

Temperature Sensitive Medication Storage During Natural Disaster

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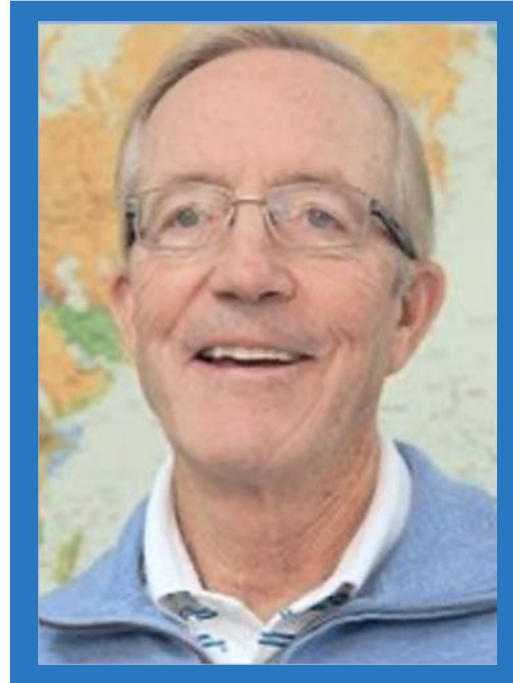


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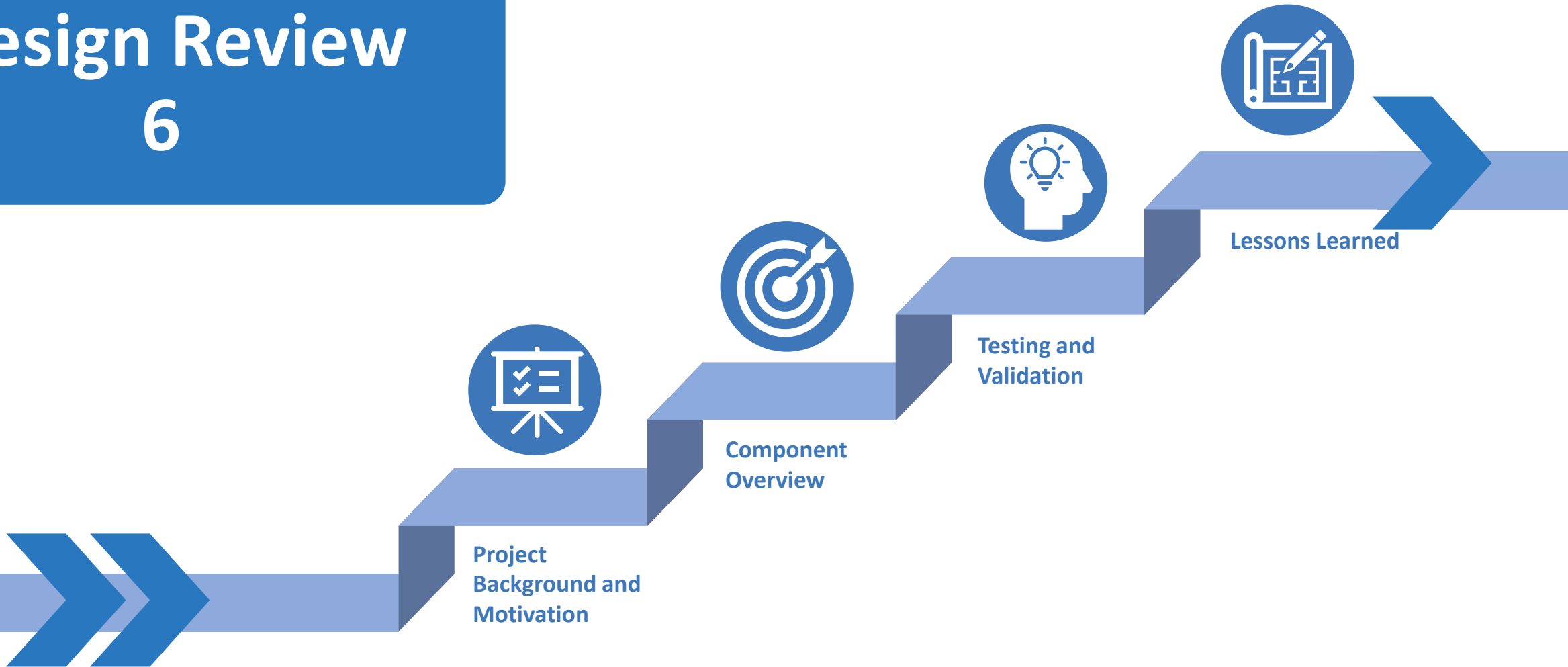


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Design Review

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Objective



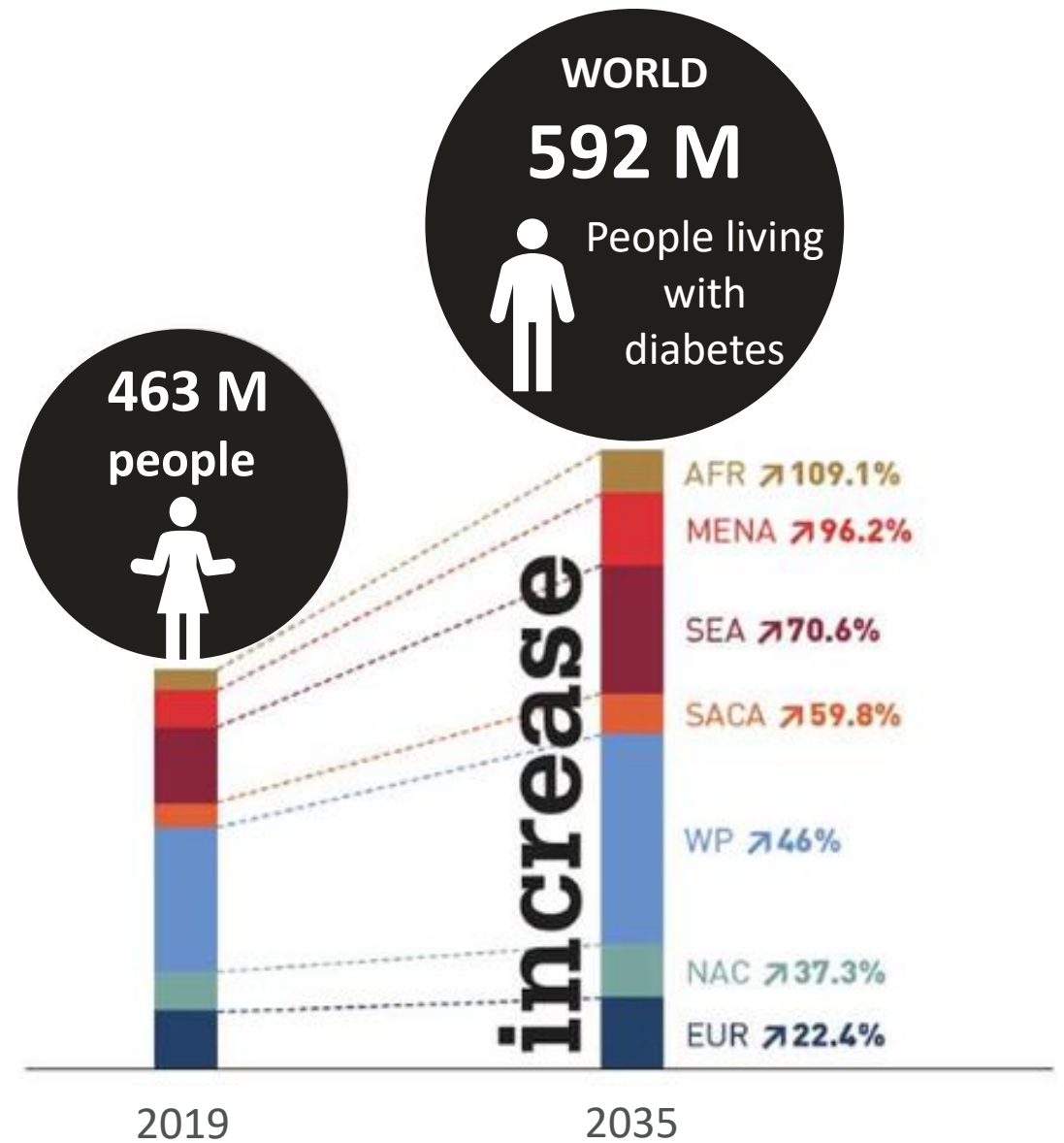
Our objective is to develop a device that stores and maintains the quality of temperature sensitive medication in the event of a long-term power outage



