

TEAM 18: PENETROMETER

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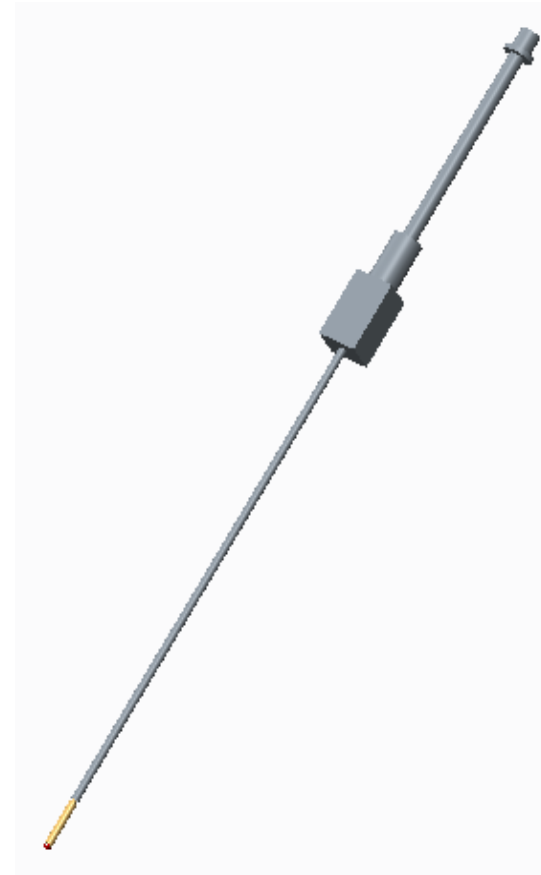
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PROJECT SCOPE

- National Park Services – Dr. Michael Russo
- Need for this penetrometer
 - Identify midden levels in soil
- Current design – user friendly device



PROJECT OVERVIEW

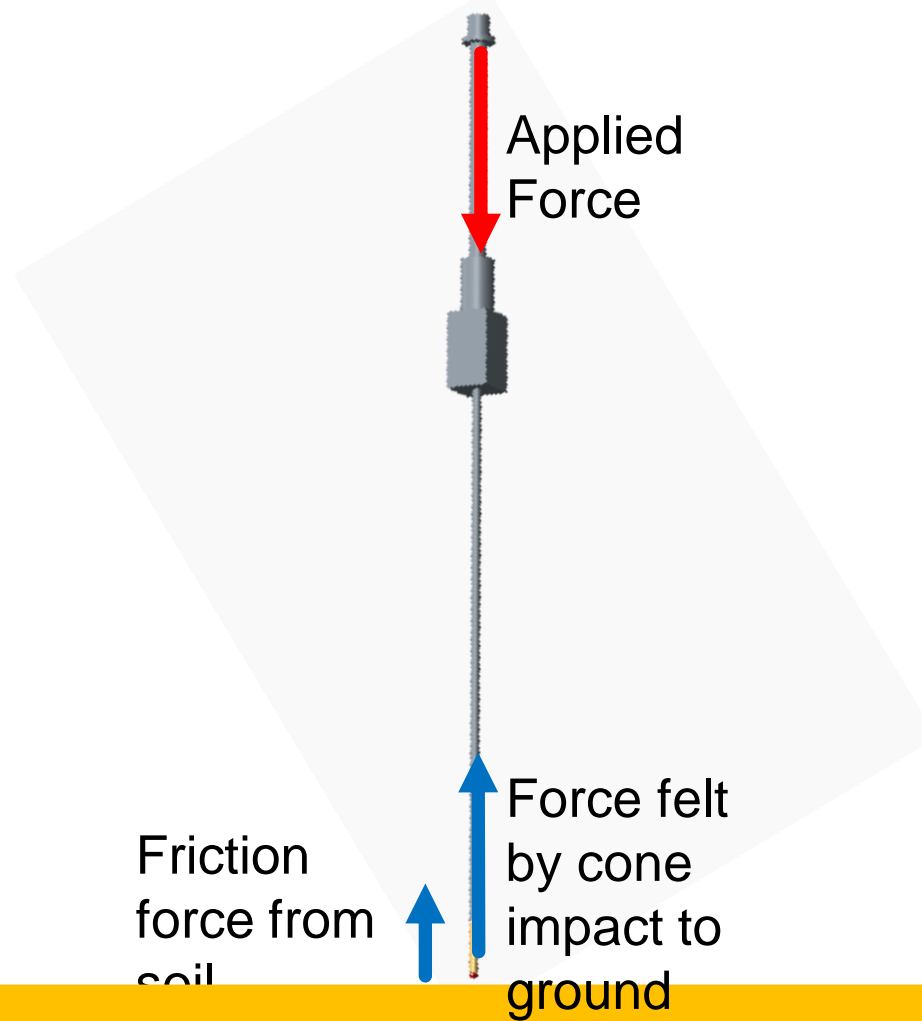
Objectives

- Ability to identify midden
- Weight not to exceed 50 lbs
- Be portable
- Display results on a handheld device
- Low maintenance

