#### PROJECT DESIGN REVIEW

AnGel-of-Insulation



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#### **Project Goals**

- Measure Temperature Gradient of various insulations
  - Measure Surface Temperature on interior & exterior surface
  - Compare the temperature profile over time
  - Calculate instantaneous heat transfer
  - Analyze results and draw conclusions
  - Deliver design to ME department



## Background

Insulation Type	Description
Aerogel	Aerogel is a lightweight, porous substance created by evaporating a solvent from a silica base. Aerogel contains around 50-9.8% air while maintaining a rigid structure. The end result is a material that has very low thermal conductivity.
Thermasheath	Closed cell polyisocyanurate foam core board very similar to styrofoam.

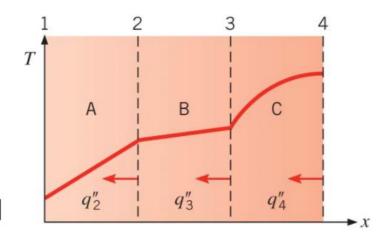


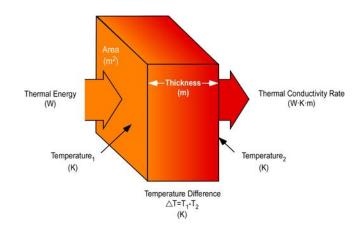




#### Background

- 1-D Transient analysis
- Infiltration considerations
- Natural Convection inside box





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#### **Design Conditions**

- Testing Site
  - Free from human interference
  - Initial conditions of box at room temperature
  - Evening testing
  - Testing period approximately 30~60 minutes
- Sampling frequency of 1Hz



#### Assumptions

- Air tight construction (no infiltration losses)
- Negligible contact resistances
- Neglect radiation effects (evening testing)
- 1-D heat transfer analysis



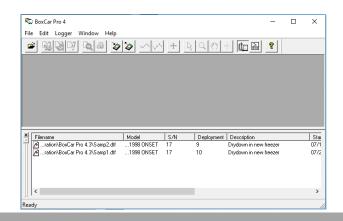
#### Specifications

- Thermal Sensor requirement
  - Accuracy: ±0.01°C
  - o Range: -20°C~70°C
  - Measurement capacity:7944 measurements total, stored in non-volatile memory
- Software
  - Boxcar 4.0/4.3 Pro
  - Data exports to Excel file
  - Matlab









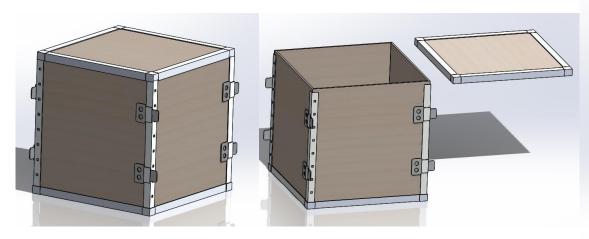
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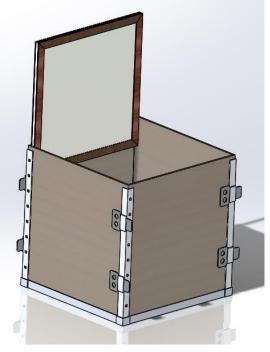
- Model Configuration
  - 18" X 18" X 18" Plywood Box
  - Transportable
- Test Specimens
  - Similar thickness in all insulations.
  - Consistent environmental testing.