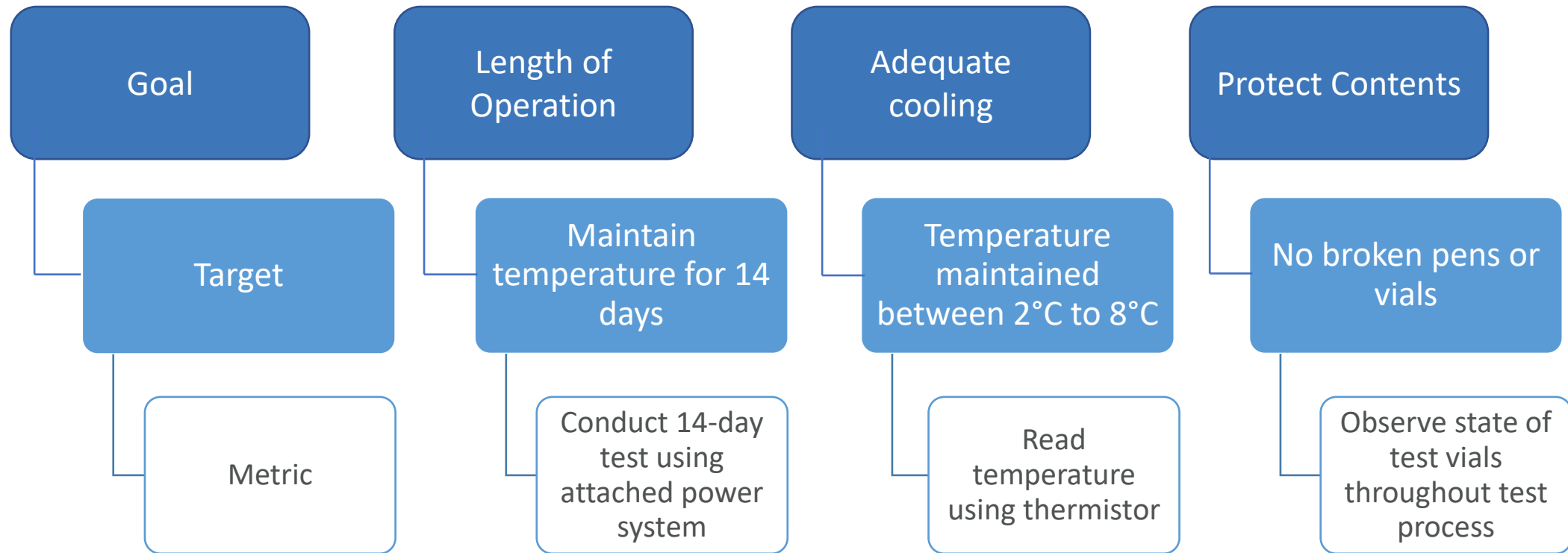
Motivation



One study found that hurricanes increase diabetes related deaths by **40%**



Targets & Metrics



Concept Generation

Housing

Soft Bodied Cooler

Hard Bodied Cooler

Power System

Solar Panel Battery
Combo

Portable Power
Station

Thermal System

Thermoelectric
Peltier Plate

Convective Peltier
System

Liquid Heat
Exchanger

How it works



Power is applied and current runs through the conductors



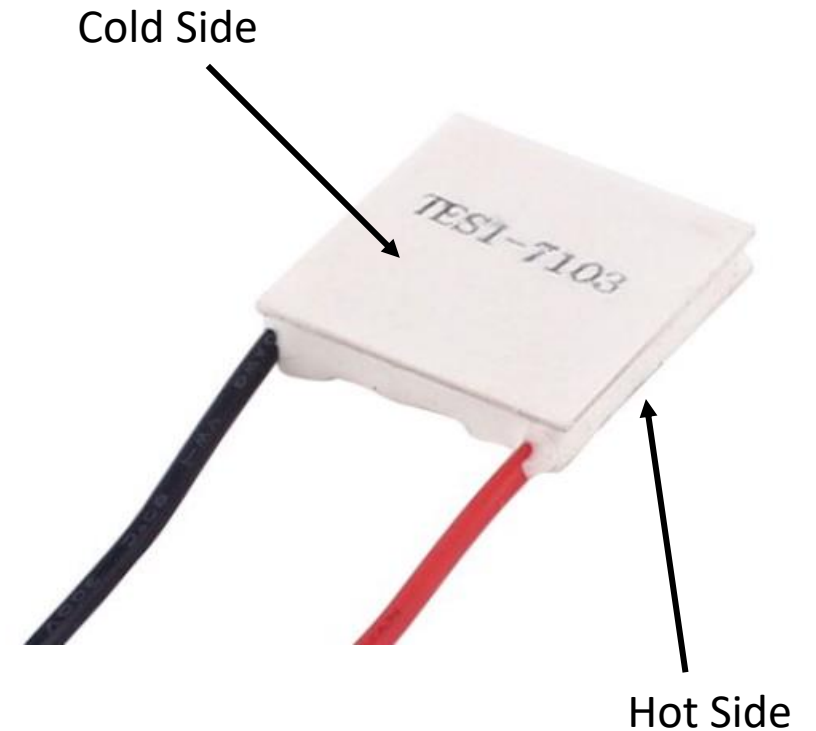
Bottom side of the plate gets hot



Top side of the plate gets cold



