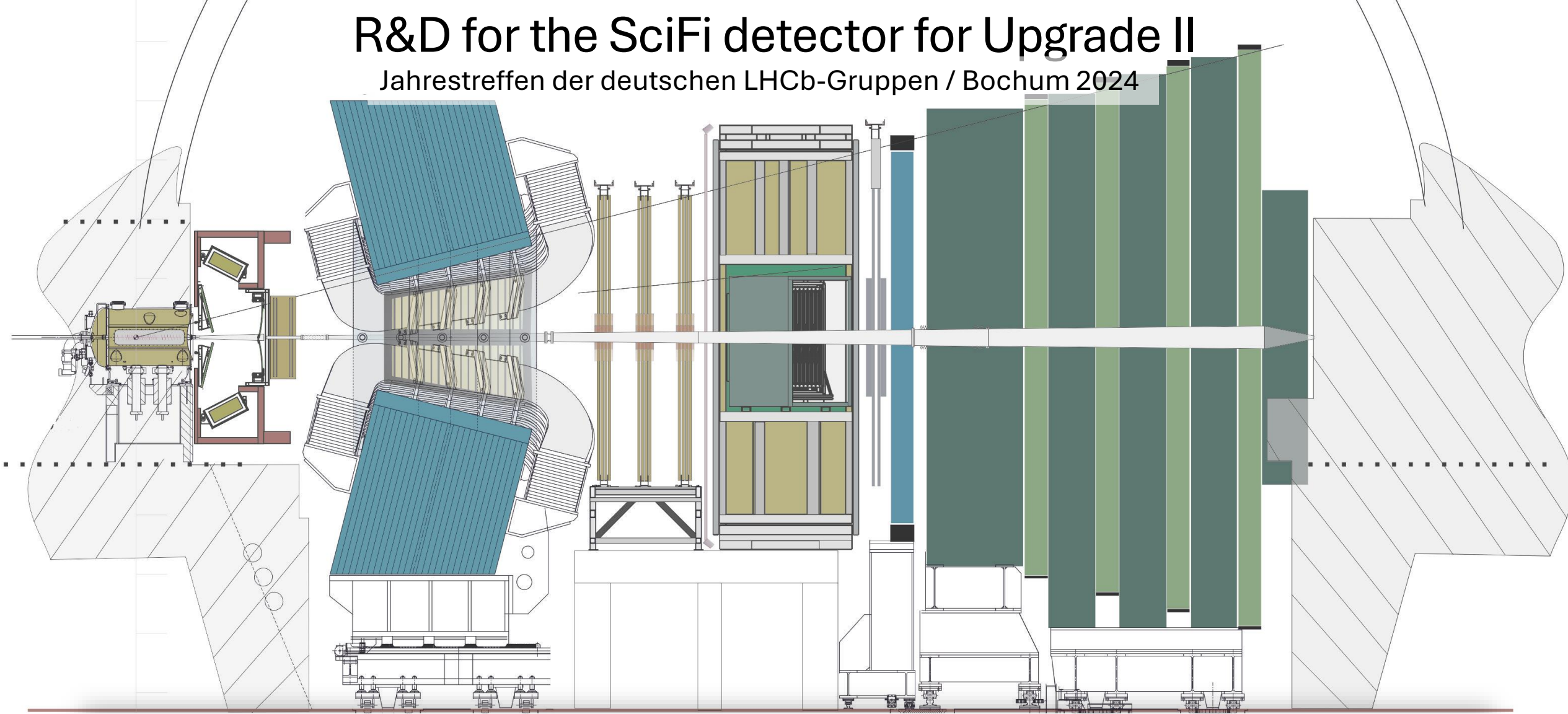


# R&D for the SciFi detector for Upgrade II

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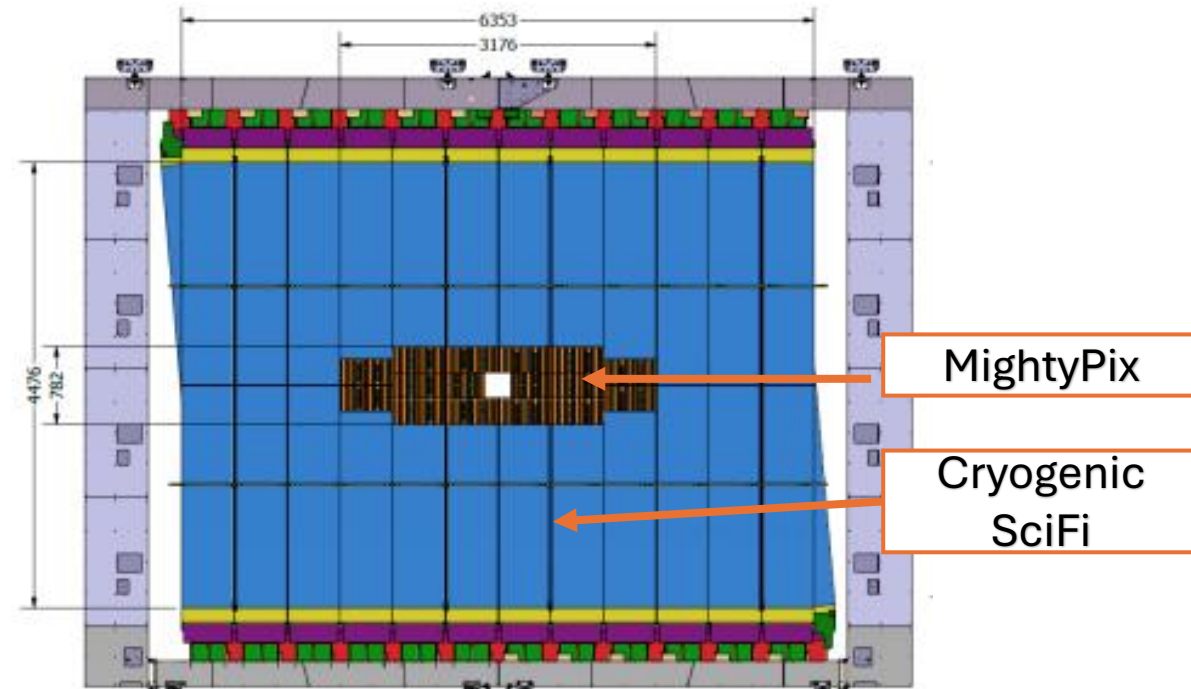
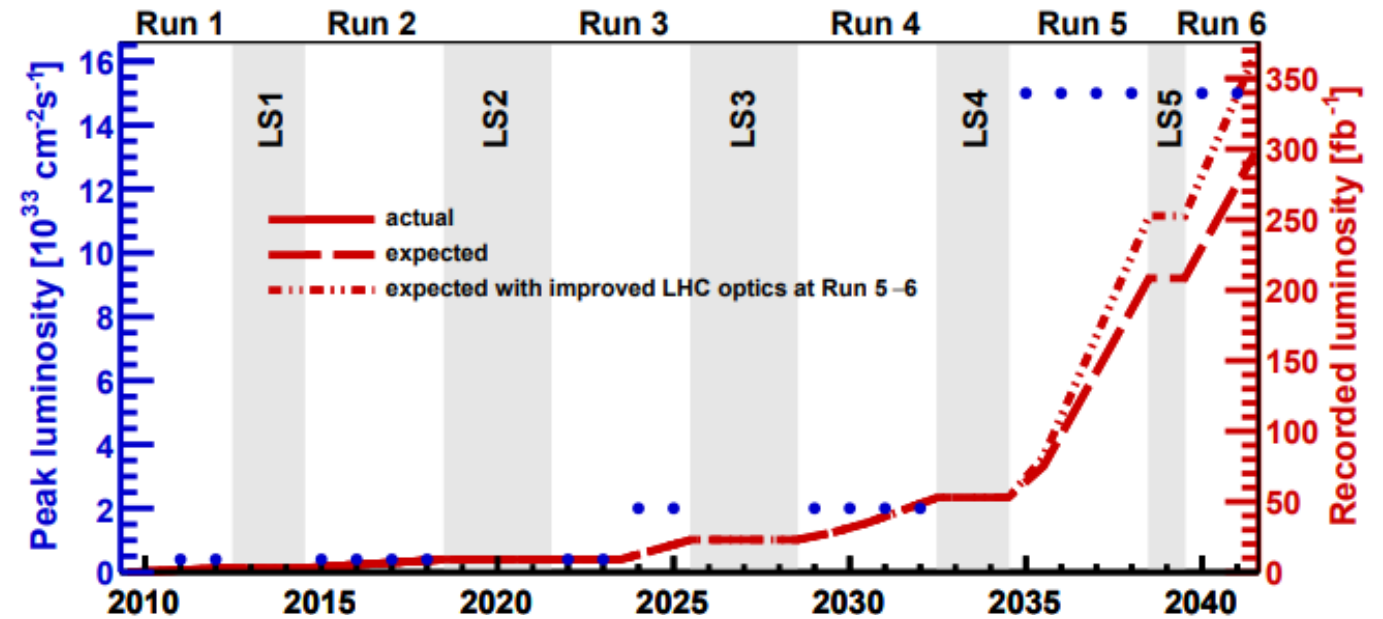
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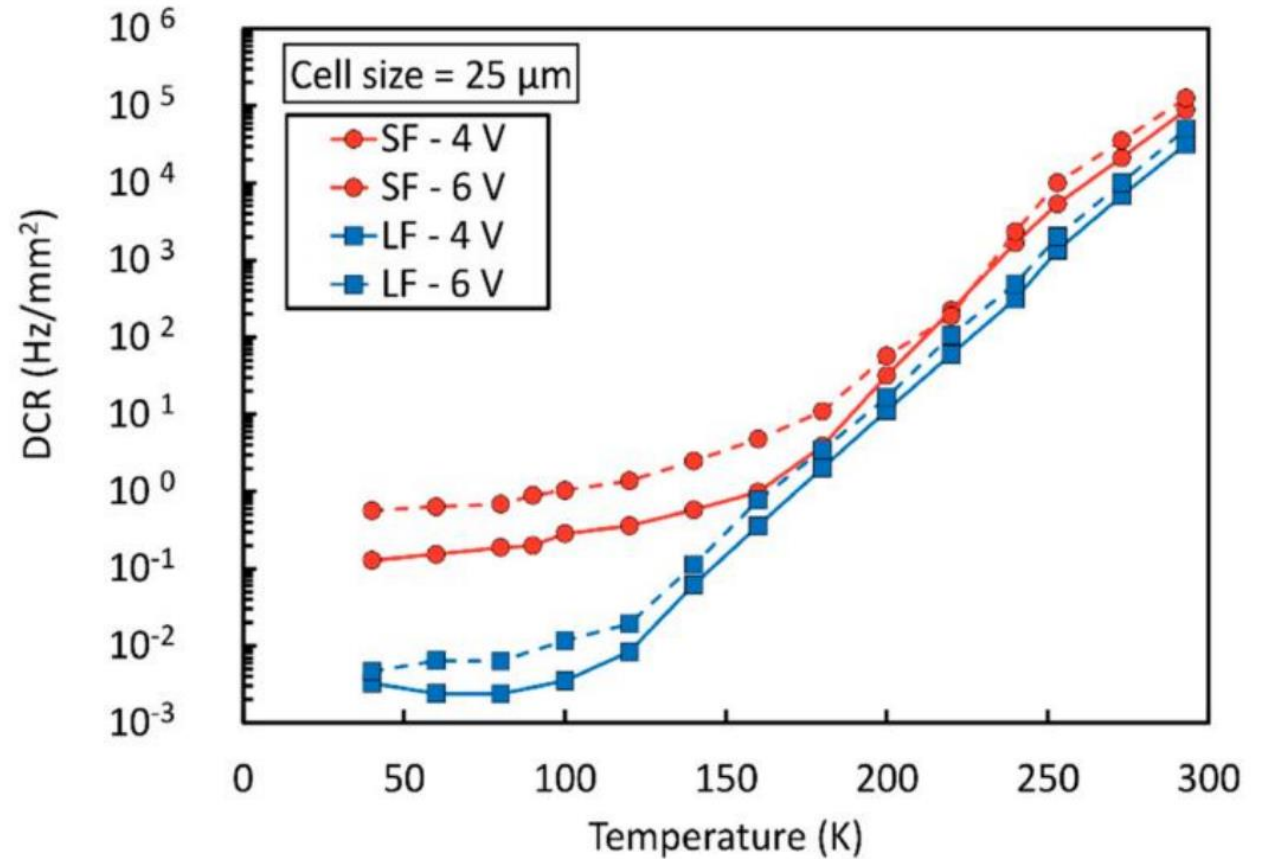
# Tracking in Upgrade II