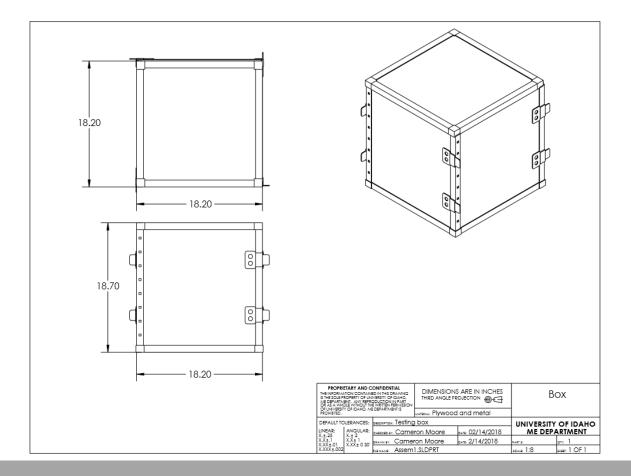


# Design

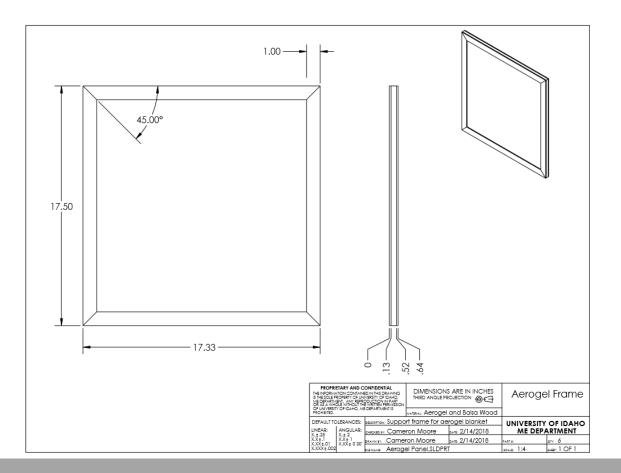














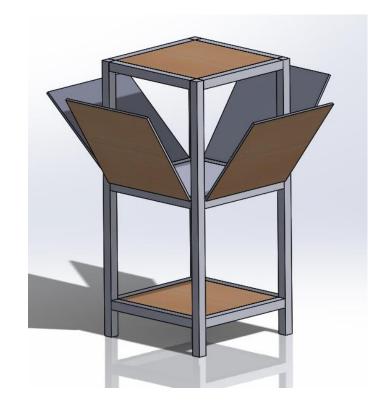
#### **BUDGET/BOM**

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Expense Items	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Т	otal			
Equipment														
Test Box						\$ 81				\$	81			
Hobo Sensors						\$ -				\$	-			
Boxcar 4.3 Software						\$ -				\$	-			
Thermocouples						\$ -								
Supplies														
Styrofoam Insulation						\$ 16	i			\$	16			
Aerogel Insulation						\$ -								
Carpet Insulation						\$ -								
Glue						\$ 7				\$	7			
Velcro						\$ 11				\$	11			
Aluminum Tape						\$ 10	l .			\$	10			
1/8 inch Wood Board						\$ 23				\$	23			
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### Alternative Design

- Plywood Construction:
  - Framed 15.625 ft<sup>3</sup> elevated box
  - Bottom storage shelf
  - Hinged side panels
  - Castors



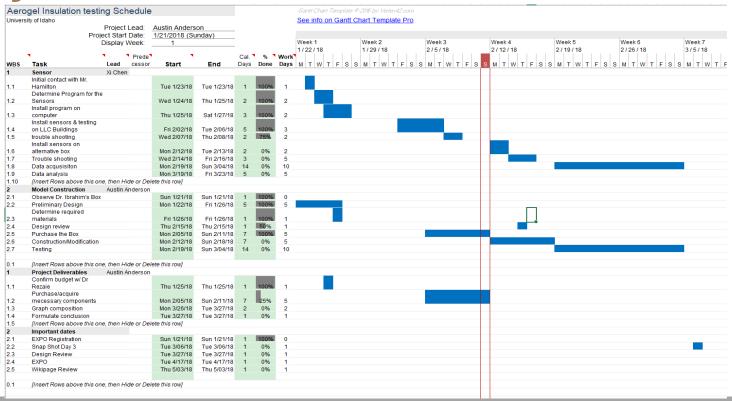


## Uncertainty

- Accuracy of sensors
- Variability of ambient conditions
- Sensor calibration



#### **Project Schedule**



#### Future goals

- Seal the interior of our box with silicone to be close to air tight
- Design and laser cut wood for the aerogel panel frame.
- Apply rubber foam tape to top panel to make air tight.
- Initiate testing of both insulation types.
- Collect temperature data from experiments.
- Perform analysis.



# Questions?