Constraints

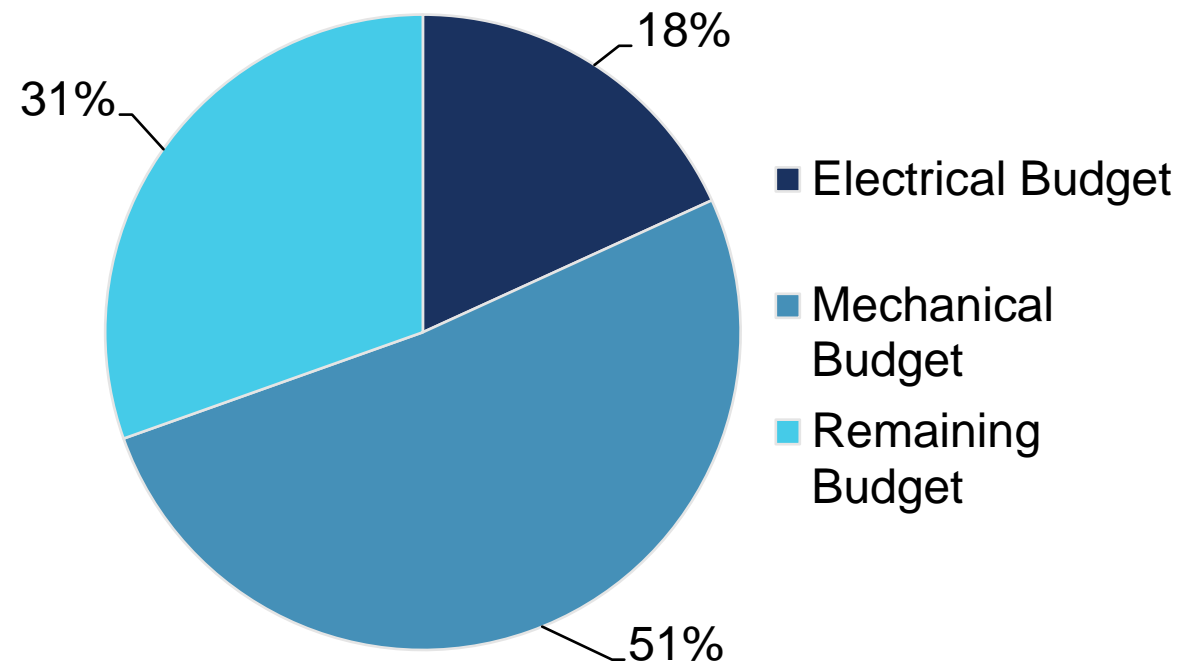
- Ease of use
- Strong under compressive loads
- Locate midden
- Transmit reliable data

