

## Temperature Sensitive Medication Storage During Natural Disaster

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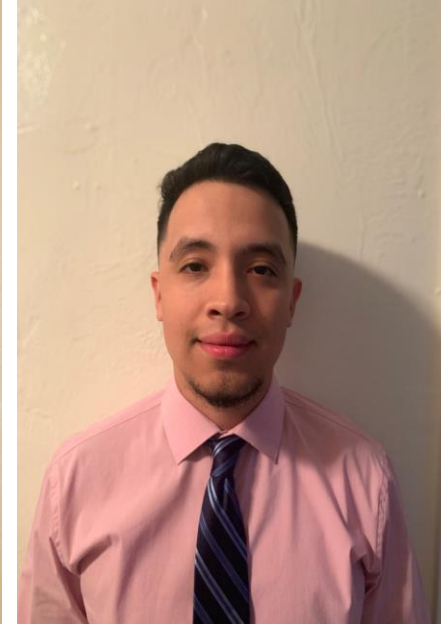
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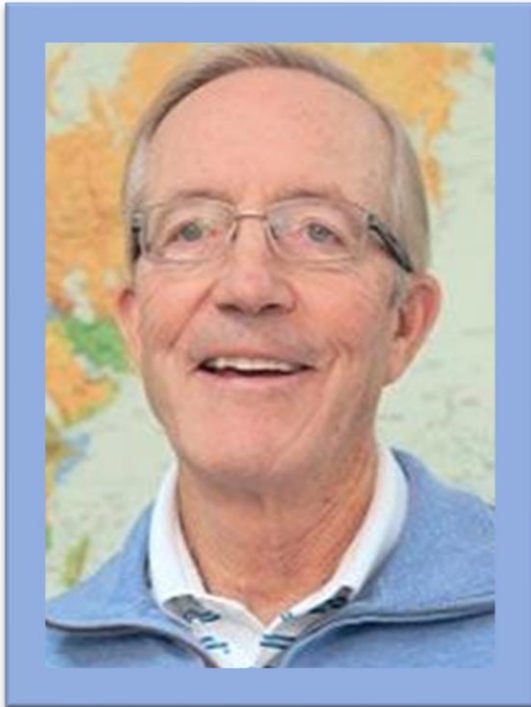


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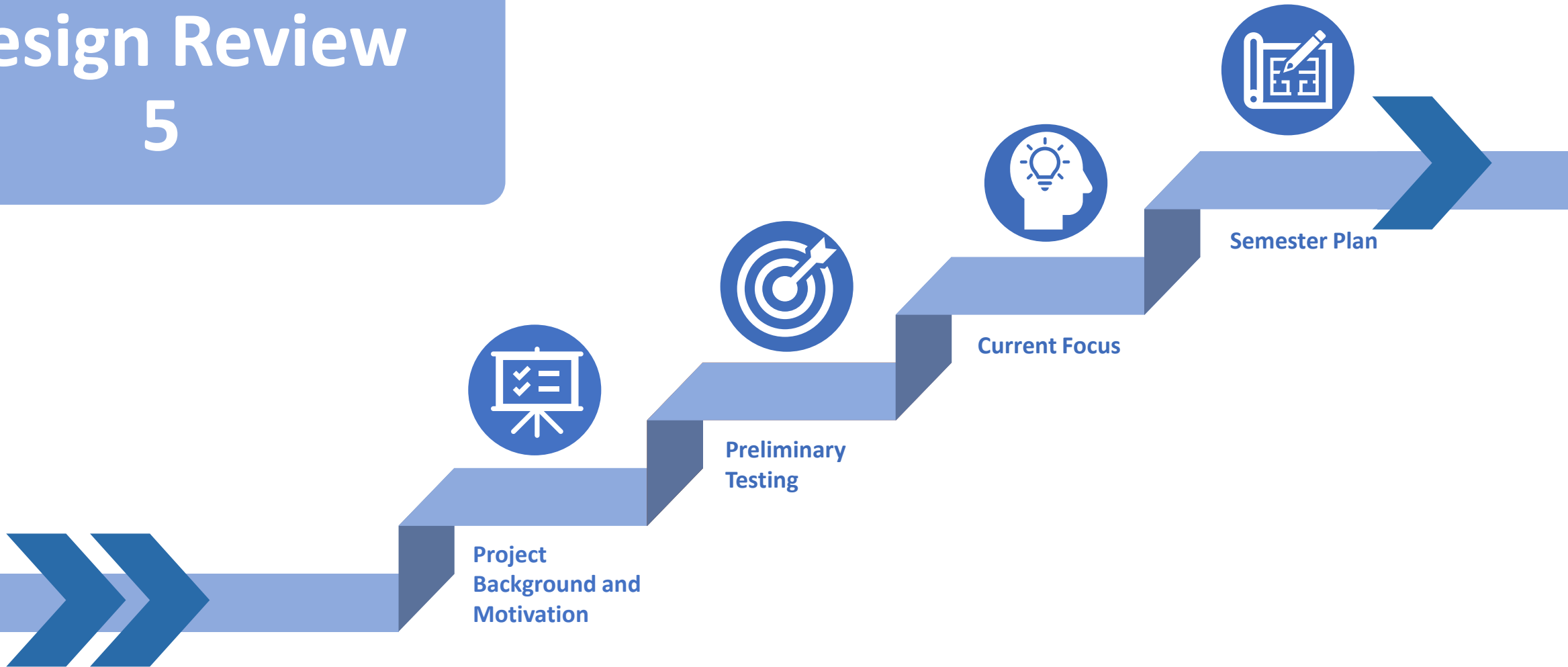


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# Design Review

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# Objective



Our objective 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

# Background and Motivation



During large scale natural disasters, diabetes related deaths skyrocket



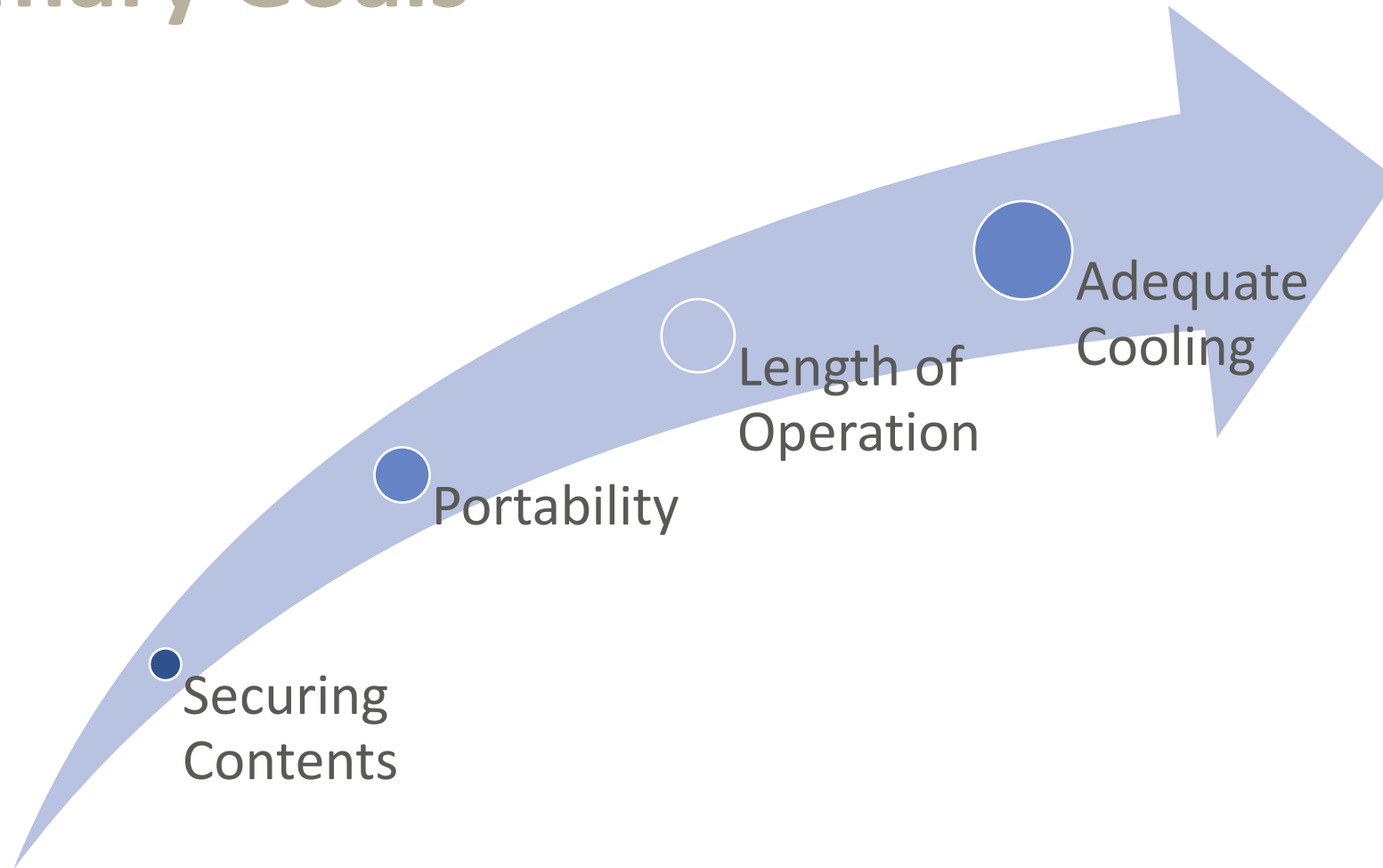
One University of South Florida study suggests increase of elderly diabetes related deaths up to 40% <sup>[1]</sup>



