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Agitation and Temperature Control Agitation and Temperature Control of Sample Wells in Bio-Layer Interferometry

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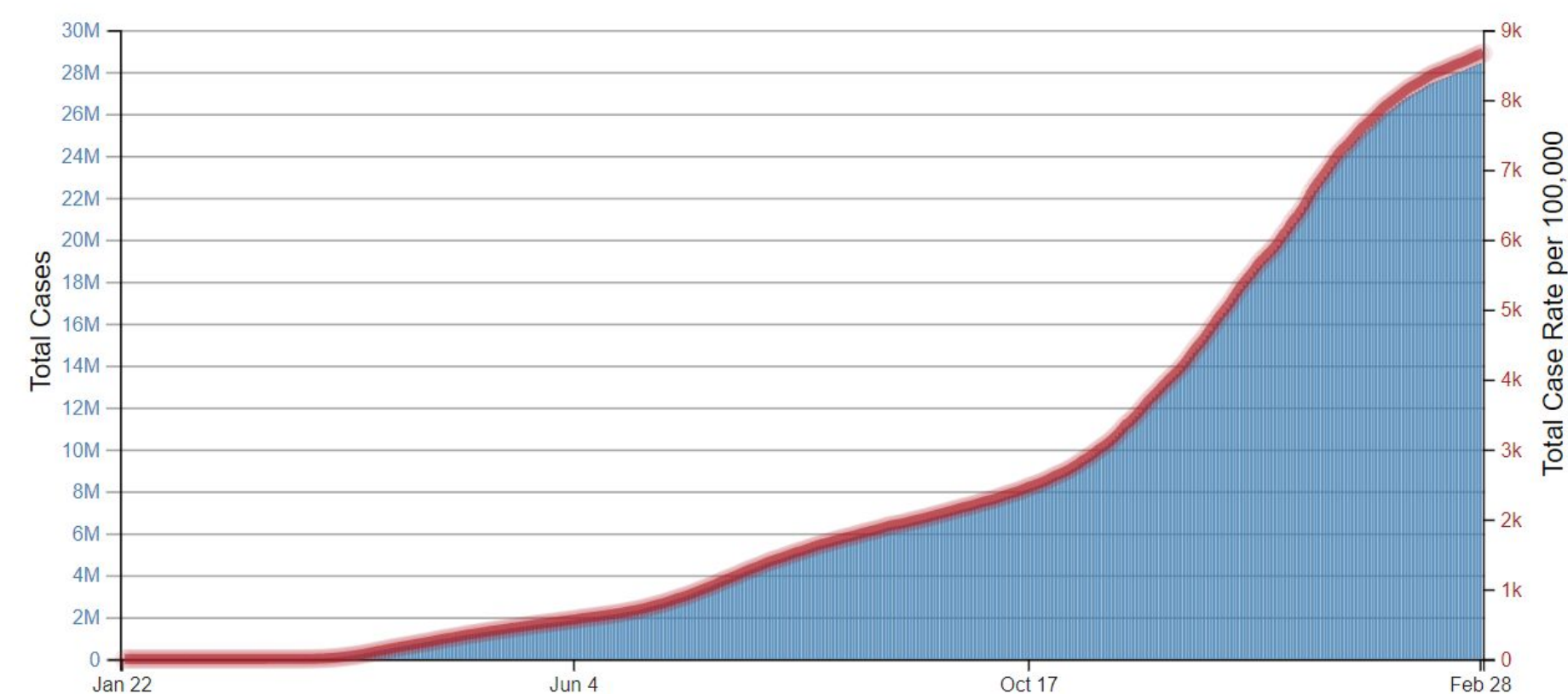
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Project Goal and Background

- Over 28M COVID-19 cases and 511K deaths in U.S. [1]

Trends in Total and Cumulative Incidence Rate of COVID-19 Cases in the United States Reported to CDC, per 100,000 population

