



THERMO-GEN

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Group Introductions



Olivia Vester - Team Leader

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Problem Statement



- Our client: HeetShield
 - What do they do and how do they do it?
 - What do they need us for?



Image from HeetShield.com

Paper Making Process: From Raw Materials to Finished Products.





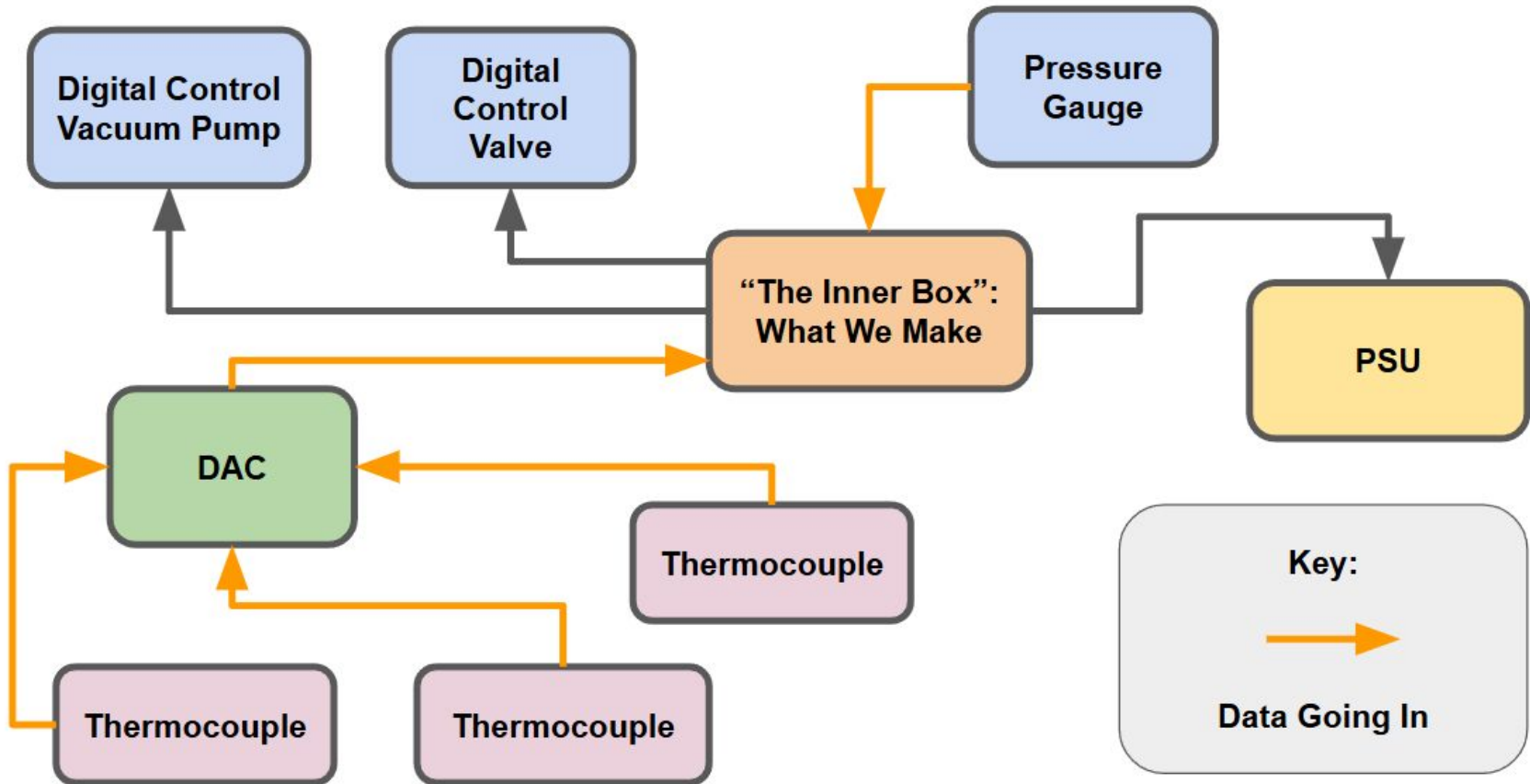
- This is the testing apparatus

Solution Overview

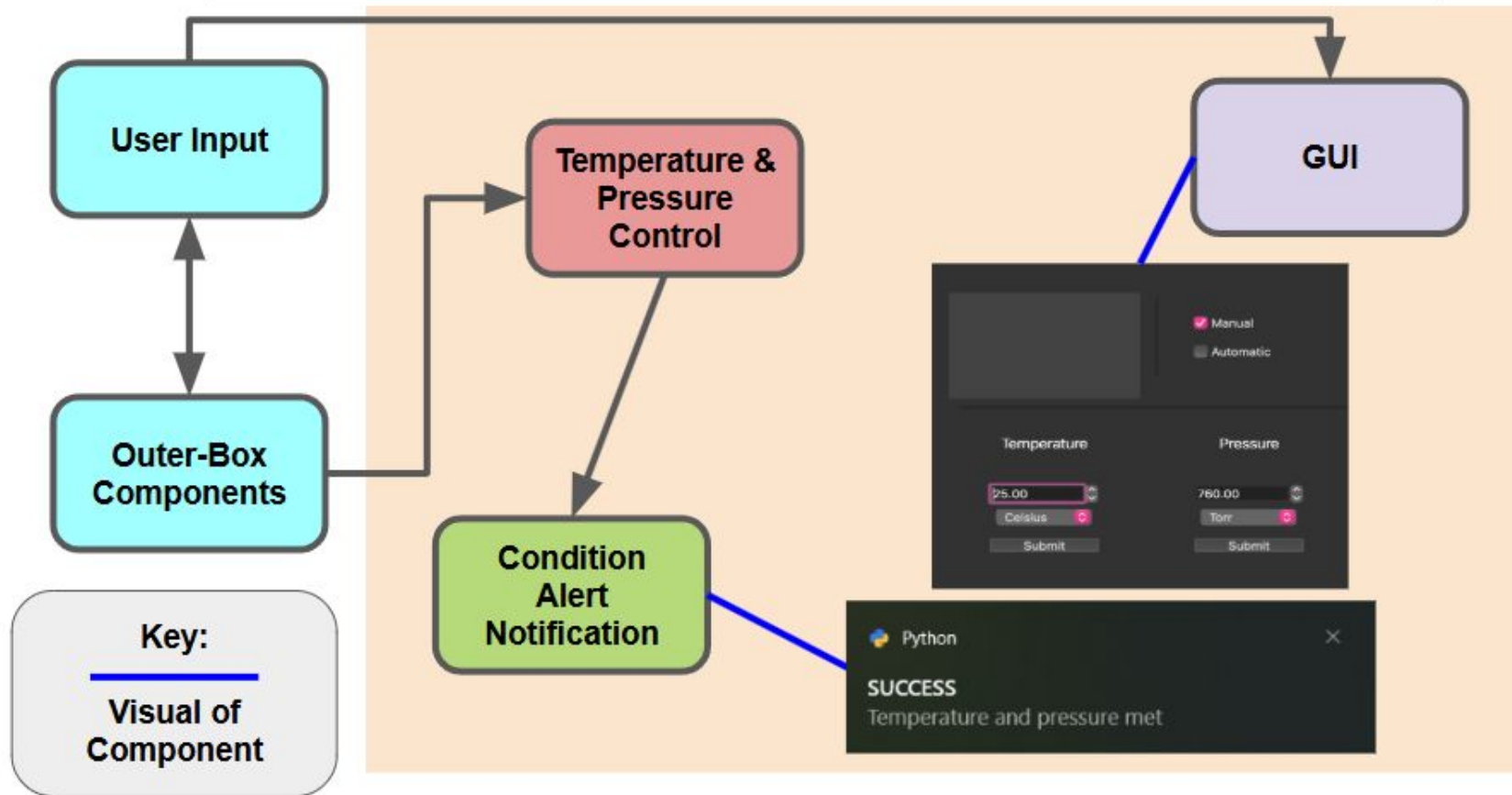
- Create an automated testing system for their material
 - Read in pressure and temperature data
 - Determine what needs to be changed to reach desired environment
 - Send updates to the parts to adjust them
 - Repeat process until environment reached



“The Outer Box”: What Plugs Into What We Make



"The Inner Box": What We Make



Requirements/Specs Review

- Original Plans
 - Real-time Data Acquisition
 - User Input and Parameter Validation
 - Automated System Adjustment
 - Communication and Control
 - Real-time Notifications