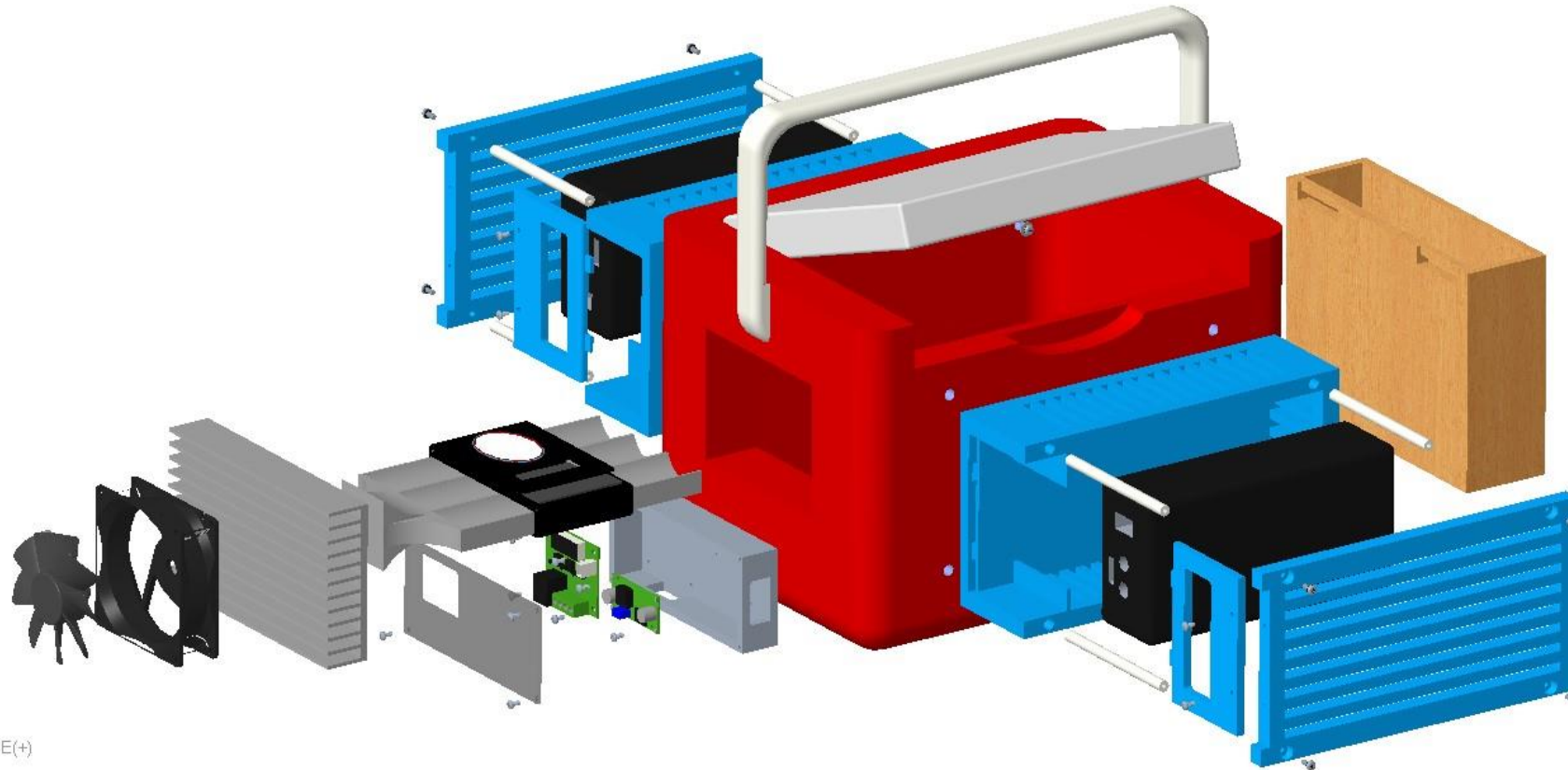
Use the cold side to cool the system



Final Concept Selected

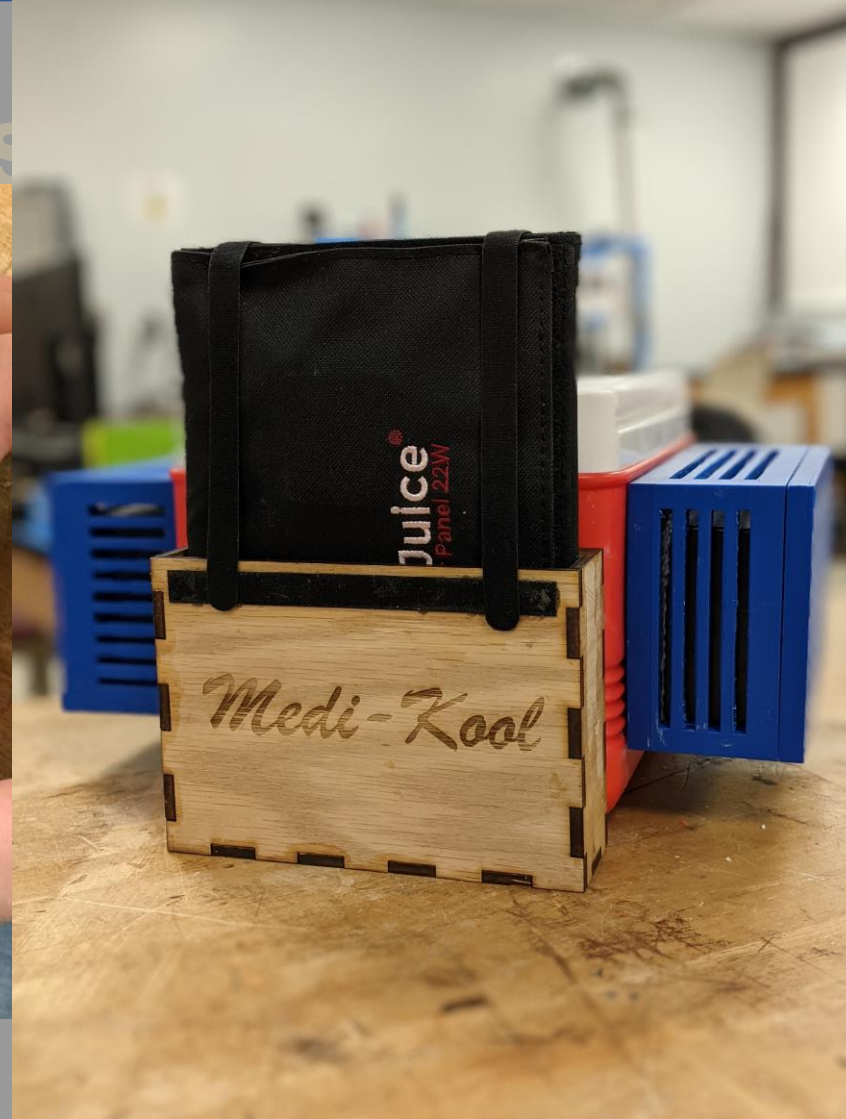


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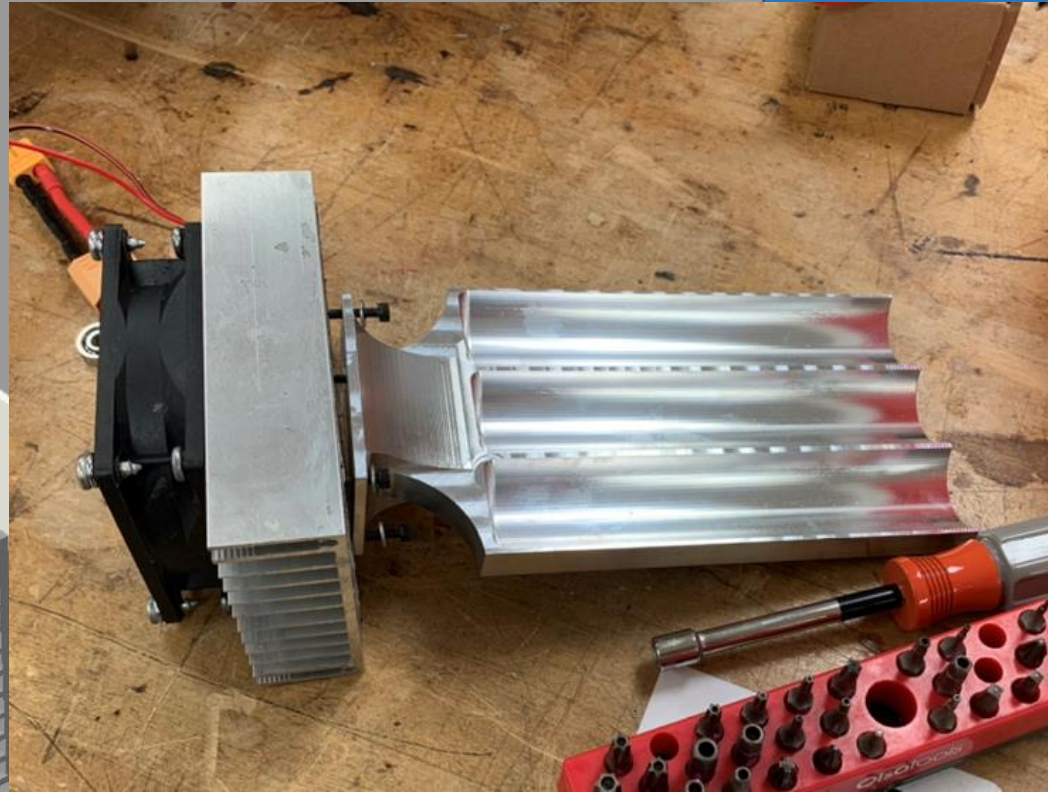
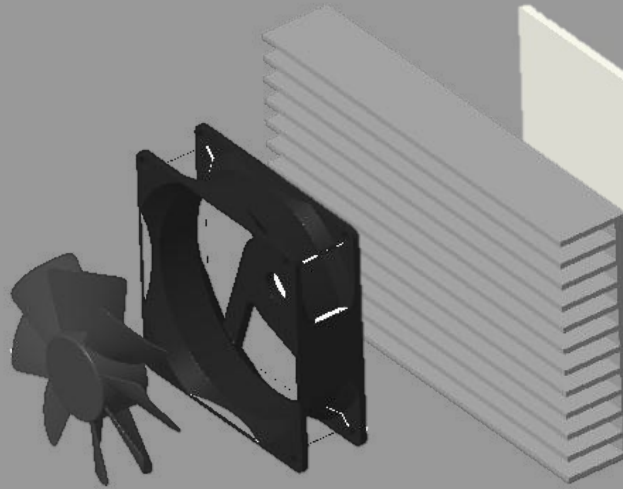
Cooler House



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Module

Cooling System



1.5m Aluminum Cold Plate

Heat Sink

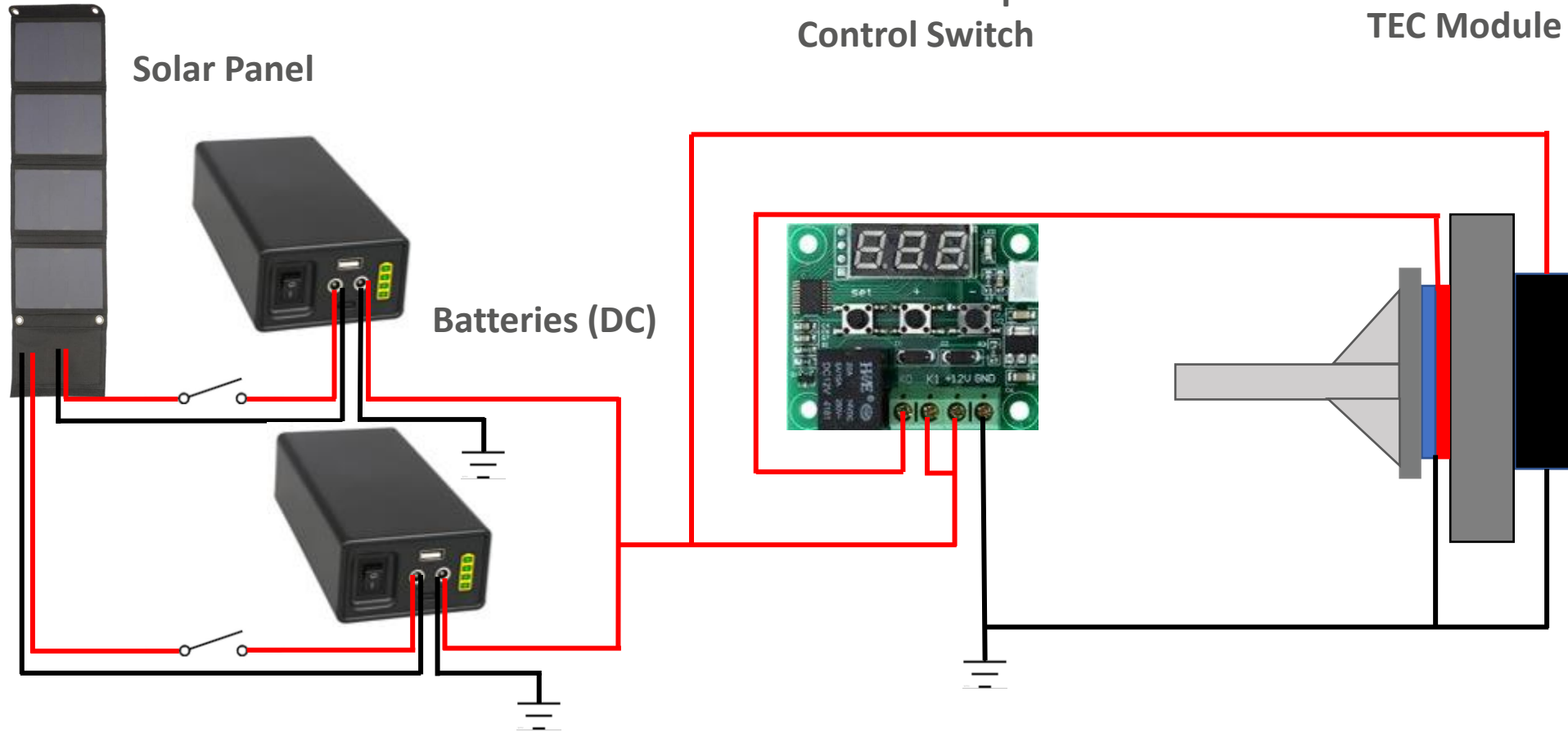
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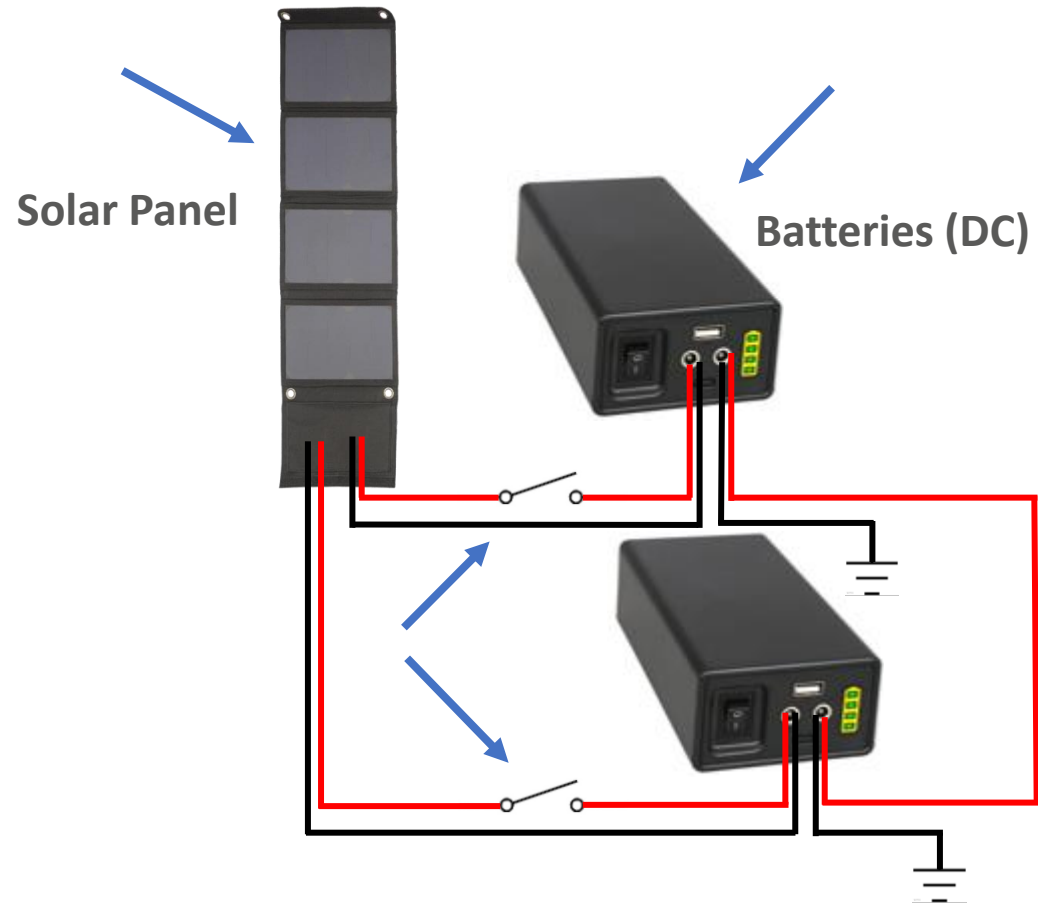
Electrical System Schematic

