

Second Generation Bicycle Charging Station Final Project Proposal

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Overview

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Recognizing the Need

- Demonstrate the importance of renewable energy sources
- Provide students of all levels with a way to understand and compare the amount of energy required to power and charge electronic devices with the amount of energy produced by pedaling a bicycle

Recognizing the Need

Several issues exist with 1st Generation station:

- Not compatible with all major cell phones/AC Charging
- Cannot readily be transported to different locations
- Current display system is not user friendly and does not display adequate information
- User comfort and adjustability
- No consideration towards varying power inputs (gearing and resistance)

Constraints

- Charging station must be able to be moved easily around campus to be used in various buildings and at different events
- Power generation information will be displayed both as numerical information and graphically
- Station must incorporate various phone chargers and 3-prong AC outlet
- Charging station must be built within the budget of \$1,600 provided by Green Fund

Concept Generation

Design Concepts:

- Adjustability
- Portability
- Gearing configuration

Design Option	Assembly Time (sec)	Weight (lb)	Range of Adjustability (inches)	Cost (\$)	RPM	Maintenance (hours)	Total
Assembly Time (sec)	-	0	0	1	0	0	1
Weight (lb)	1	-	0	1	0	1	3
Range of Adjustability (inches)	1	1	-	1	0	1	4
Cost (\$)	0	0	0	-	0	1	1
RPM	1	1	1	1	-	1	5
Maintenance (hours)	1	0	0	0	0	-	1

Decision Matrix

Scale: 1-unfavorable 5-favorable	Assembly time (sec)	Weight (lb)	Range of Adjustability (inches)	Cost (\$)	RPM	Maintenance (hours)	Total
Collapsible	5	2	1	1	1	2	23
Rear Wheel Stand	5	2	1	3	1	2	25
Upright Frame	5	1	5	4	3	1	48
Recumbent Frame	2	2	5	2	1	2	37
Geared	1	1	3	4	5	3	48
Single Speed	1	1	2	1	5	1	39
Battery	1	1	1	4	1	1	18
Capacitor	1	4	1	4	1	1	27
Relative Weight	1	3	4	1	5	1	

User Adjustability

- **Upright configuration**
 - Readily Available
 - Seat Adjustability to 12 inches
 - Lower cost



Portability

- **Rotating wheel stand**
 - Rotates around to top of wheels for ease of travel
 - Bicycle can be ridden to new location



