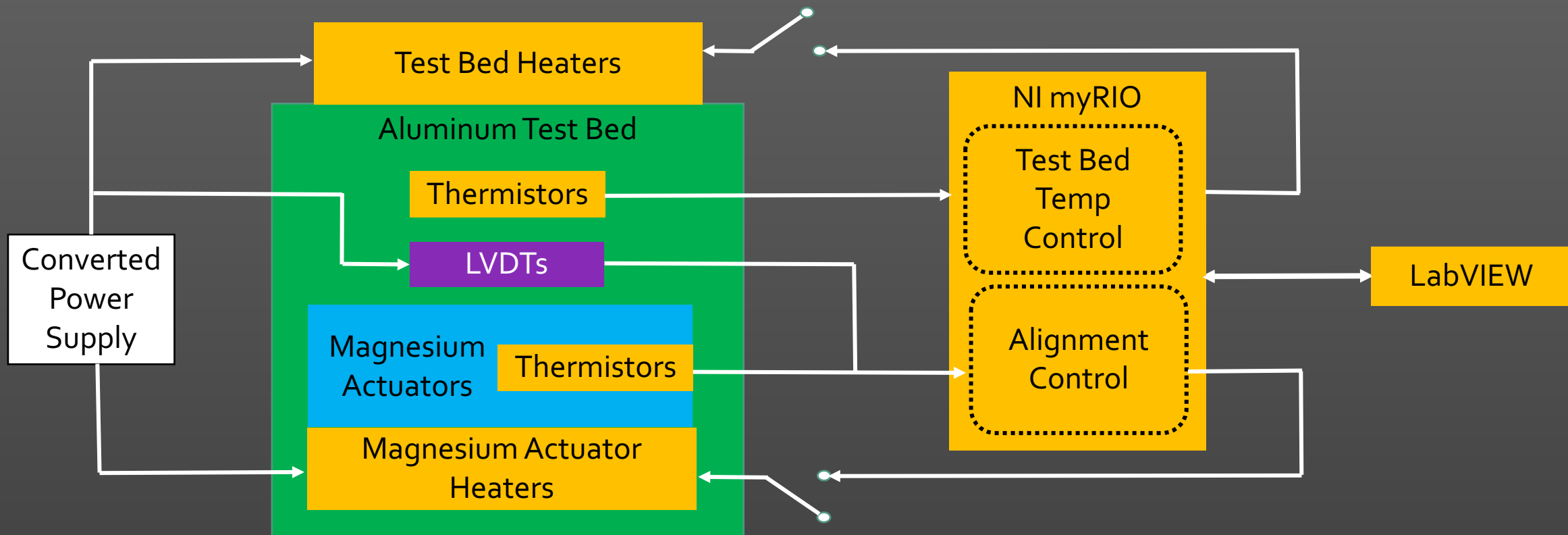
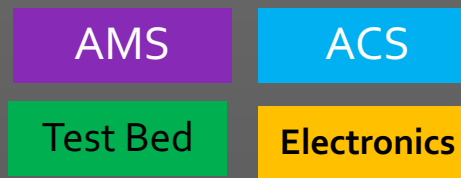
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# Functional Block Diagram



# Design Overview



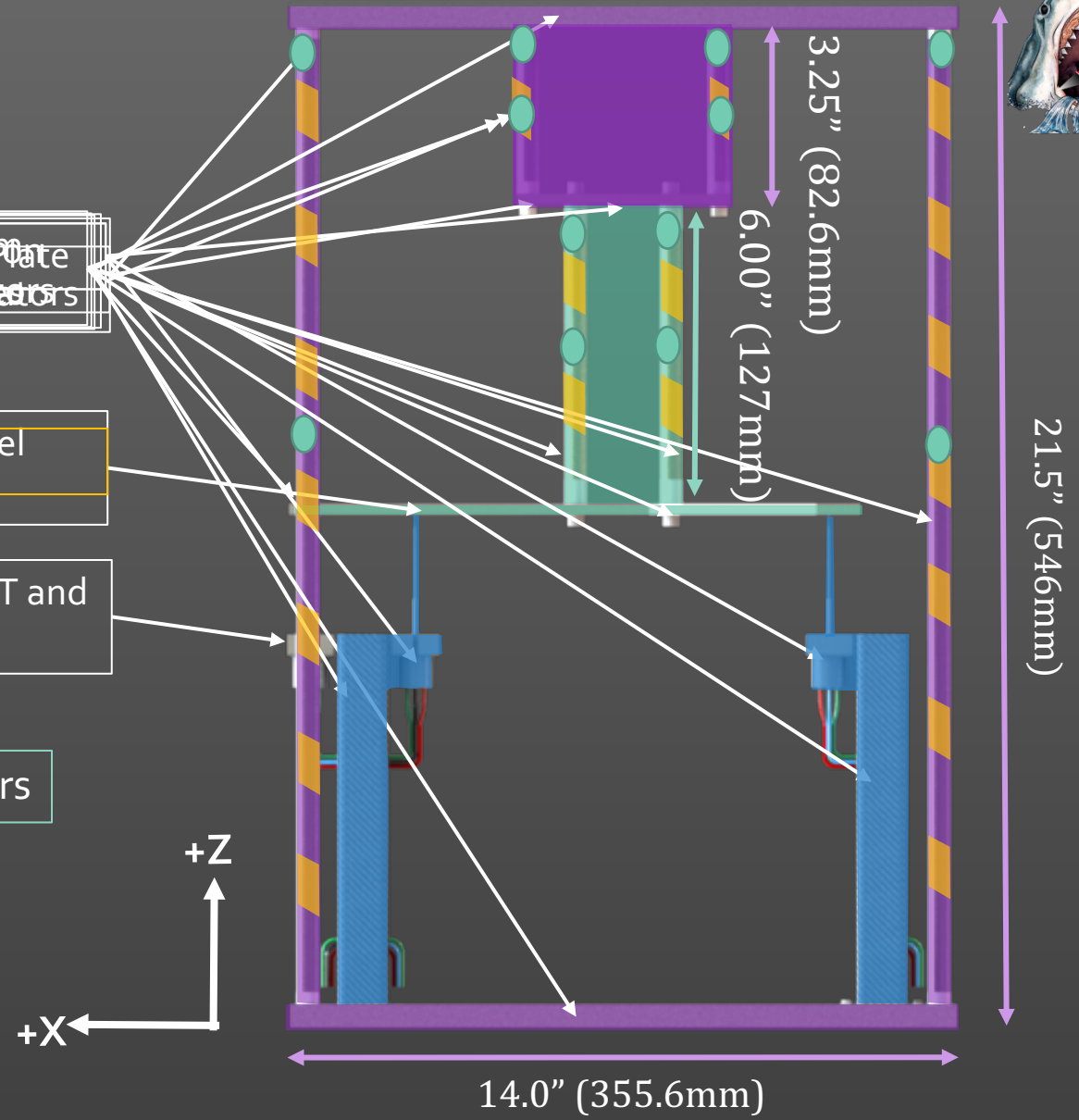
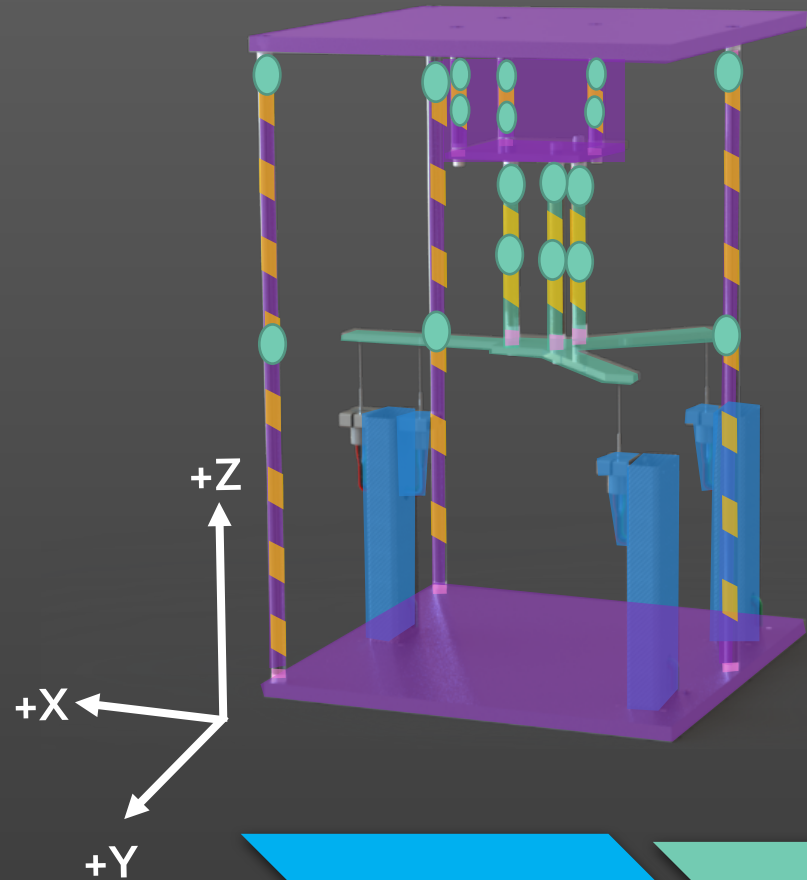
Alignment Test Bed Measurement System

Top Plate  
Stainless Steel Plate  
Auto-Insulators

Stainless Steel Heaters "Exocore"

Verification LVDT and Support

Temp Sensors



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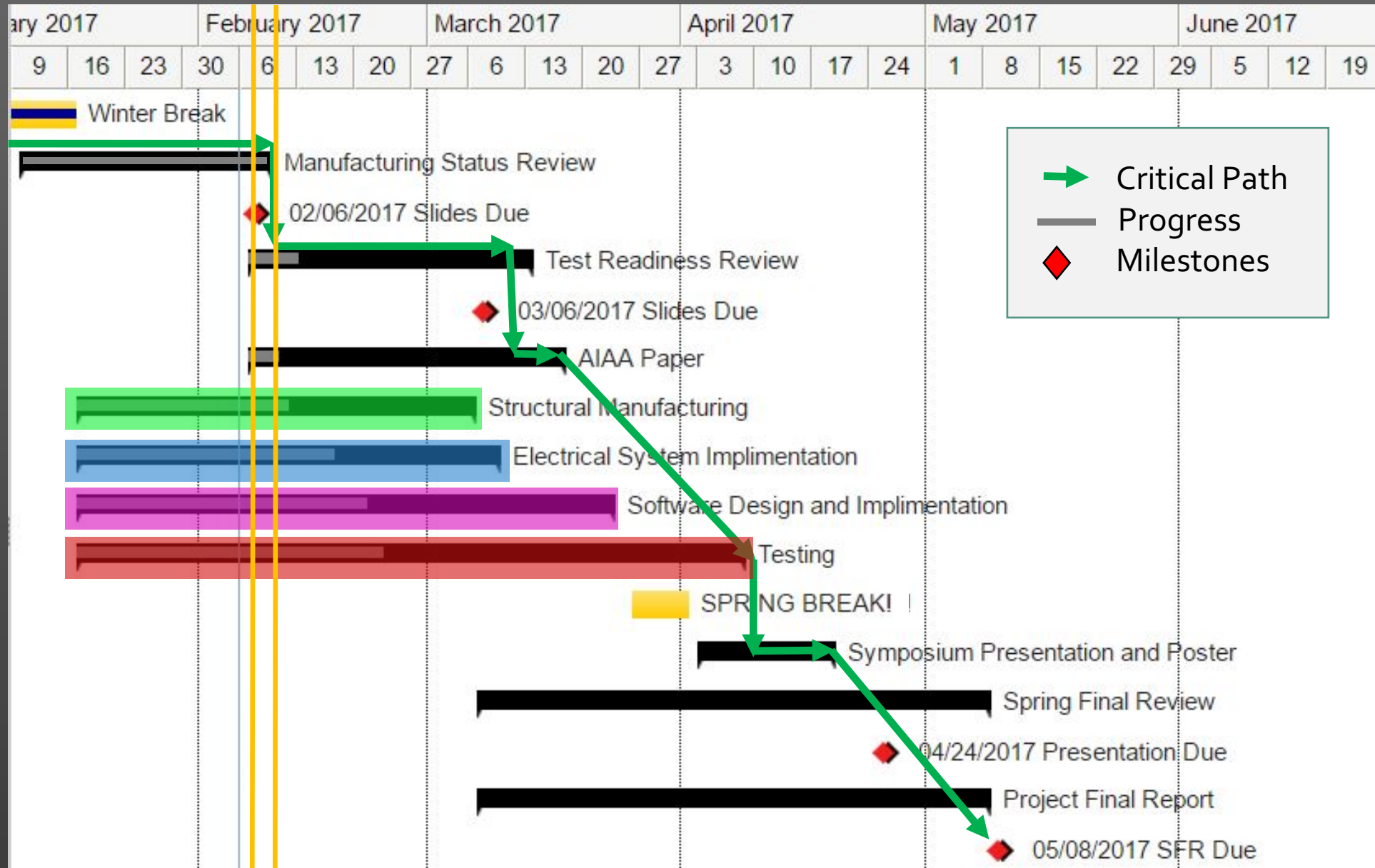
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# Design Updates