- Upgrade II to be installed in LS4
- Prepare detector for **harsh environment of HL-LHC** in Run 5 and beyond
- **Replace** current SciFi tracker with refined version: **Mighty Tracker** (see talk by Blake yesterday)
- Combination of **silicon pixel detector** (MightyPix) and **cryogenic SciFi detector**
- Aachen group focusses on **R&D of cryogenic SciFi**



# Why cryogenic SciFi?

- Target luminosity of  $300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  leads to **higher dark count rate** at current operating temperature and **lower hit efficiency** due to necessary adjustments of SNR requirement
- Only viable solution: **Cooling SiPMs to cryogenic temperatures**, greatly reducing DCR and allowing for threshold adjustments to maintain tracking performance

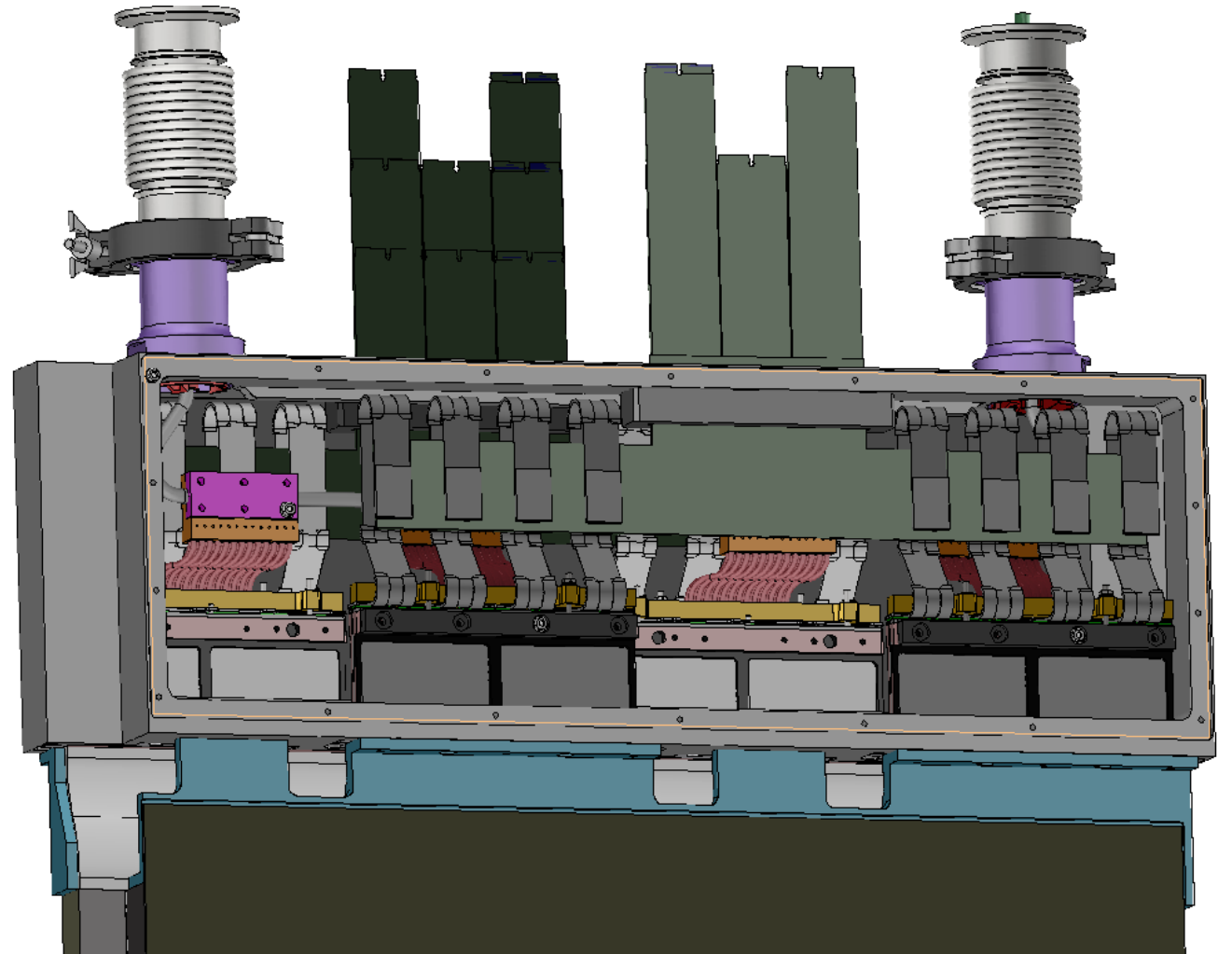


