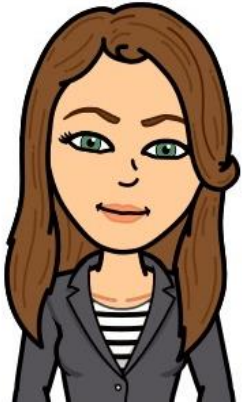


## Temperature Sensitive Medication Storage During Natural Disaster

# Team Introductions



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Engineer



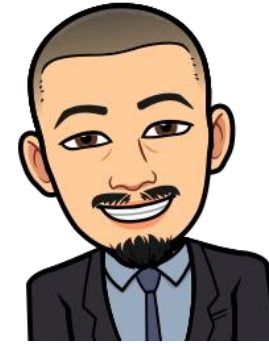
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Project Manager &  
Research Engineer



**Nick Georgevich**  
Design Engineer



**Keon Glass**  
Entrepreneurial  
Leader & Research  
Engineer



**Diego Mendoza**  
Electrical Engineer



**Andrew Sayers**  
Quality Control  
Engineer

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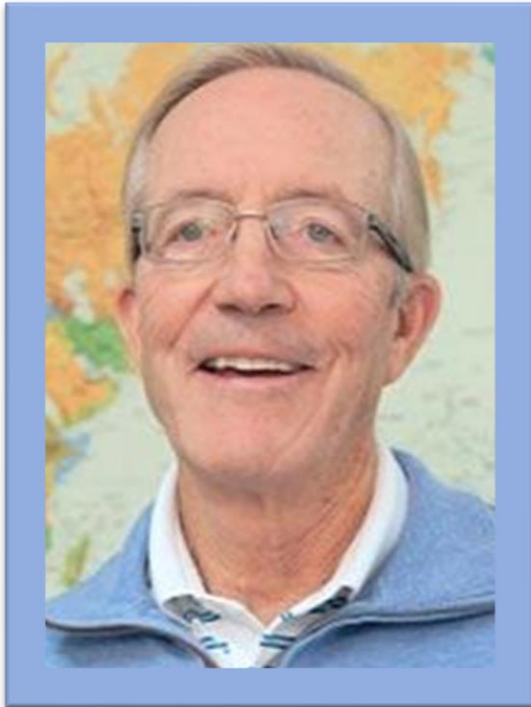
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# Sponsors



## Dr. Michael Devine

- Entrepreneur in Residence and an Adjunct Professor at FAMU-FSU College of Engineering
- Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering (Operations Research)



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# Advisor



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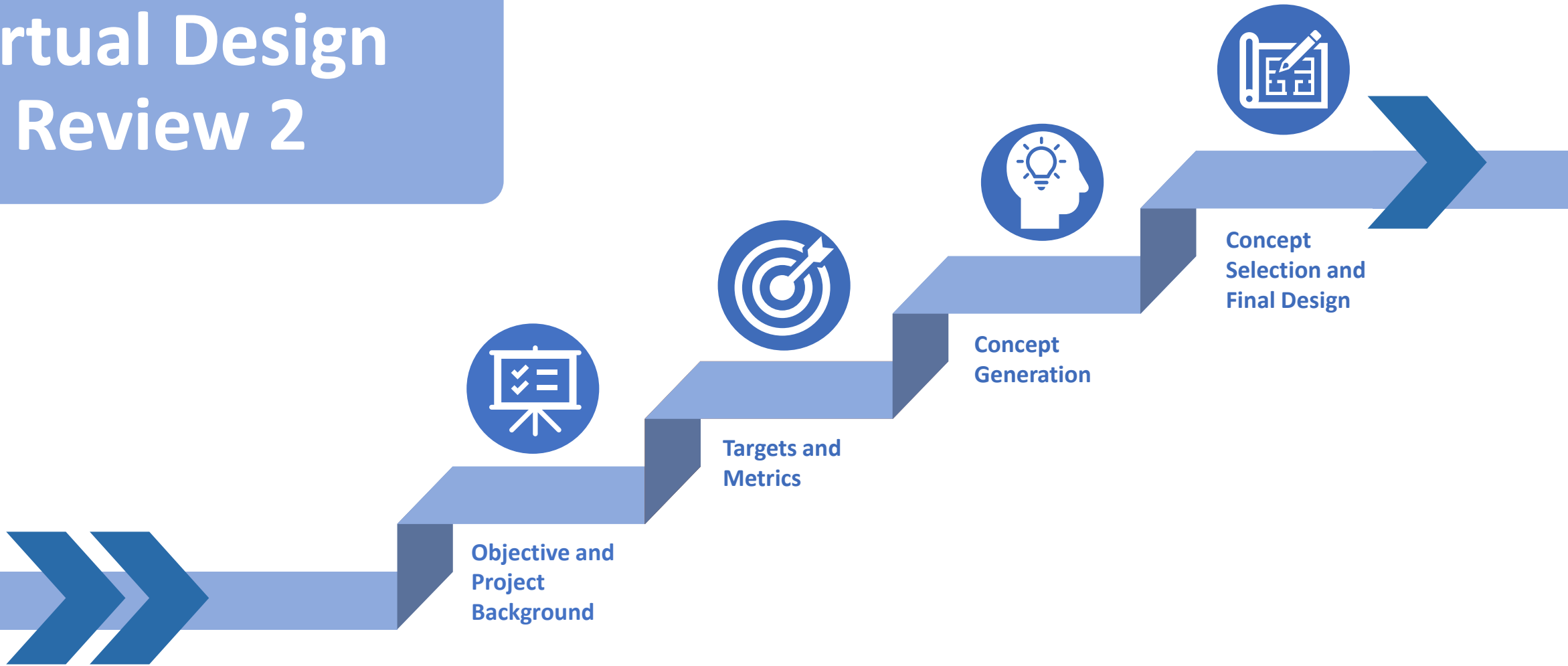
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# Virtual Design Review 2