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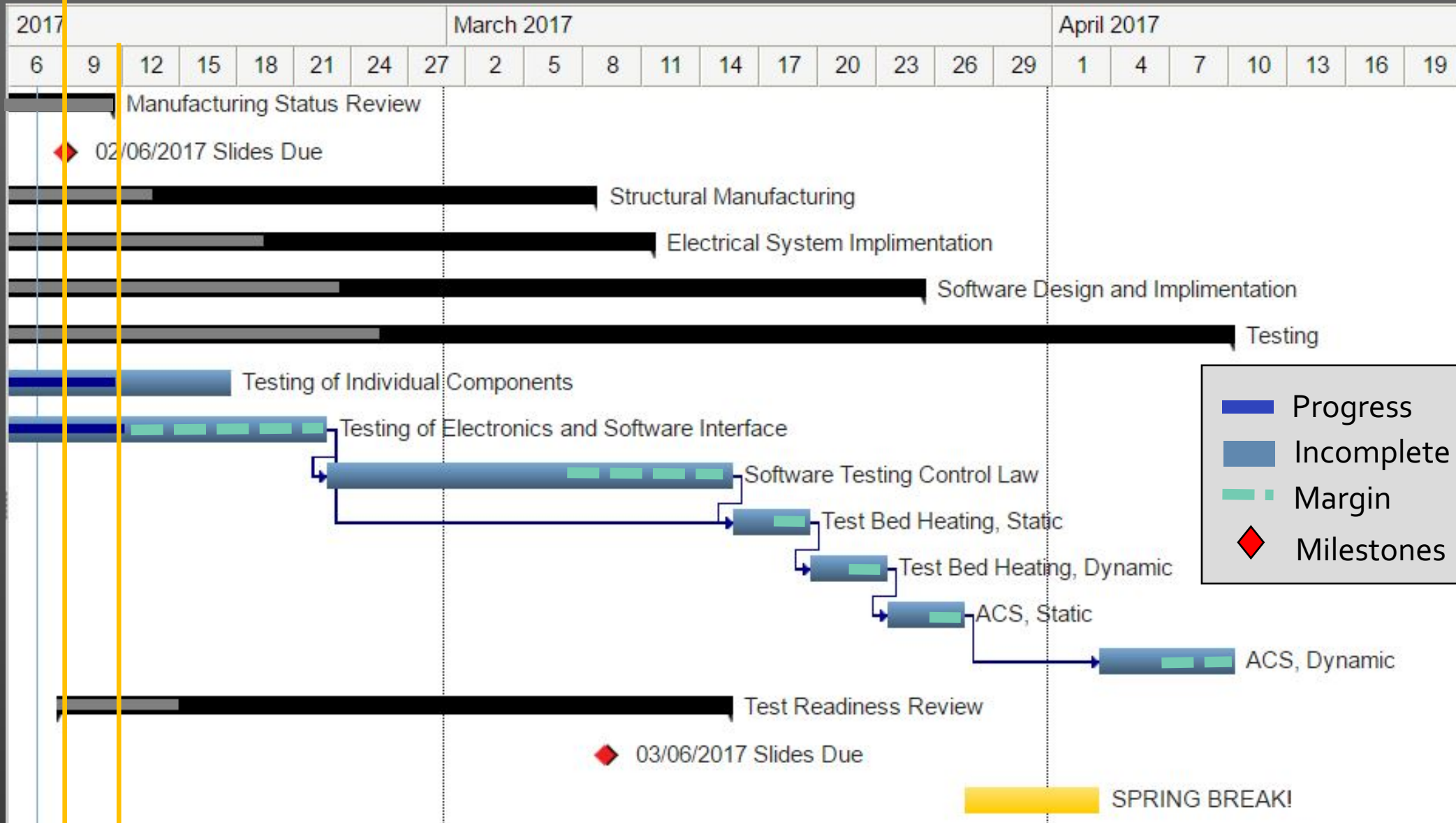


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# Testing Schedule



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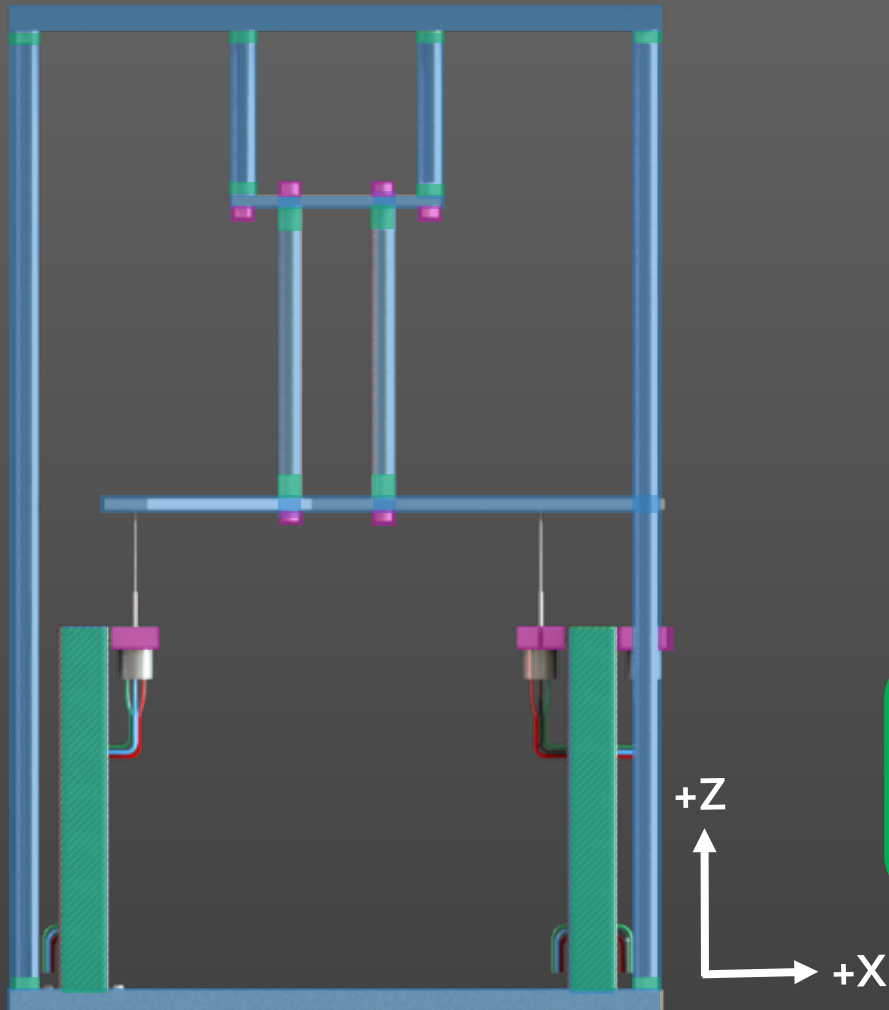
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- █ Incomplete
- █ Margin
- ◆ Milestones

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# Manufacturing

# Structure Manufacturing



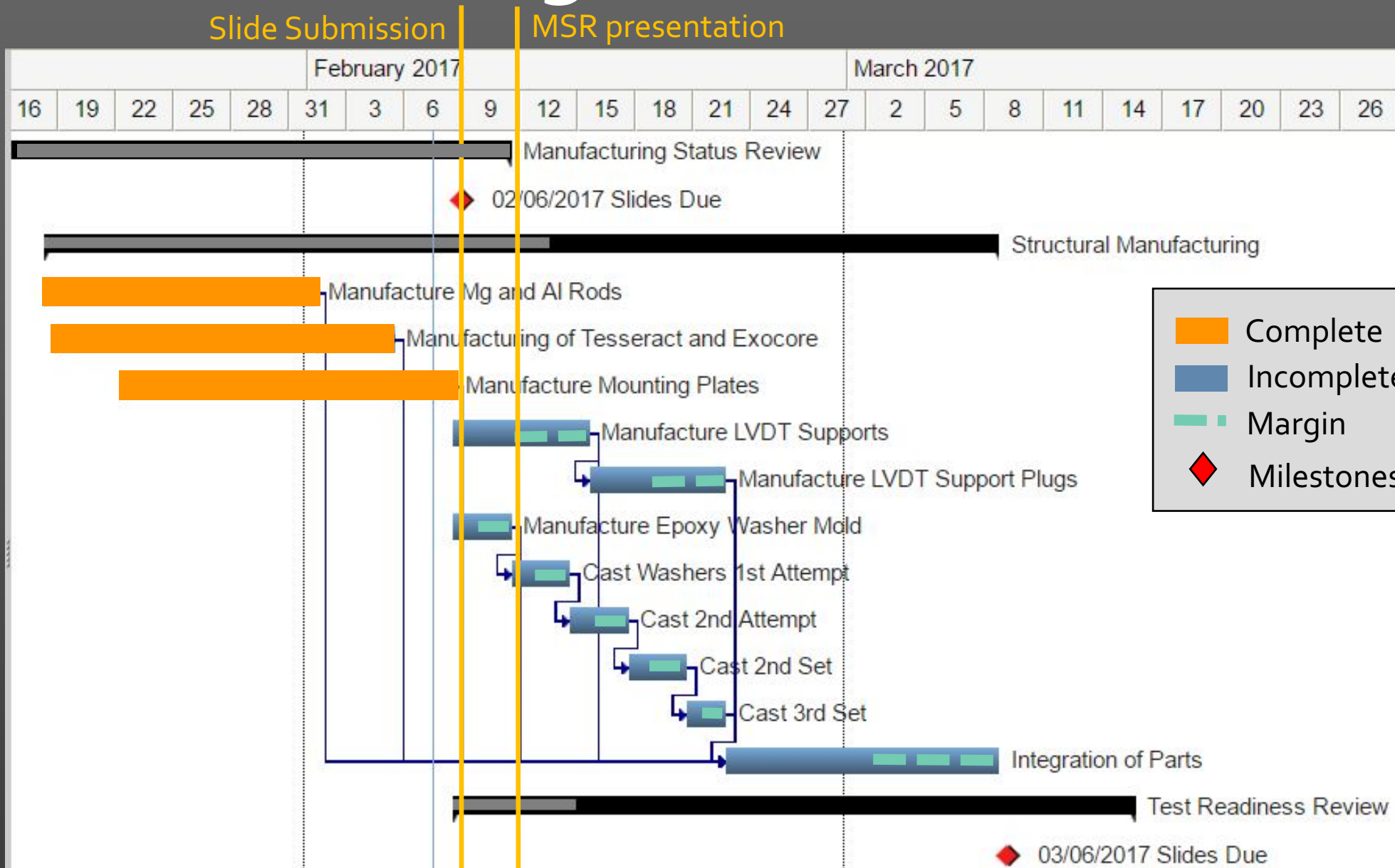
- Manufactured Components**
- ~~Top mounting plates~~
- ~~Bottom mounting plate~~
- ~~Aluminum actuators (x6)~~
- ~~Magnesium Actuators (x3)~~
- ~~Exocore~~
- ~~Tesseract plate~~
- Carbon fiber supports
- Epoxy washers
- Carbon fiber plugs

- Purchased Components**
- LVDT mounting clamps (x4)
- Fasteners (x18)

	Manufactured
	Not Manufactured



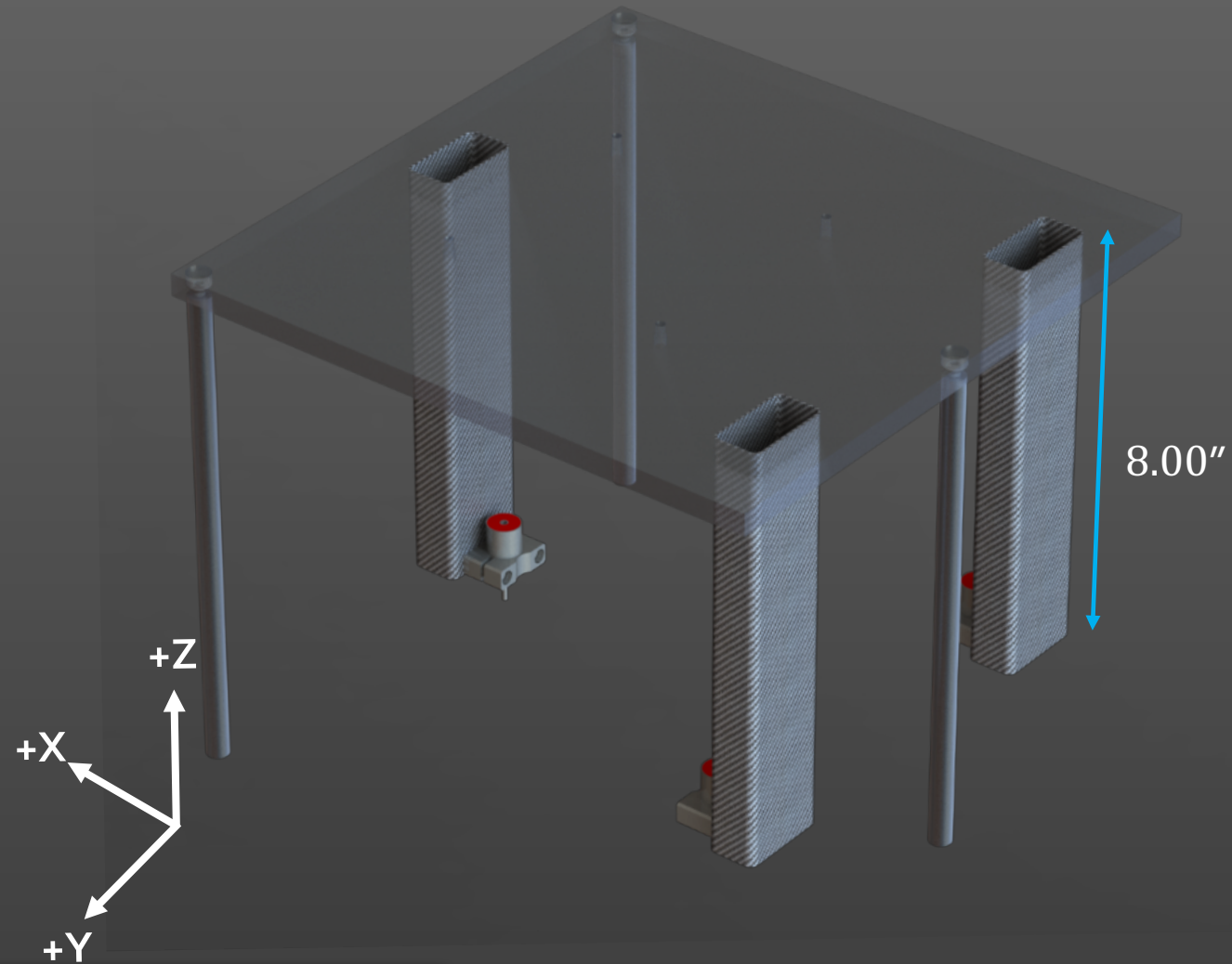
# Manufacturing Schedule



# Manufacturing: Carbon Fiber Rods



- Carbon Fiber Supports
  - Will be manufactured using purchased bit on machine shop end mill
  - Safety Considerations:
    - Breathing masks worn for manufacturing
    - Shop vac held to collect dust