FORCE DIAGRAM

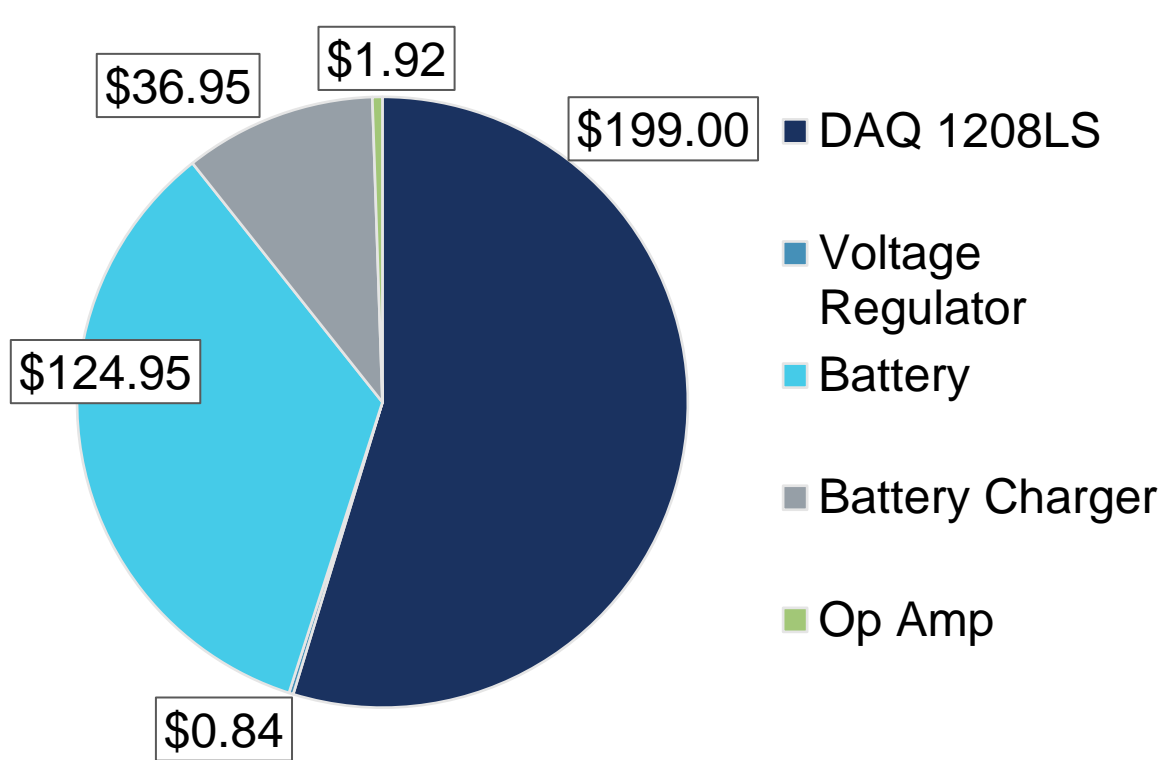


PROCUREMENT

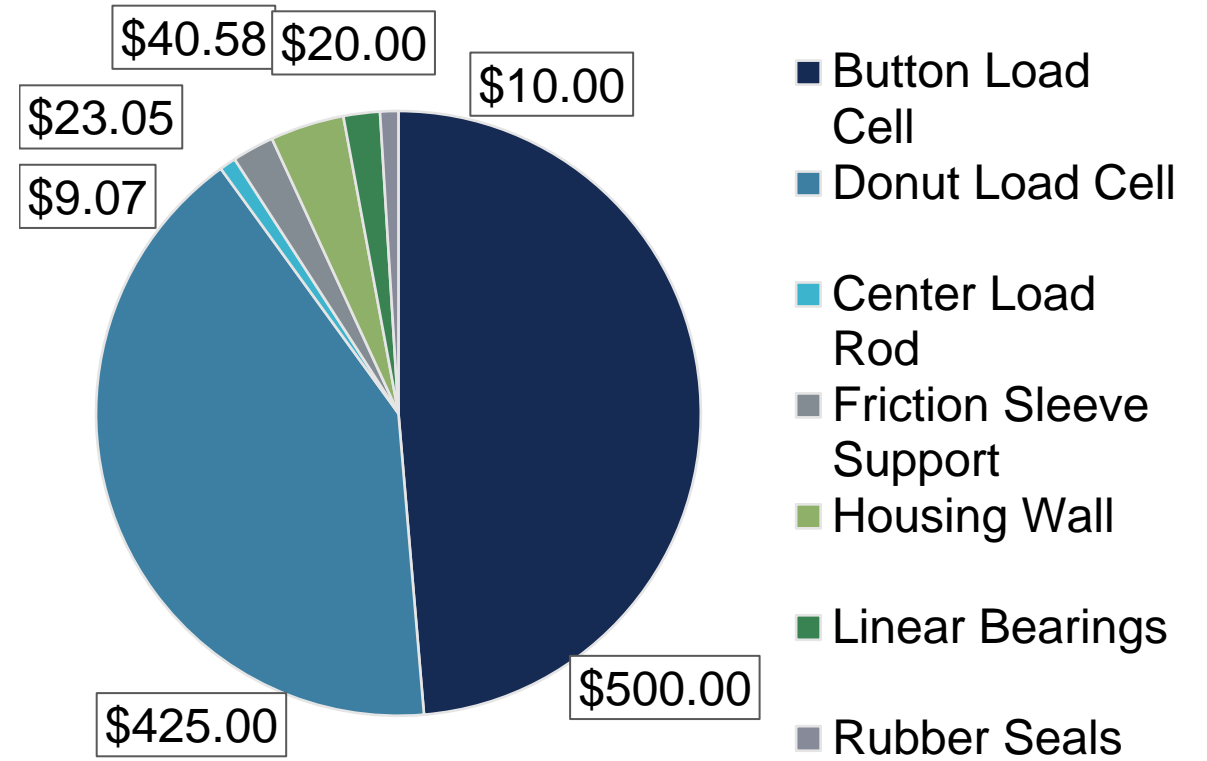
- Allotted Budget: \$2000
- All electrical components have been received for ~\$324
- Mechanical components have been ordered
- Load Cells ~ \$500 each