# Objective



The objective of the project is to develop a device that stores and maintains the quality of temperature sensitive medication in the event of a natural disaster that causes mass power outages

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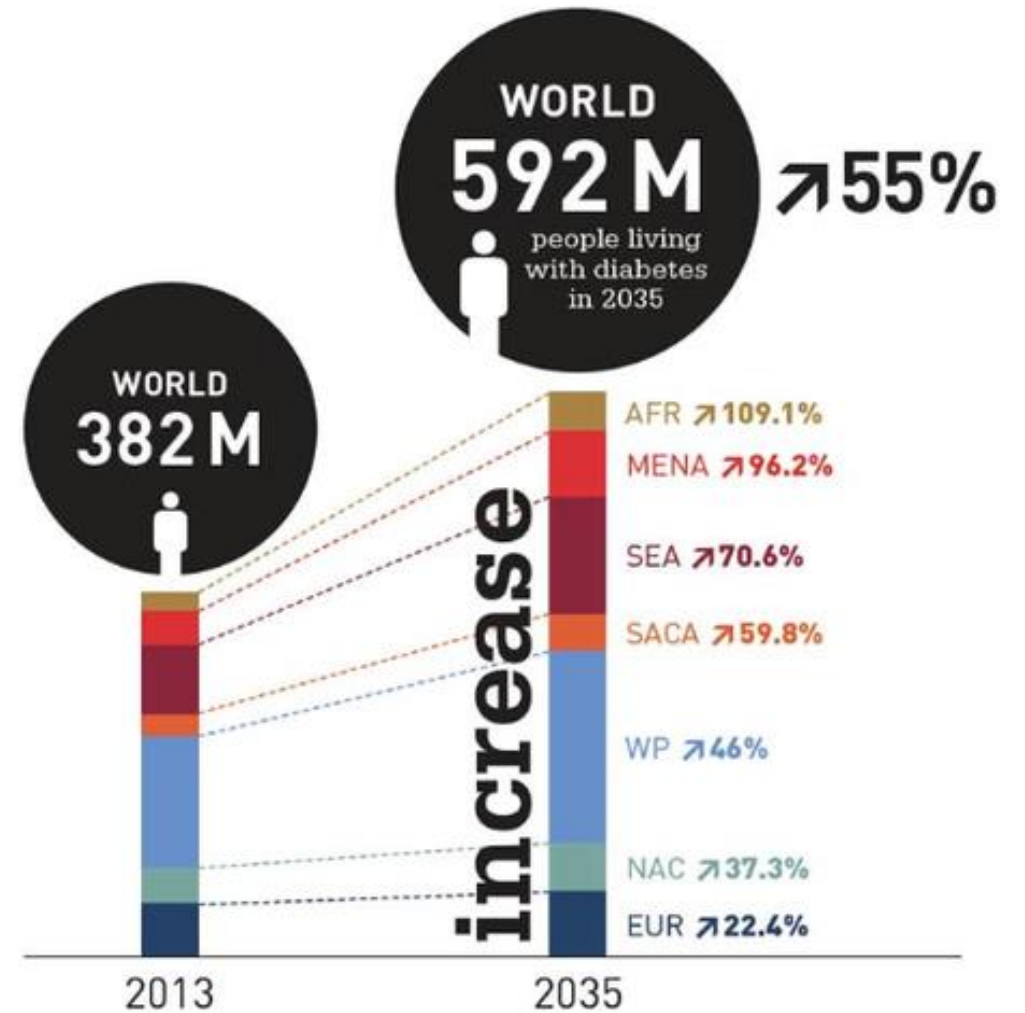
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# Background

- Diabetes has been a continuous top 10 leading cause of death globally
- Insulin requires refrigeration at temperatures between 2°C and 8°C (35°F and 46°F)