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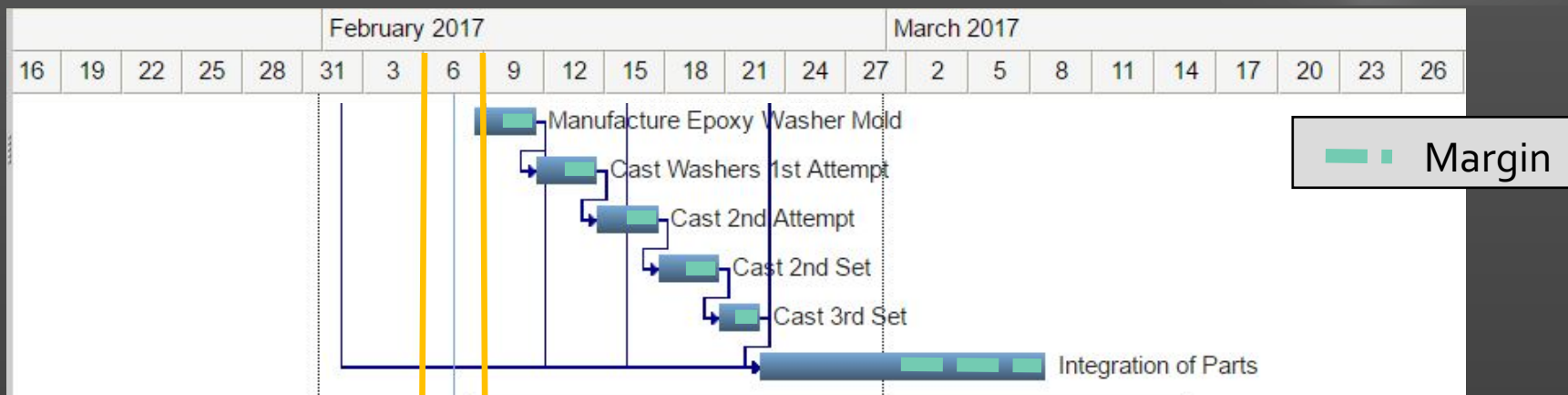
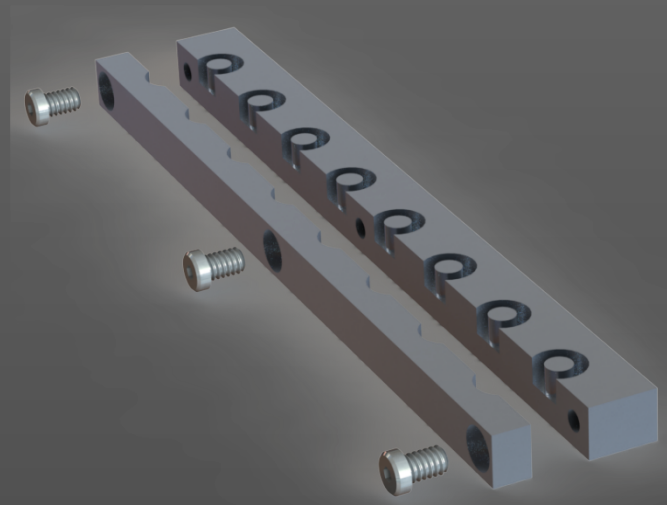
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# Manufacturing: Epoxy Washers

- Epoxy Washers
  - Cast washers, mold needs to be manufactured
  - Casting may require multiple iterations to ensure useable washers



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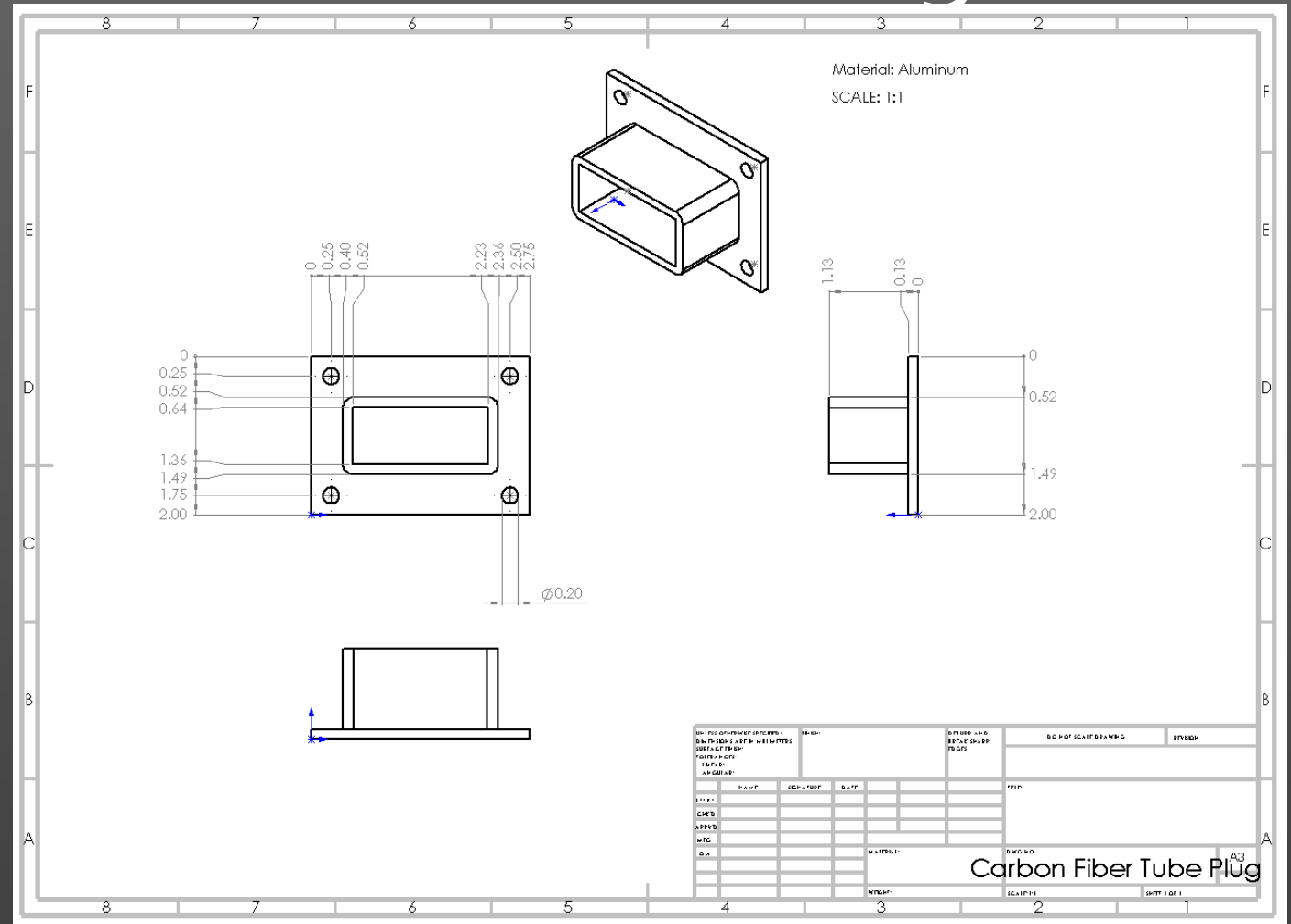




# Manufacturing: Carbon Fiber Rod Plugs



- Plugs:
  - Tight tolerance component for ensuring slip fit with carbon fiber tubes
  - Each plug custom machined
    - Potential variation of carbon fiber tube shape
    - Machined to enable desired 5 thou layer of epoxy between support and plug
  - Manufacturing pushed until carbon fiber supports complete



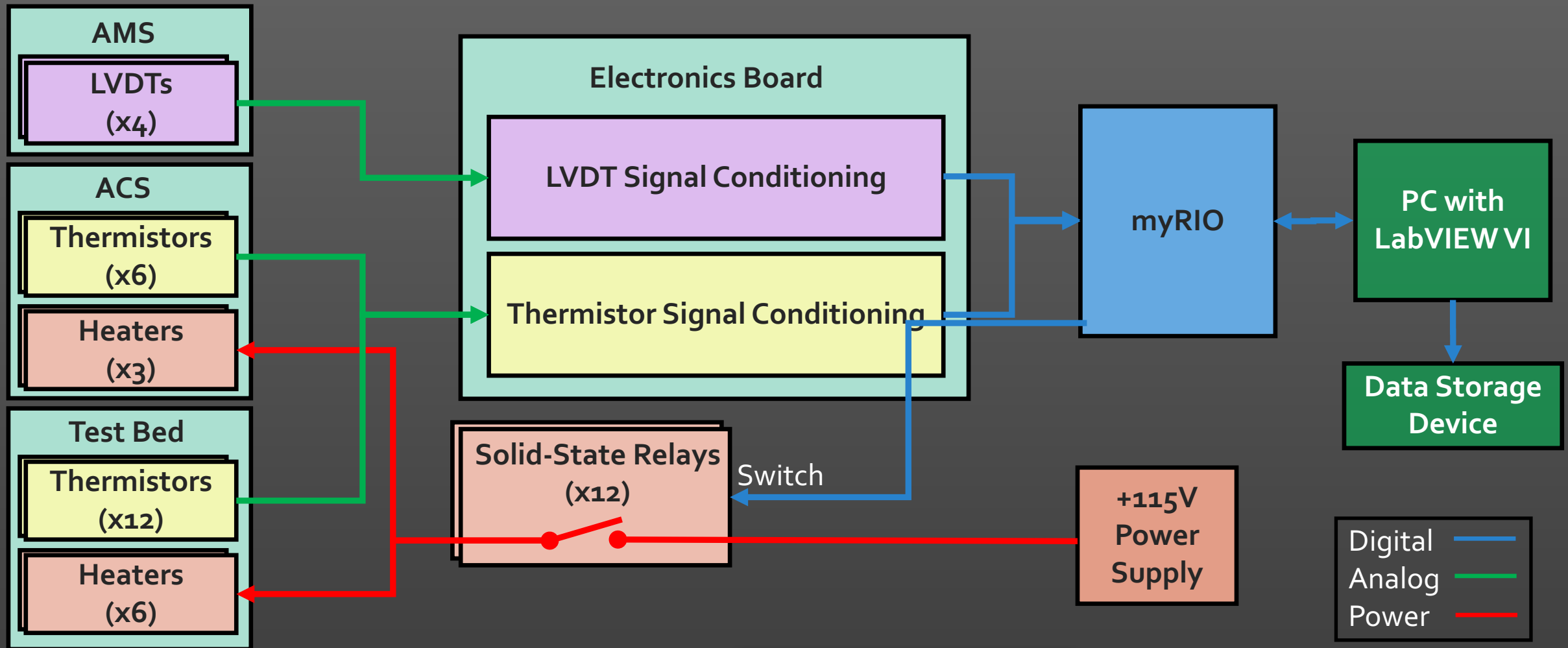
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# Electronics Package CONOPS



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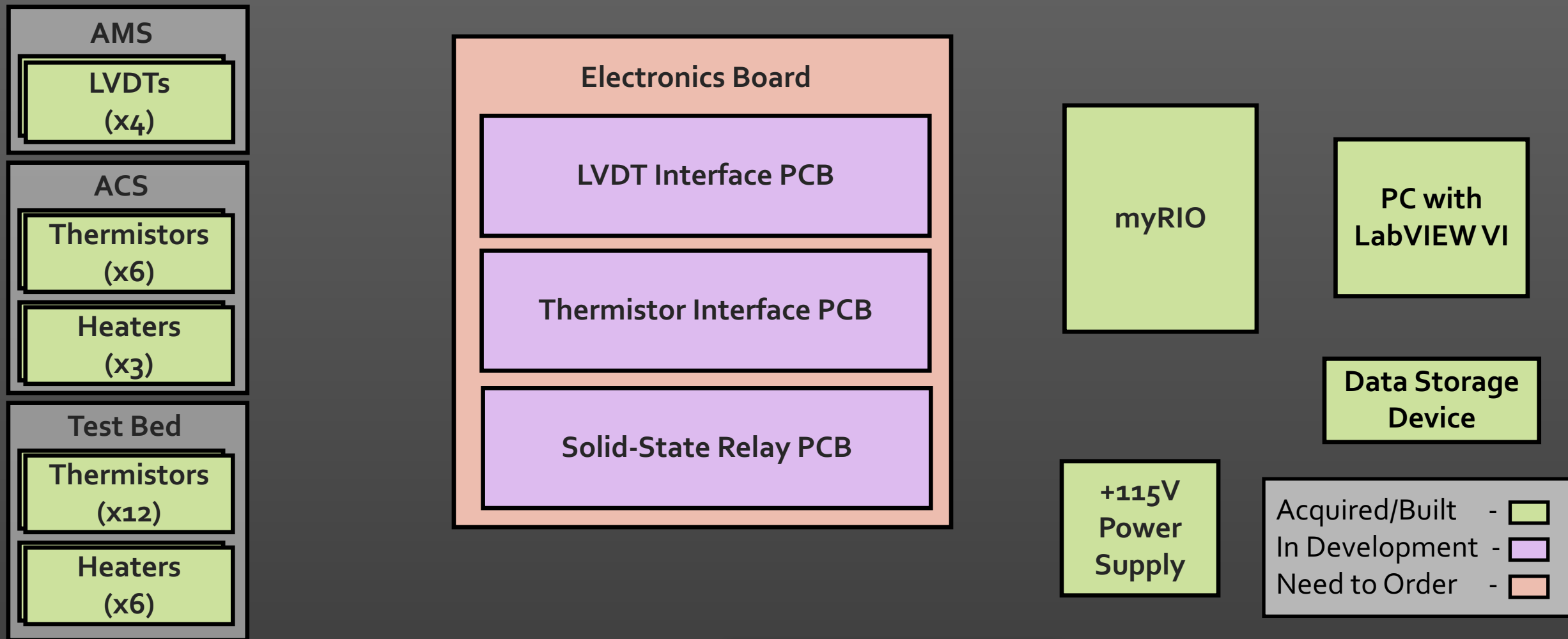
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# Electronics Package Status



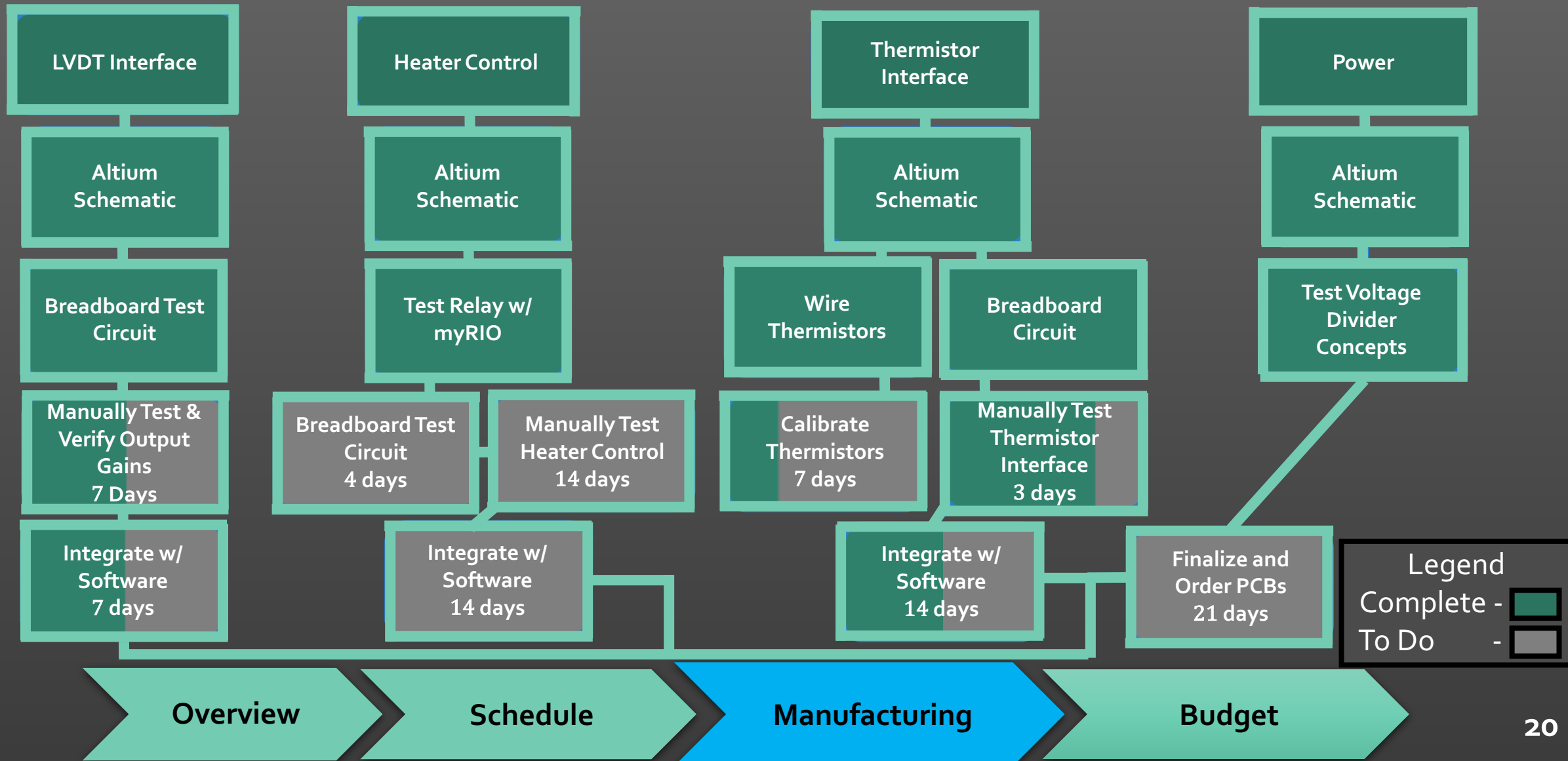
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# Electronics Package Status