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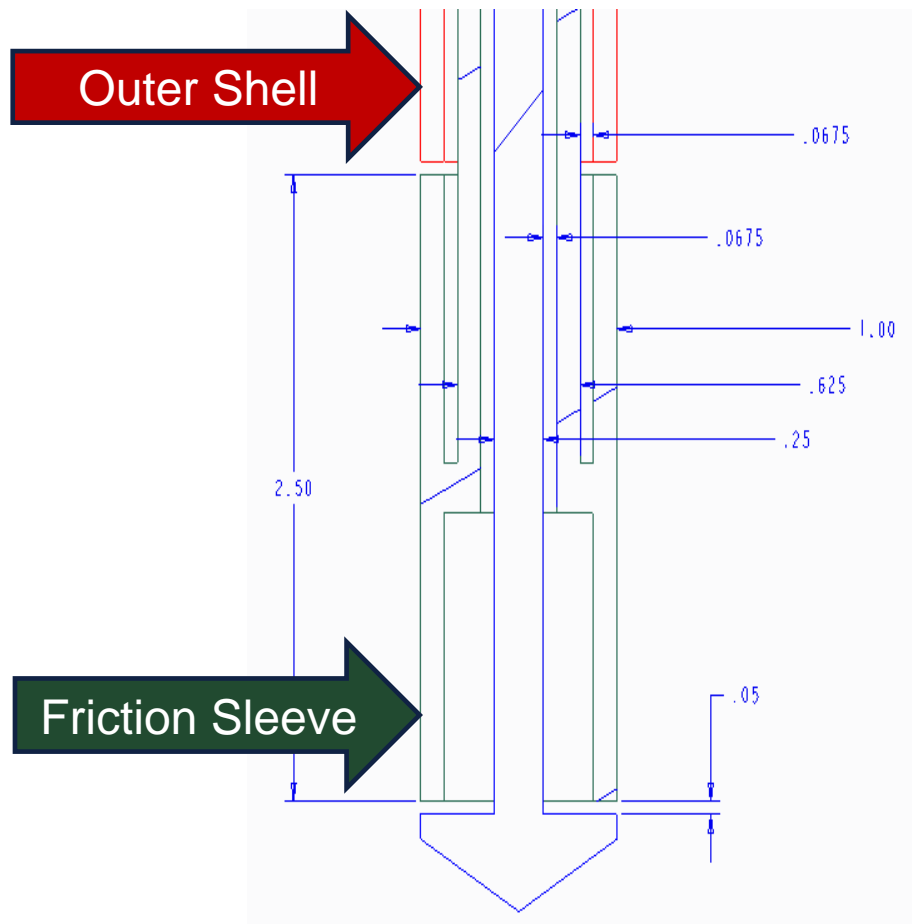