W1209 Temp
Control Switch

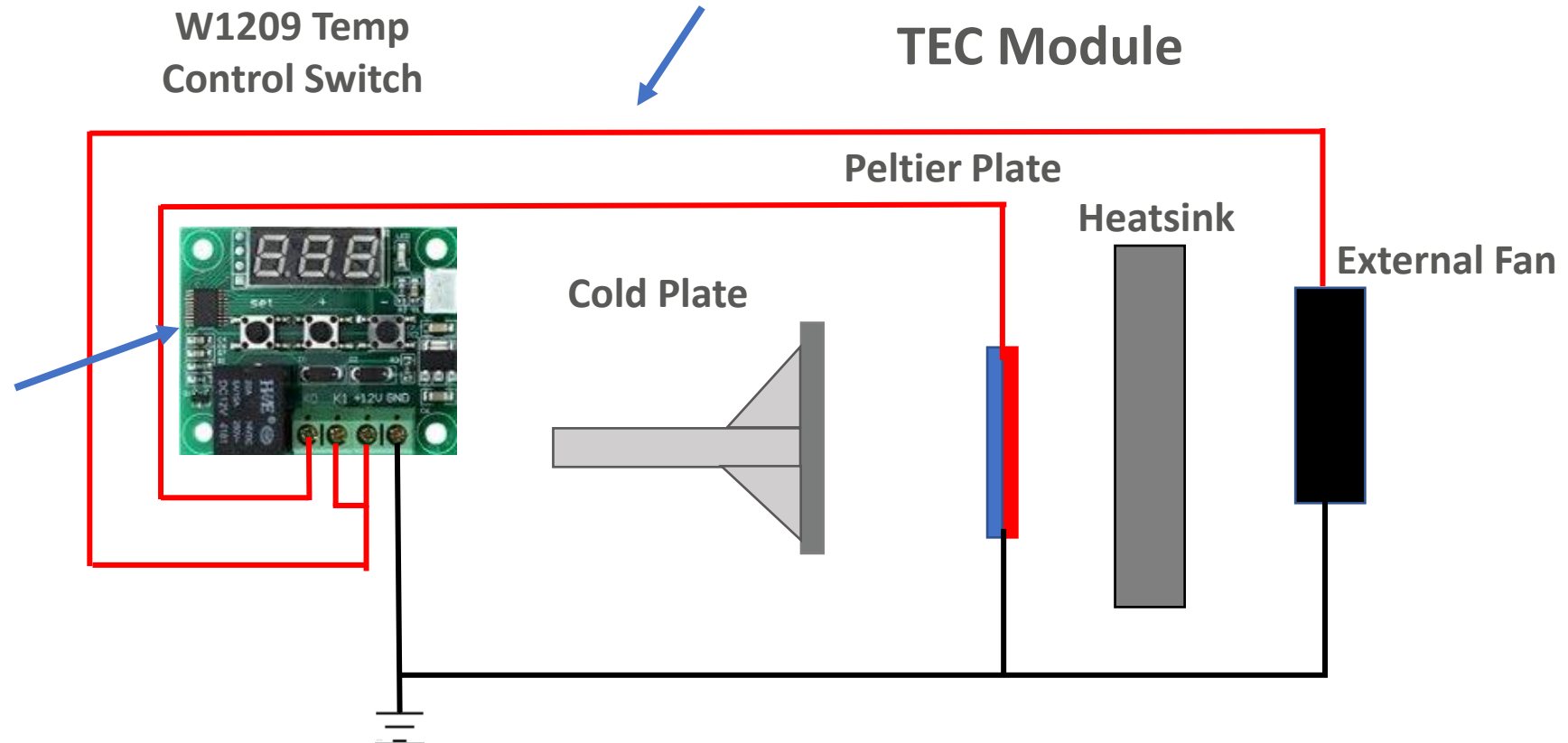
TEC Module



Power System Schematic



Control System Schematic



Steps to Concept Validation

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Reaching our temperature target

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Ensuring the entire cold plate is within range

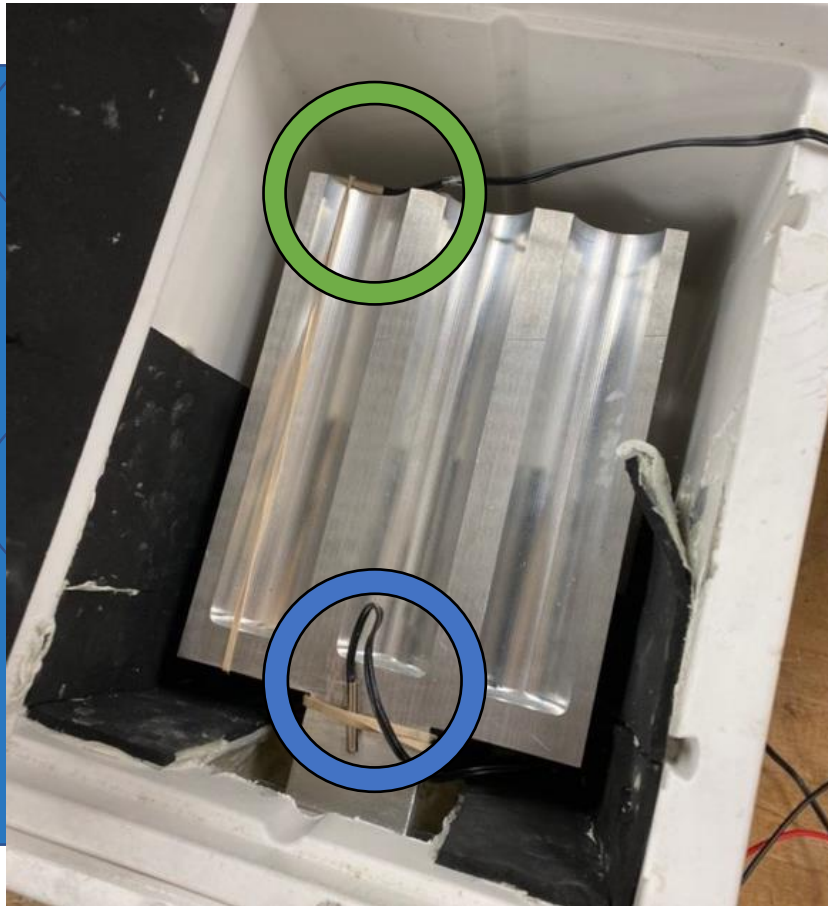
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Observe long term power & temperature

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Keeping temperature within range for 14 days

Steps to Concept Validation



target

Test Setup

- Two thermistors
- 2
- 1 Furthest from TEC
 - 1 Closest to TEC

30-minute run time

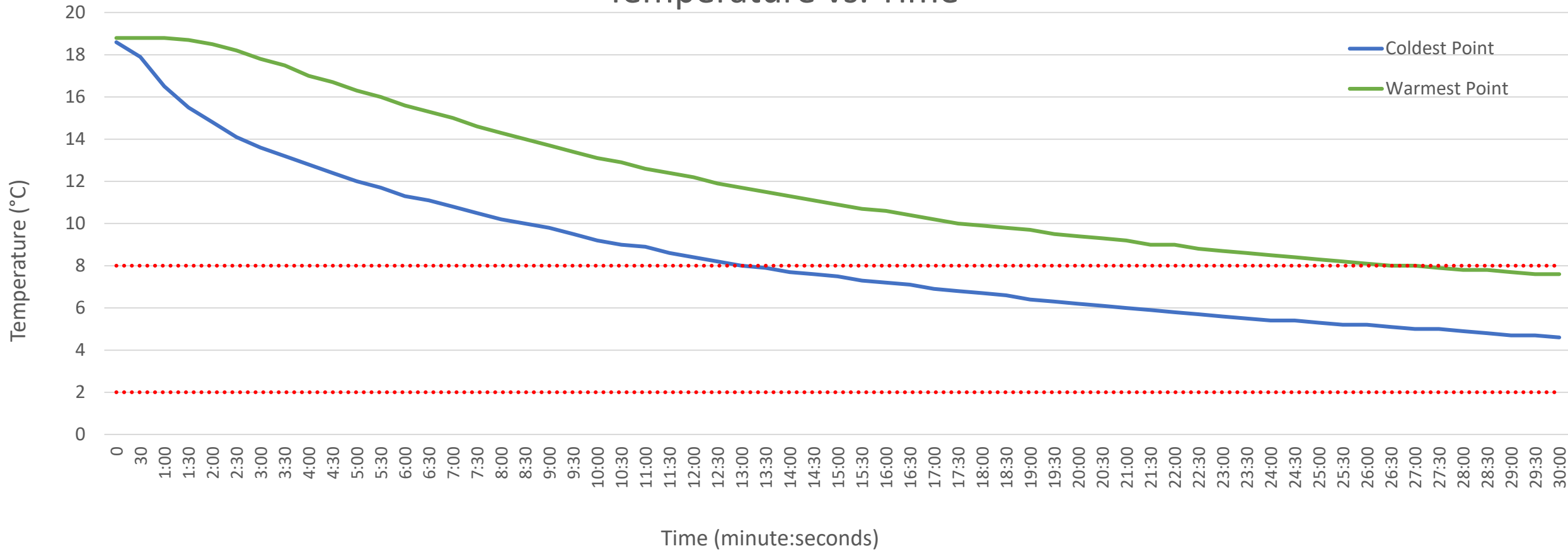
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- Keeping temperature within range for 14 days