# Manufacturing Electronics: Possible Complications



- Thermistor Calibration
  - Require precise knowledge of  $R_{sense}$  and  $R_{therm}$  for each thermistor
  - Will hand measure each  $R_{sense}$  and use an ice bath to determine each  $R_{therm}$
- LVDT Output Gains
  - Requires high gain resistor precision for accurate LVDT output
  - Will build in extra resistor pads to PCB design for gain adjustment
- Relay Integration
  - Each relay requires 2mA activation current, which each myRio DIO line must be able to supply
  - Will test current output through each relay with all outputs on to verify

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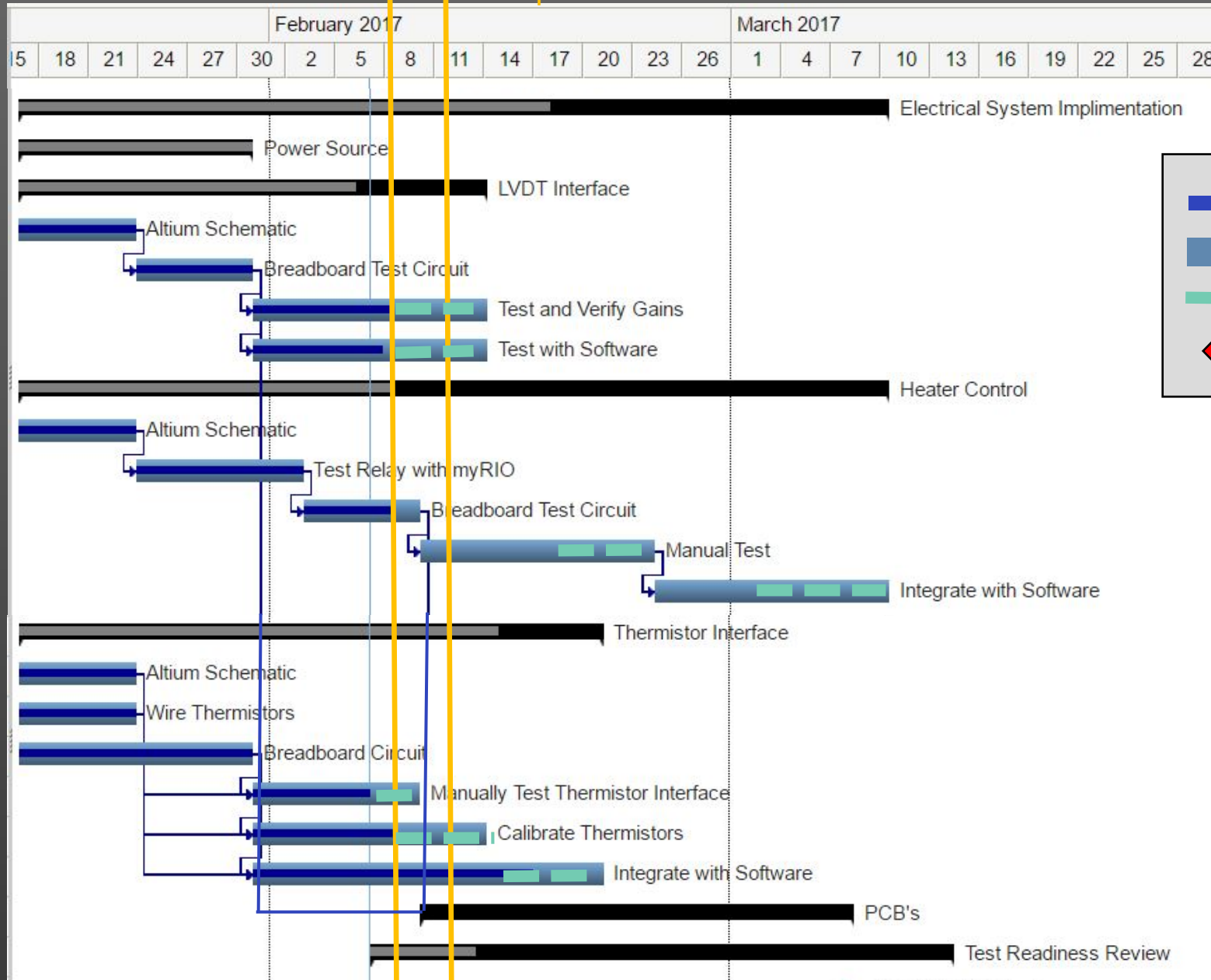
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# Electrical Manufacturing



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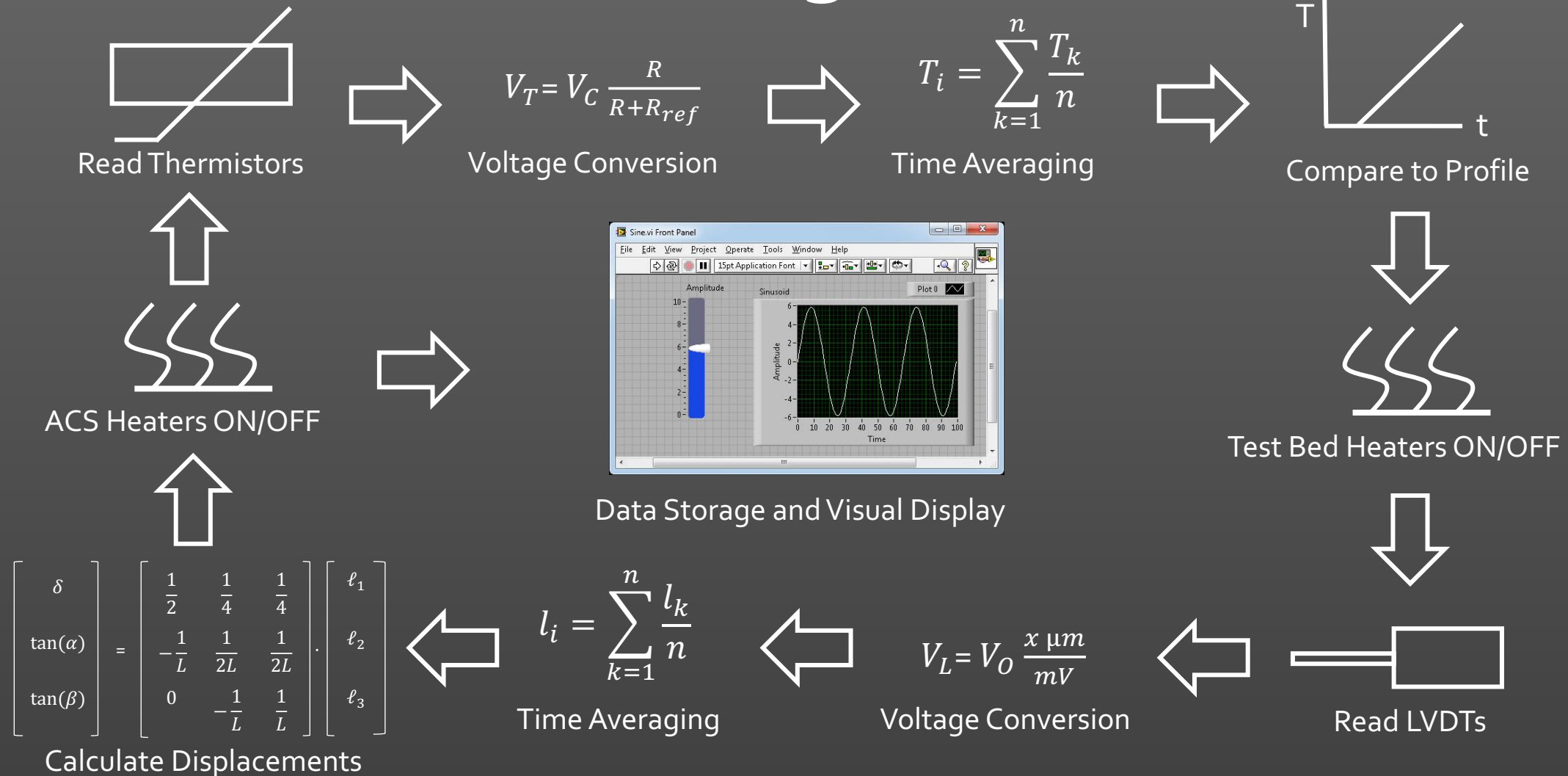
# Software Overview

- Software designed and implemented through LabVIEW
- Four distinct development areas:
  - LVDT Interfacing
  - Thermistor Interfacing
  - Heater Control
  - Data Display/Storage

Software validated through component tests. Test data will be compared to predicted MATLAB results.