Electrical Component Breakdown

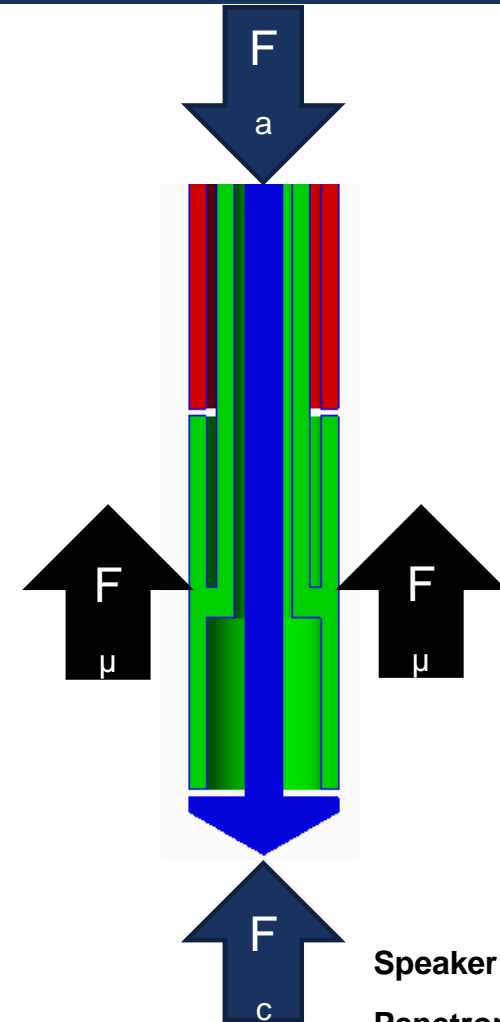


Mechanical Component Breakdown

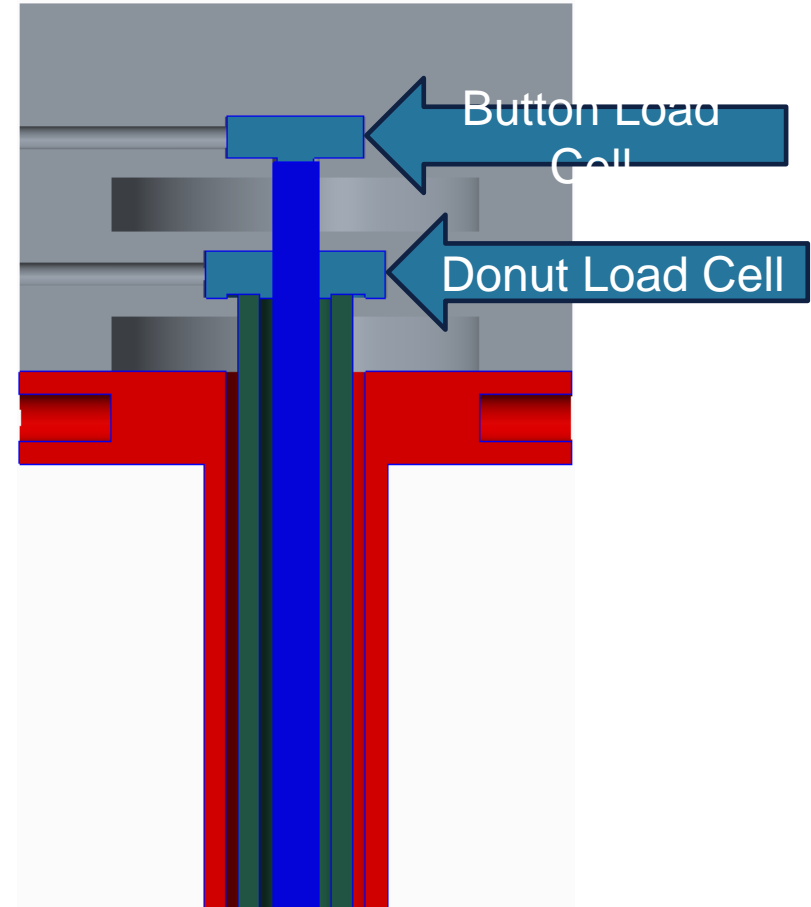
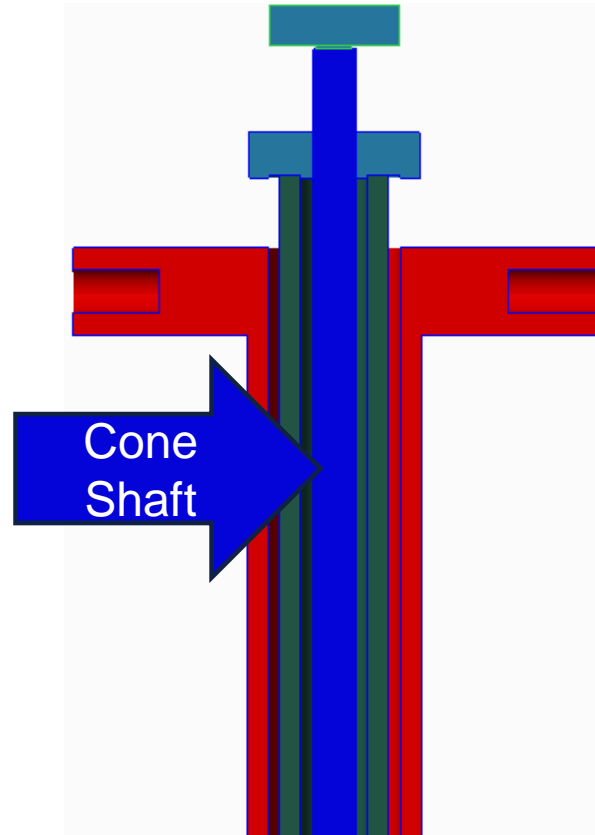
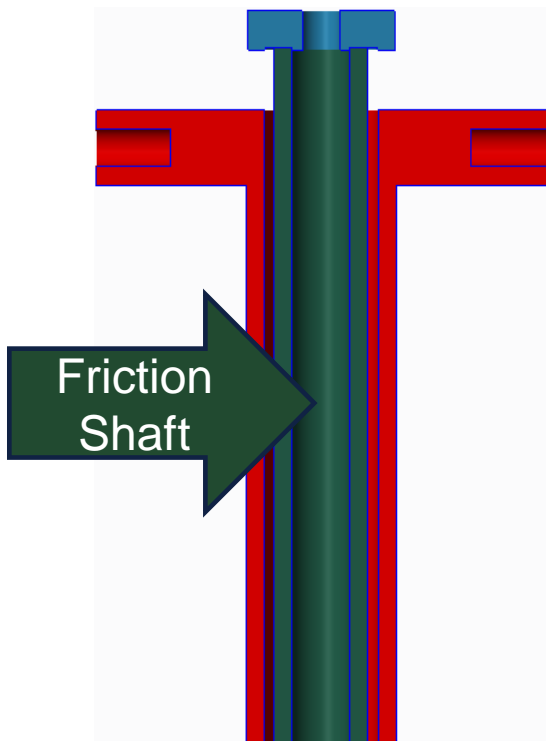
MECHANICAL SHAFT DESIGN



- Applied Force = F_a
- Cone Tip Force = F_c
- Soil Friction Force = F_μ



LOAD CELL ARRANGEMENT



LOAD CELLS

Load Cell Configuration

- 2 mV/V Rated Output
- 18 V max input
- 250 lb Capacity
- 150% safety overload



Voltage Output

- 15 V Excitation input
- Rated Output: $(15 V) * \left(2 \frac{mV}{V}\right) = 30 mV$
- $\frac{1 lb}{250 lb} * 30 mV = 0.12 mV$