Test Objectives

- Observe temperature gradient
- Observe cool down rate

Test Results

Temperature vs. Time

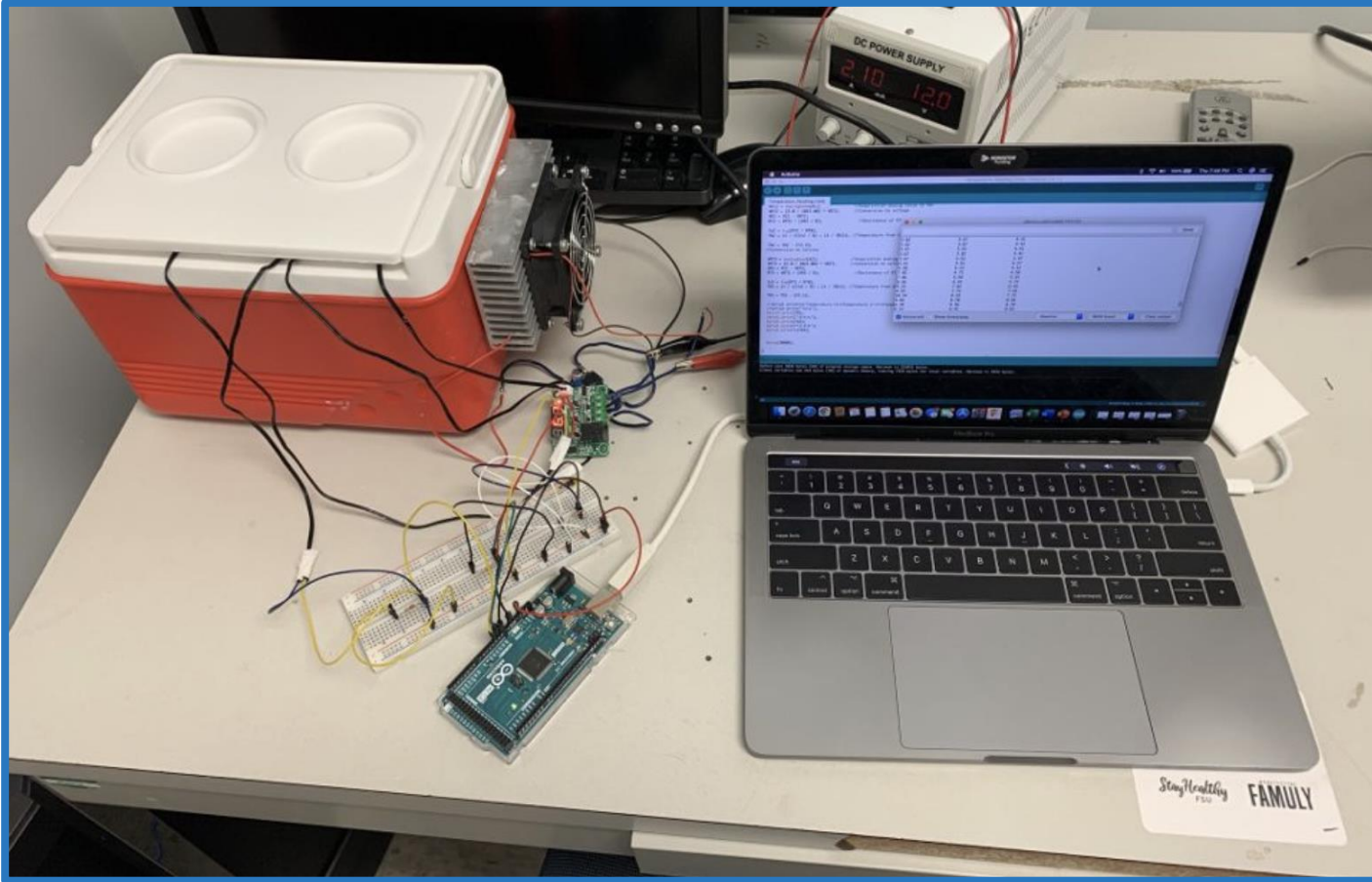


Test Summary

- 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
- Additional TEC will not be needed
- Cold plate was fully in range after about 27 minutes

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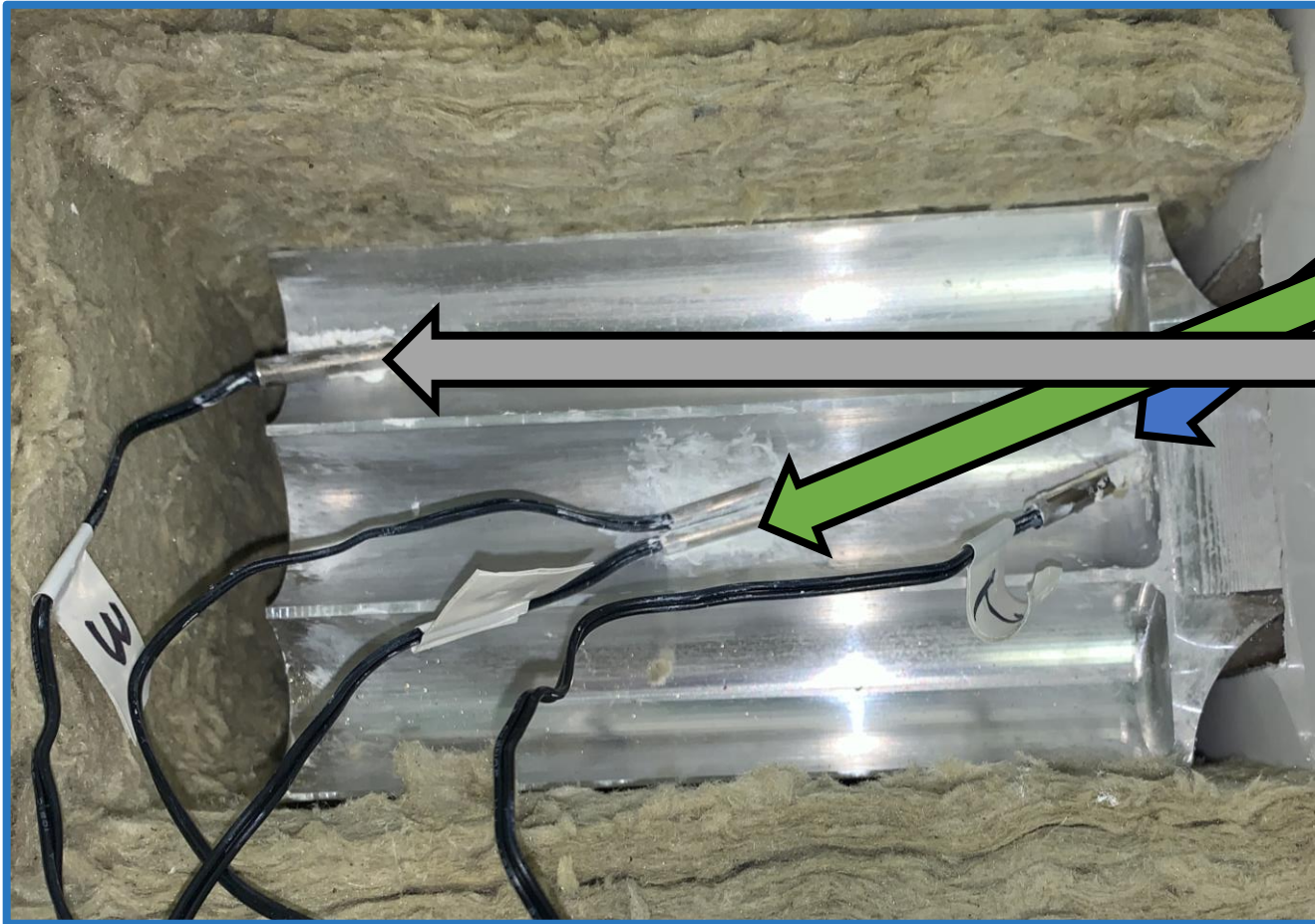


Test Objectives

- Observe long-term temperature fluctuations
- Take temperature from 3 spots every 30 seconds
- Extrapolate long term power requirements
- Confirm cold plate gradient is acceptable

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Observe long term power & temperature