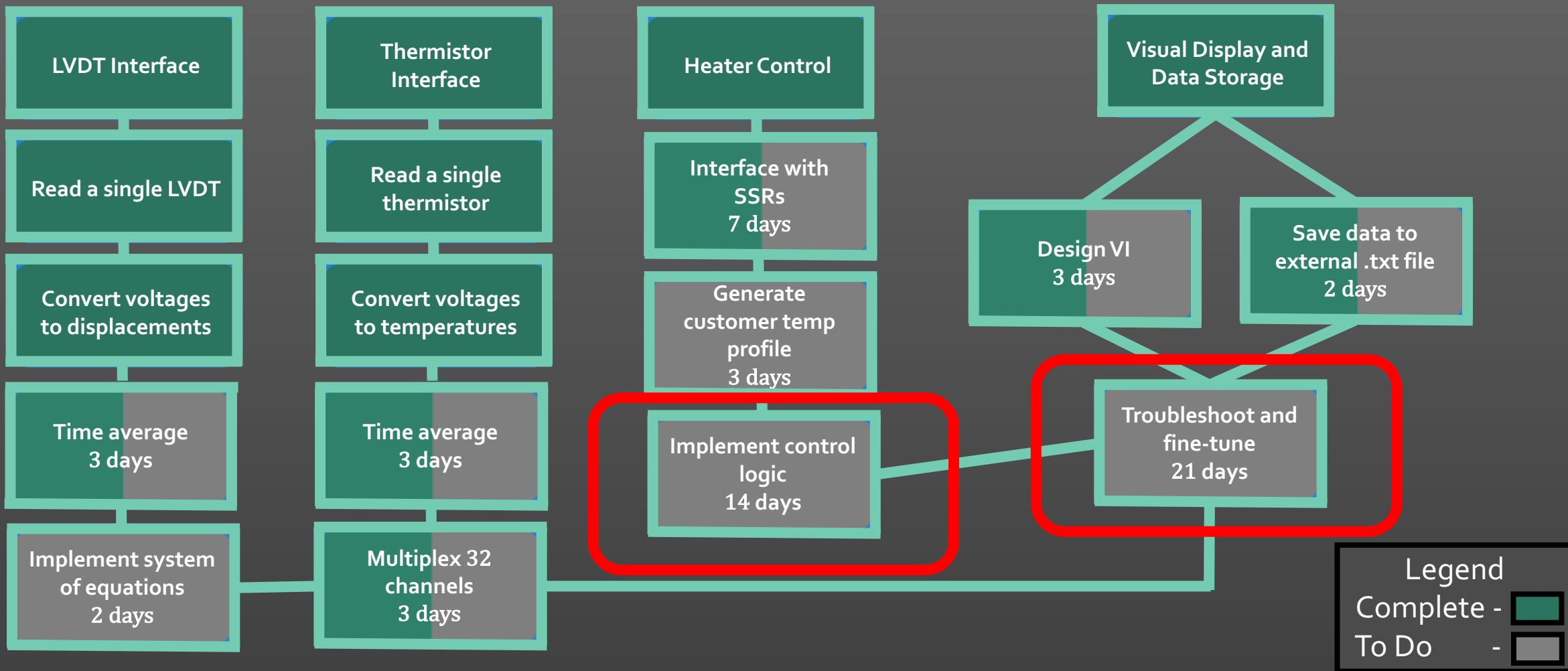


# Software Flow Diagram





# Software Status: LabView



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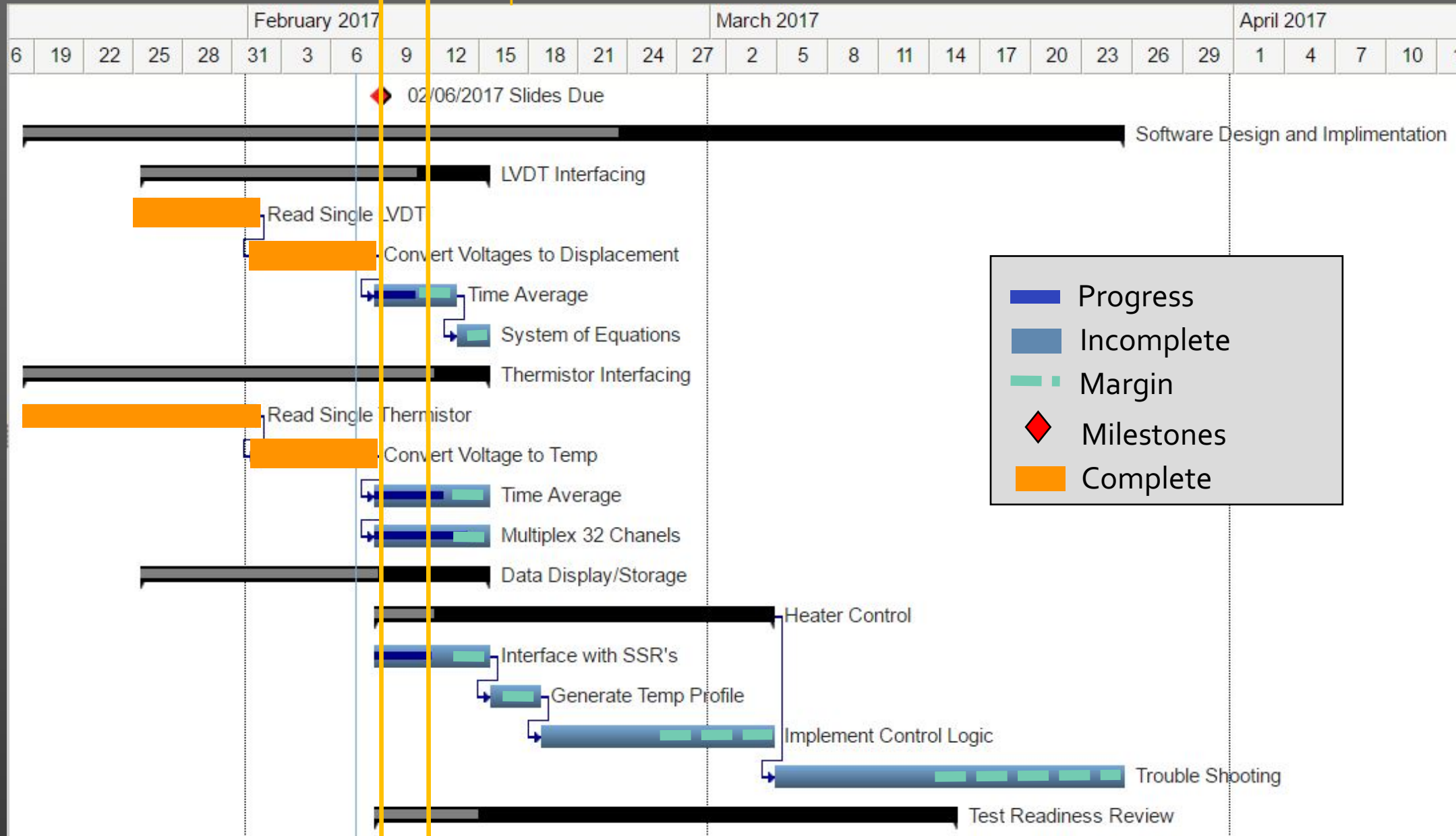
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# Software Schedule



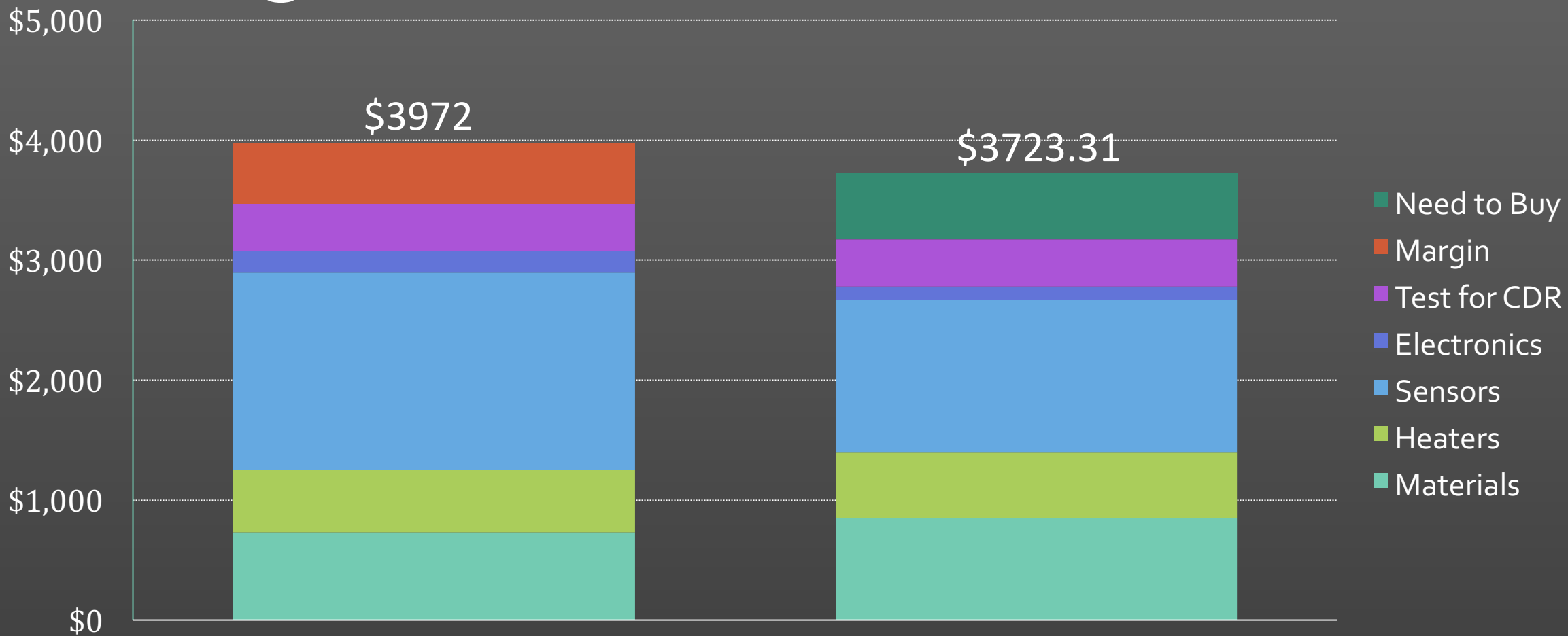
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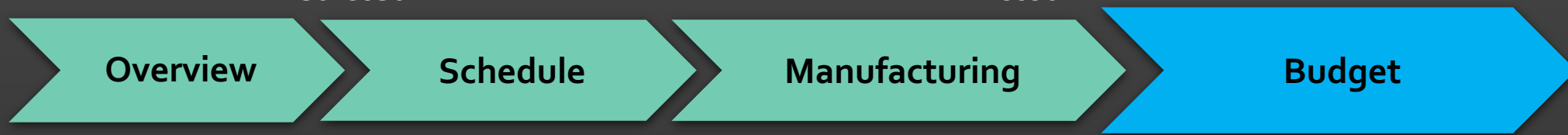


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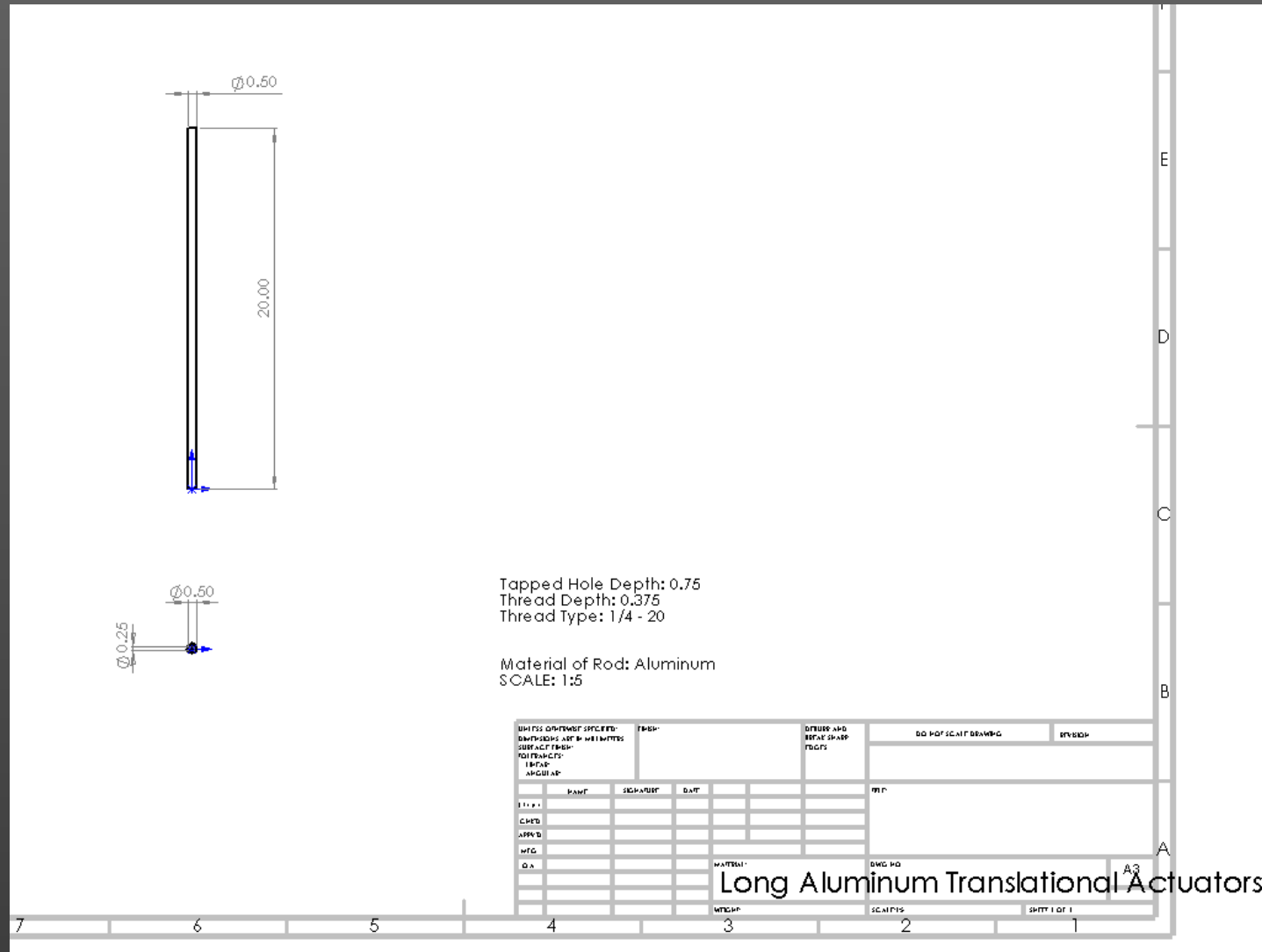
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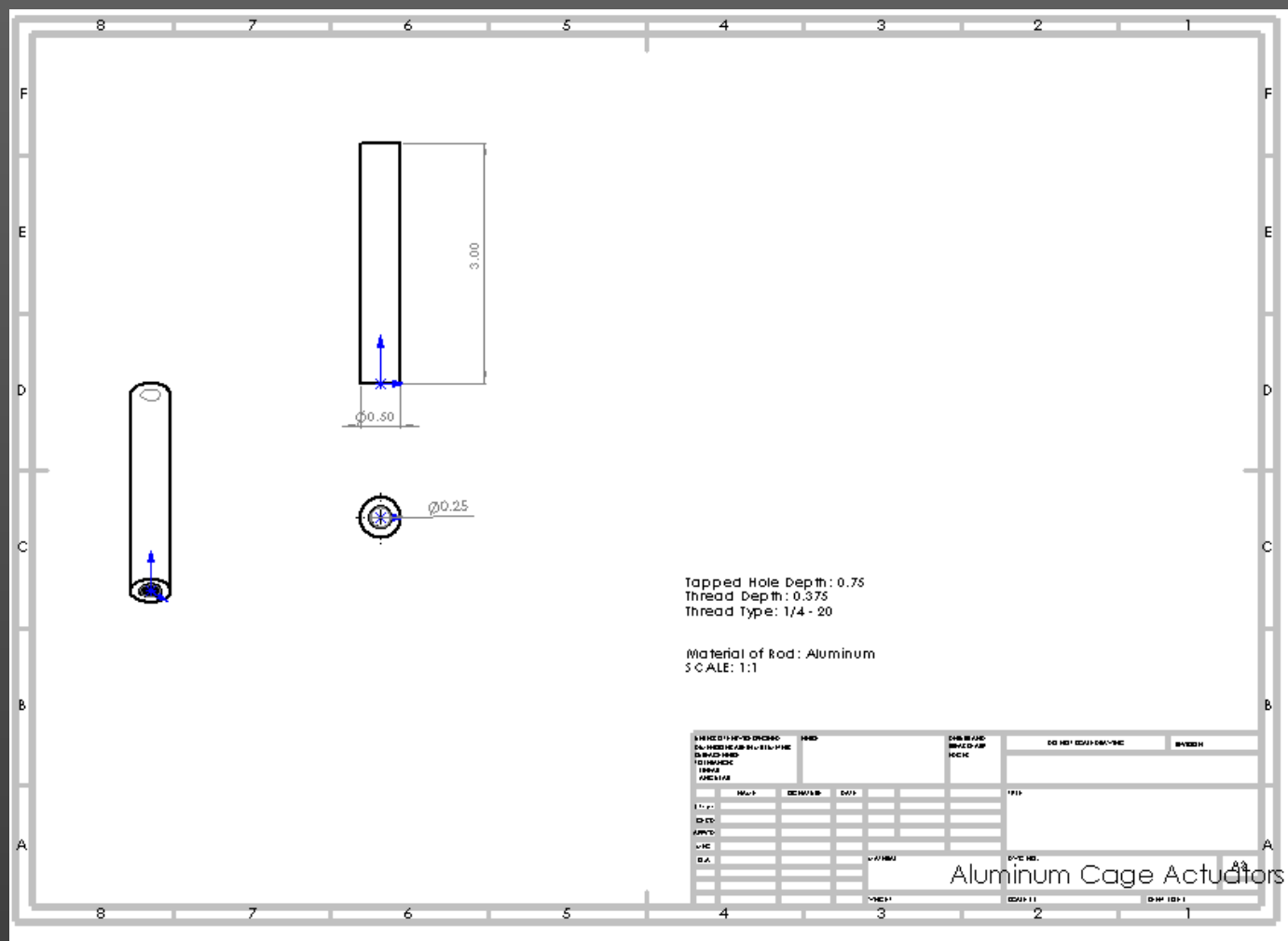
# Drawing Package