Gearing

- **Geared Bicycle**
 - More expensive
 - Maintain high RPM comfortably



Engineering Analysis

- **Gearing**
 - Load Analysis - rpm
- **Structural Analysis**
 - Frame
 - Stand

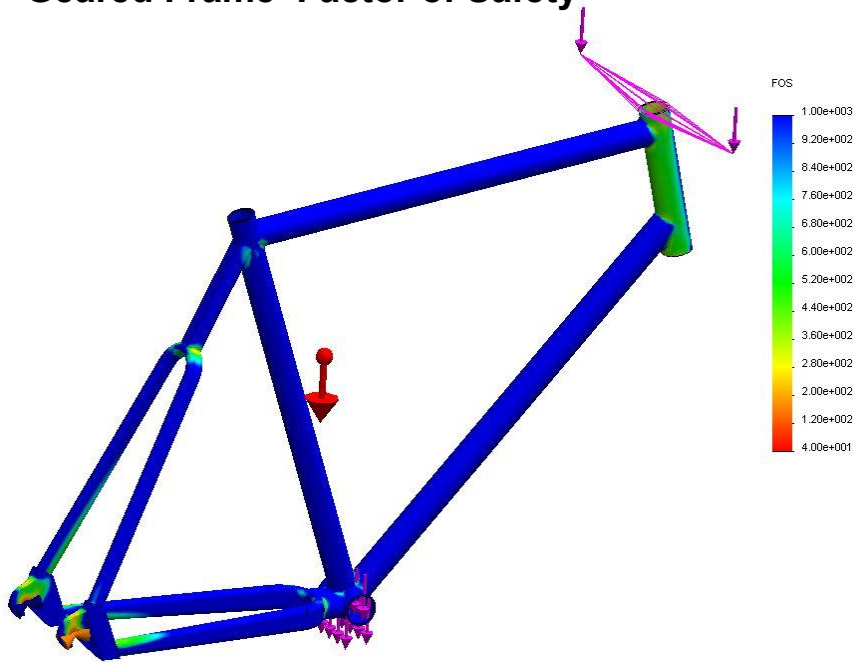


RPM Analysis

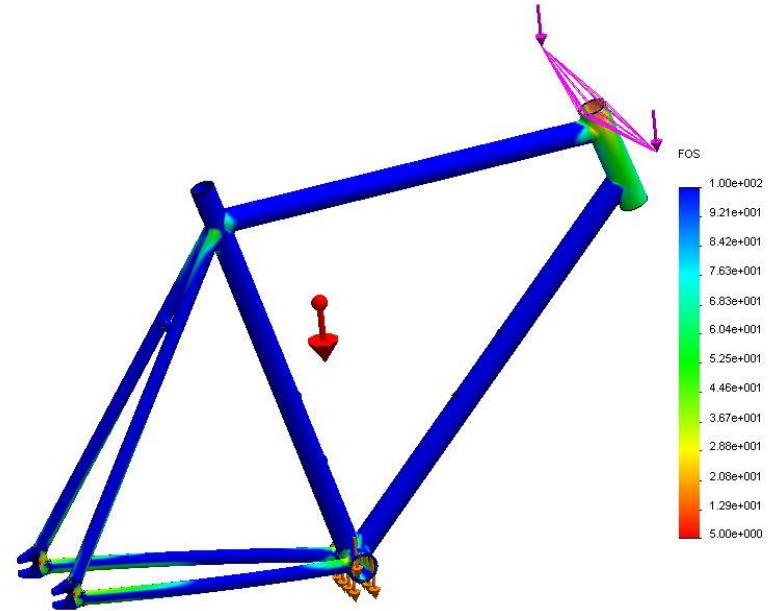
	User Input (RPM) [Average]	Front Gear (teeth)	Rear Gears (teeth)	Rear Tire Diameter (in.)	Generator Shaft Diameter (in.)	Expected Range (RPM) [Average]
3-Gear	40-132 [68]	42	16-32	26.6	3	1536-3072 [1653]