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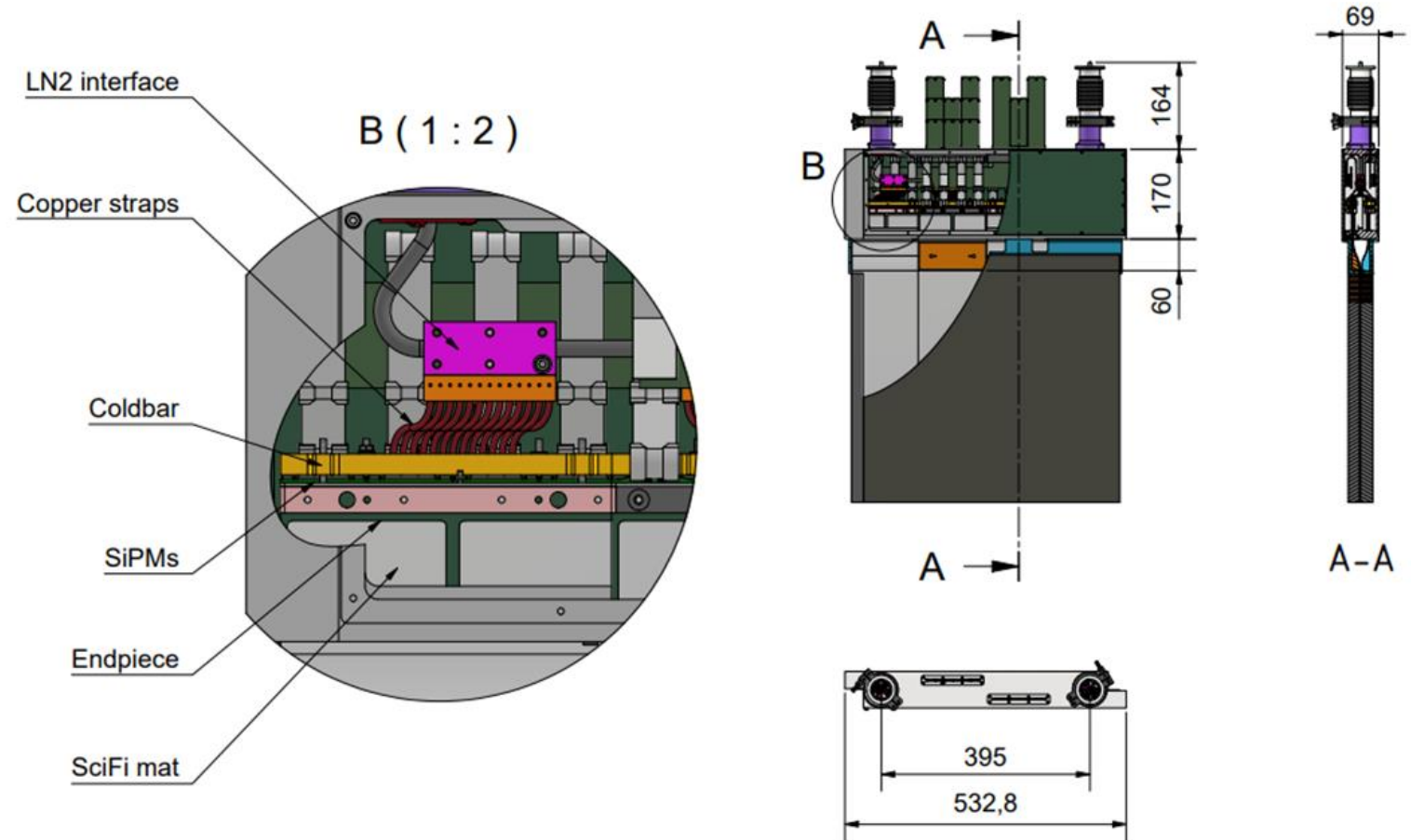
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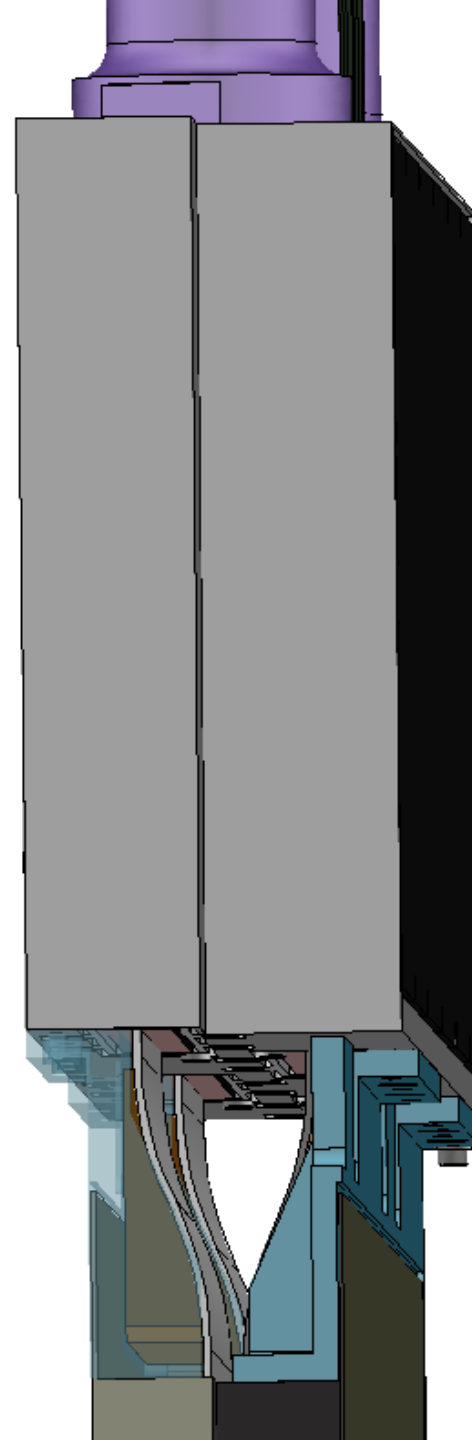
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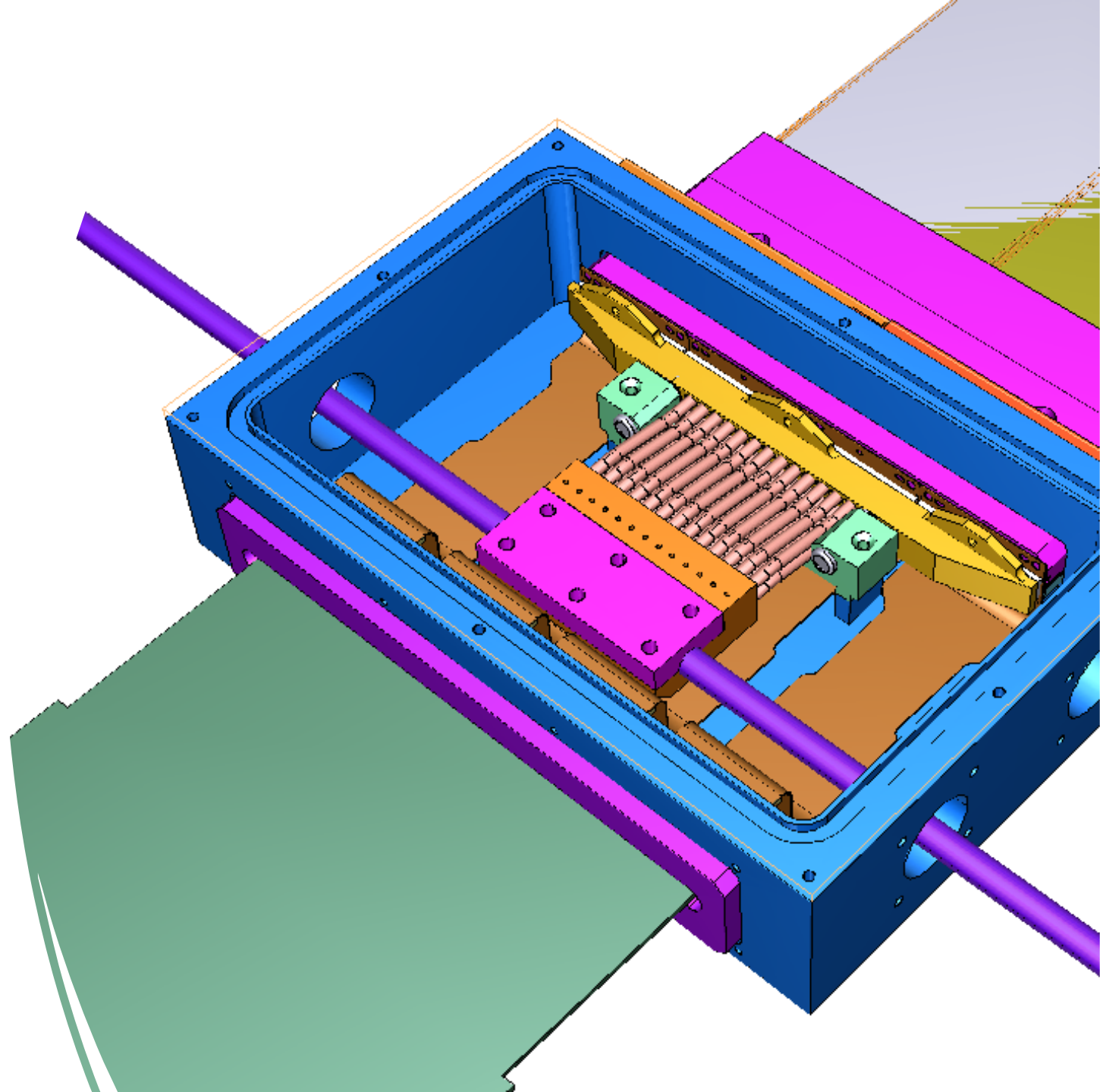
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# Cold box demonstrator with single fibre mat

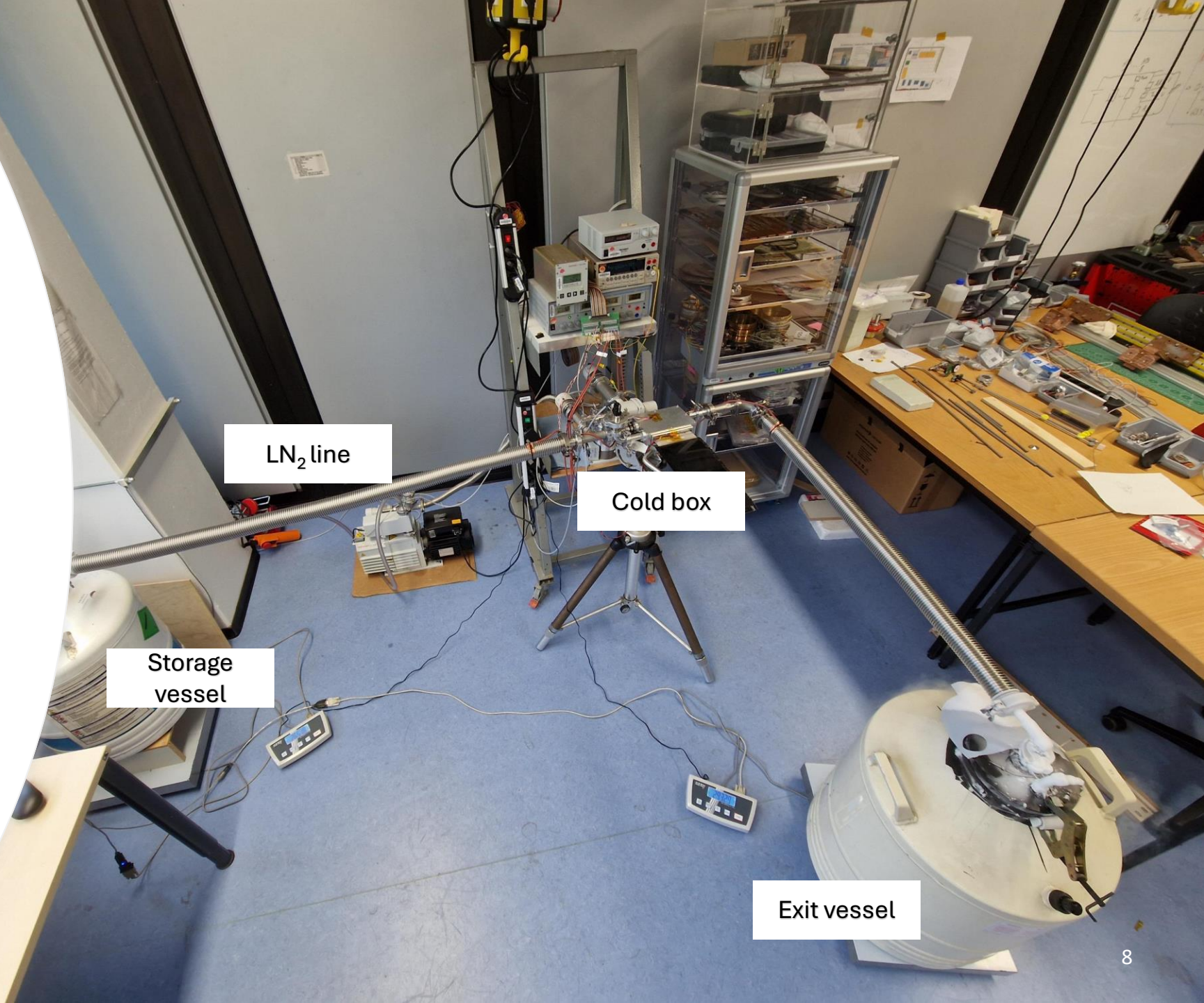
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- Construct scaled-down cold box with single fibre mat for **tests on vacuum tightness & thermal properties**
- Compare results to expectation from thermal model
- After validation of performance, introduce SiPMs and readout and **perform test measurements** at room temperature and LN<sub>2</sub> temperature