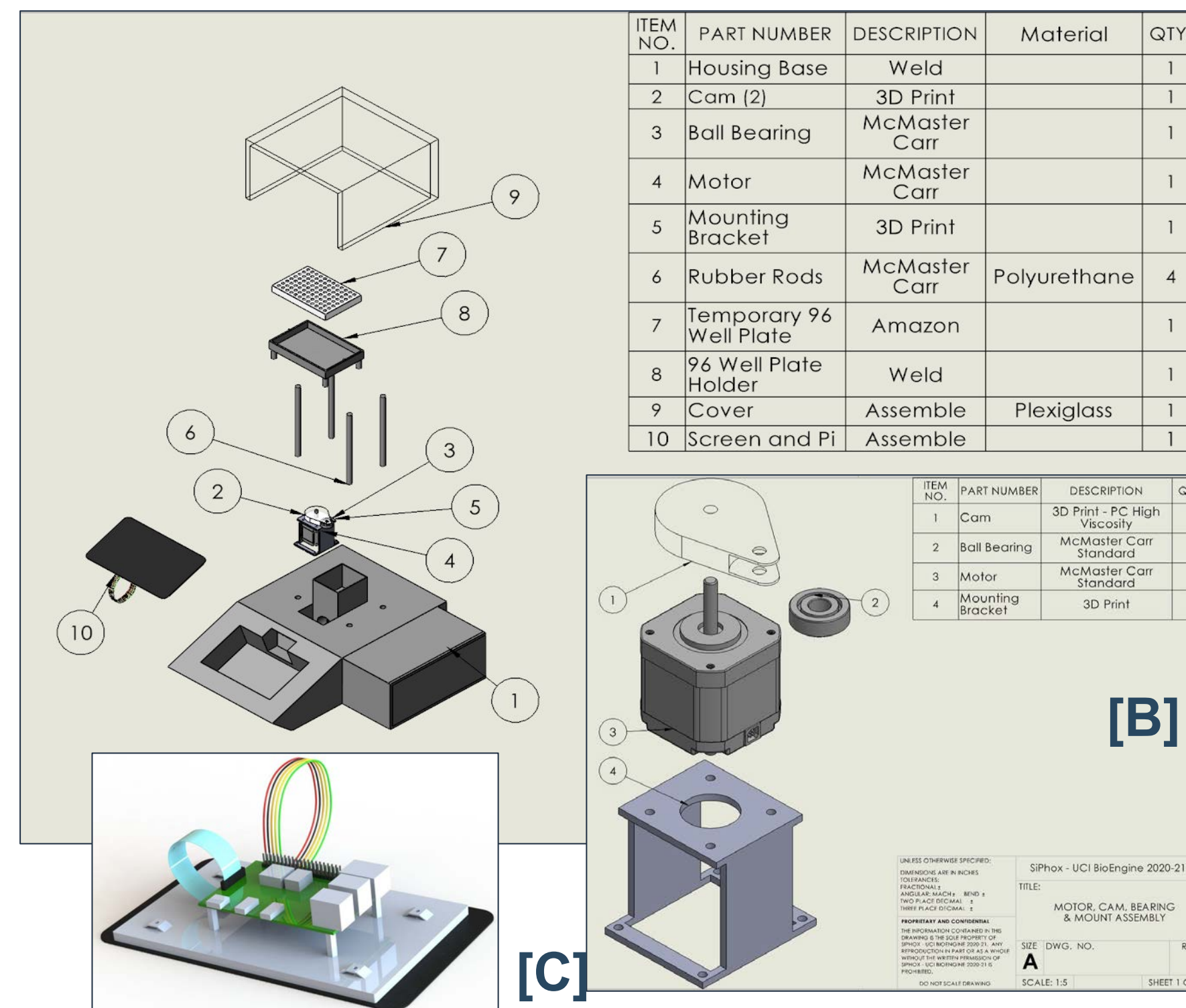


- Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Test: sensitive and accurate, but has a result turnaround time as long as a few days [2]
- Antigen Test: inexpensive, rapid turnaround time (15 - 60 min), but less sensitive and accurate [2]

Goal: Develop agitation and temperature control system to cool samples for use in bio-layer interferometry based testing system.