CONCERNS AND CHANGES

Concerns

- Output Voltage from the load cells
- Friction losses from load transmission
- Sealing

Changes

- Uses of Acetal vs Nylon, Teflon
- Standard Steel sizes



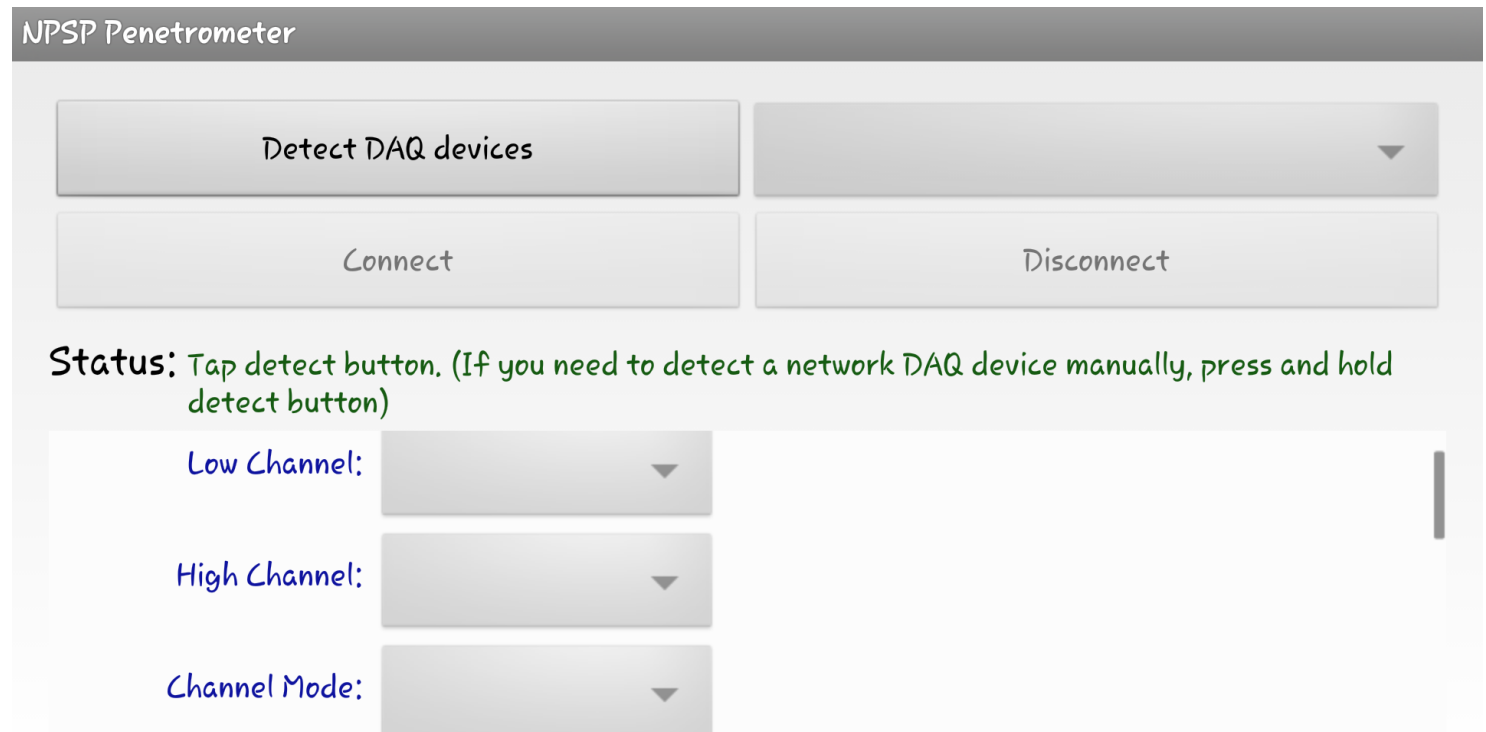
PROGRAMMING AND SIMULATION

Requirements

- Wireless via Bluetooth
- Android
- Manipulate in real time

Design

- GUI(Easy to Use)
- Interface



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Functionality