[https://www.huffpost.com/entry/diabetes-stats\\_b\\_4273505](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/diabetes-stats_b_4273505)

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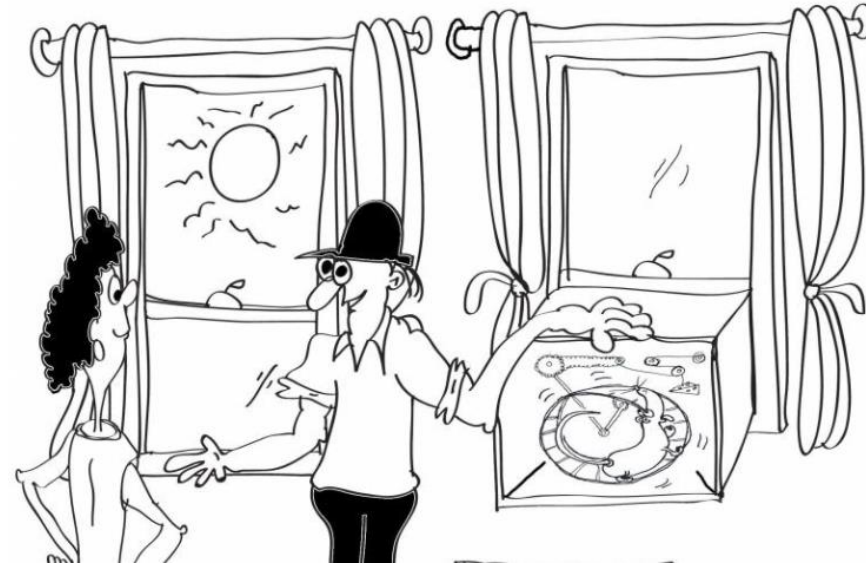
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# Motivation

- Hurricanes cause power outages that can last for weeks on end
- Preventable diabetes-related deaths skyrocket
- Individuals with diabetes need access to a reliable way to preserve their medication



"... AND POWER SURGES AND OUTAGES  
DON'T AFFECT THIS BABY ONE BIT."

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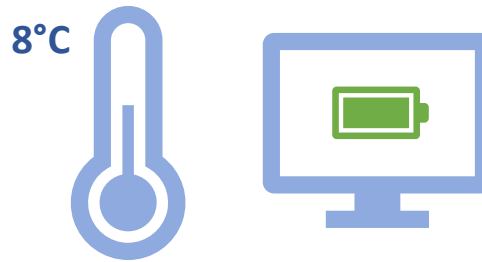


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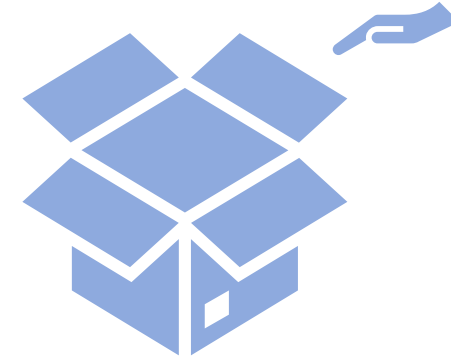
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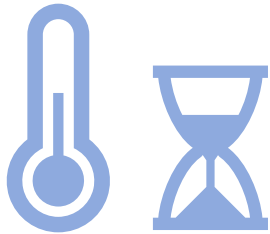
- Display Status



- Operate Device



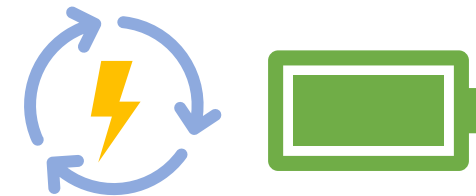
- Maintain Temperature



- Preserve Contents



- Store Power



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# Targets and Metrics

Determined from:

- Functional Decomposition
- Researching Industry Standards
- Consulting with Previous Team Members
- Customer Interviews



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# Targets and Metrics: Critical Targets



Store Medication



Sense Temperature



Secure Contents



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# Targets and Metrics: Critical Targets

Store Medication



## TARGET

Accommodate a 30-day supply of insulin



Attain an internal volume between 1,000 cm<sup>3</sup> to 5,000 cm<sup>3</sup>



Access medication within 2 seconds



## METRIC

Successfully fit 3 insulin pens or vials

Measure dimensions and calculate volume

Test with stopwatch

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# Targets and Metrics: Critical Targets

## Sense Temperature



### TARGET

Read current temperature and detect when medication is outside the 2°C to 8°C range

Maintain appropriate temperature for 14 days



### METRIC

Read temperature using thermocouple

Conduct 14-day test using grid power to isolate the temperature system

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# Targets and Metrics: Critical Targets

## Secure Contents

### TARGET

Protect the physical integrity of the medication (0 broken vials/pens)