Project Design

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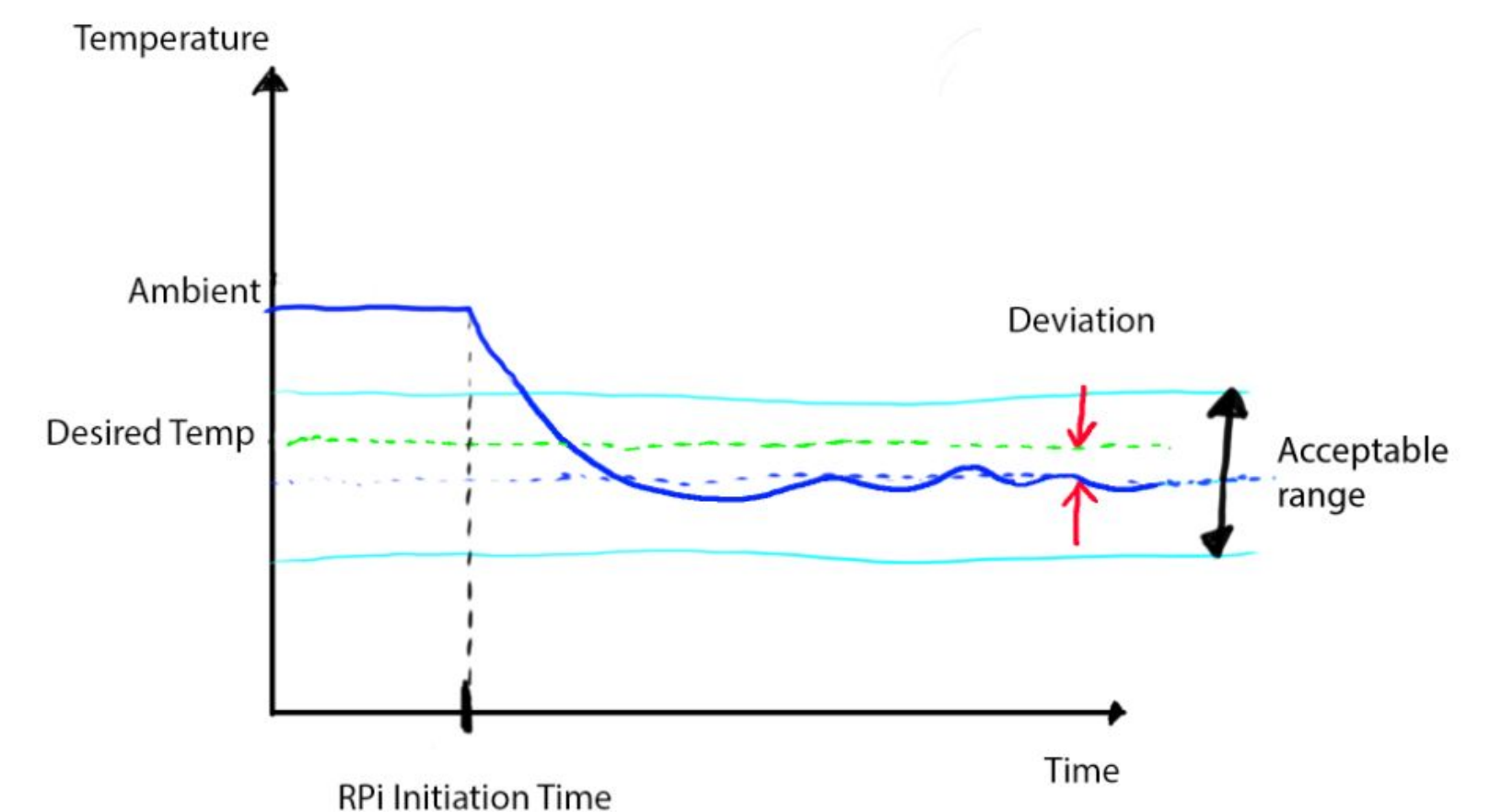
Prototype Concept: Create an easily alterable plate system to test various parameters including *thermal cooling maintained below 20 degrees Celsius, fluid agitation from vibration, and temperature sensor accuracy.*

Multiple thermocouples are applied under the well plate (A8) to measure the temperature at various points on the block (2), our team will be able to determine a sufficient time needed for the liquid in the vials (1) to reach optimum temperature. A feedback loop to control the heating elements (6) output will be used as well to regulate the vials optimum temperature.