Insulin requires temperatures between 2°C and 8°C (35°F and 46°F)

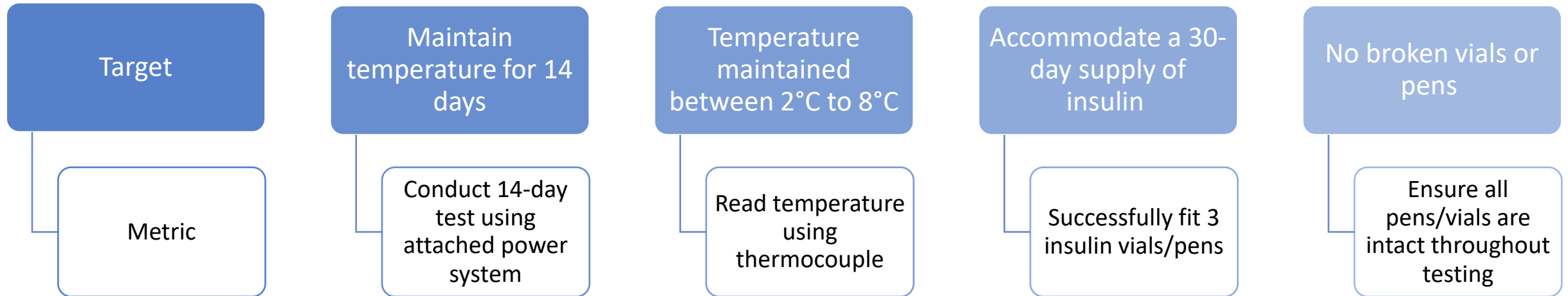
[1] Quast, T., et al. (2019). Long-Term Effects of Disasters on Seniors With Diabetes: Evidence From Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