Durability enough to withstand mild impact (27 N)



### METRIC

Ensure all vials and pens are intact throughout testing

Simulate impact resistance with a drop test from typical conditions

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# Targets and Metrics: Critical Targets

Store Power 

## TARGET

Operate system on no more than 12 V, 6 A, 60W



Maintain power delivery for 14 days



## METRIC

Test values with a multimeter

Run device for 14 days with only attached power source

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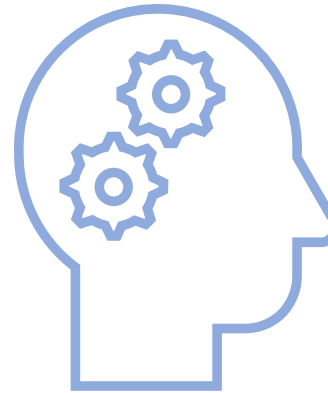


# Methods of Concept Generation

Morphological Chart

Biomimicry

Crap Shoot



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# General Concept

- Hard-plastic cooler
- Battery powered
  - Solar panel charging
  - Mounted on the outside of the cooler
- Added Insulation
- Main differences are cooling systems



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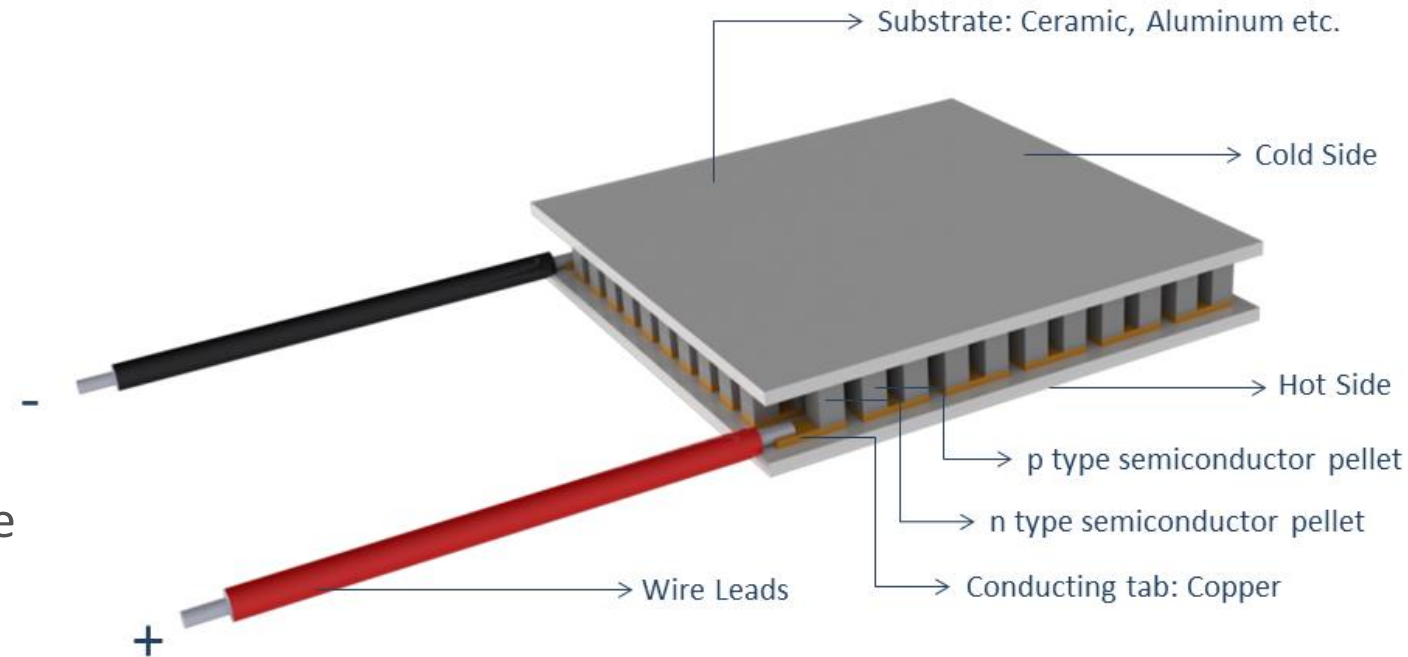
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# Concept #1

## Bottom-Mounted Conductive TEC System

- TEC – Thermo-Electric Cooler
- Utilizes Peltier plate
- Medicine is pressed against cold-plate to maintain surface contact