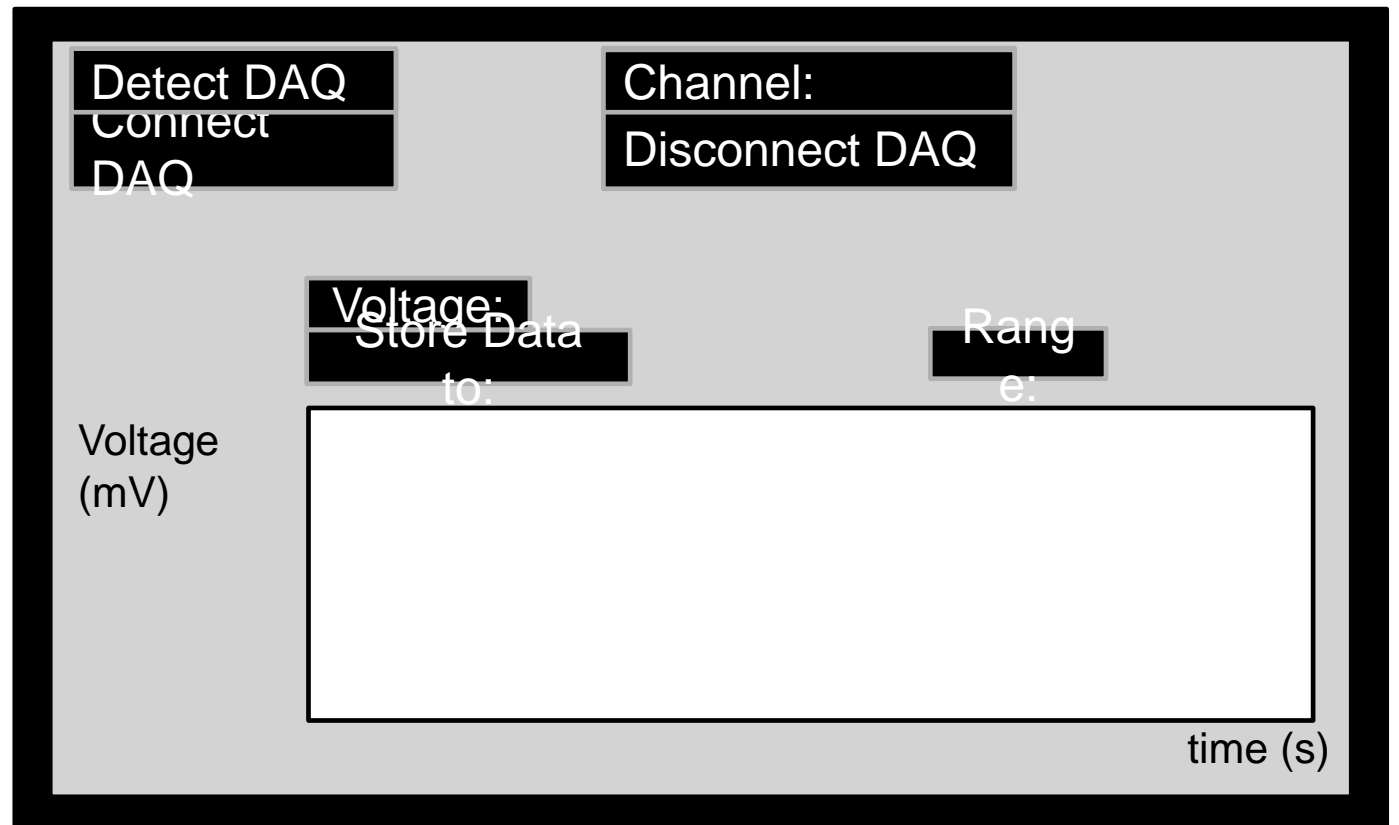
- Reads DAQ
- Channels

Planning

- Data Storage
- Sample Data

Concerns

- Time



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Concerns

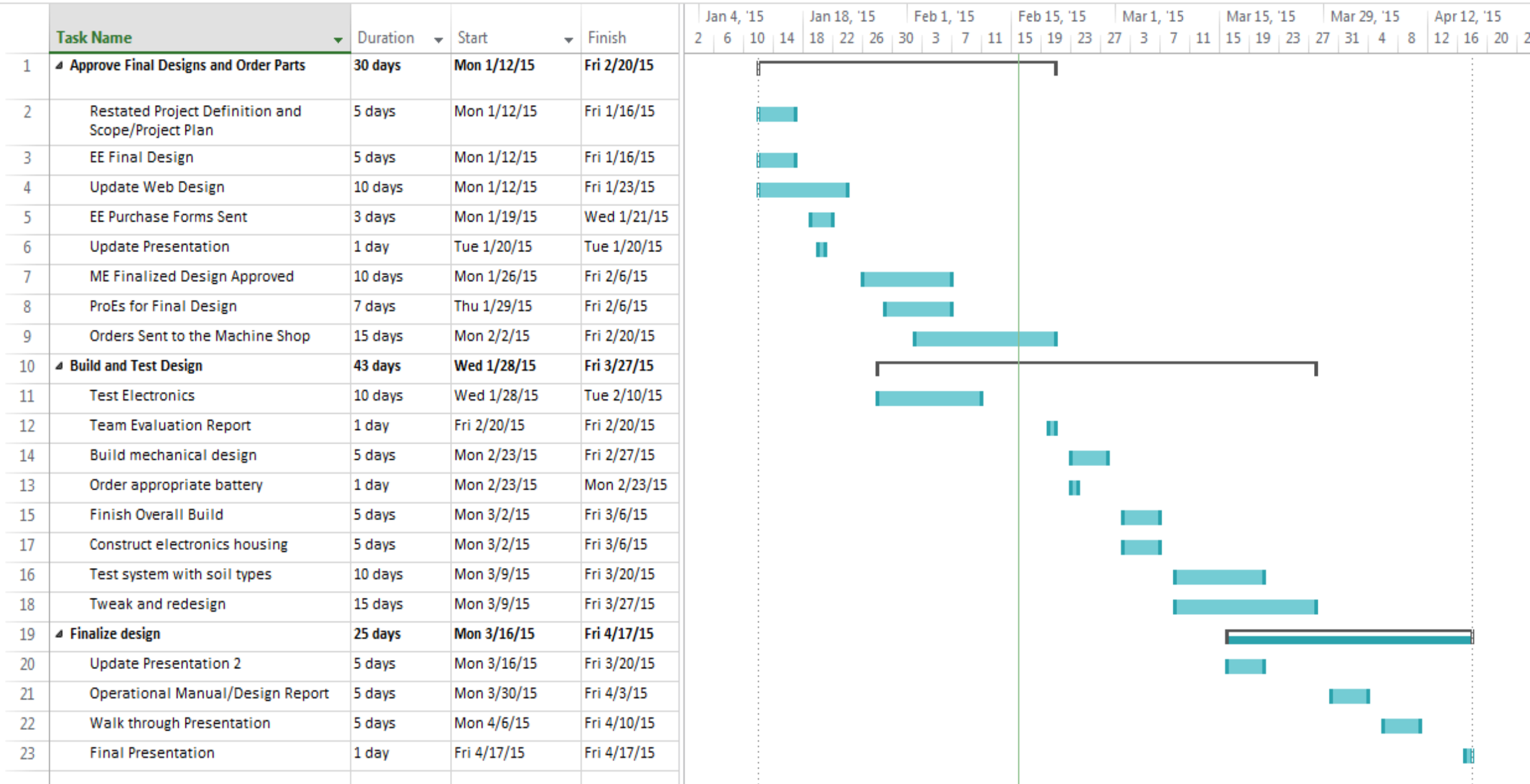
- Output Voltage from the load cells
- Integrating laser distance sensor data into Android app
- Time to develop Android app

Changes

- Futek Amplifier
 - 14-26VDC Power Supply