# Primary Goals

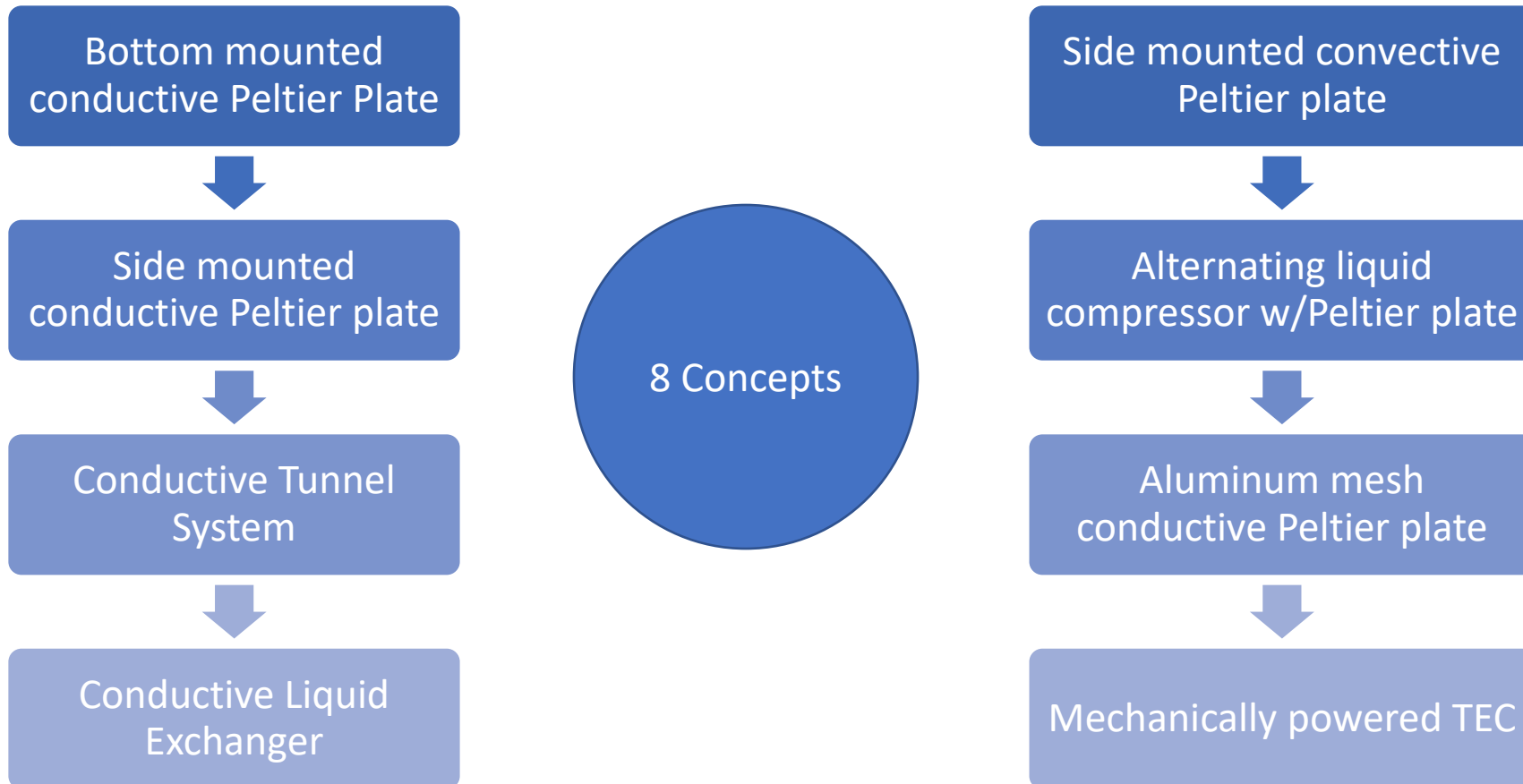




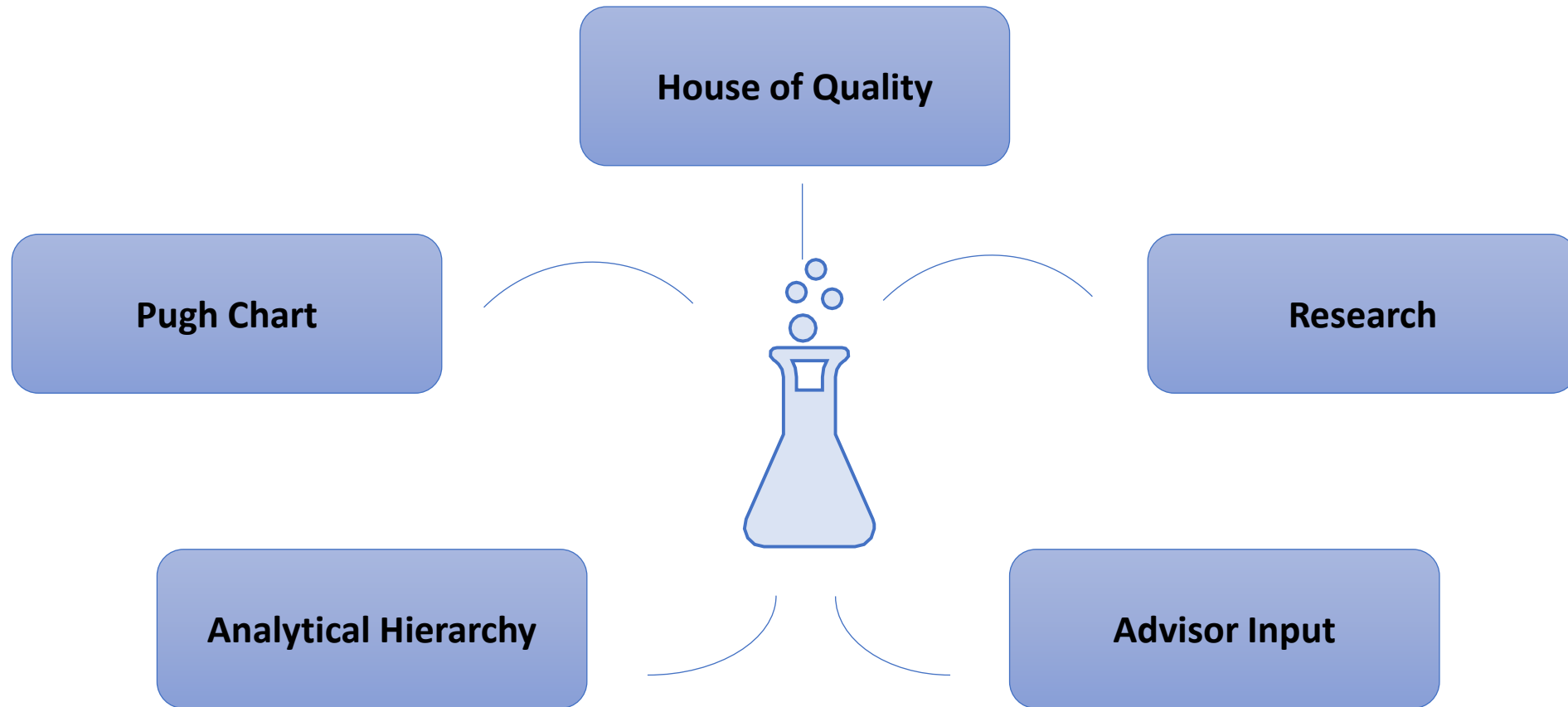
# Targets & Metrics



# Concept Generation



# Concept Selection



# Final Concept Selected

1 Protective Fan Ventilation Gate

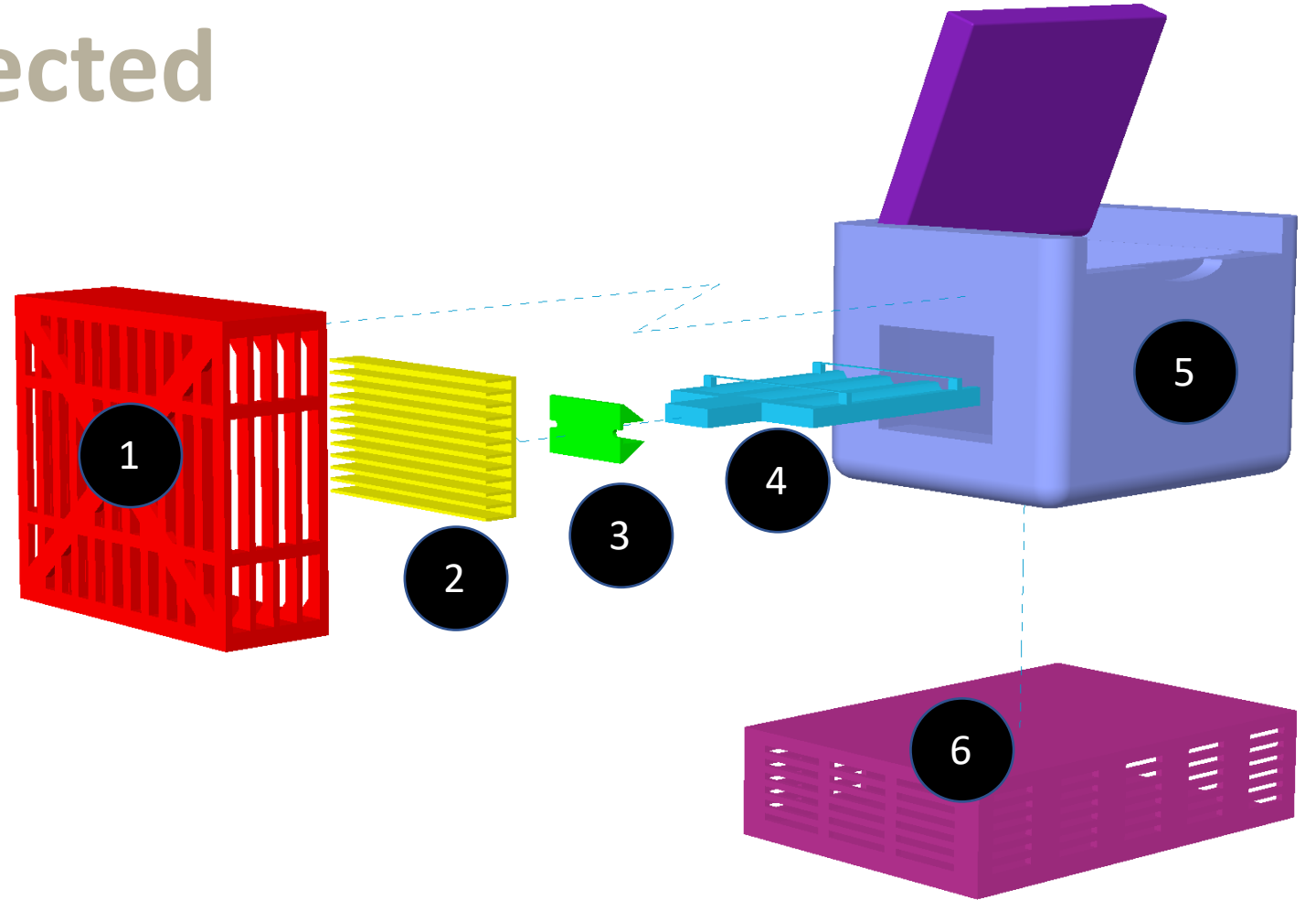
2 Thermoelectric Cooling Module with Peltier Plate

3 Cold Plate Adapter

4 Grooved Cold Plate with Elastic Bands

5 Cooler w/ Added Insulation and Seals

6 Battery Compartment



# Steps to Concept Validation



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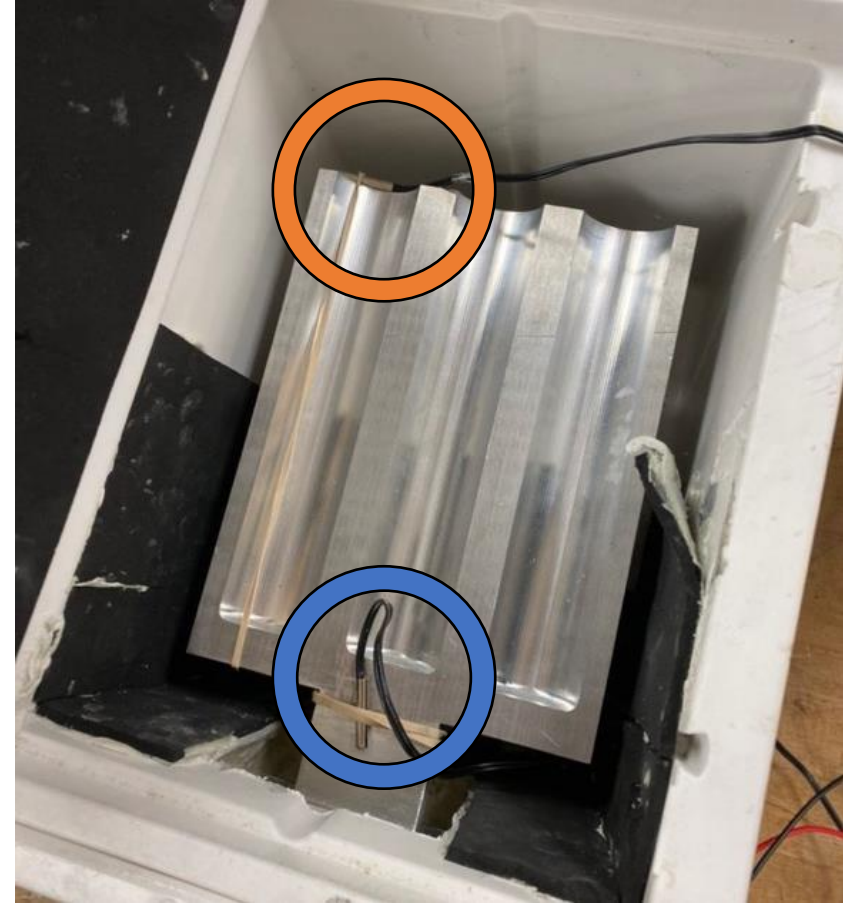
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Keeping temperature within range for 14 days



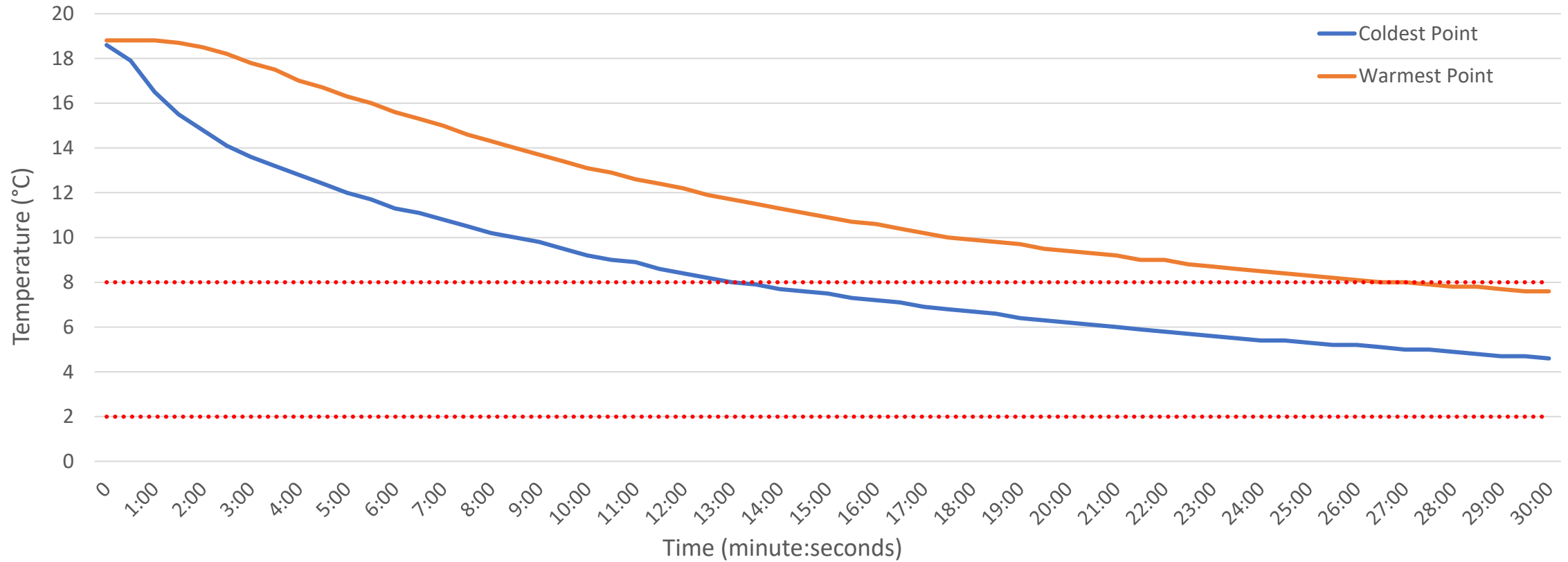
# Temperature Gradient Test

- Better understand the difference in temperature across the plate
- Took temperature readings closest and furthest from TEC
- Test ran for 30 minutes