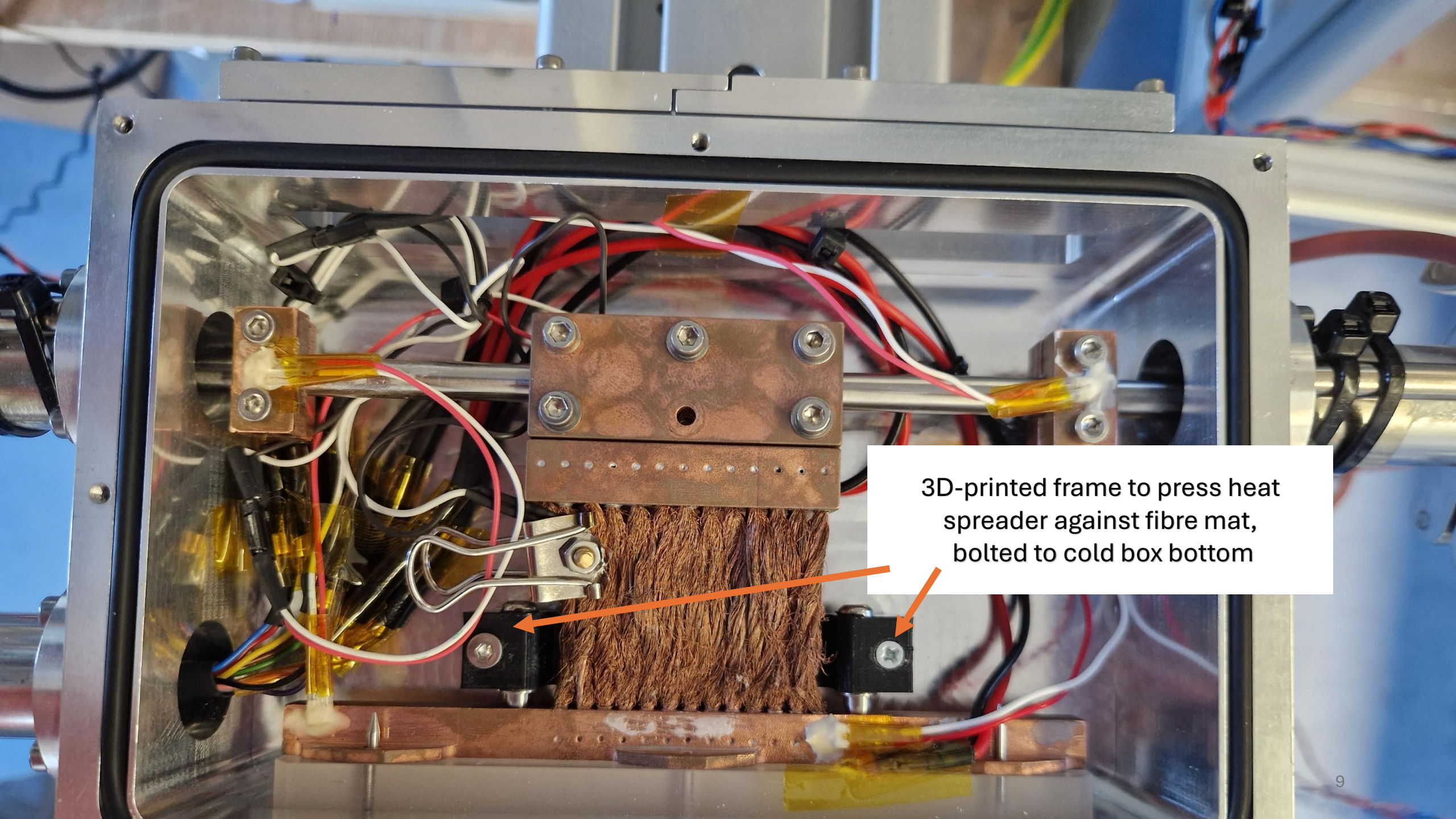


# Test setup for demonstrator cold box

- Evaluate thermal behaviour of **scaled-down cold box** housing single 30 cm fibre mat
- Liquid nitrogen ( $\text{LN}_2$ ) led to and from cold box via  $\frac{1}{4}$ " tube, **vacuum-insulated** inside of 40mm corrugated tube
- $\text{LN}_2$  pushed through test setup by **overpressure in storage Dewar vessel**, no pumps
- Cold box does **not yet contain readout electronics**







3D-printed frame to press heat spreader against fibre mat, bolted to cold box bottom

Temperature sensors inside cold box

LN<sub>2</sub> Tube In

LN<sub>2</sub> Tube Out

Thermal straps

Heatspreader  
(side)

Heatspreader  
(center)

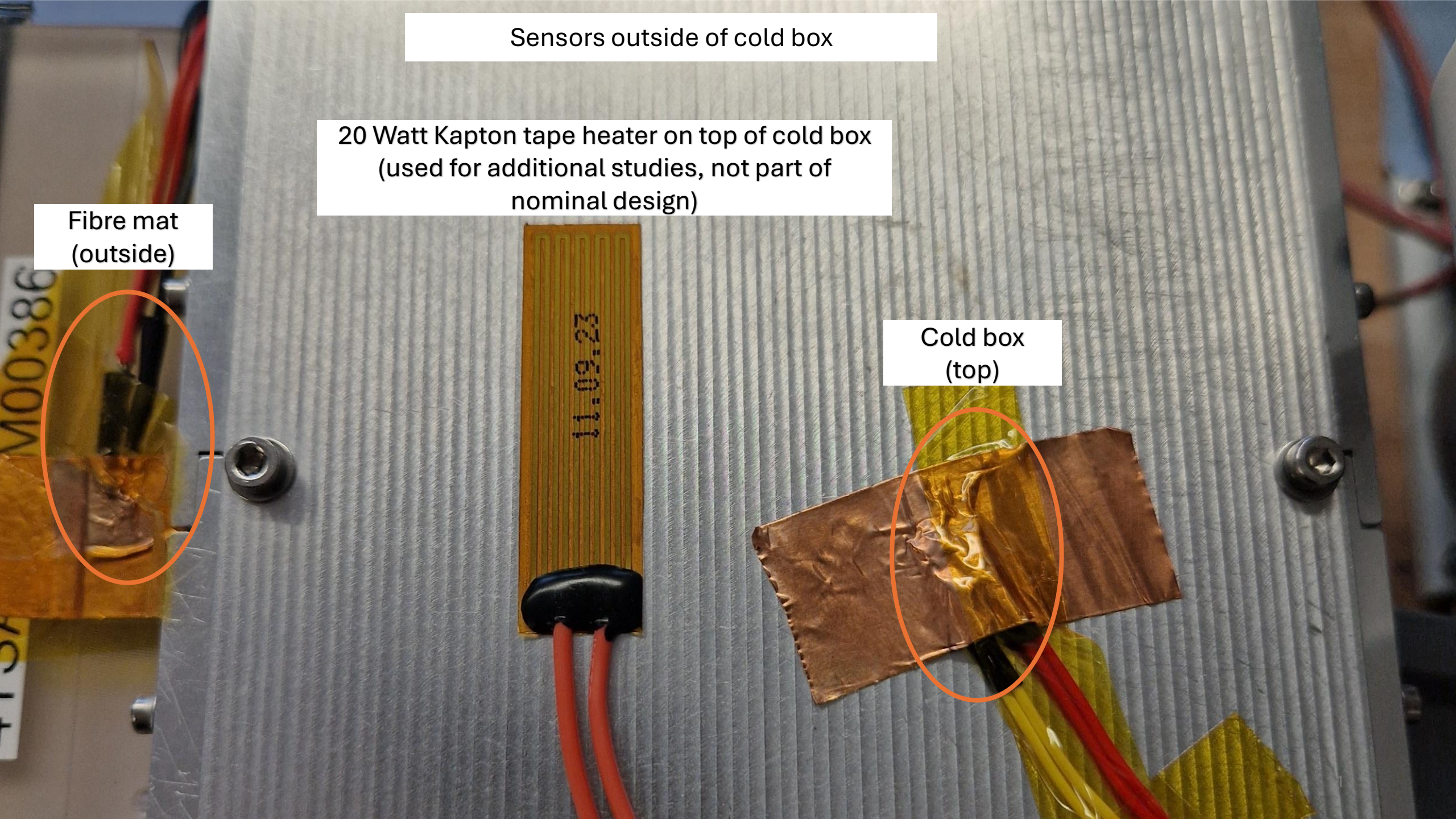
Fibre mat  
(inside)