Test Setup

Closest to TEC

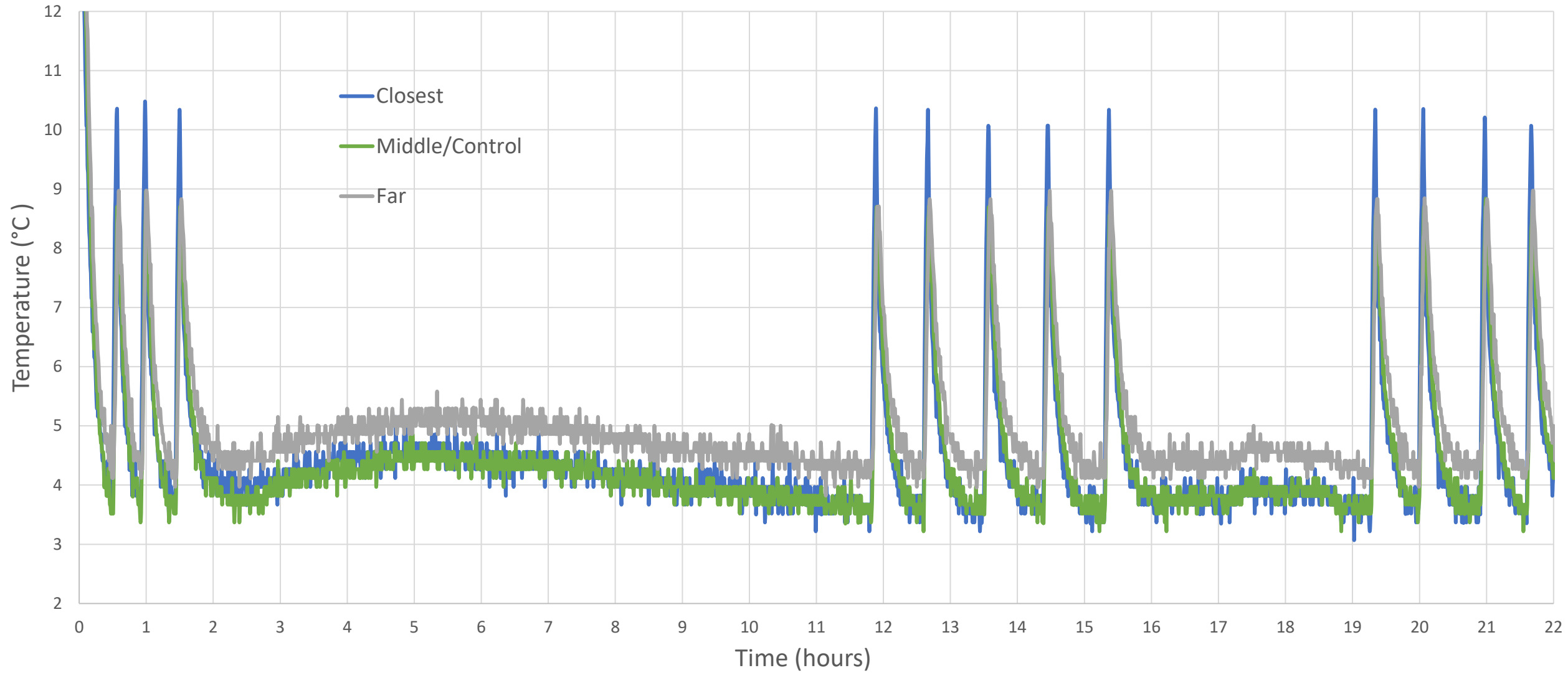
Middle

- Thermistor for Temp Control Switch

Furthest from TEC

- Hooked up to Arduino to record temperatures
- Turn OFF at 3.5°C
- Turn back ON at 8°C

Temperature vs. Time

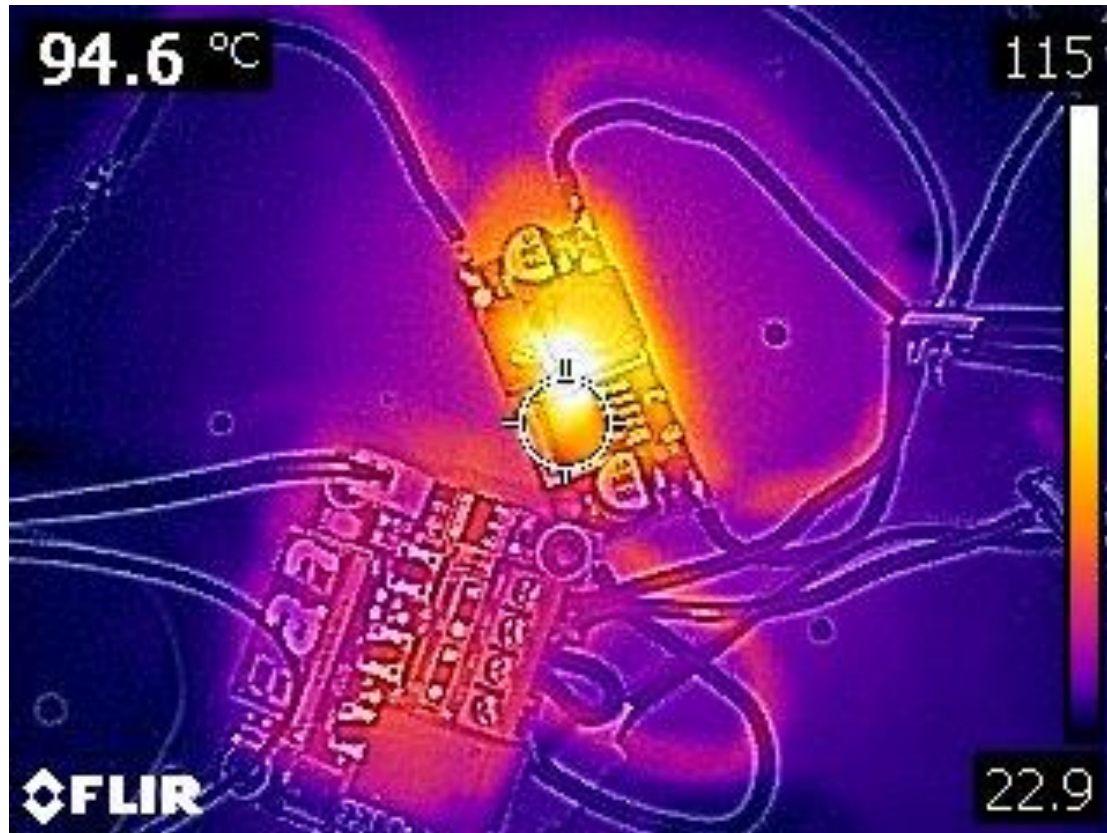


Test Summary

- Power only turned off 12 times in 22 hours
- Cool down time was 12.5 min
- System was off for 7.5 min at a time in power saving mode
- Maximum temperature at 10.5°C
- Lots of condensation in cooler after test

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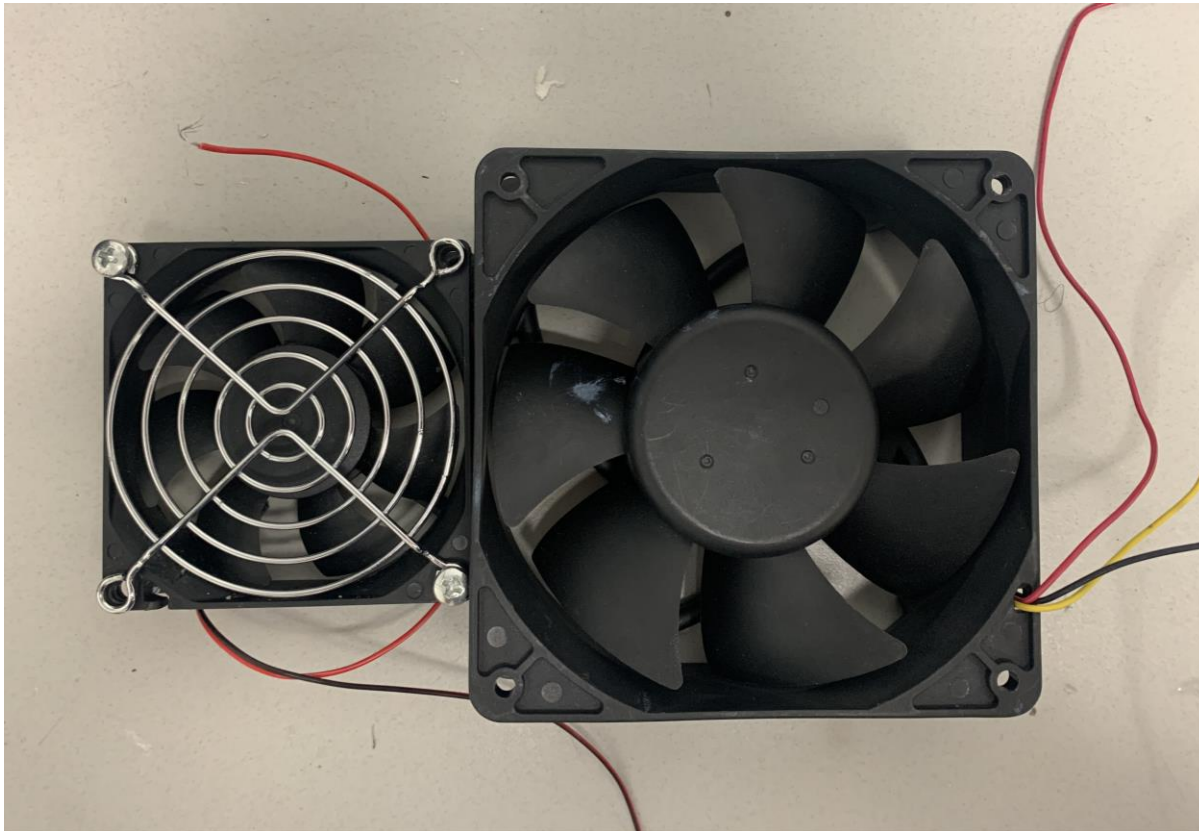


Buck Converter

- Dissipated more heat than expected
- Overheated entire system when attached to cooler
- Additional cooling needed

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Larger Fan Test

- Attached larger fan to heat sink
- Secured buck converter behind fan for cooling
- Sealed off holes
- Larger fan ended up using too much power