# Temperature Gradient Test

## Temperature vs. Time



# Temperature Gradient Test

- Results:
  - Temperature difference was 4°C at its worst and 3°C at its best without insulation
  - Temperature difference is acceptable to keep medicine within 2°C and 8°C
  - Cold plate was fully in range after about 27 minutes
  - Additional TEC will not be needed

# Parts Ordered



PERSONAL  
COOLER



FLEX SEAL



SPRAY FOAM  
INSULATION

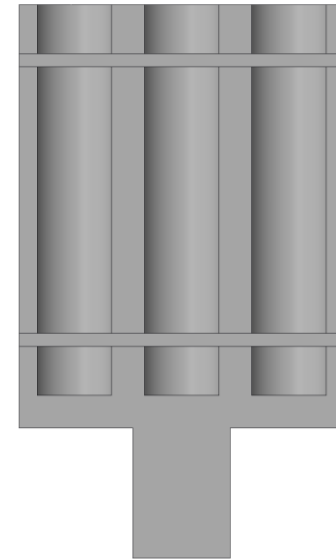
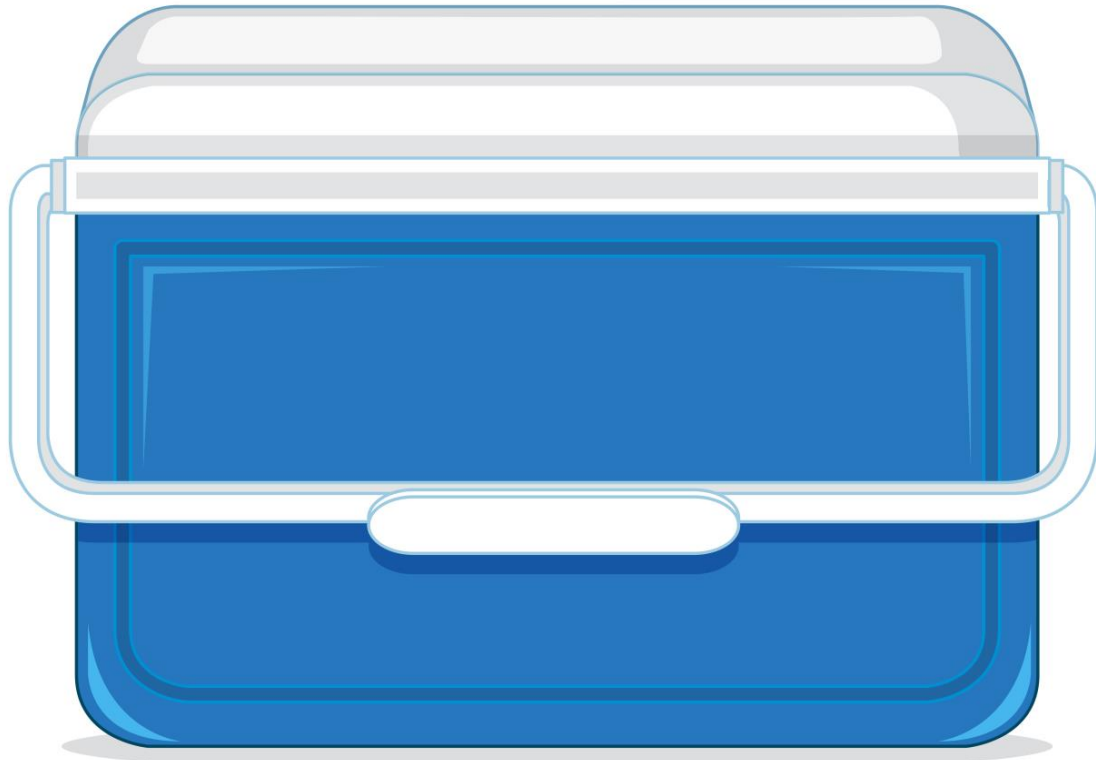


HEAT  
TRANSFER  
PASTE

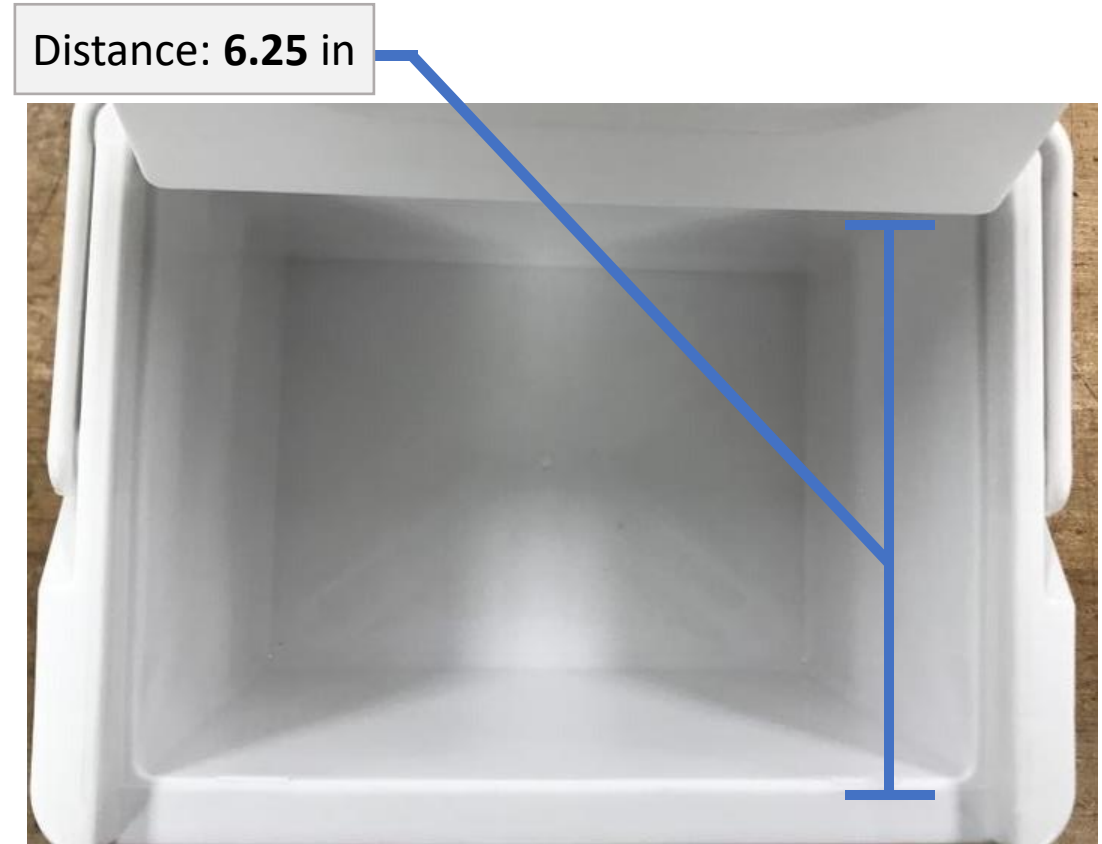
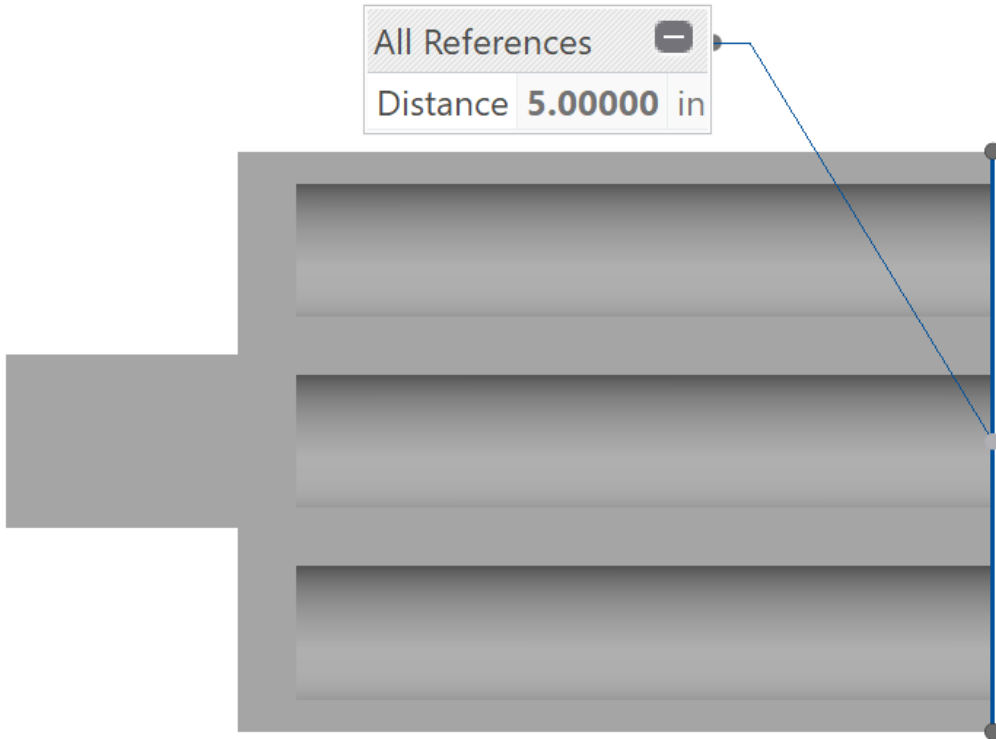