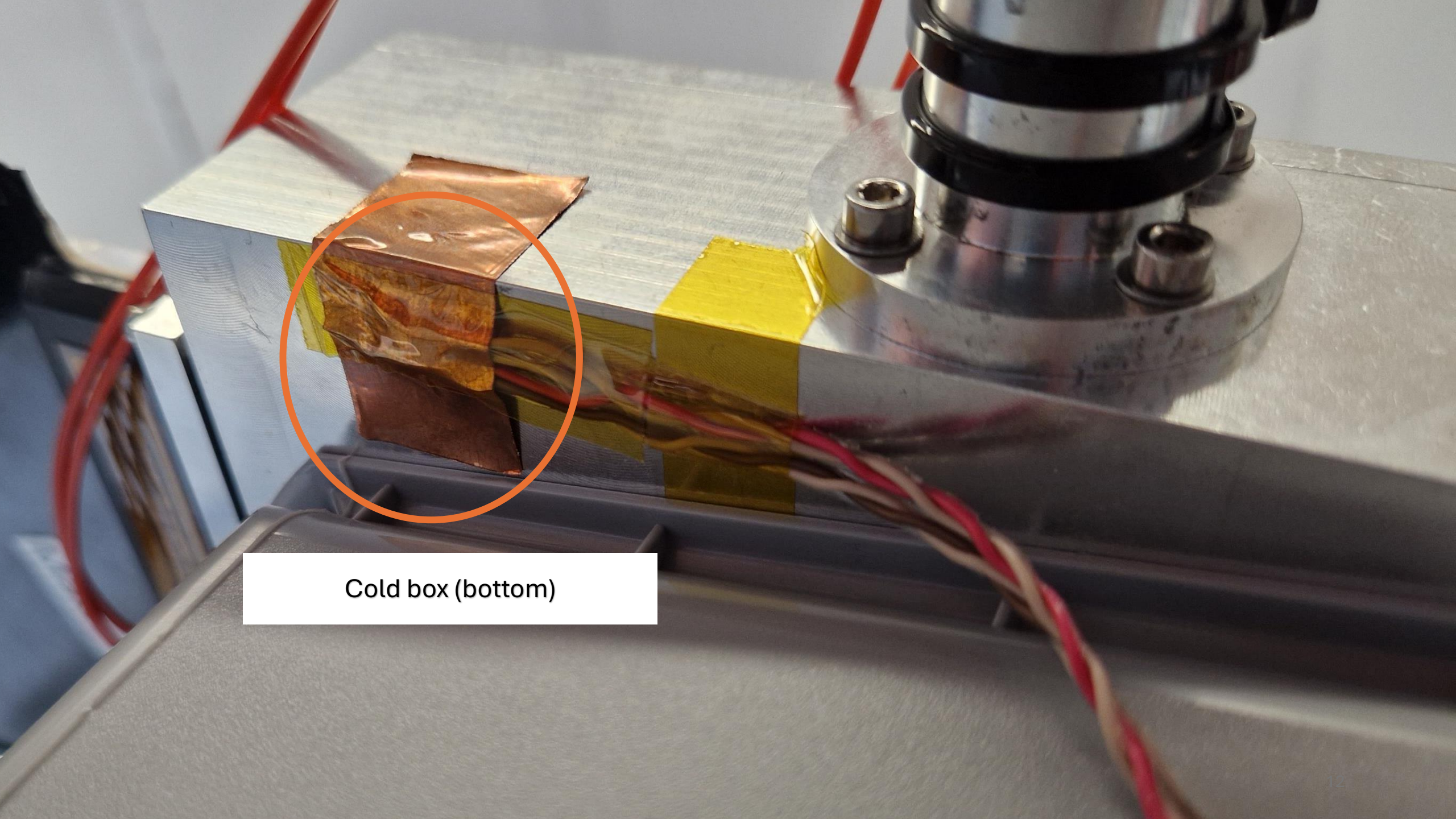
Sensors outside of cold box

20 Watt Kapton tape heater on top of cold box  
(used for additional studies, not part of  
nominal design)

Fibre mat  
(outside)

Cold box  
(top)





Cold box (bottom)

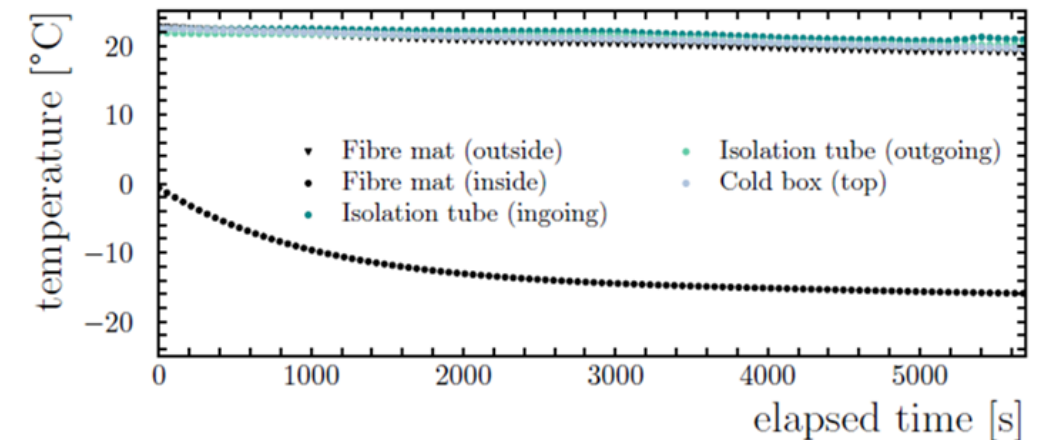
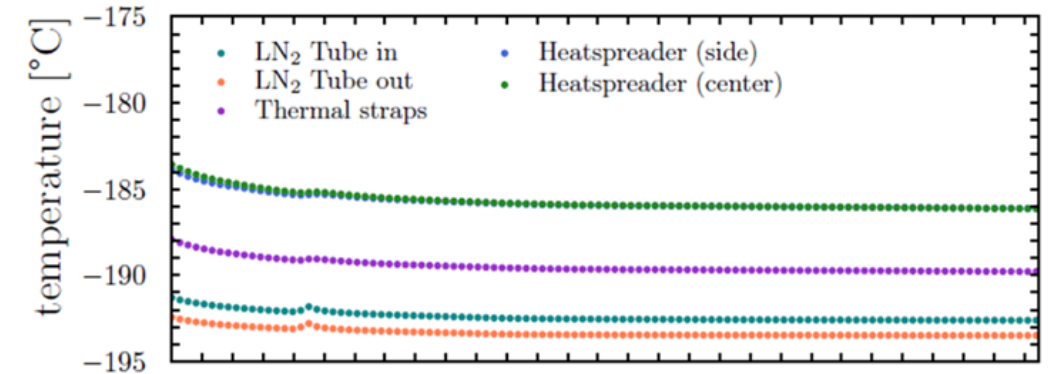
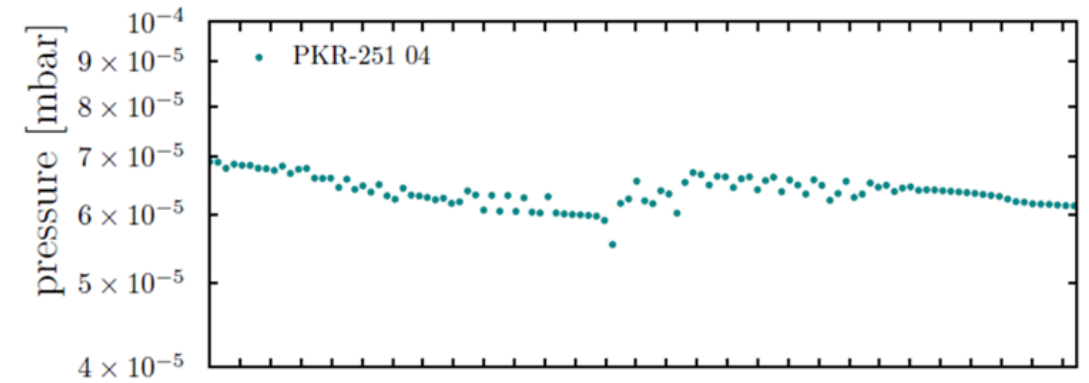
# Nominal measurement

- **Stable temperatures and pressure for >1.5h of measuring time**
- **Gradient of temperatures as expected (with the exception of Tube in vs Tube out)**
- **Isolation temperatures above dew point**

Stable temperatures:

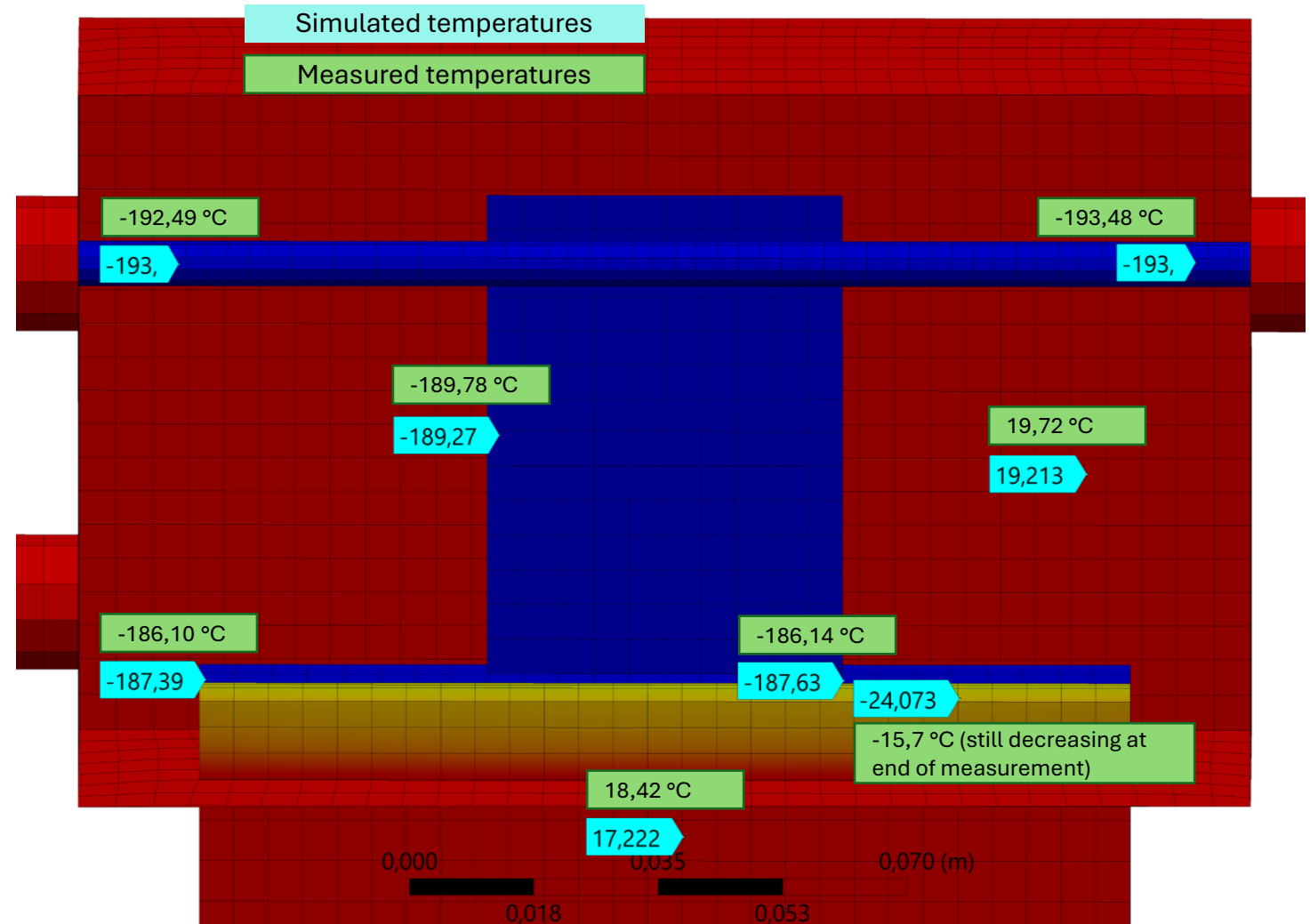
Tube in: -192.49 °C  
Tube out: -193.48 °C  
Straps: -189.78 °C  
HS (center): -186.14 °C  
HS (side): -186.10 °C