# Mechanical Drawings: Long Aluminum Actuators





# Mechanical Drawings: Aluminum Actuators

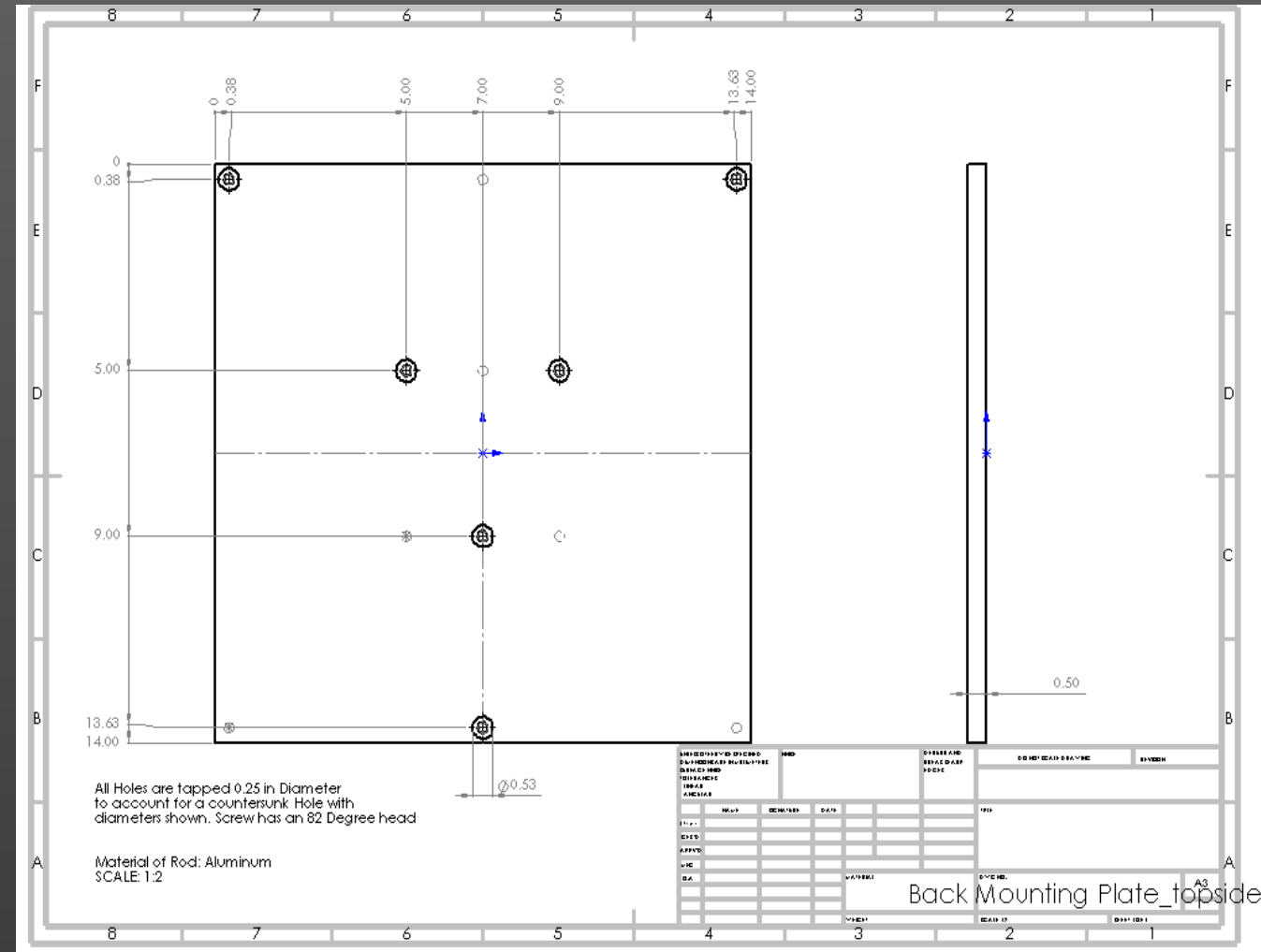
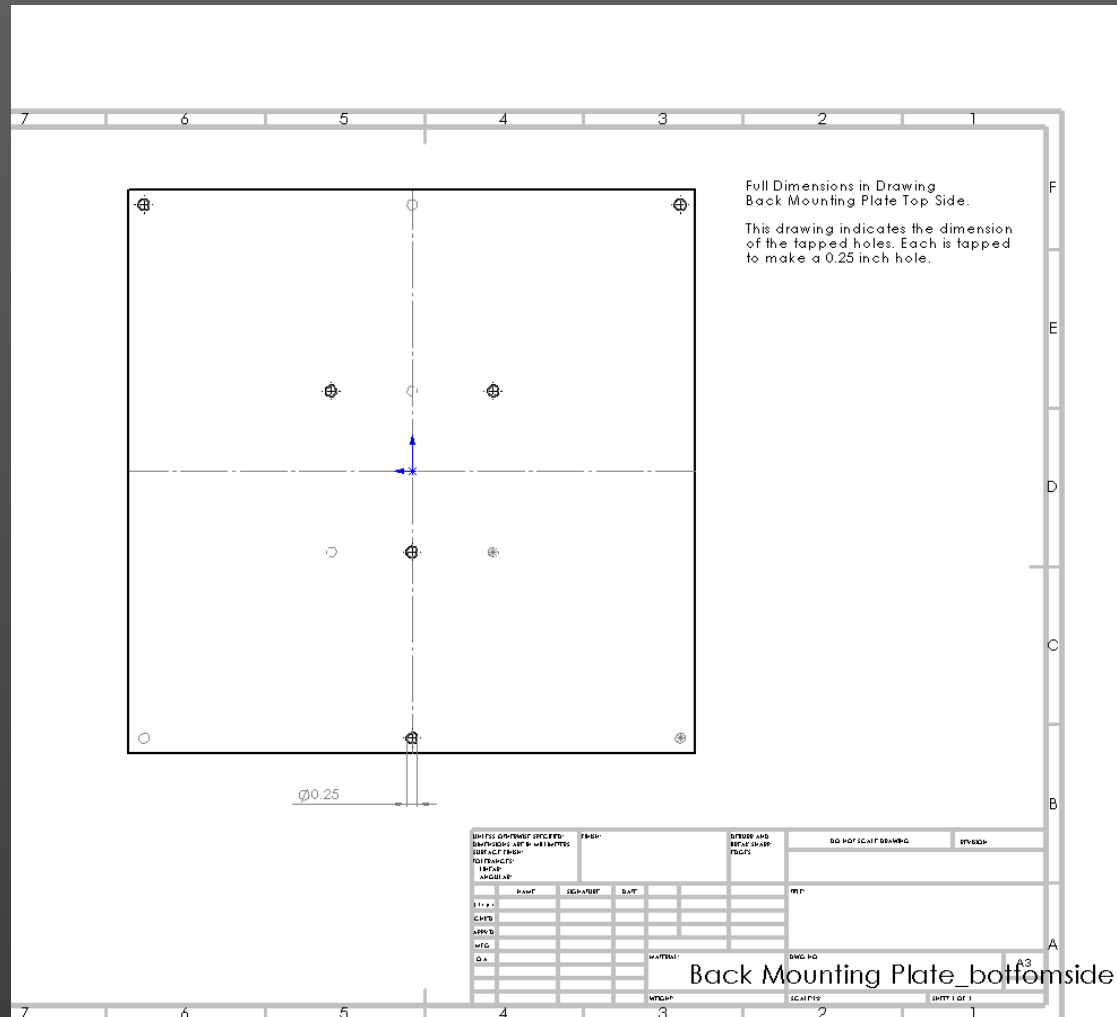