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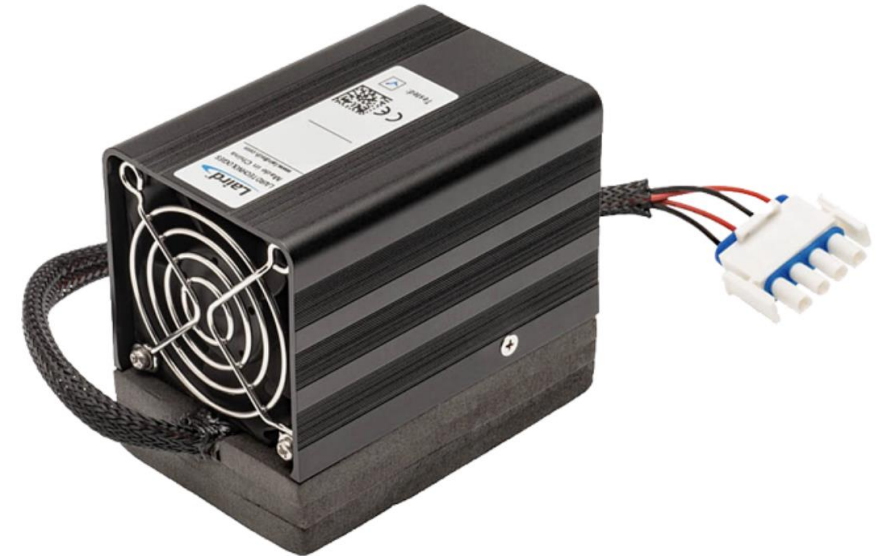
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# Concept #2

## Conductive Tunnel System

- Heat exchanger utilizes cross flow ventilation and Peltier plate for cooling
  - Designed to cool an aluminum plate via conduction



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# Concept #3

## Liquid Heat Exchanger System

- Utilizes liquid to carry heat away and blows cold air into the system
- Maintain fluid



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# Concept #4

## Convective Fan TEC System

Utilizes convective cooling means with a fan + heatsink on both sides of Peltier plate



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# Concept #5

## Alternating Liquid Compressor and TEC system

- Liquid compressor cooler
  - Used only when there's a reliable power source
- Peltier cooling system



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# Concept #6

## Aluminum Mesh Conductive TEC System

Cold plate adapter with thin pieces of aluminum mesh to increase contact area



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# Concept #7

## Side-Mounted Conductive TEC System

- Mounted to the side of the cooler
- Medication is secured to cold plate using elastic bands



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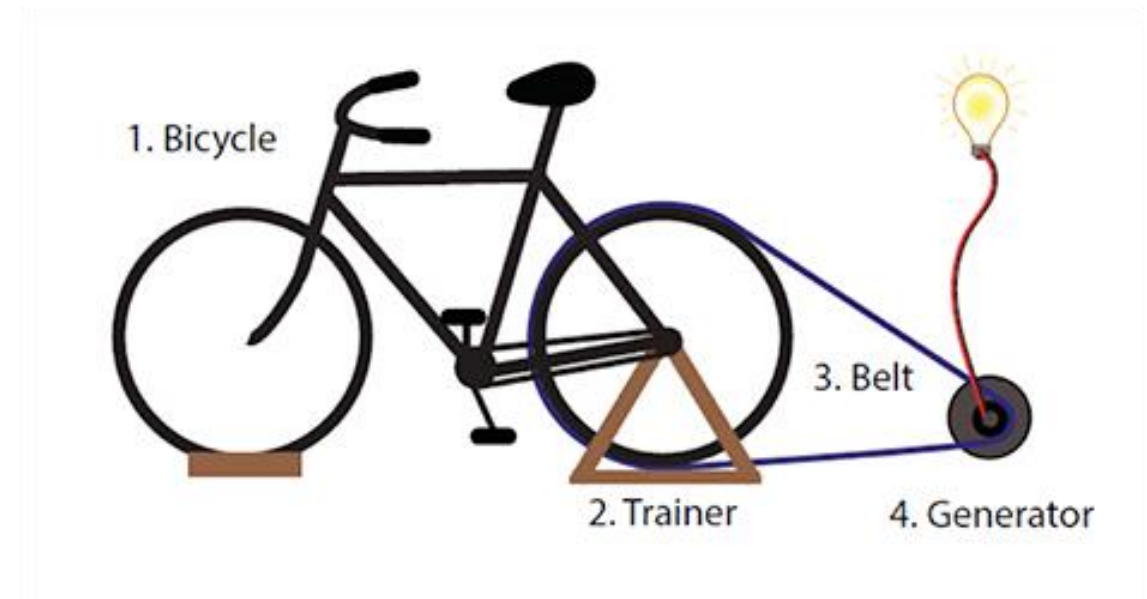
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# Concept #8

## Mechanically Powered TEC System

- Use of a conductive Peltier module
- Mechanical generator charges battery



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# Concept Selection

## Selection Tools Utilized

- Binary Pairwise Comparison
- House of Quality
- Pugh Chart
- Analytical Hierarchy Process (AHP)



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# Binary Pairwise Comparison

- Compares the customer needs to establish which are the most important
- Used in weighing the customer needs for HOQ