Cold box (top): 19.72 °C  
Fibre mat (inside): -15.7 °C



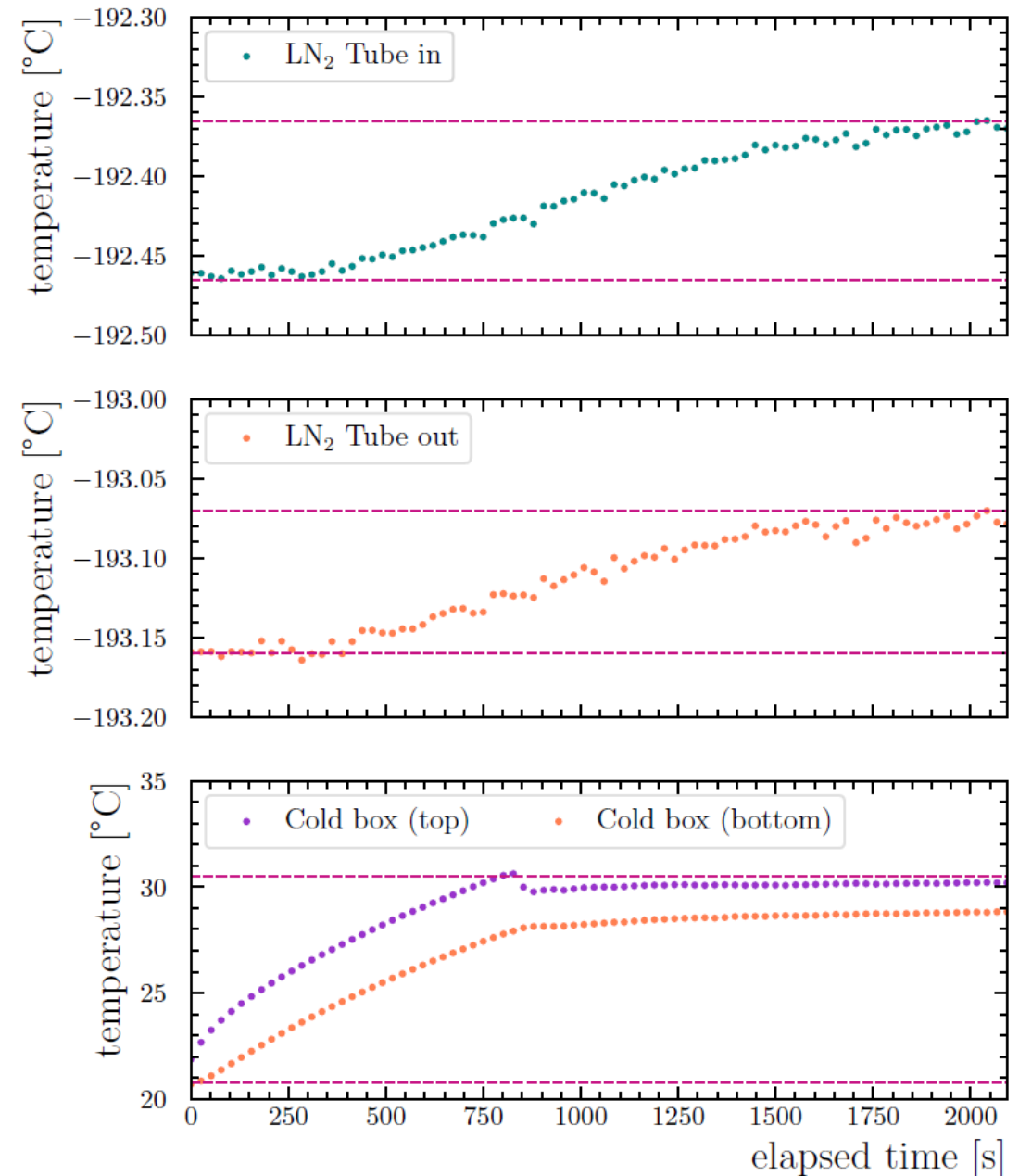
# Thermal model of cold box with single fibre mat

- Temperatures obtained from thermal model **in good agreement** with measurements
- **Lowest end piece temperature** expected inside box at  $\sim -24\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Cold box stays approx. **at room temperature**
- **Mat temperature** outside cold box drops to  $\sim 17\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Simulated **heat load from fibre mat**  $\sim 2\text{W}$ , validated on measured temperature data



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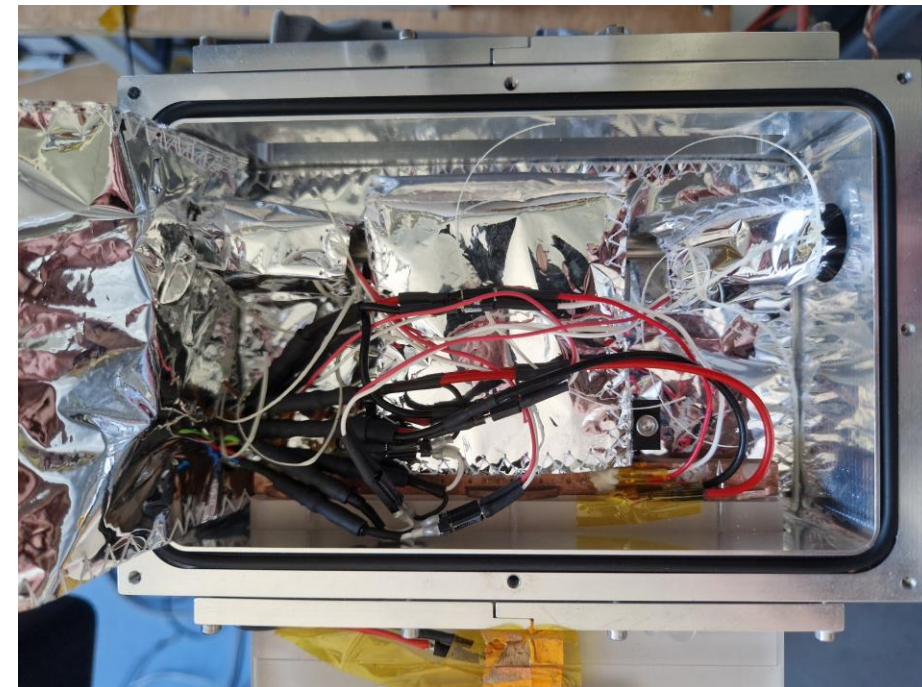
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- After introduction of MLI, **heat load per mat reduced** from 2 W to approx. 1.6 W