WOOL  
INSULATION

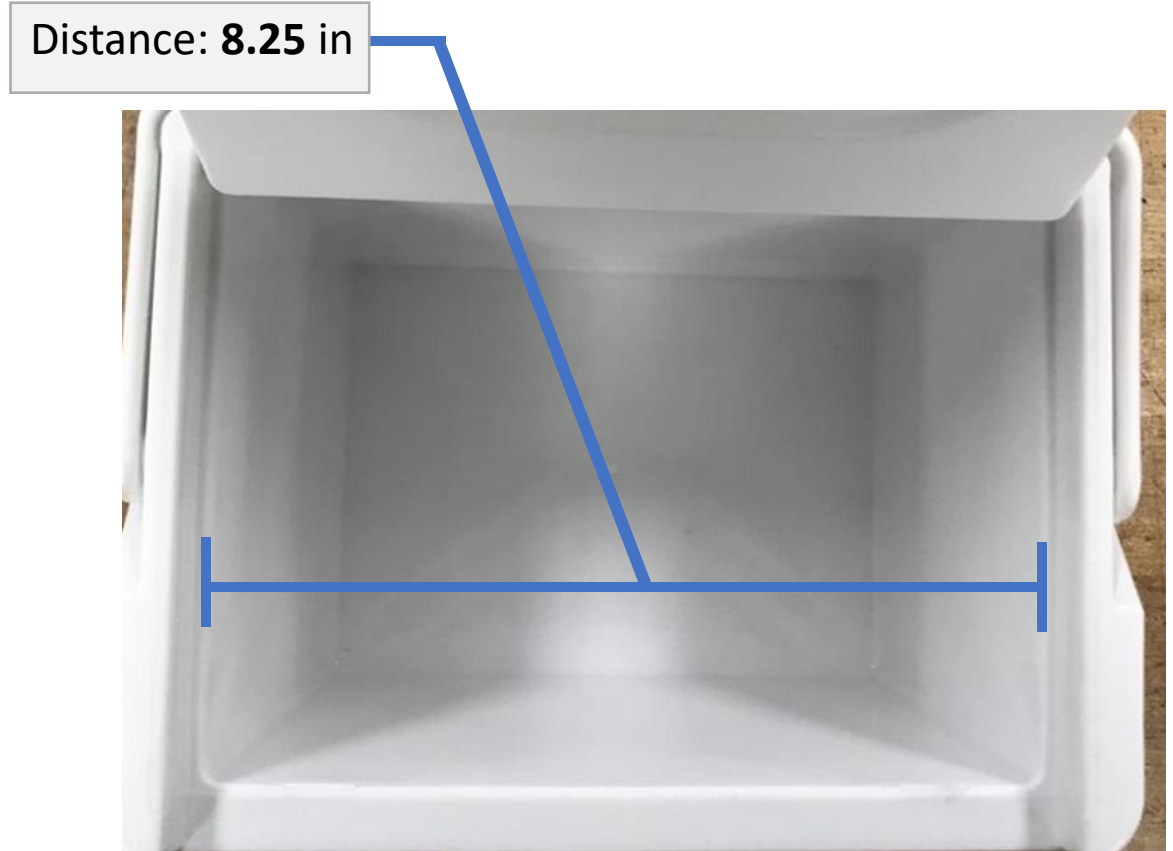
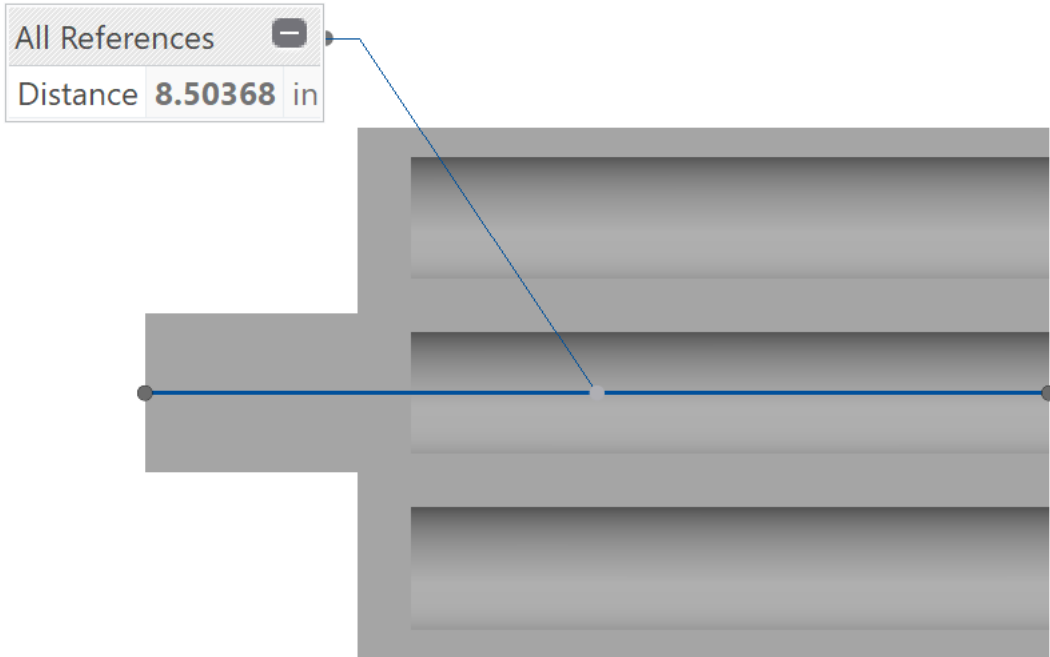
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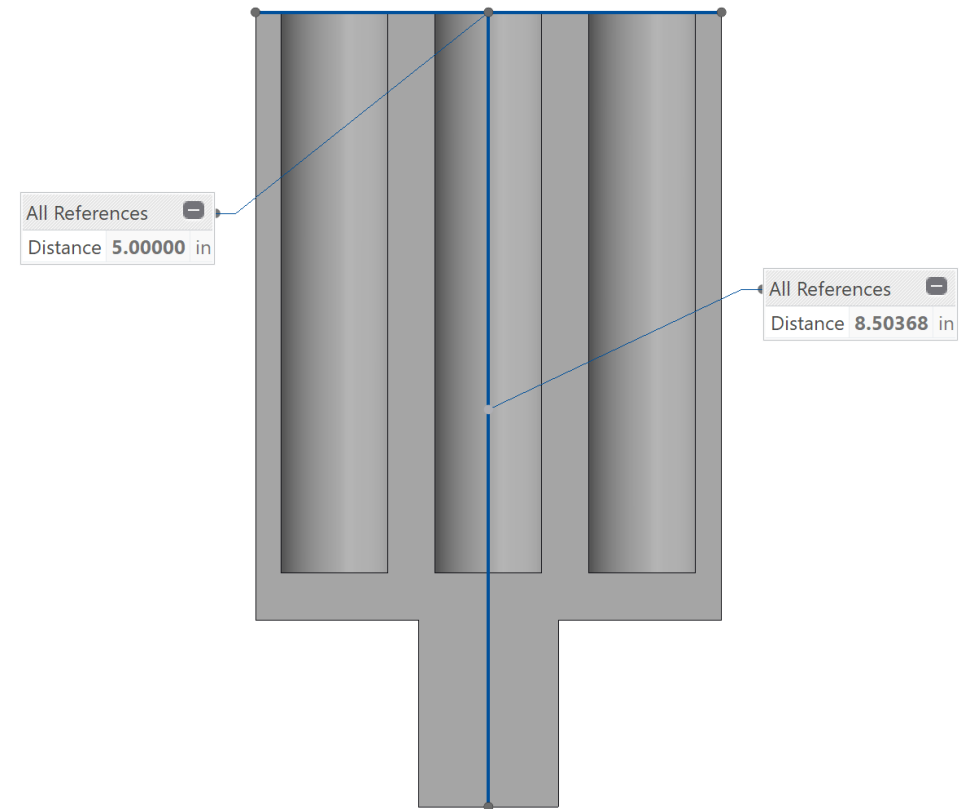
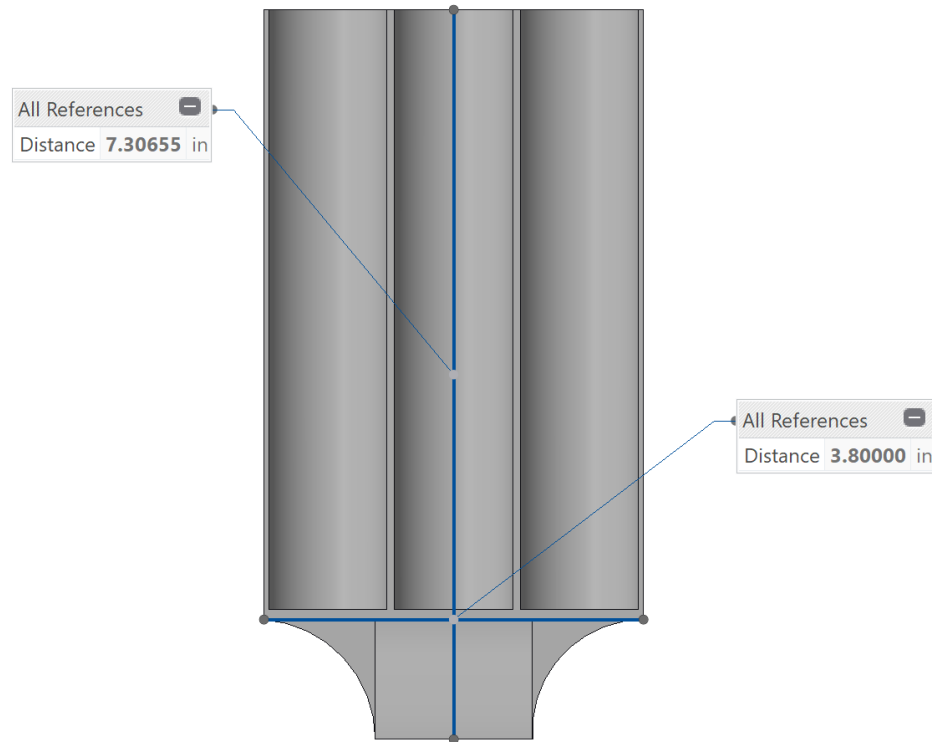
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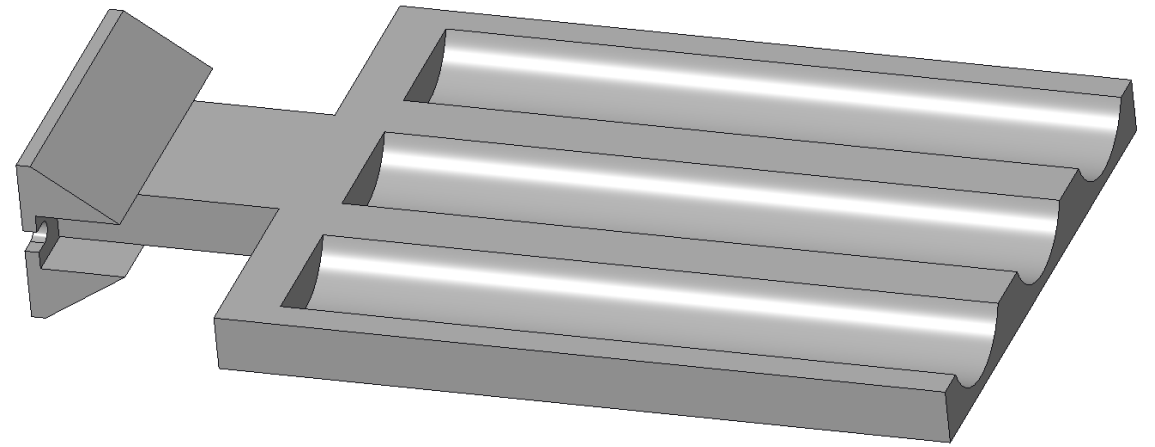
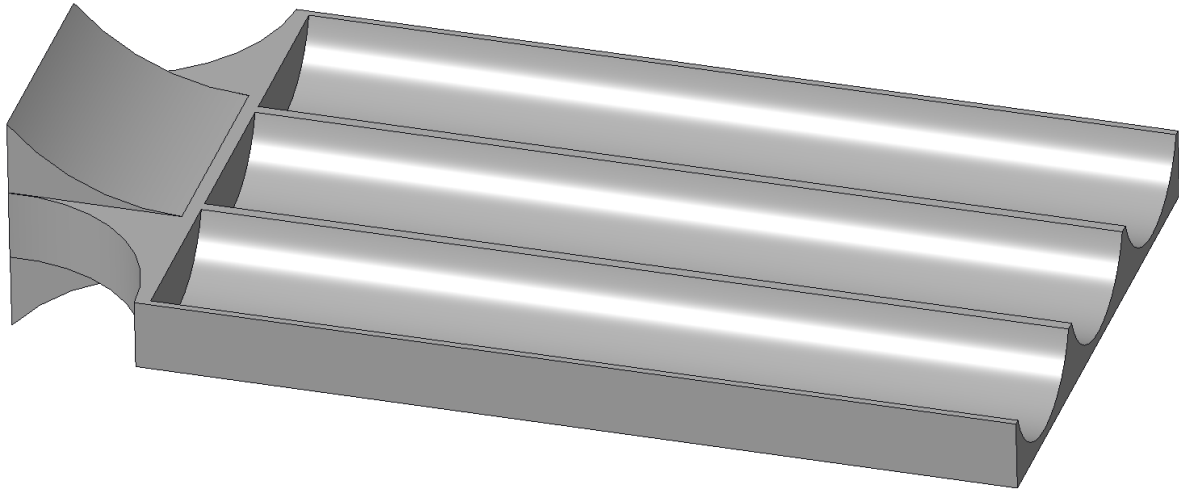