Frame Analysis

Geared Frame Factor of Safety

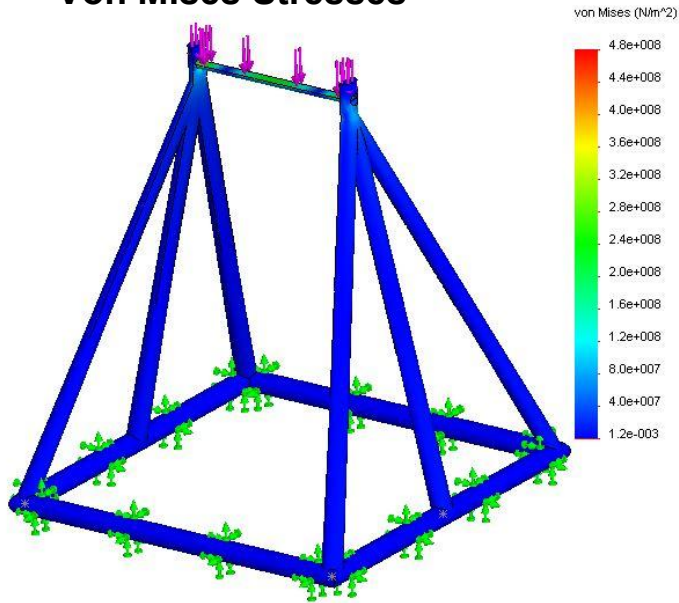


Single Speed Frame Factor of Safety

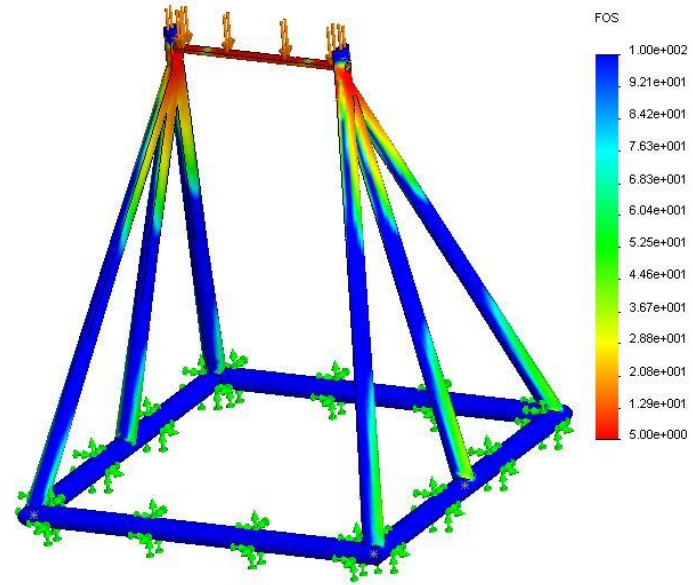


Stand Analysis

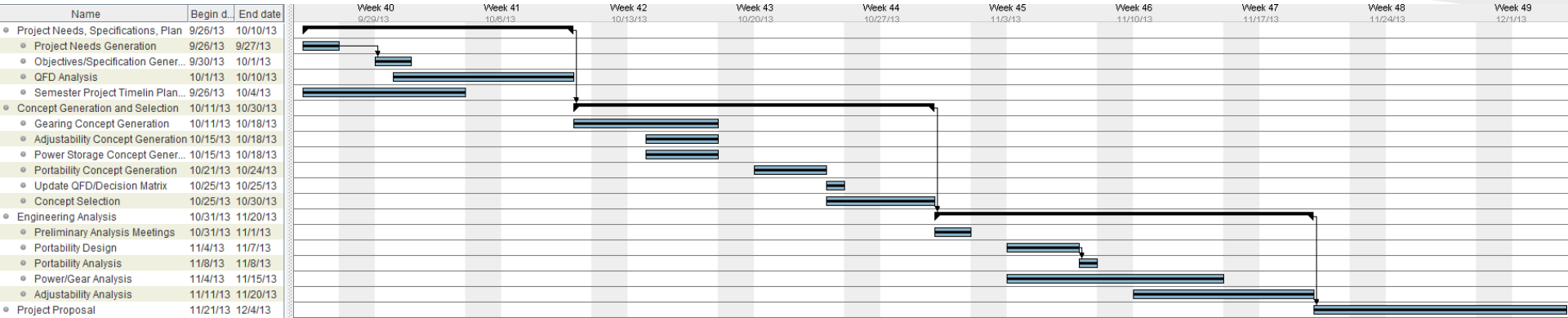
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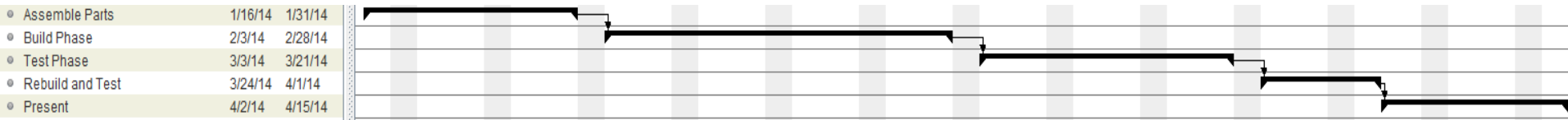
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Project Timeline Fall 2013



Project Timeline Spring 2014



Budget

Bicycle: **\$0-\$200**

Handlebars: **\$50**

Stands- Materials and
Labor: **\$350**

Gear cassette/derailleur: **\$50**

Seatpost clamp: **\$25**

Tools to be included: **\$10**

Fasteners: **\$15**

Total: \$700

Conclusions

- Mechanical priorities for 2nd generation station are adjustability, versatility, portability, and efficiency.
- Additional areas for improvement include user adjustability and power output.
- Bicycle will be an upright frame that will utilize gears for user adjustability. Power storage will consist of capacitors to release energy created by generator attached to wheel.

Conclusions

- Rear-wheel stand will allow user to ride bicycle freely for transportation and provide stationary stand for use and demonstration purposes.
- Interactive display will include power generation over lifetime of bicycle that will be displayed numerically and graphically.
- Our budget totals \$700 from the \$1600 to be split with the electrical team. Donations will lower our expenditures further.

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