Customer Requirements			
Top Level (4-6)	Store Power	Securing Medication	Appropriate Temp for Extended Time
Mid-Level (1-3)	Ease of Operation		Display Status
Low Level (0)	Portable		

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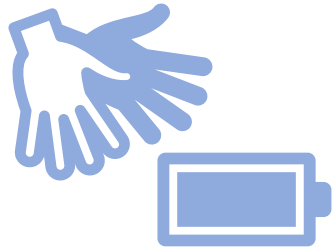
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# House of Quality



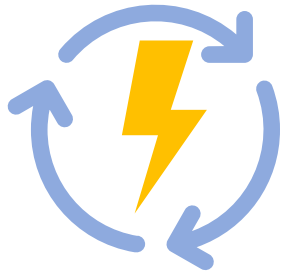
Access Power Supply



Activate Cooling



Access Contents



Regulate Power



Insulate Compartments



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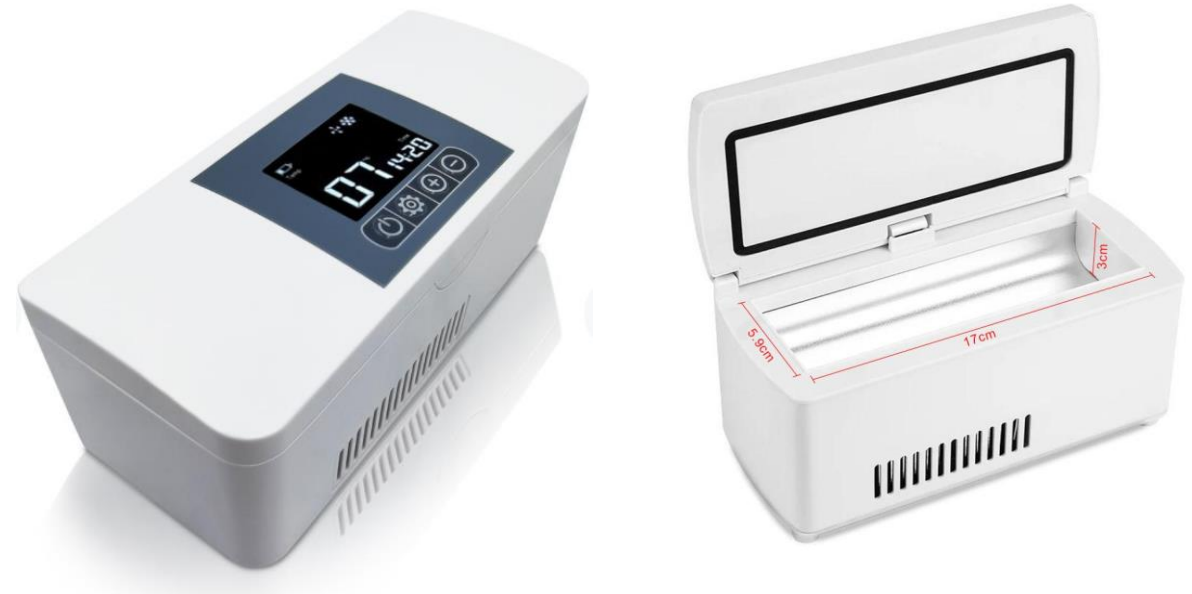
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# Pugh Chart - Competitor

## HomeCare Portable Medicine Refrigerator

- Meant for one insulin pen
- Plugged directly into a wall
- Cooled by convection
- LCD screen and buttons to adjust the temperature of the device



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# Pugh Chart

- Concept 1: Conductive TEC mounted to the bottom
- Concept 2: Conductive Tunnel Heat Exchanger
- Concept 6: Convective TEC
- Concept 7: Conductive TEC mounted to the side

Selection Criteria	HomeCare Portable Medicine Refrigerator	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
# of pluses		4	4	3	3	3	4	4	3
# of minuses		1	2	1	2	2	1	1	3
# of S		1	0	2	1	1	1	1	0