# Redesigned Cold Plate





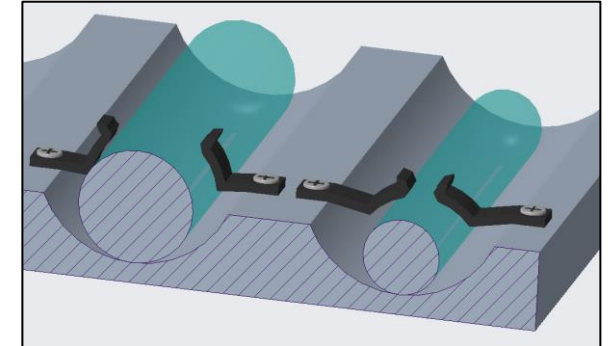
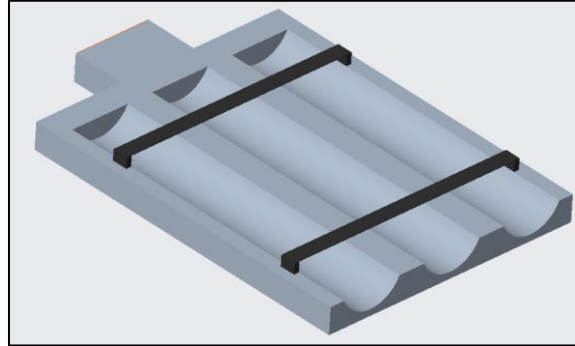
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# Method of Securing: Selection