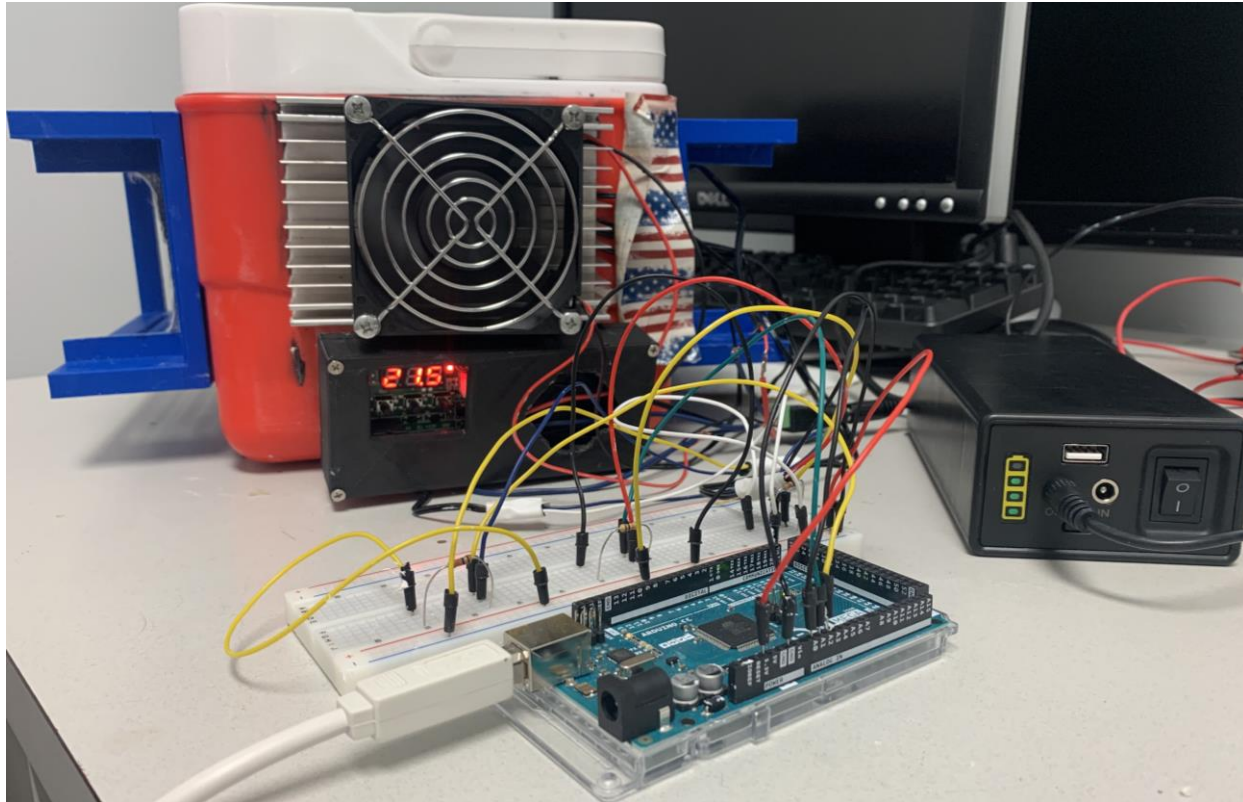
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Observe long term power & temperature

$$\frac{\text{Battery Supply } 23.7 \text{ Ah}}{\text{Power Consumed } 43.4 \text{ Ah}} \times \text{Test Length } 22 \text{ h} = 13 \text{ Hours}$$

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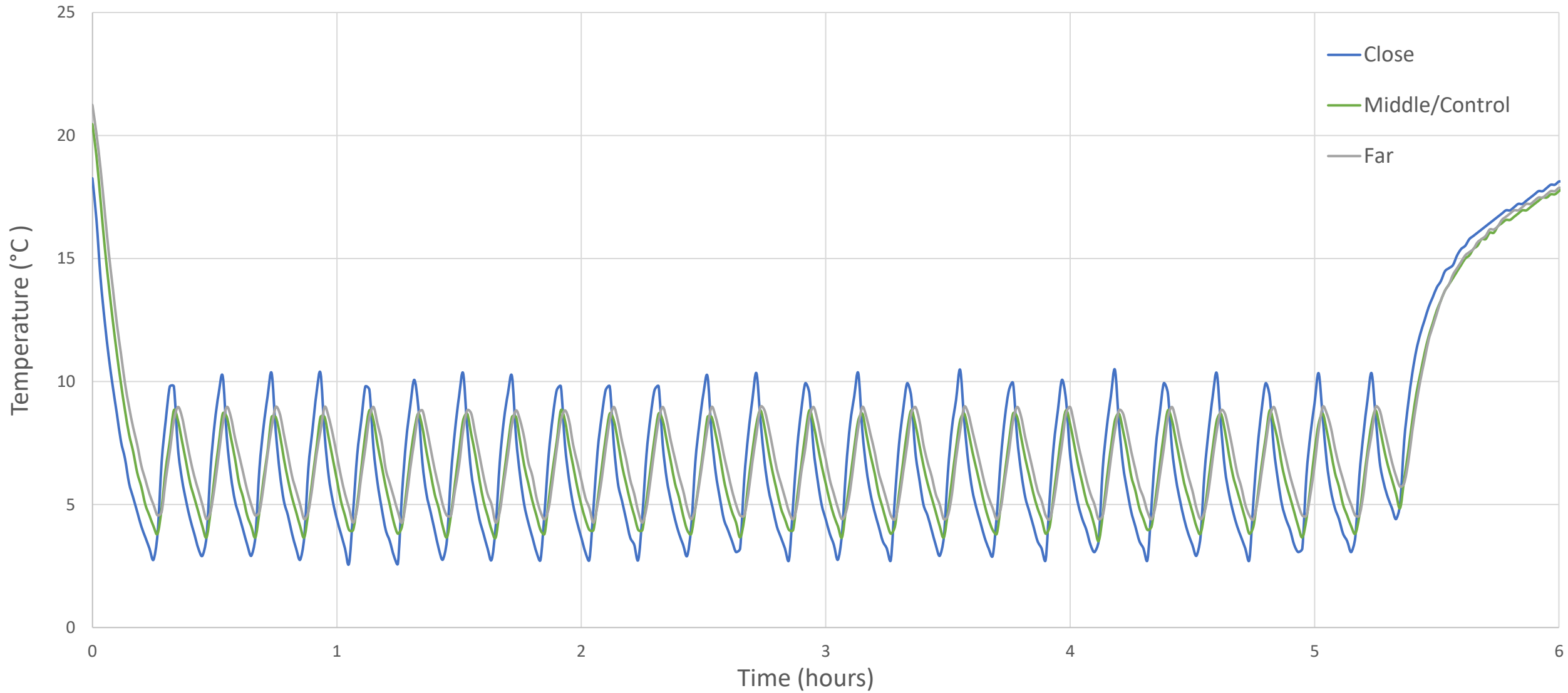
Observe long term power & temperature



Battery Test

- Reattached smaller fan and got rid of buck converter
- Powered circuit with one lithium battery
- Observed temperatures in 3 spots
- Observe how long it runs

Temperature vs. Time



Test Summary

- System performs better without buck converter and large fan
- Cool down time was 10 min
- Operational for 5 hours and 20 minutes
- Proper control system performance was achieved

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Keeping temperature within range for 14 days

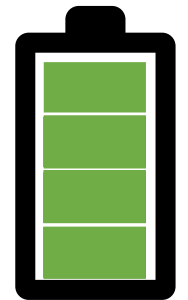
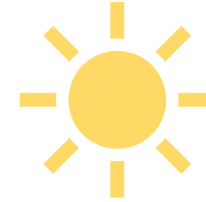
Assuming Ideal Conditions



1 Battery Requires 8 Hours of Sunlight for a Full Charge



1 Battery Supplies 5 Hours of Power



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Keeping temperature within range for 14 days

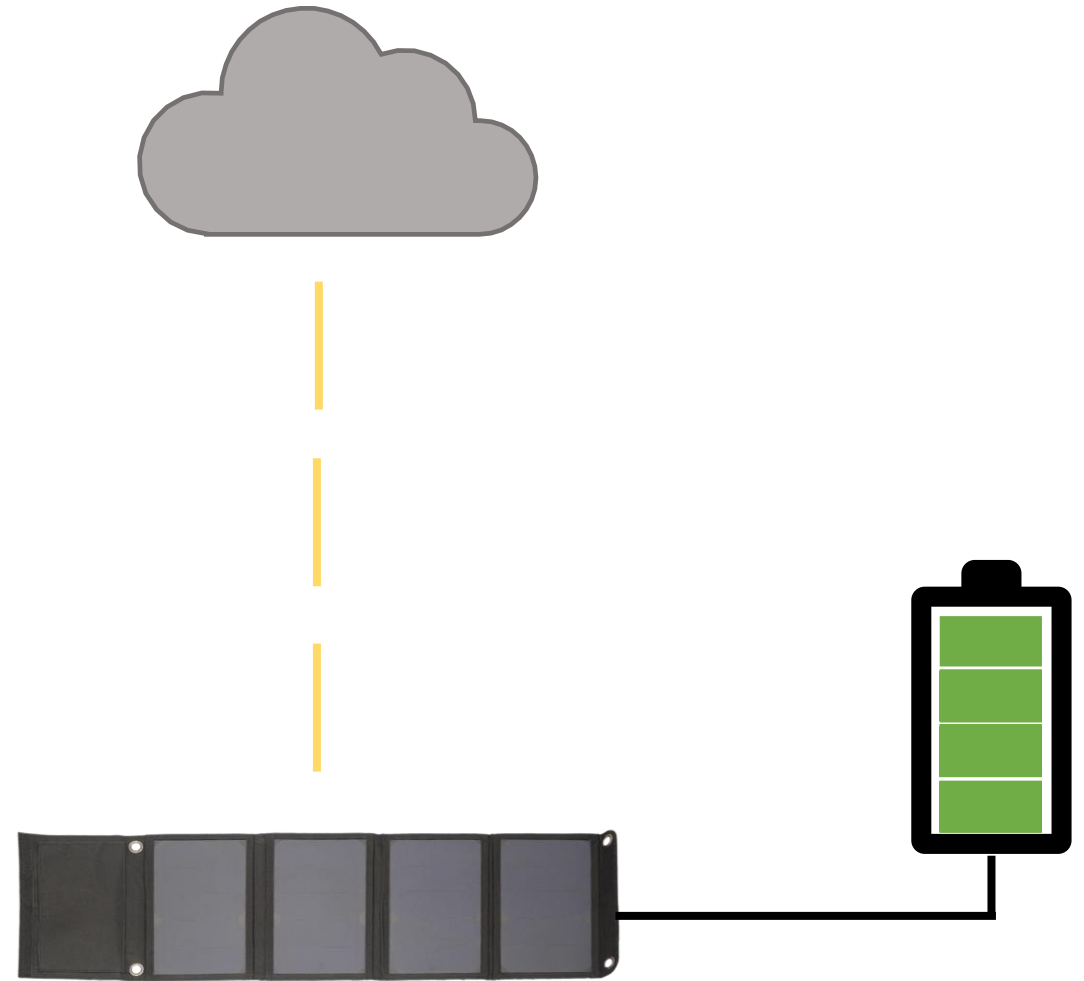
Additional Factors



Lack of Direct Sunlight



Outdoor Climate



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Keeping temperature within range for 14 days