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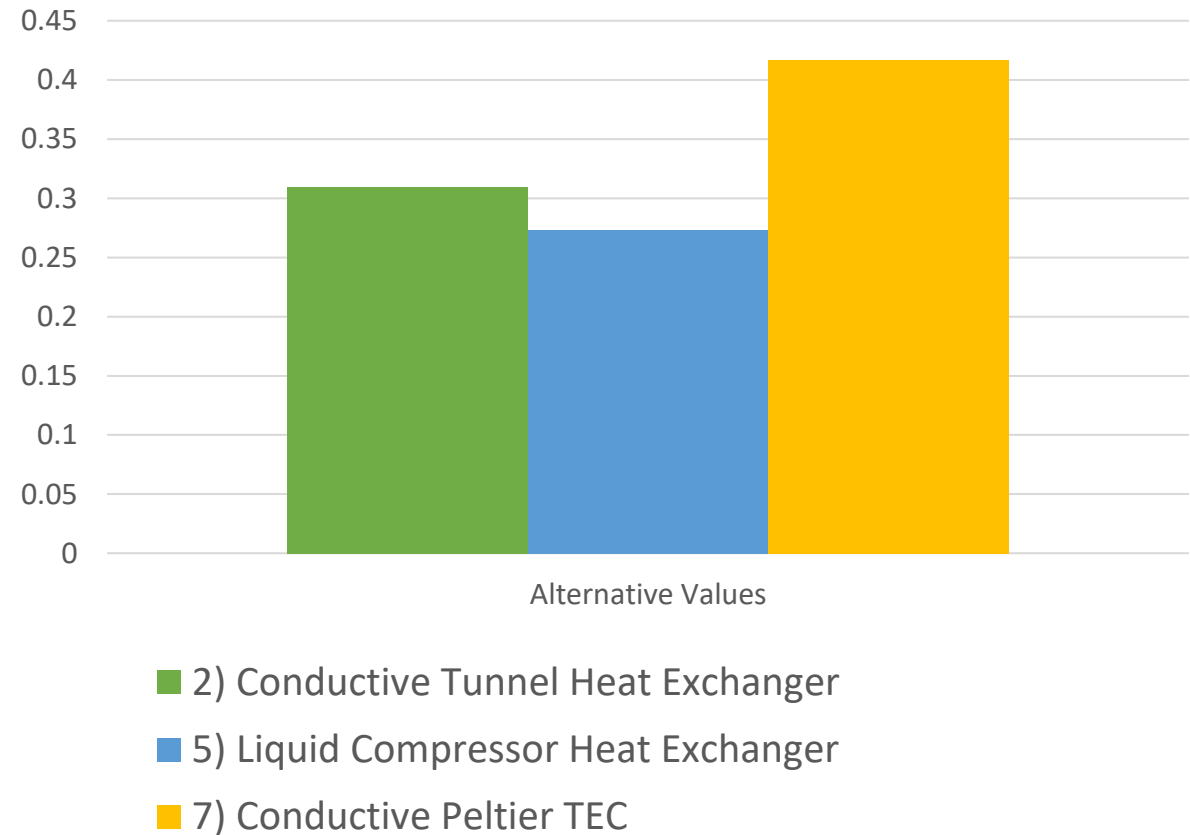
# Pugh Chart

- Concepts 1 and 7 tied
- Both are Peltier TEC
- Only difference is mounted to side vs. mounted to bottom

Selection Criteria	Concept 2	1	6	7
# of pluses		3	3	3
# of minuses		0	1	0
# of S		3	2	3

# Analytical Hierarchy Process

- Compare concepts 2, 5, and 7
- Establish numerical weights for our top engineering characteristics
- Concept 7: Conductive Peltier TEC mounted to the side was the winner

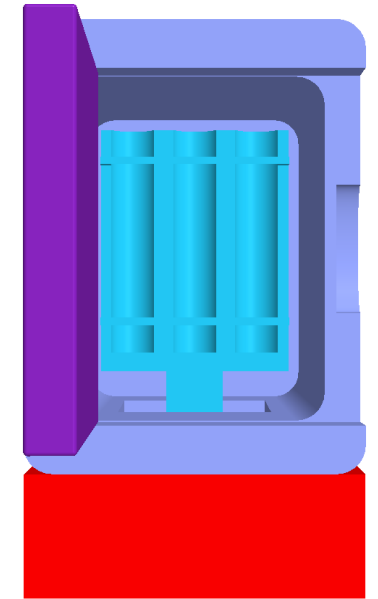
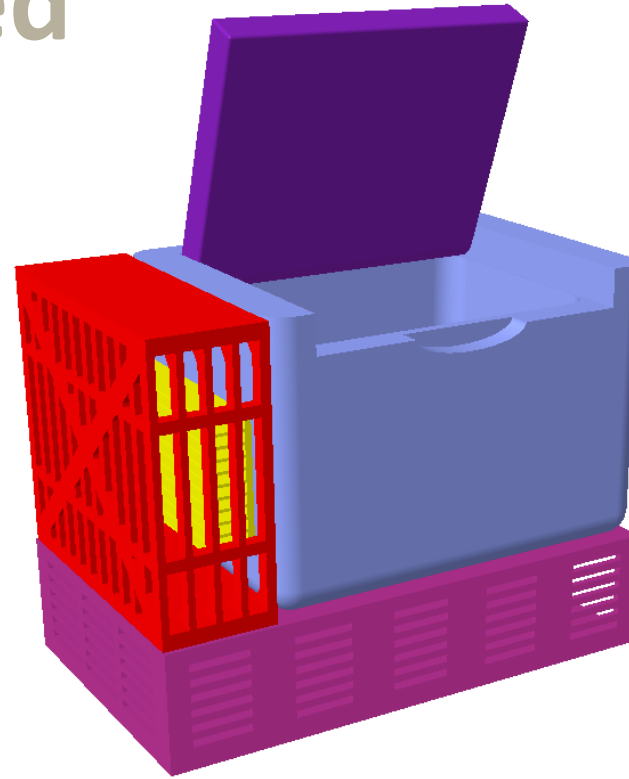