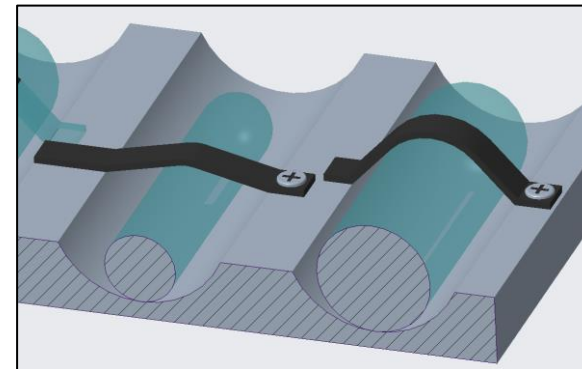
- Previous Ideas

- Elastic Bands
- Clasps
- Magnetic Straps



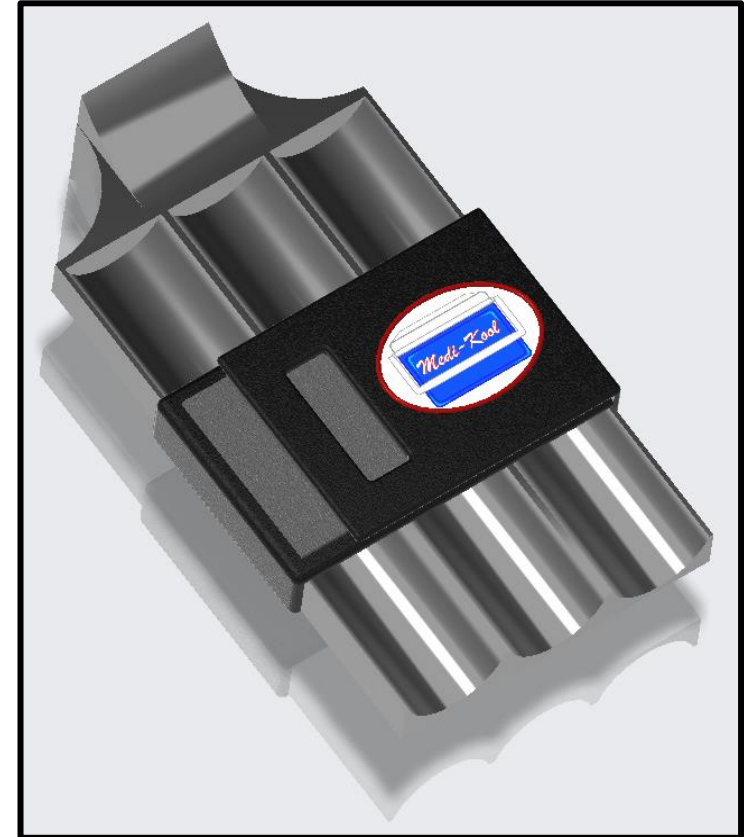
- Current Selection

- Hook and Loop Strap



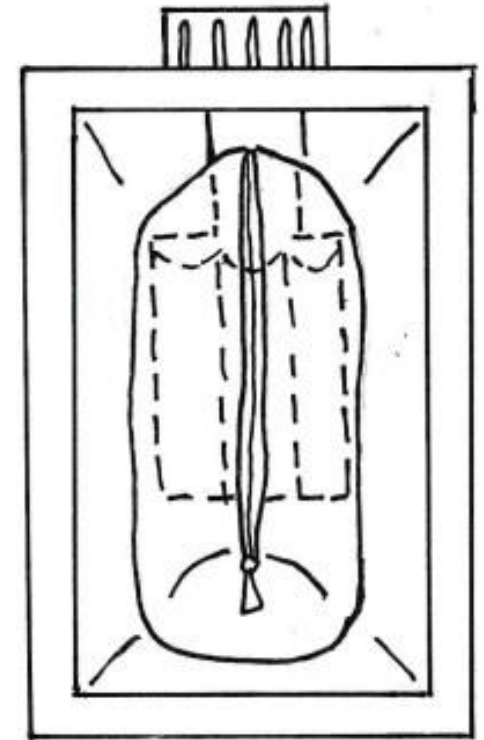
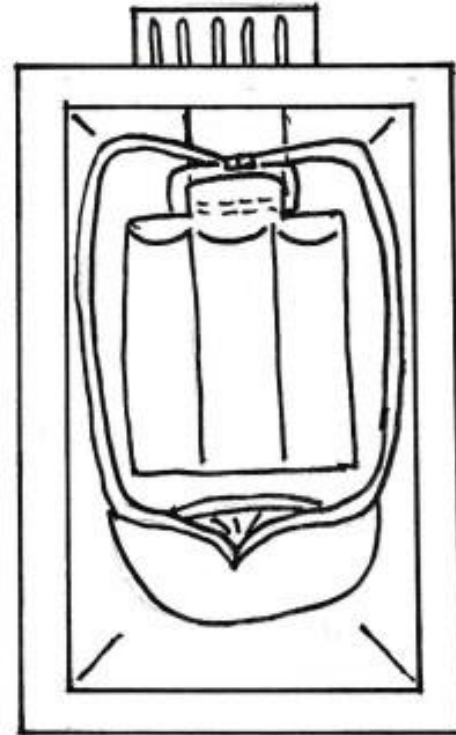
# Method of Securing: Hook & Loop Strap

- One band wrapped around cold plate
- Secured onto bottom of cold plate
- Accommodates various pen/vial diameters
- Handle on top, overlapping strap

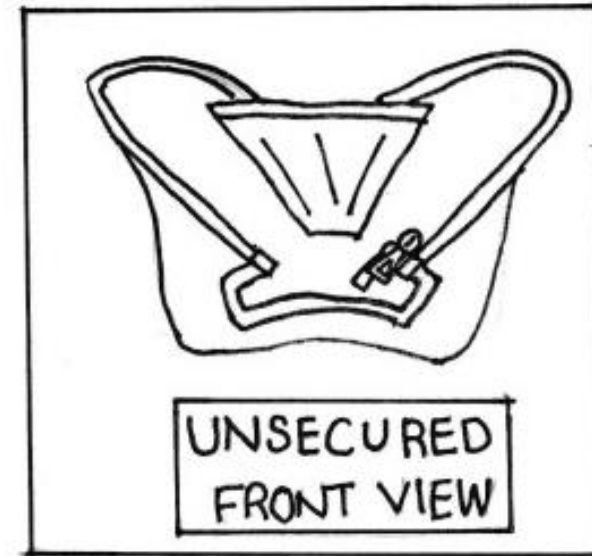
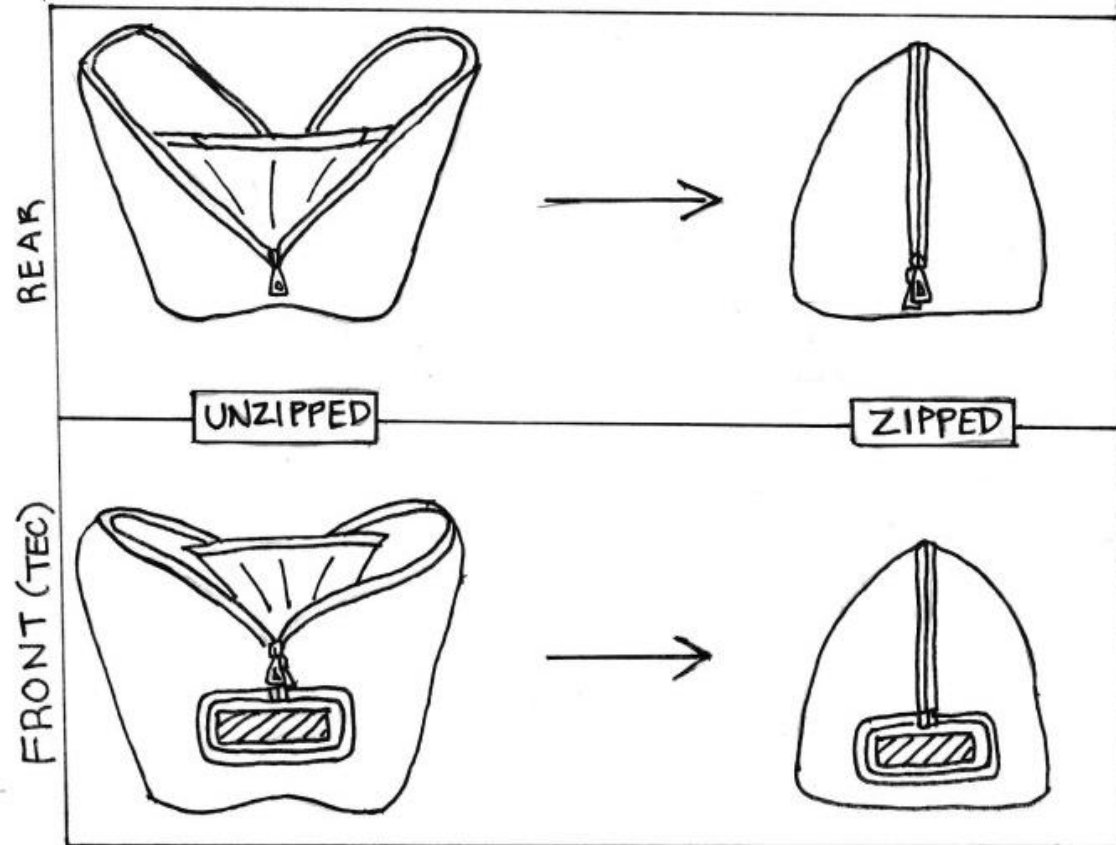