Double Battery Supply:

- Double battery operation time
- Increase opportunity for solar charging
- Only add 3 pounds to total design weight

Increase Solar Supply:

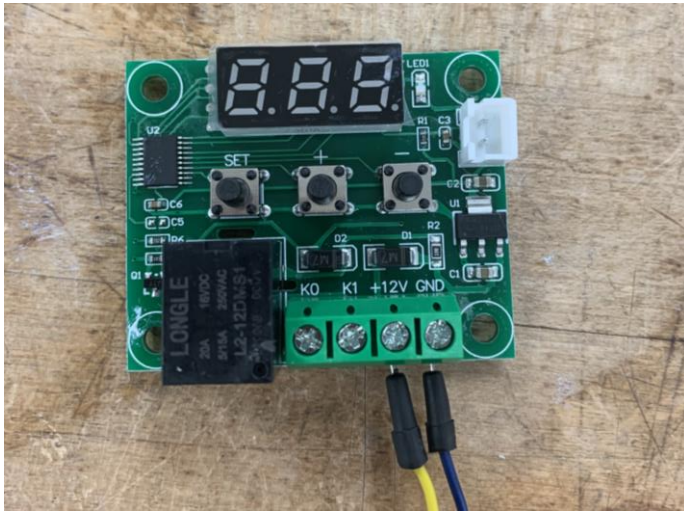
- Significant increase in generated power
- Reduce necessary charge time

Lessons Learned



- Condensation formed during long-term test
- Spray-foam used to seal; more testing needed
- Wool insulation easily fell apart
- Not sterile or appropriate for medicine storage

Lessons Learned



Temperature Control Switch



Buck Converter

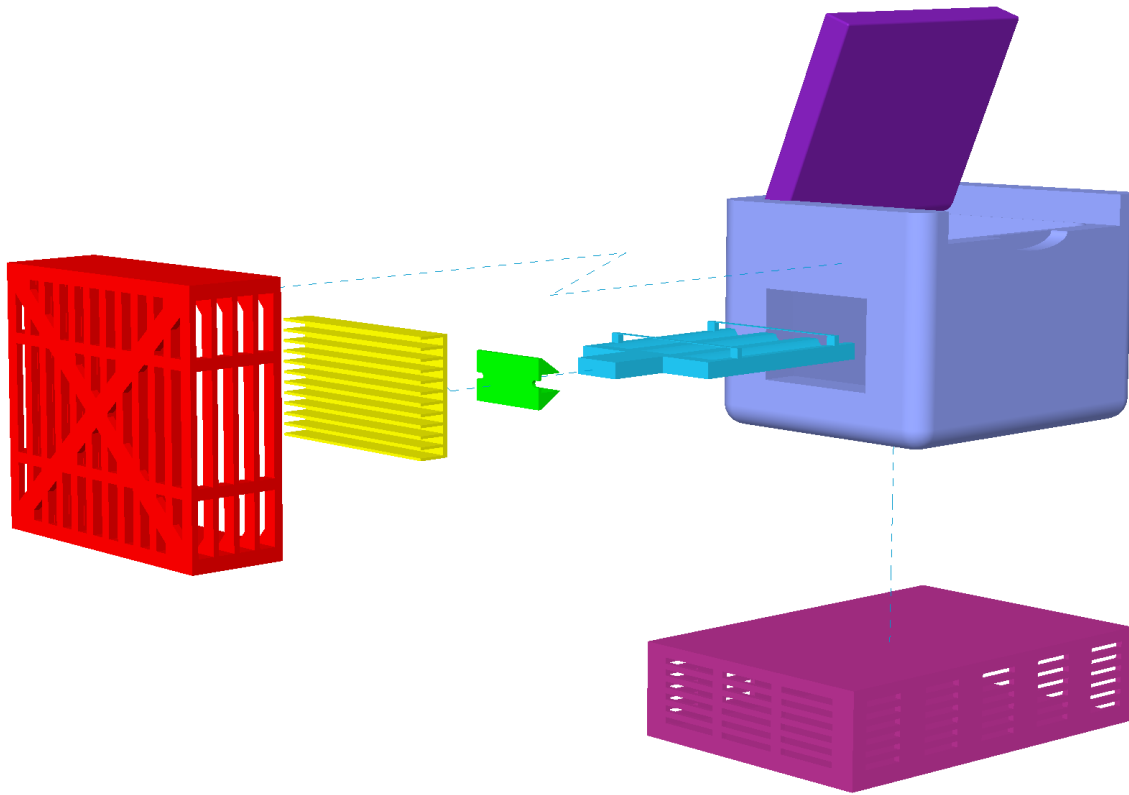
Temperature Control Switch

- Would break easily and often
- Sometimes temperature readings differed by 1°C - 2°C

Buck Converter

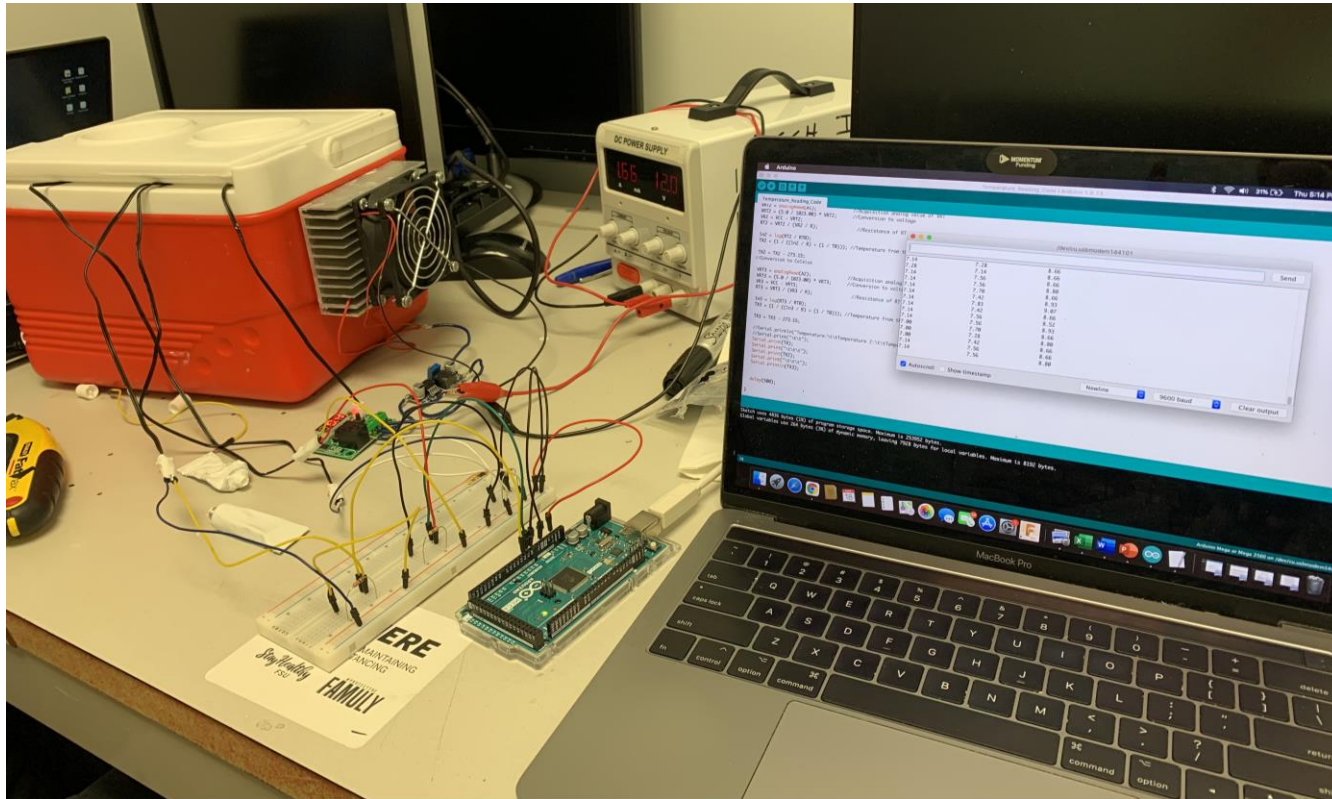
- Overheats during long-term test
- Didn't improve system performance

Lessons Learned



- Prototyping should have begun a lot earlier
- Original CAD needed more detail
- Didn't originally CAD extra components and wiring

Lessons Learned



- Needed a better method to collect data
- Data was lost multiple times during long term test

Project Summary

Completed Work

Getting device to target temperature range

Portability of the device

Continued Work

Complete a 14-day test

Electrical equipment

Power Consumption vs. Generation

Entrepreneurship



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