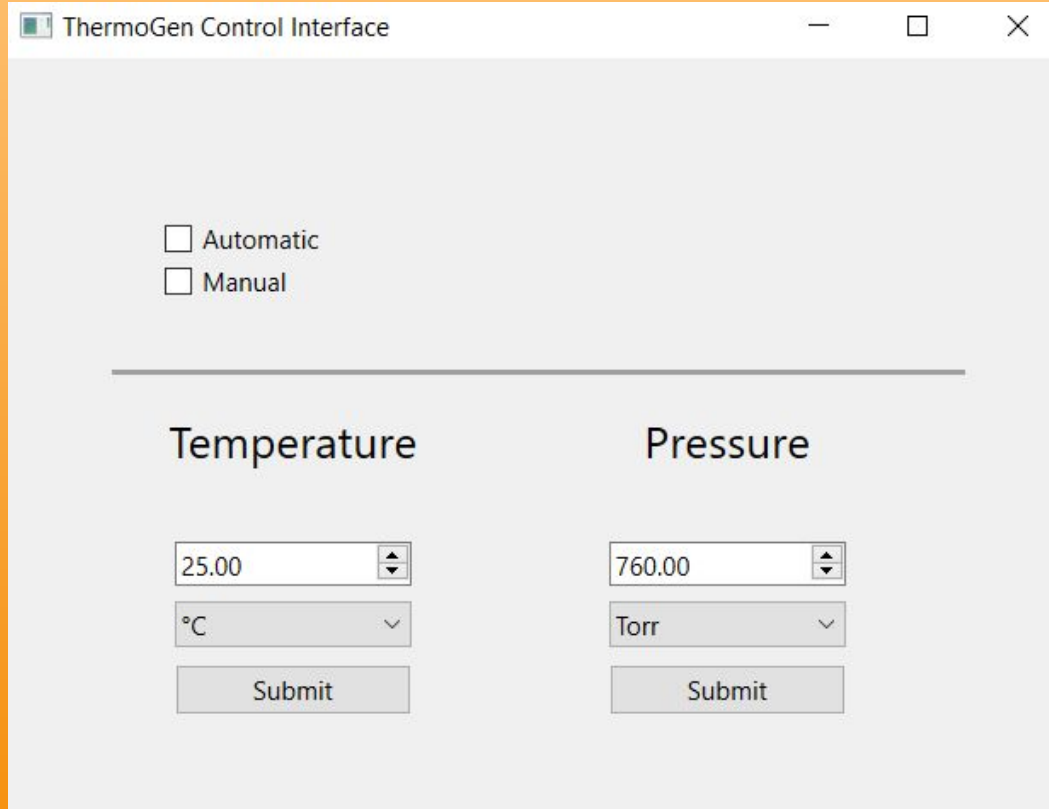
Architecture Review

- How did we design our architecture?
 - Analyzed client workflow and hardware constraints
 - Designed modules to allow both real hardware and simulation
 - Prioritized safety, modularity, and testability
- Key Architecture Components
 - User interface:
 - Allows operator to input target values, view live readings, and switch modes
 - Control logic:
 - Compares measured values against target values to determine adjustments
 - Temperature system:
 - Reads thermocouple data and outputs voltage to power supply
 - Pressure system:
 - Reads gauge data and changes state of valve
 - Notification system:
 - Sends alerts based on system state

Implementation Overview

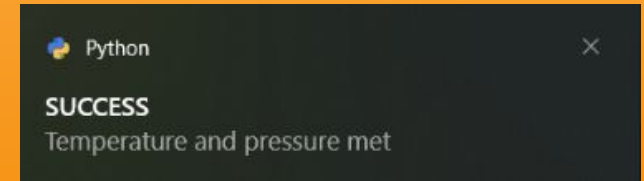
- How did we get our requirements?
 - We interviewed our client, did research and reached out to other professors
- Key Requirements
 - Precise temperature and pressure control
 - Real time data monitoring
 - Minimize manual input
 - Clear notification system

Prototype Review



The image shows a software window titled "ThermoGen Control Interface". At the top, there are standard window controls (minimize, maximize, close). Below the title bar, there are two unchecked checkboxes: "Automatic" and "Manual". A horizontal line separates this section from the main controls. The interface is divided into two columns: "Temperature" and "Pressure". Under "Temperature", there is a text input field containing "25.00", a unit dropdown menu currently set to "°C", and a "Submit" button. Under "Pressure", there is a text input field containing "760.00", a unit dropdown menu currently set to "Torr", and a "Submit" button.