# Mechanical Drawings: Back Mounting Plate



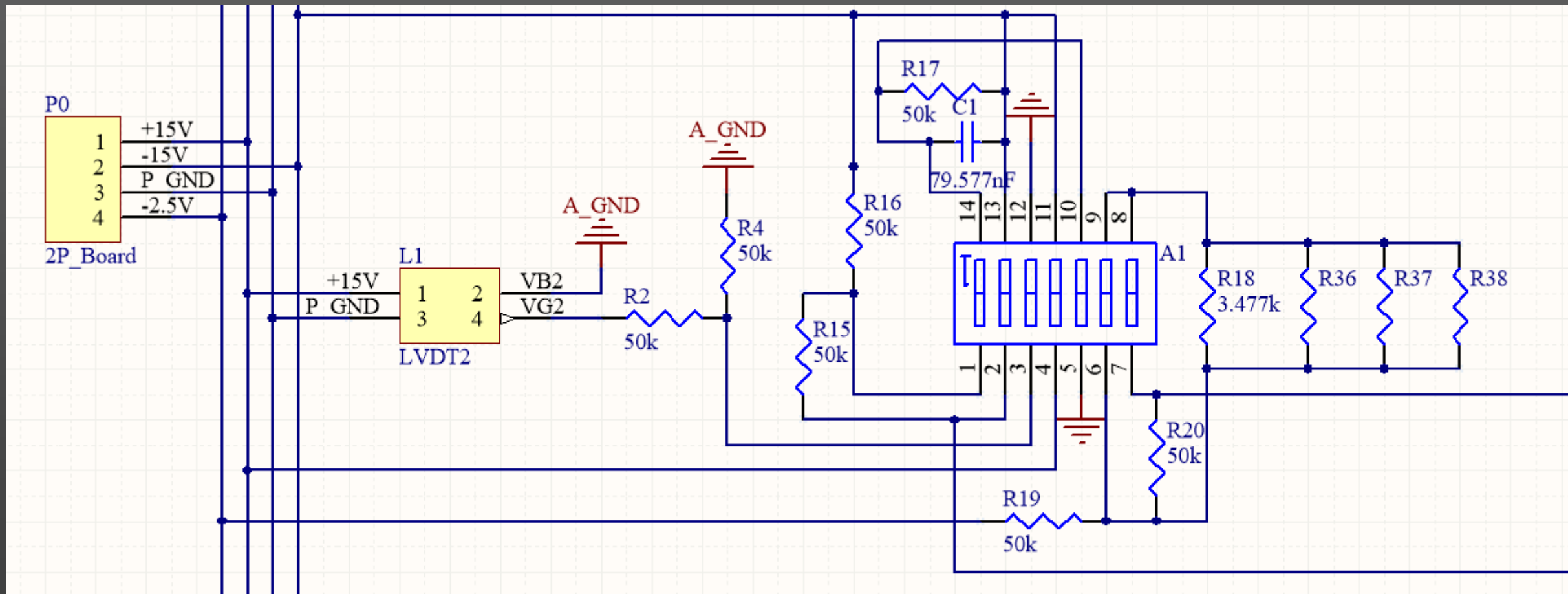






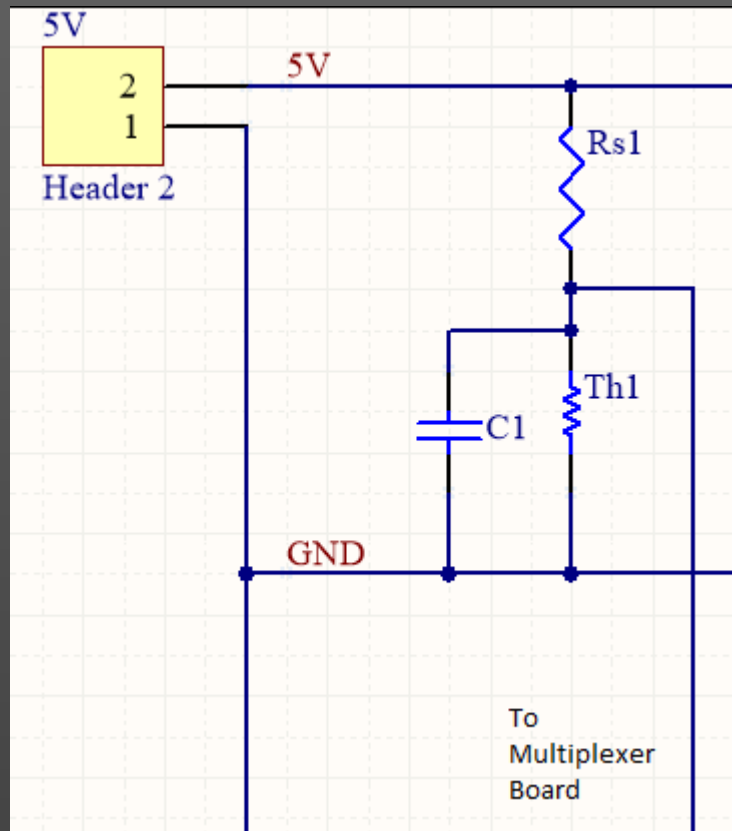


# LVDT PCB Schematic





# Thermistor Schematic



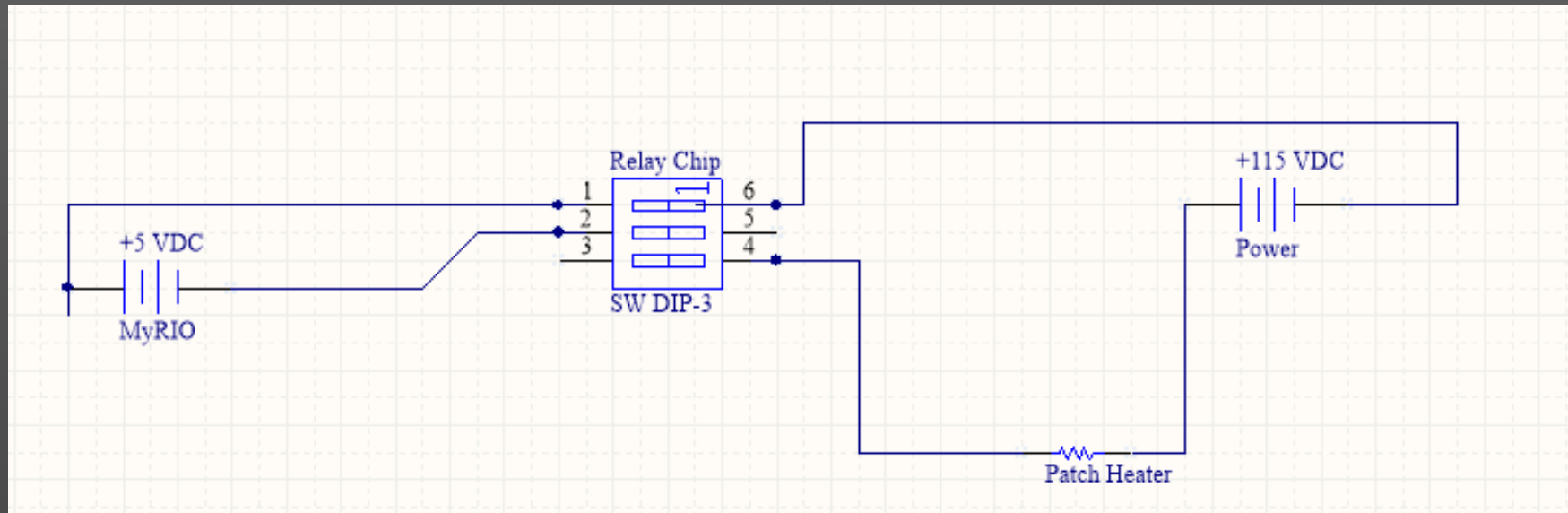
Repeats 18x



Multiplexer  
& myRIO  
Interface

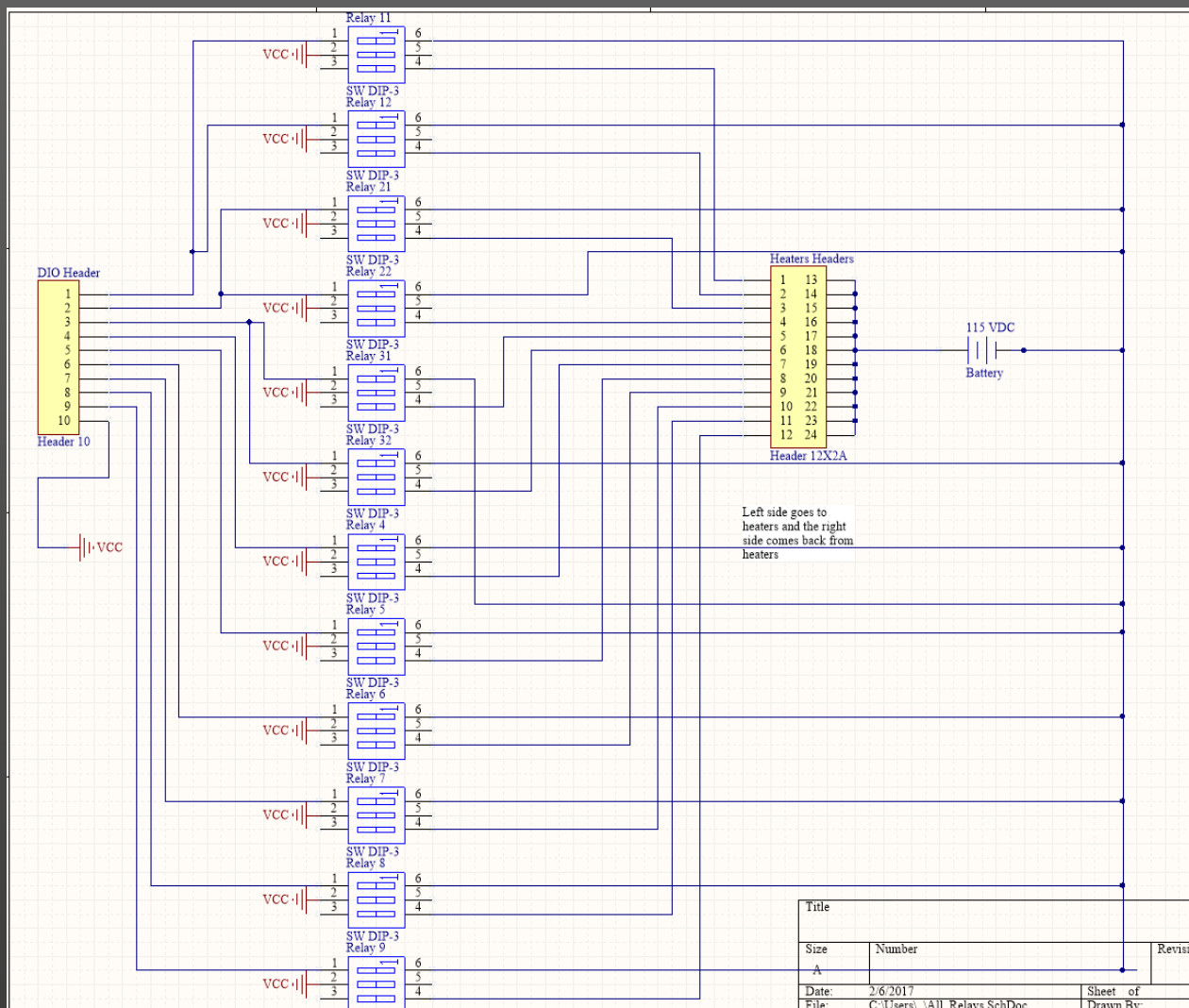


# Single Heater Control Schematic





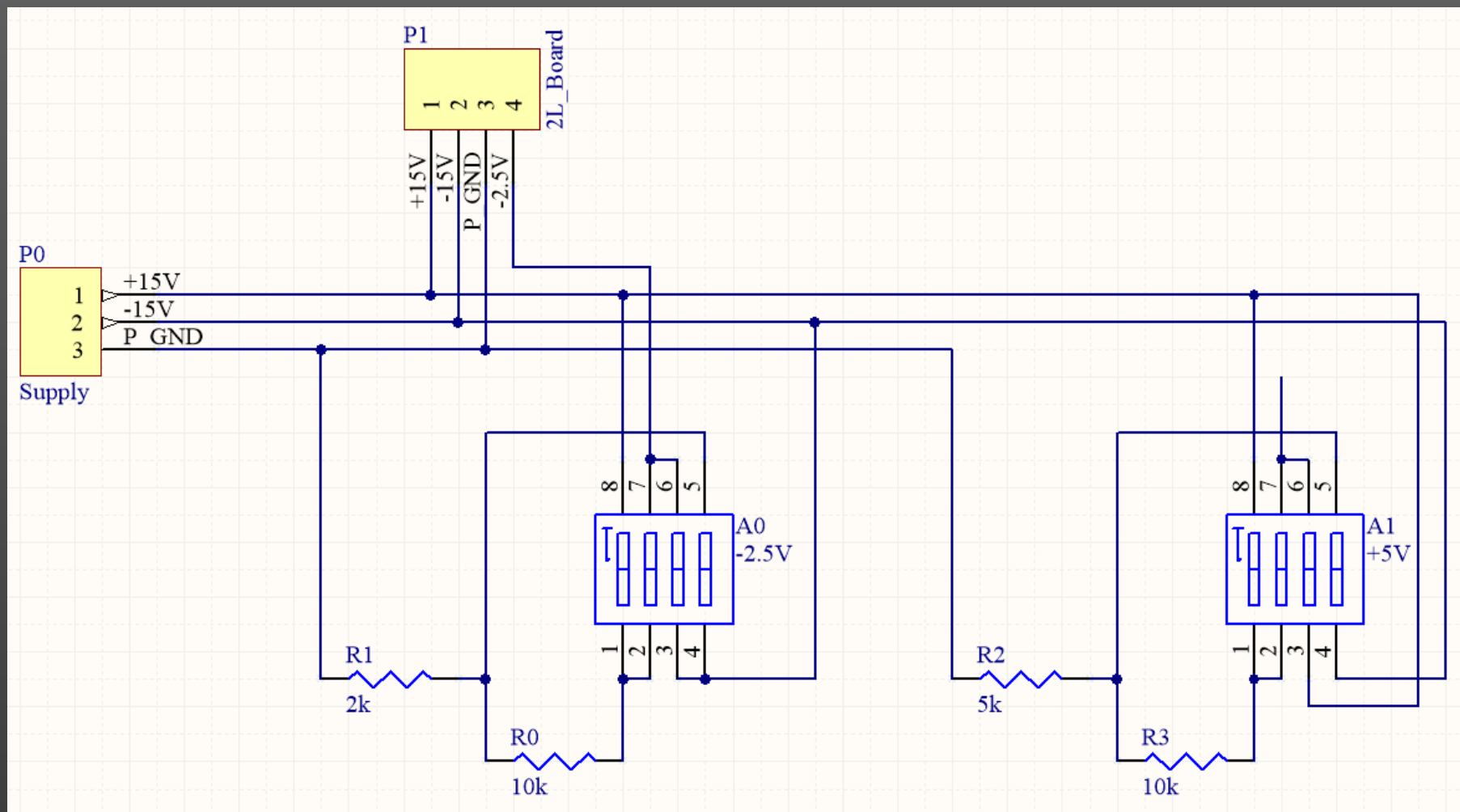
# All Heaters Control Schematic







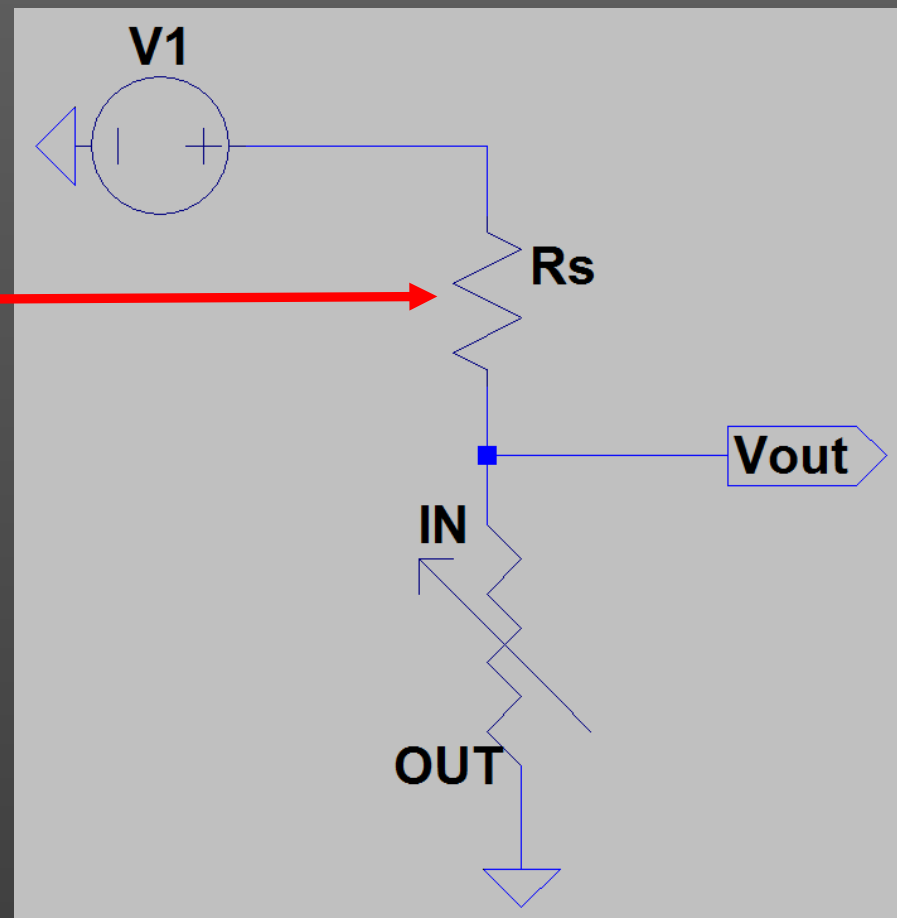
# Power Board PCB Schematic





# Thermistor Calibration 1

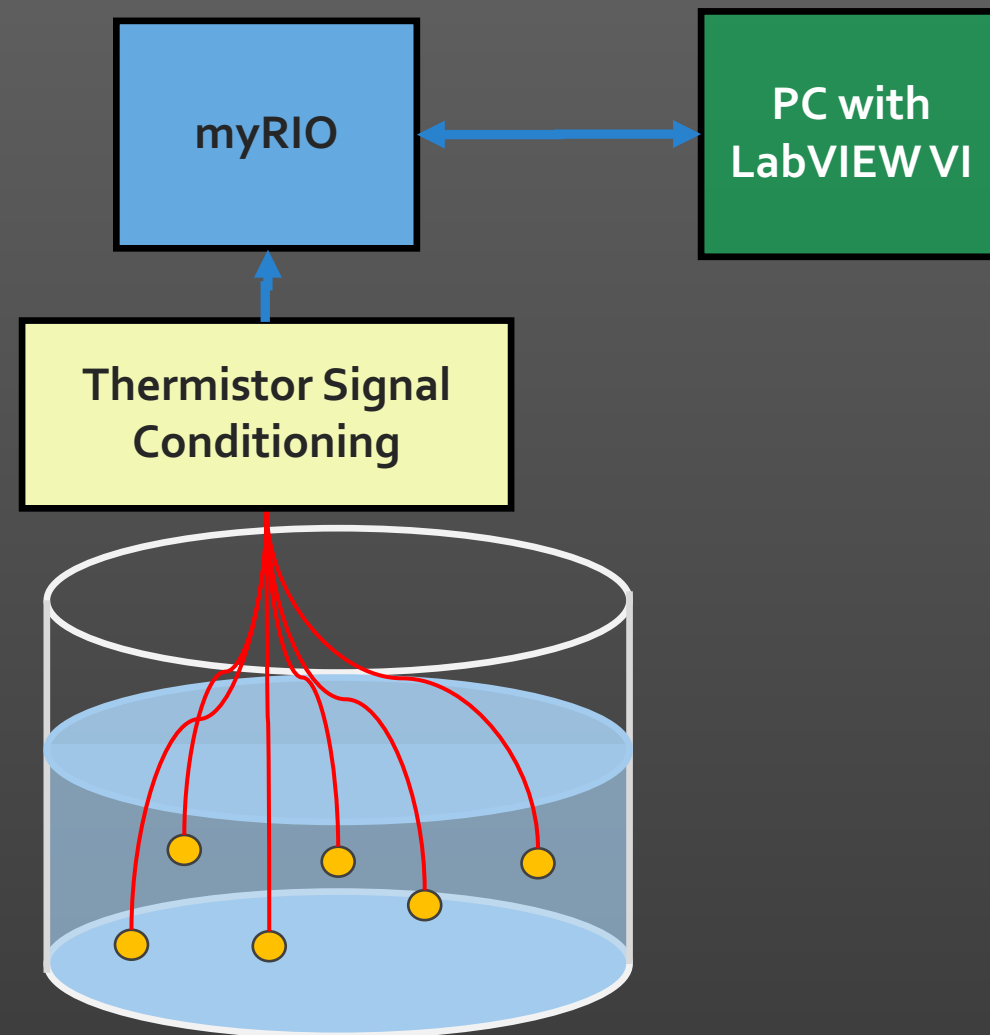
- For accurate temperature readings, it is important to know  $R_{sense}$  with great certainty (1 ohm)
- $R_{sense}$  value will be measured and recorded for each thermistor in the chain