Design Parameters

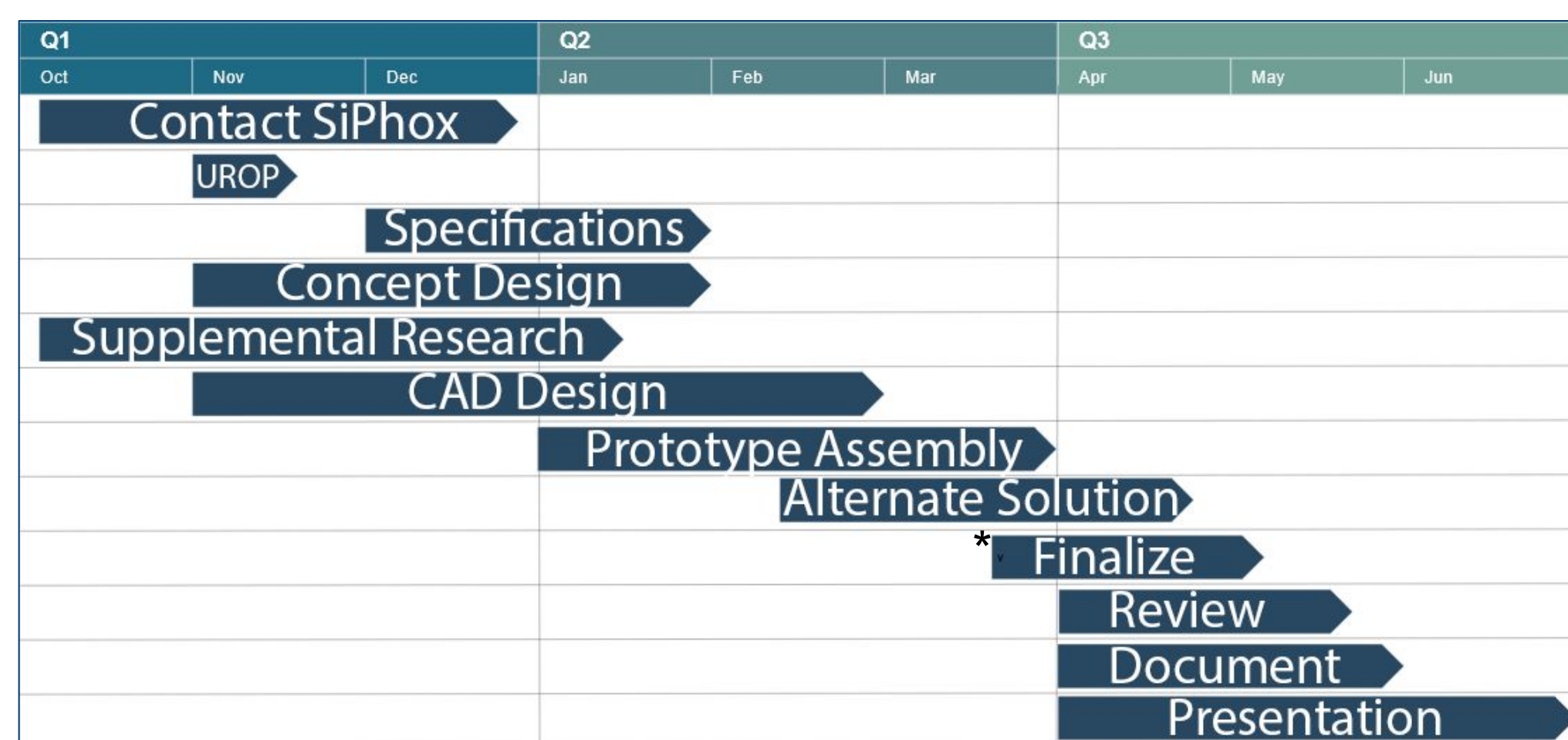
Regulations:

- FDA Class I** - Immunology and Microbiology Device
- IEC 60529** - Degrees of Protection Provided by Enclosures - Applies to our device because it contains electronics and involves the use of liquids such as organic solvents
- IEC 60601-1-6 & ISO 14971** - Risk Management of Medical Devices - Addresses the risks of device malfunction or using the device incorrectly
- ASTM C680** - Standard Practice for Estimating Heat Loss of Surface Temperatures - Recognizes the design for insulating the designated surface area, then using algorithms to adjust heat transfer to maintain the intended temperature



- Ingress Protection Rating IPX4** - Water resistance to 10psi streams
- Support Flexibility** - Allow for cyclic loadings without failure of support members
- Over-Power Protection (IEC)** - appropriately fuse the electronics in case of water damage
- Continuously Variable Temperature Control** - ability to autonomously monitor and adjust temperature to fit a time-temperature curve
- Complete Agitation Time and Rate** - analyze the time it takes for homogeneous mixing at giving motor RPM rates

Projected Timeline



*At this time, our team is set to proceed on the progress for our prototype in Quarter 3

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