# Second Seal: Insulation Purse

- Cut out for cold plate
- Double Zipper design allows variable opening size



# Second Seal: Insulation Purse



# Updated Internal Assembly

1 Ventilation Gate / TEC / Peltier Plate

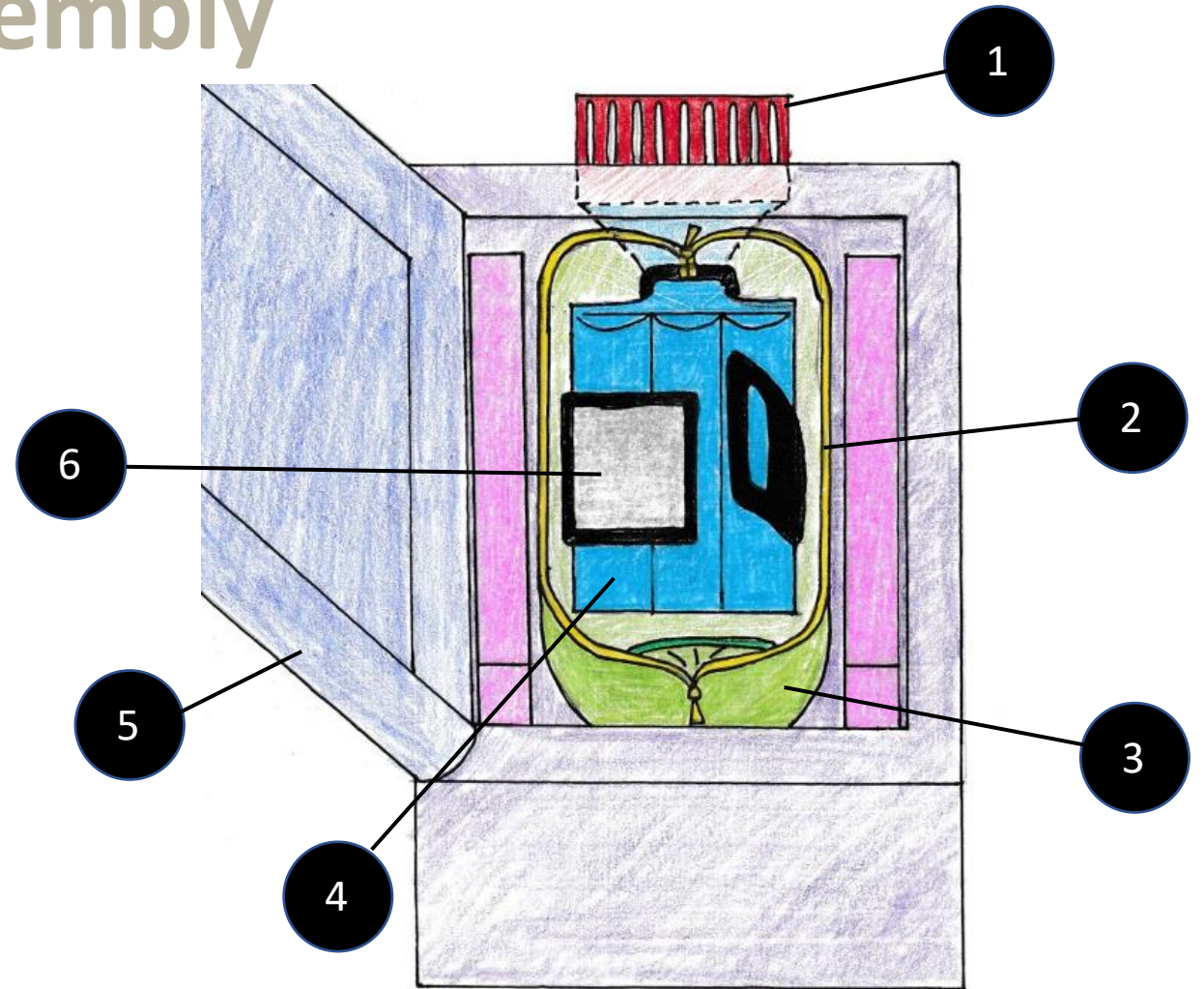
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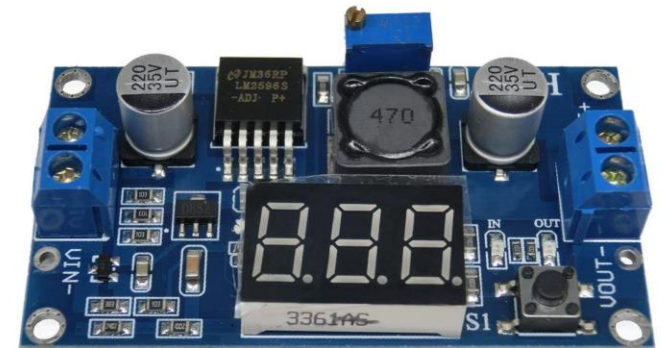
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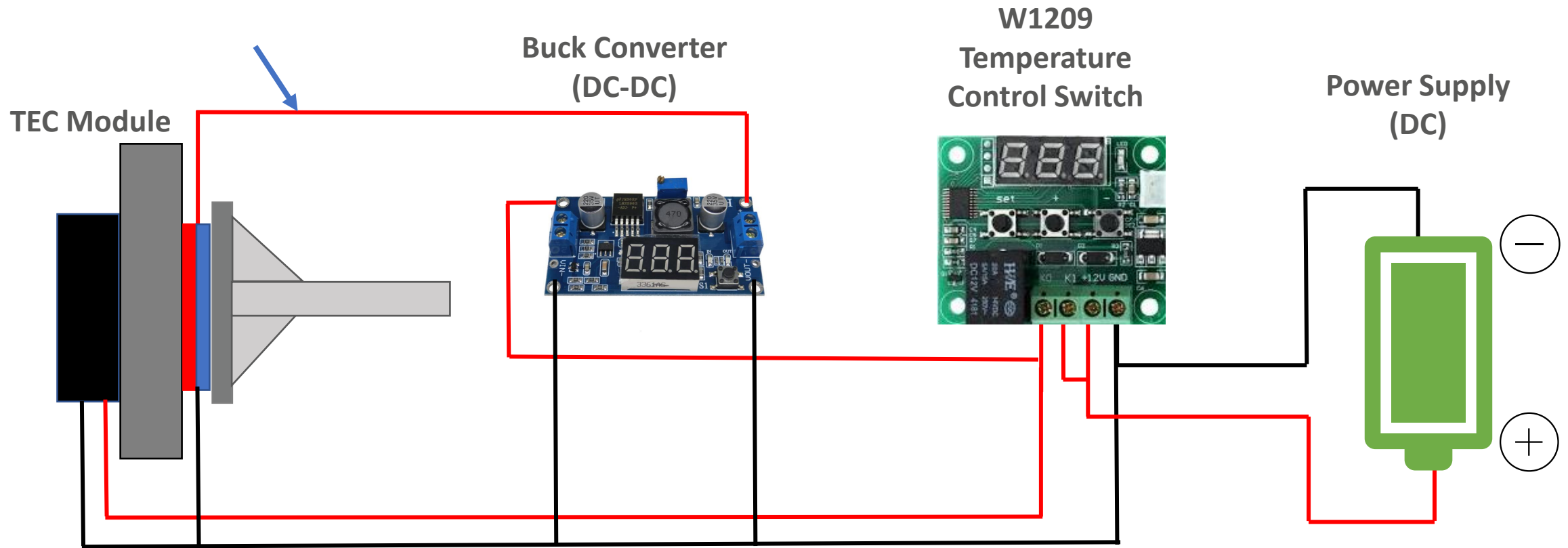
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# Utilizing a Buck Converter

- Efficiently converts high voltage to low voltage supplied, thus increasing current
- Efficient power conversion leads to
  - An extended battery life
  - Reduces heat



# Circuit with Buck Converter





# Current Testing

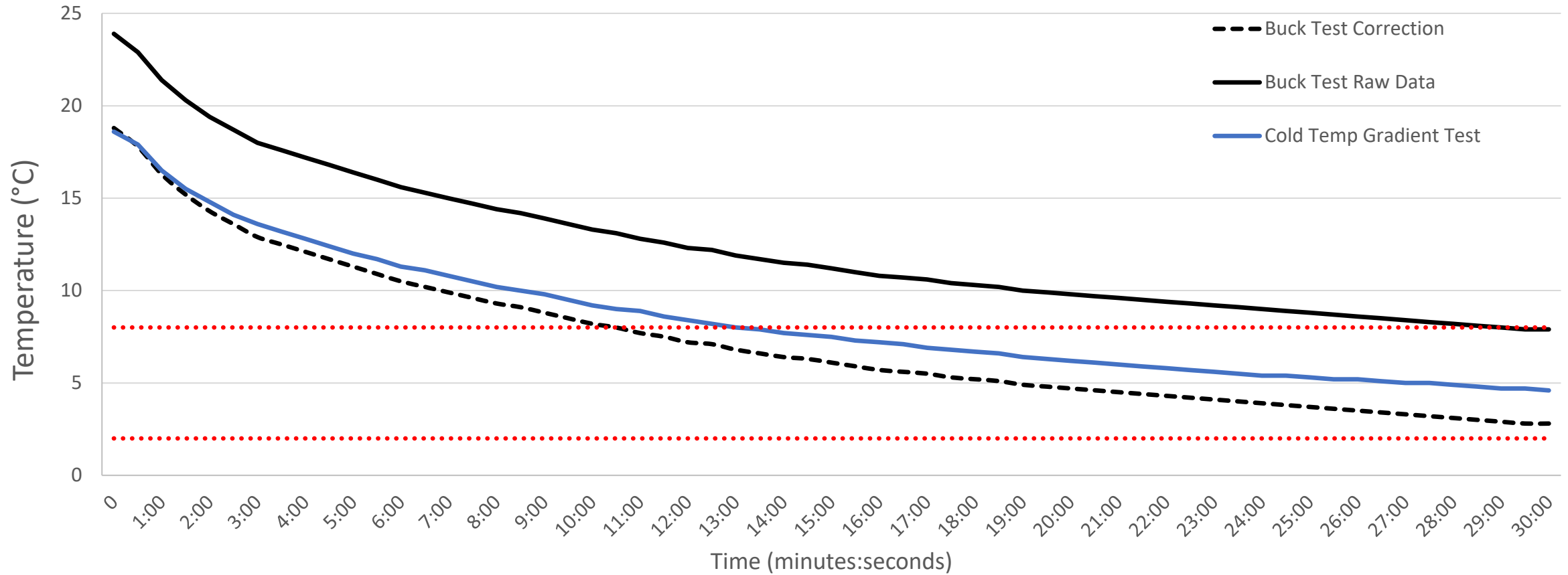
## Buck Converter Test:

- Began initial testing with Buck Converter wired to Peltier plate.
- Used Temperature Control Switch and Thermocouple for readings.
- The test was started at a higher initial temperature than gradient test.

Voltage (V)	Current (A)	Buck voltage (V)	Total Time (min)
12	3.89	9	30

# Buck Converter Test

## Buck Test vs. Gradient Test



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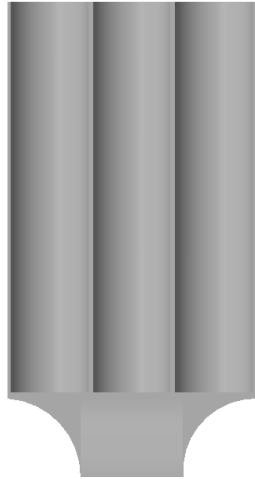
## Results:

- Temperature decreased by 15 degrees in under 11 minutes
- Thermocouple failed towards end of project
- Buck Converter test with correction shows that it got cooler quicker

# Semester Plan: Parts to Order



Battery



Metal for  
Cold plate



Velcro  
Strap



Solar Panel



Temp.  
Control  
Switch

# Semester Plan: Assembly

1

- Laser cut hole inside cooler to fit in TEC and cold plate

2

- Redesign and fabricate new cold plate

3

- Assemble insulation inside cooler (wool and spray)

4

- Thermal glue cold plate onto TEC

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- Wire TEC with temperature control switch and connect solar panel

# Semester Plan: Continuing Validation

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# Any Questions?