- This is the current interface
- Planned changes after client review:
 - Additional auto and manual controls
 - Thermocouple displays



Challenges and Resolutions

- The original parts were not compatible with automation
 - Ordered needed parts to automate the process
- The ordered parts did not work
 - Pivoted the project to simulation
- Simulating parts
 - Use existing libraries to simulate them



Testing Plan

Main Focus is Usability Testing in 3 Major Stages:

- Initial product test with client
- Follow-up product testing with client after making changes recommended in initial product test
- Final product test WITH user manual

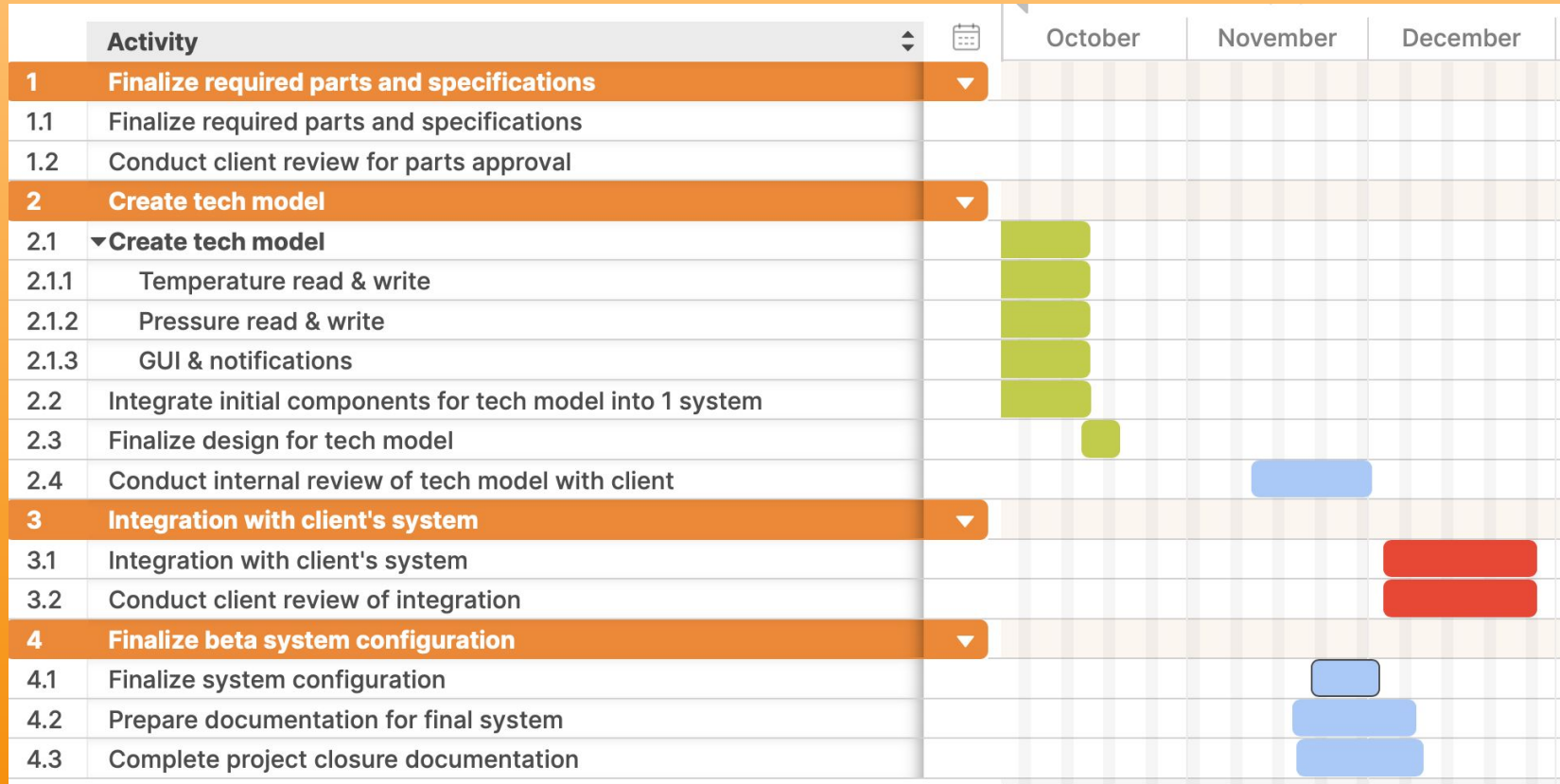


Testing Plan Continued

- Additional testing for our product includes:
 - Unit tests for the 8 major functions that make up our application
 - And integration testing with client's system pending mechanical updates to their system



Schedule



Conclusion



- Used in services from aerospace to emergency services and manufacturing
- Testing materials takes a long time
- Automating testing while still providing the same quality
 - Little user input
 - Accurate data
- Finalizing simulated parts, unit, integration, and usability testing.