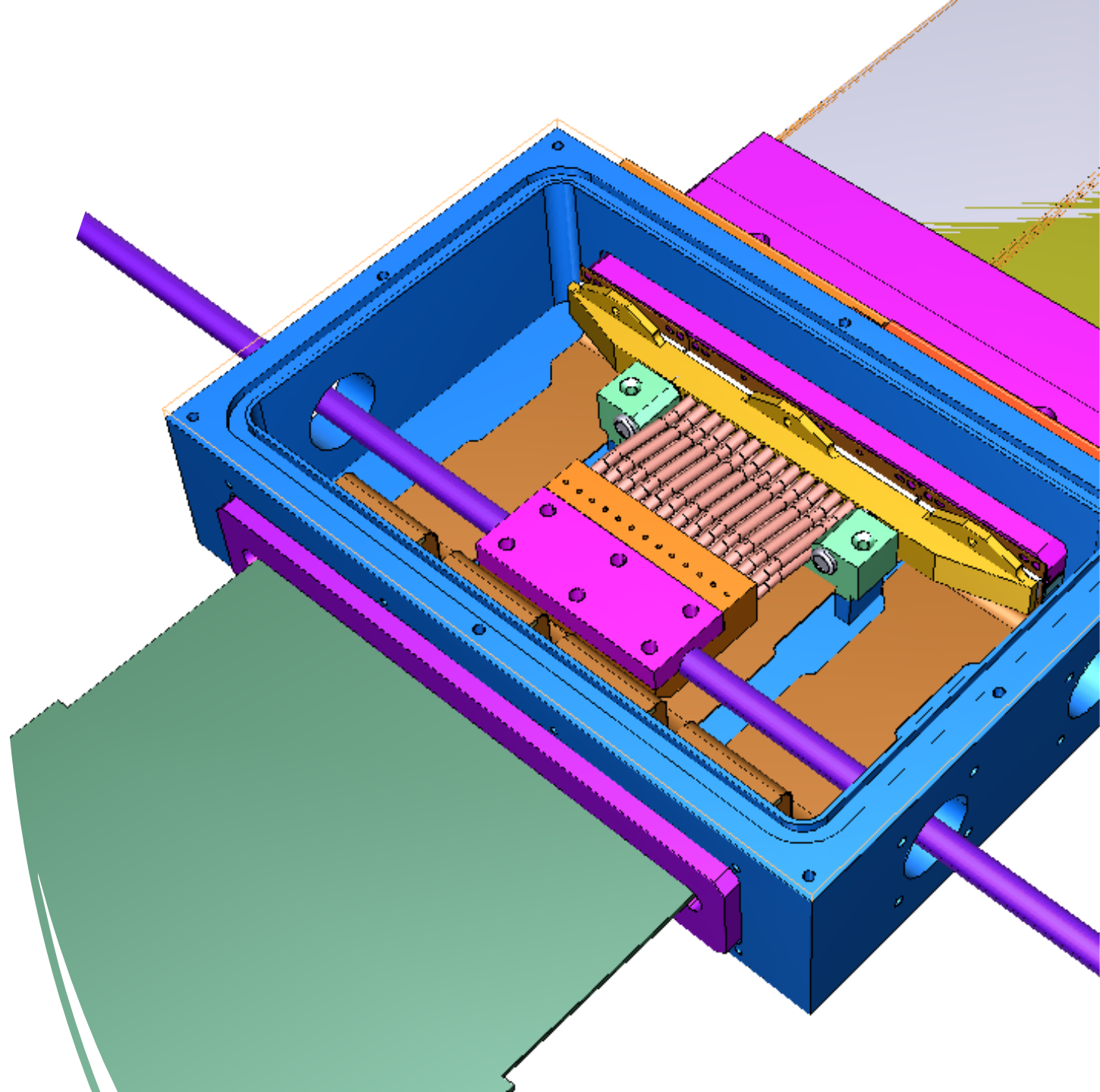


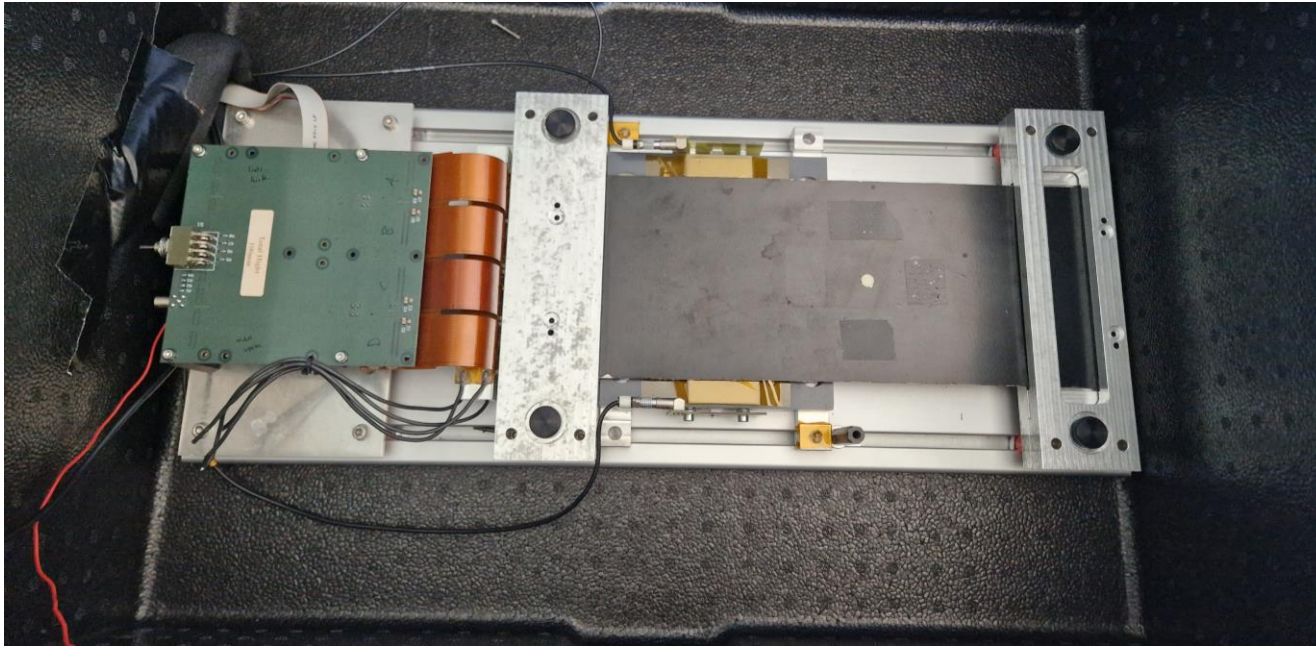


# Installation of the readout system

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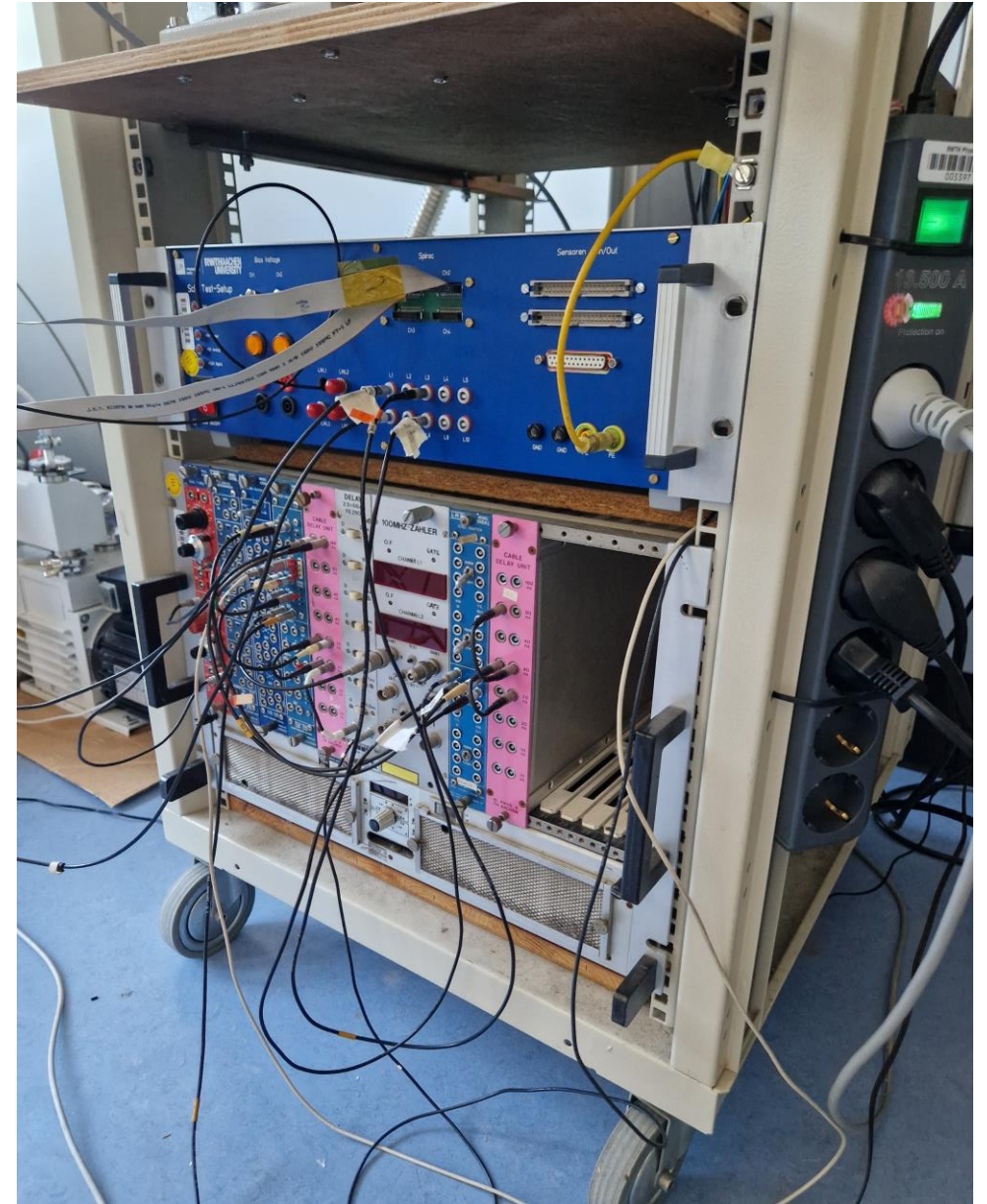
- Aim to introduce **four SiPMs** to the single-mat cold box
- Single **PCB** glued into **aluminium frame** as electronics feed-through into the vacuum insulation
- **Use existing readout electronics** from SciFi test stand