 - ABS-94HB Black Enclosure
 - +/-5VDC, or +/-10VDC Analog Output
 - 1-25 kHz Bandwidth

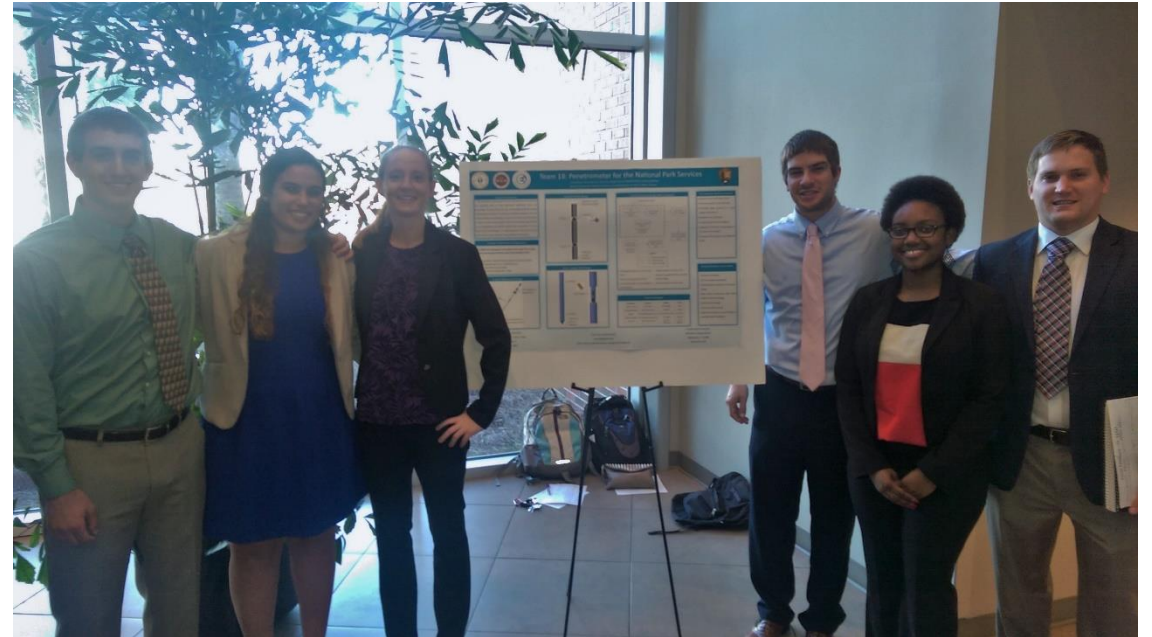


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SUMMARY

- Create a user friendly penetrometer for NPS
- 30% Budget remaining
- Standard steel sizes
- Load cell output resolution to DAQ
- Efficient data manipulation displayed on a tablet



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