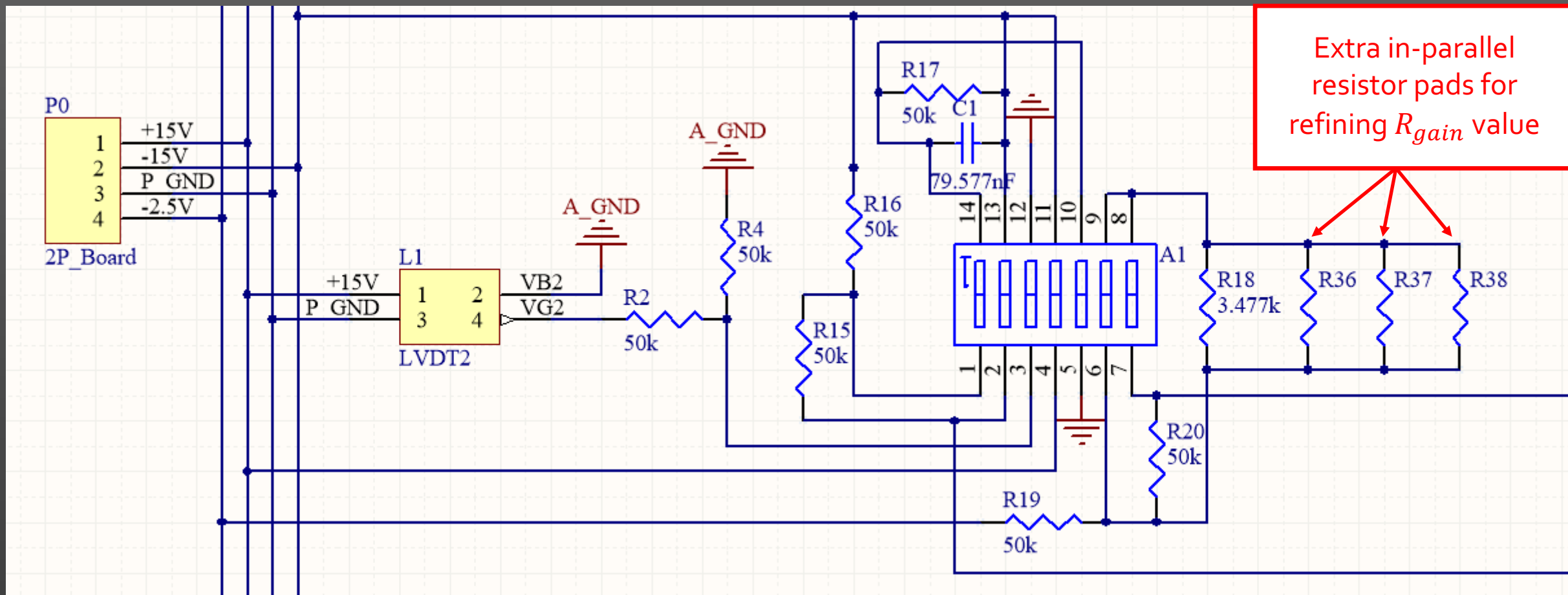
# Thermistor Calibration 2

- Each  $R_{therm}$  will be slightly different than advertised, so each thermistor must be fine tuned
- Thermistors will be put in a closed off de-ionized ice water bath (known 0°C reference)
- Special LabVIEW code will record each thermistor measurement and determine the refined  $R_{therm}$  value
- These refined values will be stored in a data file for future reference



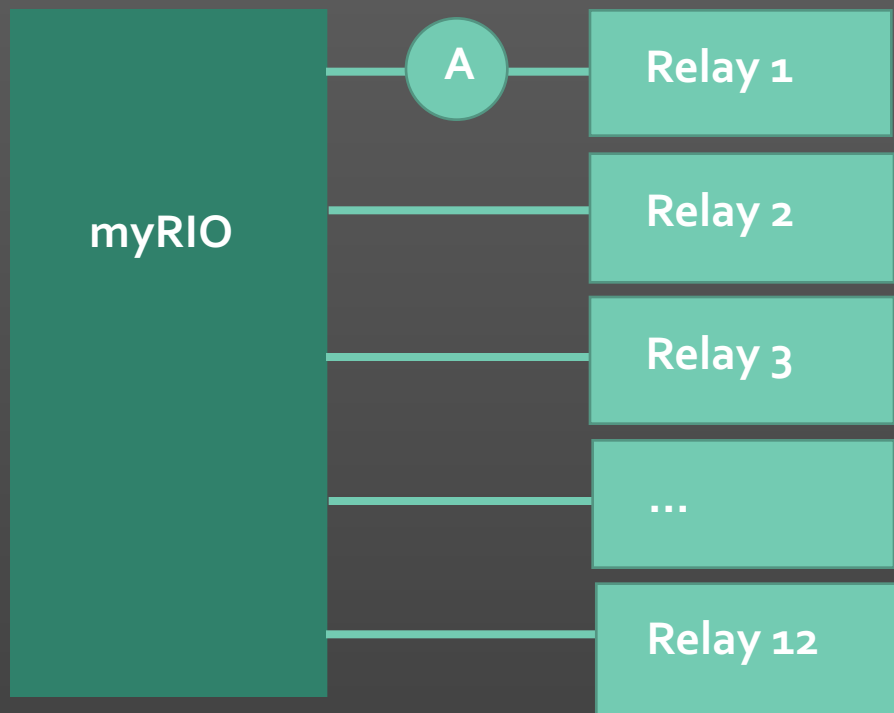


# LVDT $R_{gain}$ Refinement





# Relay myRIO compatibility

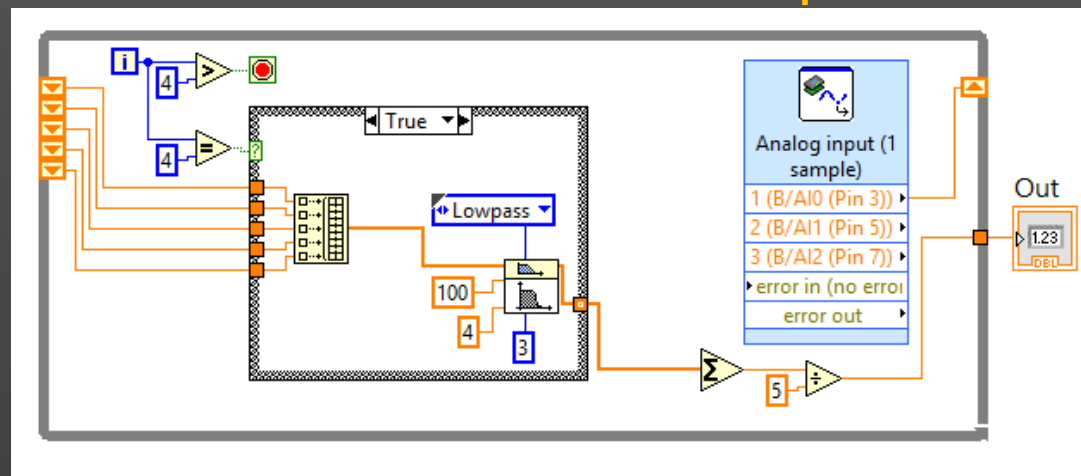


- Need at least 2mA activation current for each relay
- Plug Ammeter in series with one relay and measure correct output
- Can be taken as current for each DIO line



# Software: LVDTs

1. Read a single LVDT and get meaningful data ✓
2. Convert voltages to displacements ✓
3. Time averaging ✓
4. Implement system of equations for linear/rotational displacements



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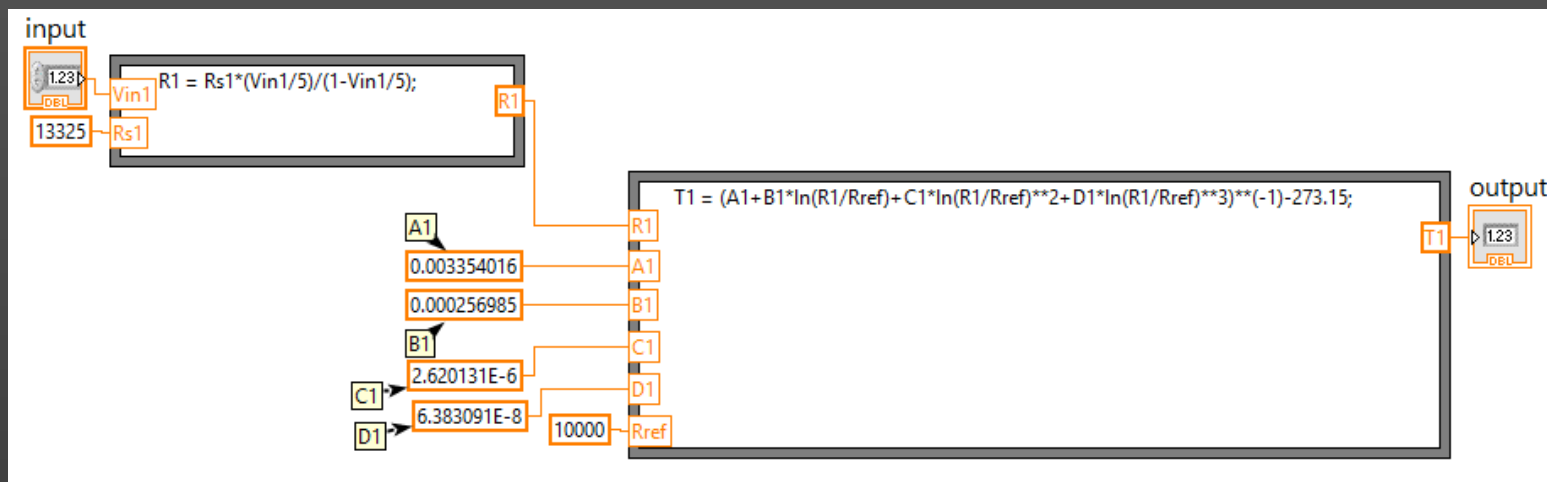
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# Software: Thermistors

1. Read a single thermistor and get meaningful data ✓
2. Convert voltages to temperatures ✓
3. Time averaging ✓
4. Multiplex 32 signals



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# Software: Heater Control

1. Generate customer-provided temperature profile ✓
2. Interface with SSRs ✓
3. Implement control conditionals

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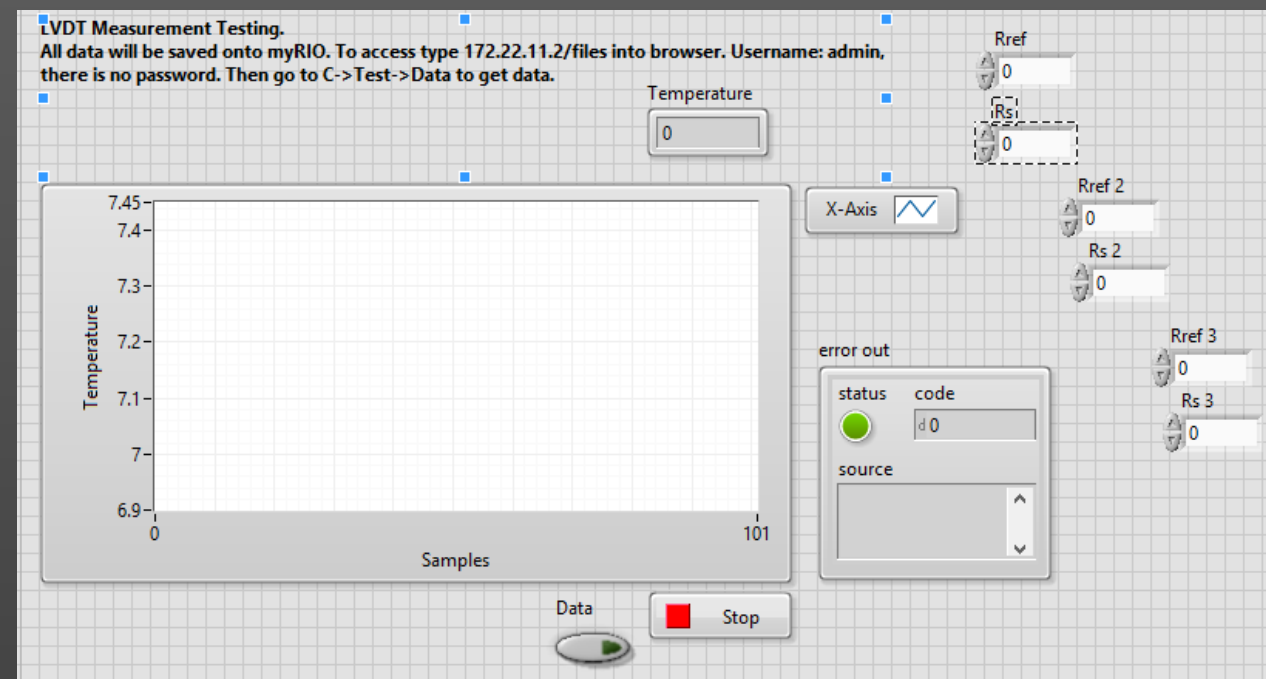
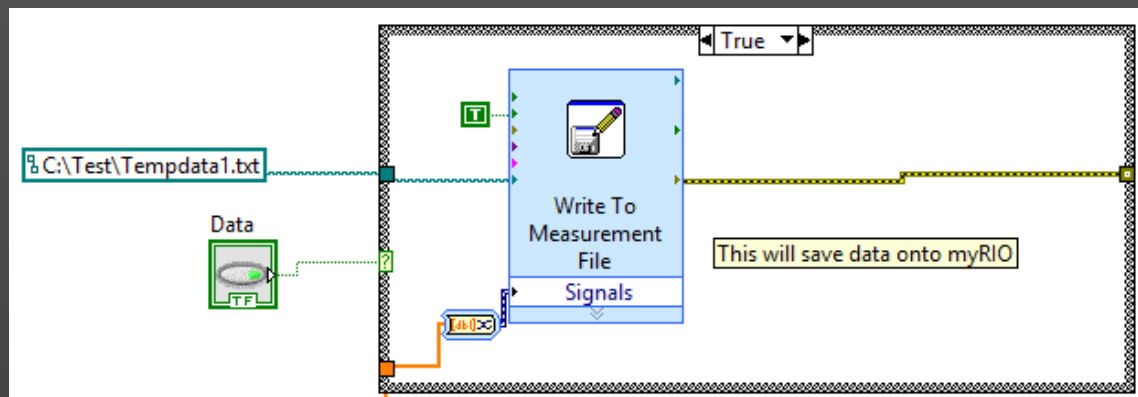
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# Software: Data Display/Storage

1. Save all data in external .csv file
2. Design VI



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# Budget: Test for CDR

Item	Cost
Al Rods	\$ 43.98
Mg Rods	\$ 38.44
Test Heater	\$ 55.00
Demo Board	\$ 155.49
16 bit ADC	\$ 14.95
Bread Boards	\$ 54.75
Total:	\$ 406.59



# Budget: Materials

Item	Cost
Carbon Fiber Rods	\$ 144.45
Screws	\$ 143.72
Plates and Shims	\$ 502.05
Epoxy	\$ 63.45
Total:	\$ 853.67



# Budget: Electronics/Sensors

Item	Cost
Extender cable for myRio	\$ 24.74
Relays	\$ 86.57
Total:	\$ 111.31

Item	Cost
LVDTs	\$ 1,238.40
Thermistors	\$ 29.05
Total:	\$ 1,267.45



# Budget: Electronics/Need to Purchase

Item	Cost
Extender cable for myRio	\$ 24.74
Relays	\$ 86.57
Total:	\$ 111.31

Item	Cost
Carbon Fiber Drill bit	\$ 25
New Relays	\$ 225
PCBs	\$ 300
Total:	\$ 550