# Final Concept Selected

## Side-Mounted Conductive TEC System

- Powered by battery and solar panel
- Temperature control switch
- Grooved cold plate + adapter
- Strap over cooling plate to hold contents



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# Final Concept Selected

1 Protective Fan Ventilation Gate

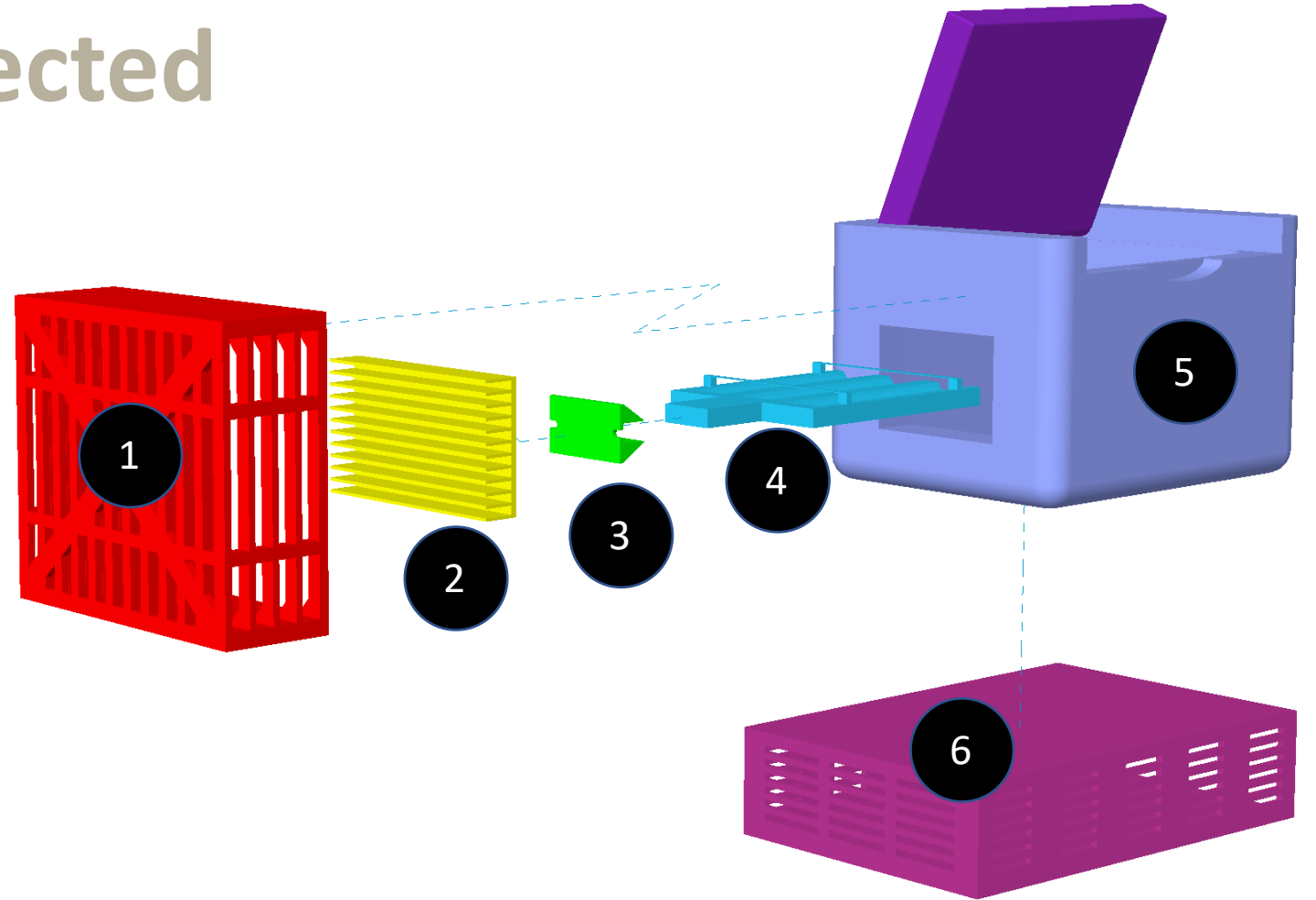
2 Thermoelectric Cooling Module with Peltier Plate

3 Cold Plate Adapter

4 Grooved Cold Plate with Elastic Bands

5 Cooler w/ Added Insulation and Seals

6 Battery Compartment



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2020 FALL