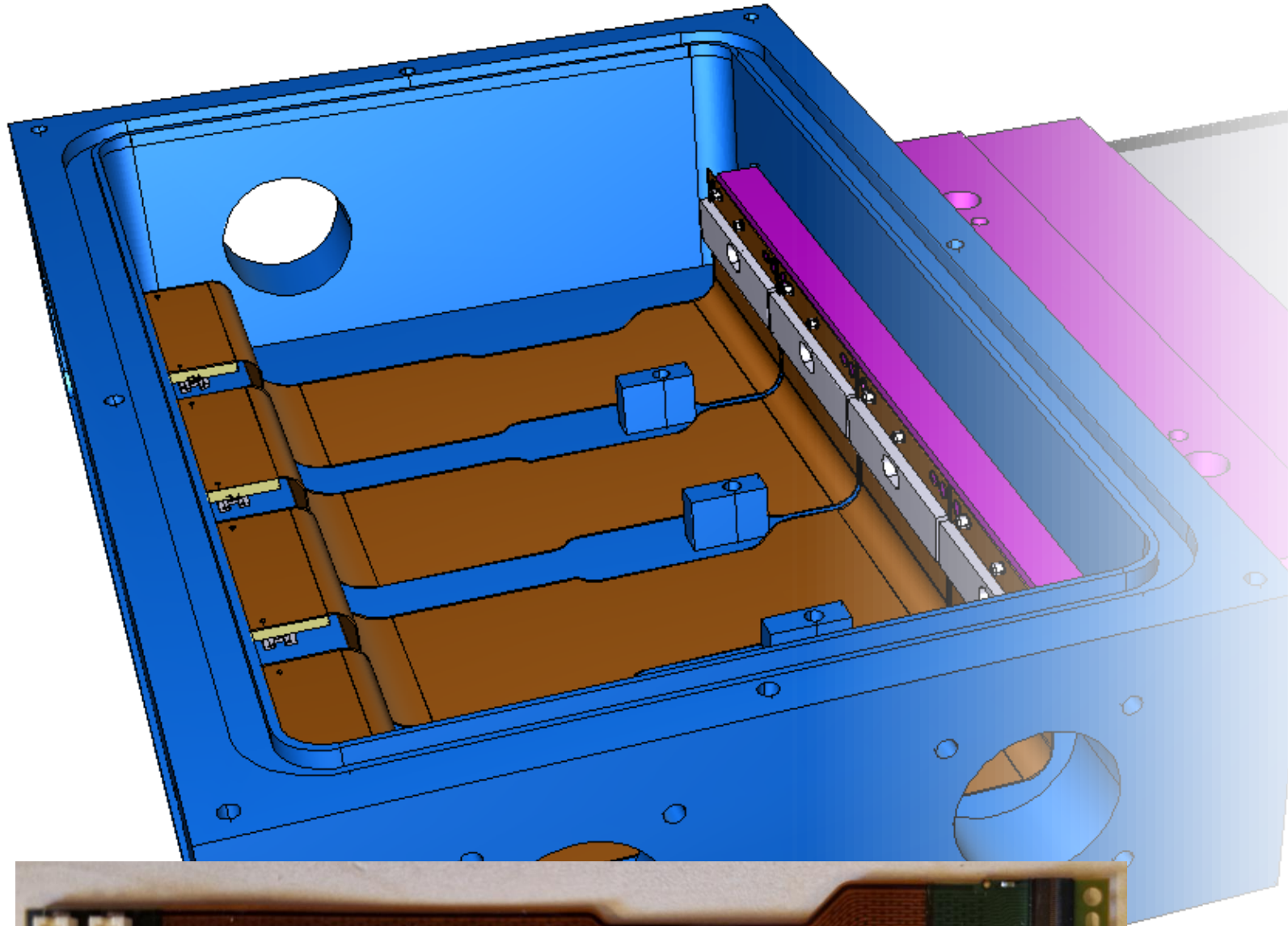




## Testing the readout electronics

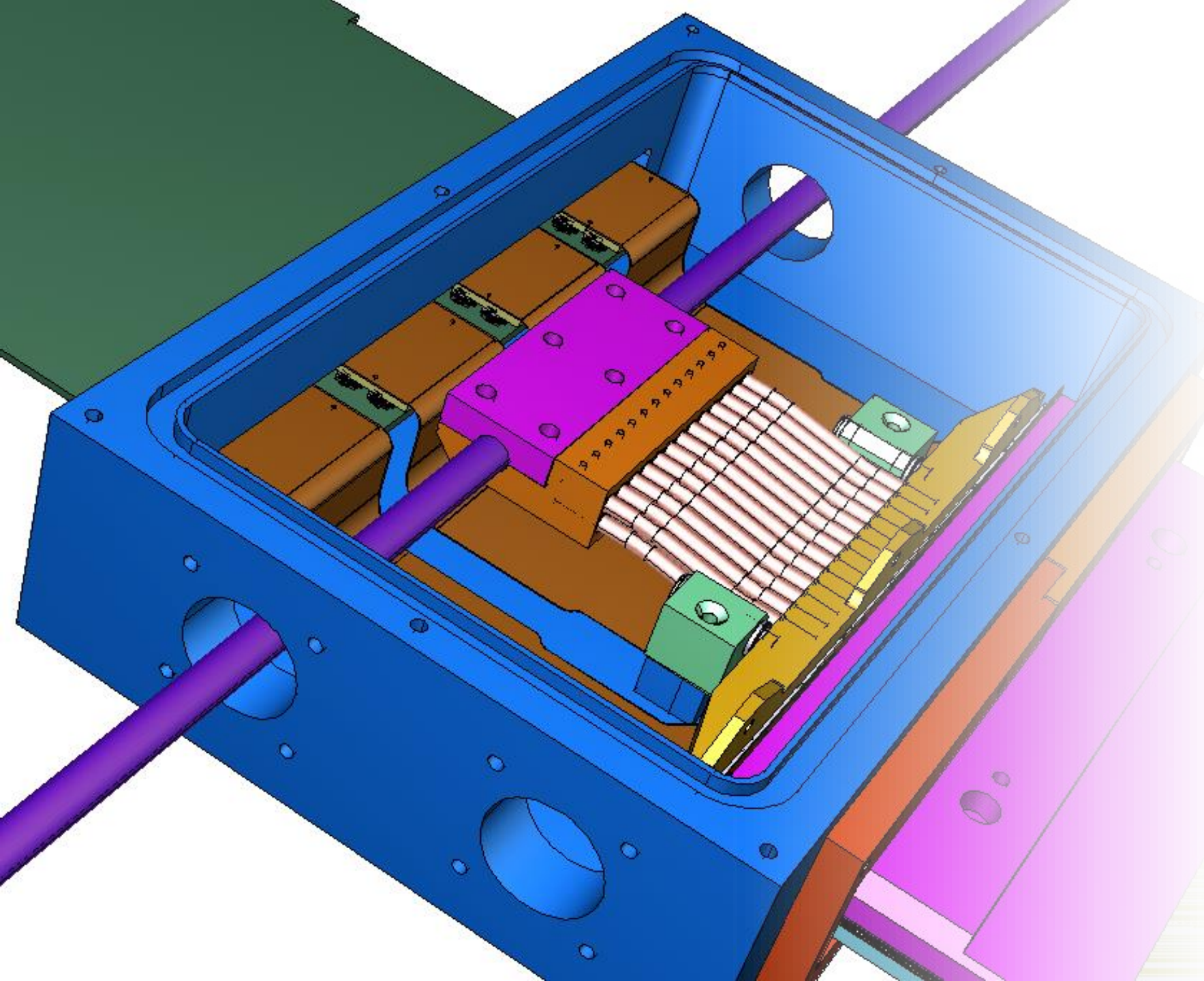
- Bachelor student worked on **installation and tests of the readout electronics**
- Tests at room temperature completed, use the **same electronics** in the Cryo-SciFi test stand in upcoming weeks





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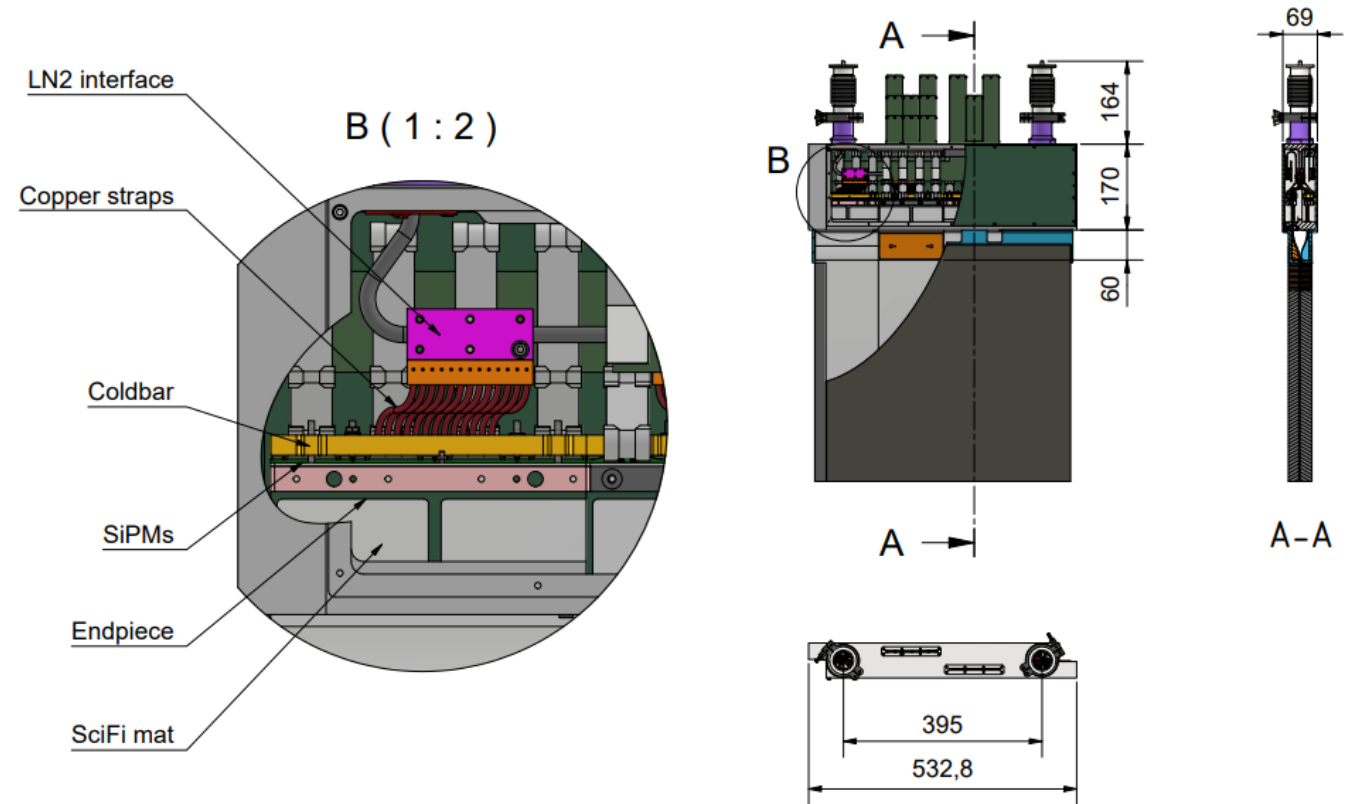




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- **Custom PCB** allows for connection of the SiPM cables to existing SciFi test stand readout electronics **outside of the cold box**

# Summary and Outlook

- **Development of a fully equipped read out box** for a full module already advanced
- Tests of a **single-mat cold box** without readout electronics show promising results
- Measurements are in **good agreement with thermal simulation**
- Integration of a **working readout system** using 4 SiPMs inside the cold box ongoing, expect first results within upcoming weeks



Thank you for  
your attention!

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**MIGHTY TREKKER**

