

Update: ChillerCtrl.py

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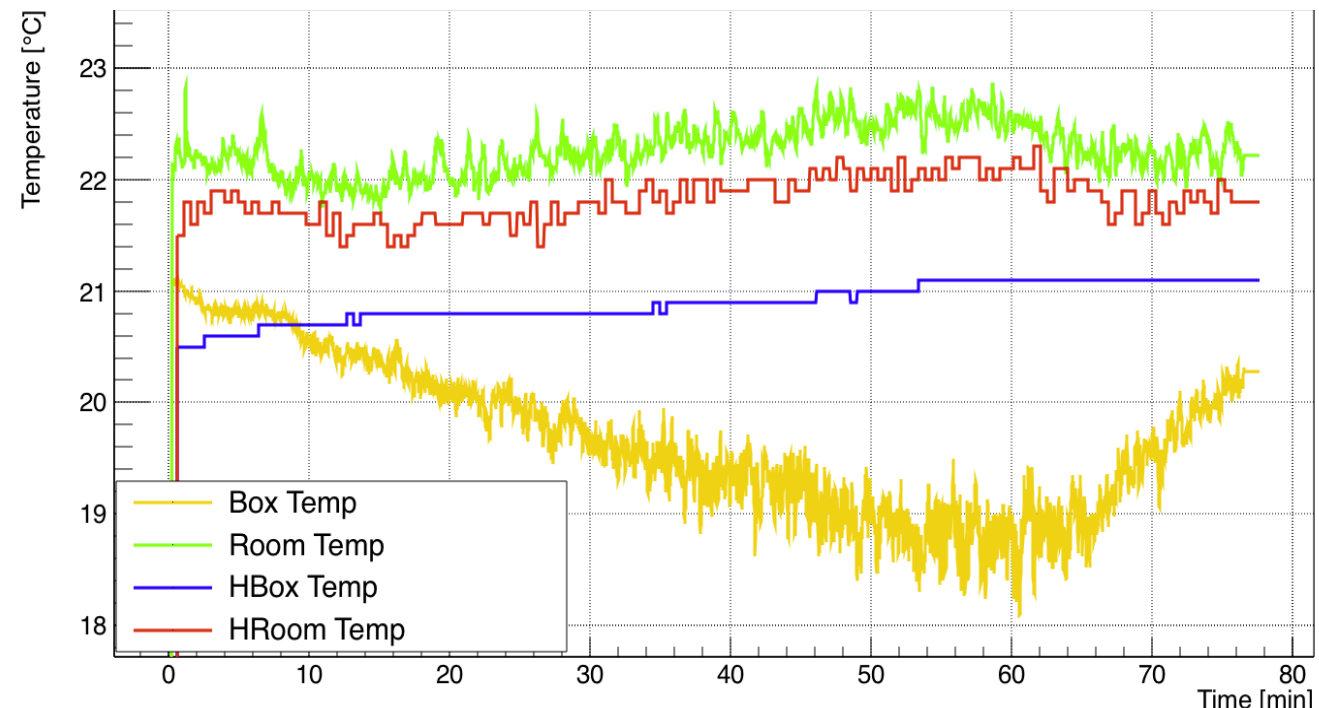
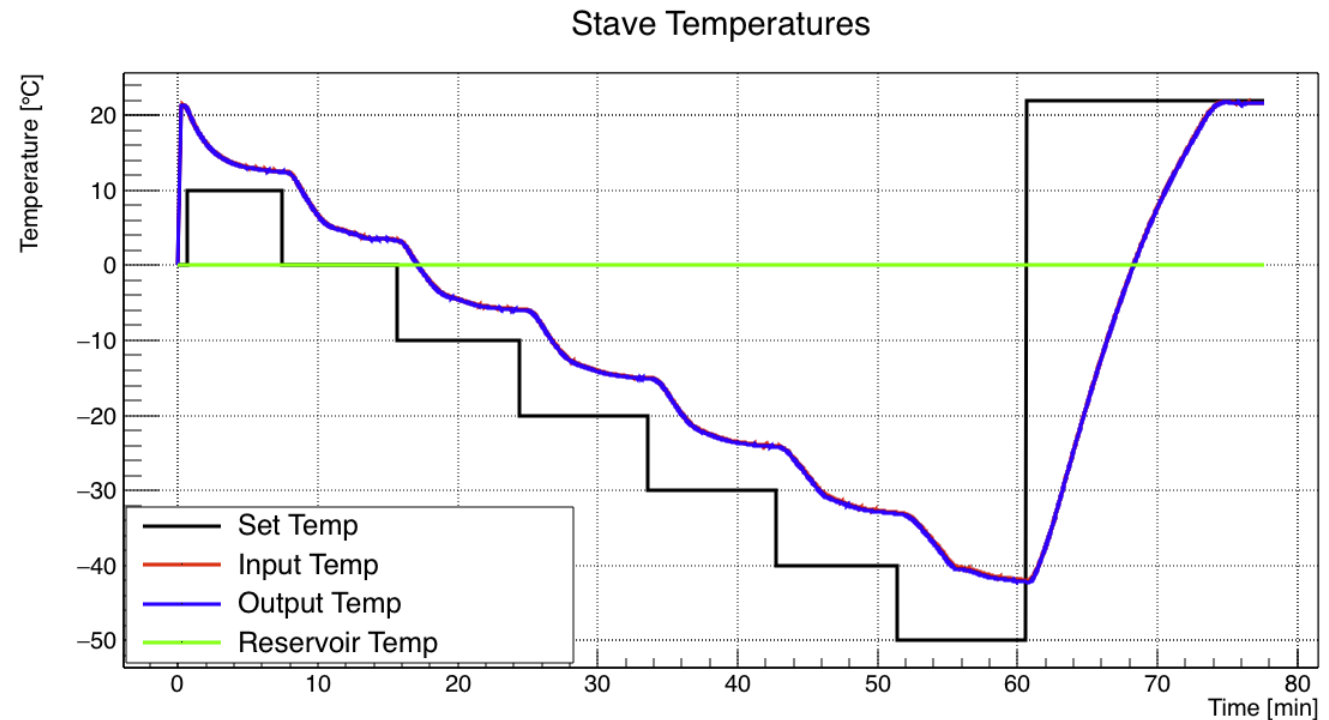


Since Last Time

- ▶ ChillerCtrl.py updates
 - ▶ How to go to set temperature
 1. Check every minute to see if fluid temp in reservoir is within 1C of set temperature (Originally this was waiting 4 minutes)
 2. Check to see if fluid temp slope is less than 0.1C/min
 - ▶ Remaining problems
 - ▶ Humidity wait in routine mode screws up the routine
 - ▶ Flow meter measurements from fit are only valid in a small region of measured flow and are not valid at low voltage ($< 0.7V$).
 - ▶ RPS to Flow auto adjust?
- ▶ ChillerCtrl.py tests: 10C drops to -50C and one drop to -50C all with N2 on
 - ▶ Small pipe(Did not have TRes logging yet)
 - ▶ Stave(Did not have all info added into logs)

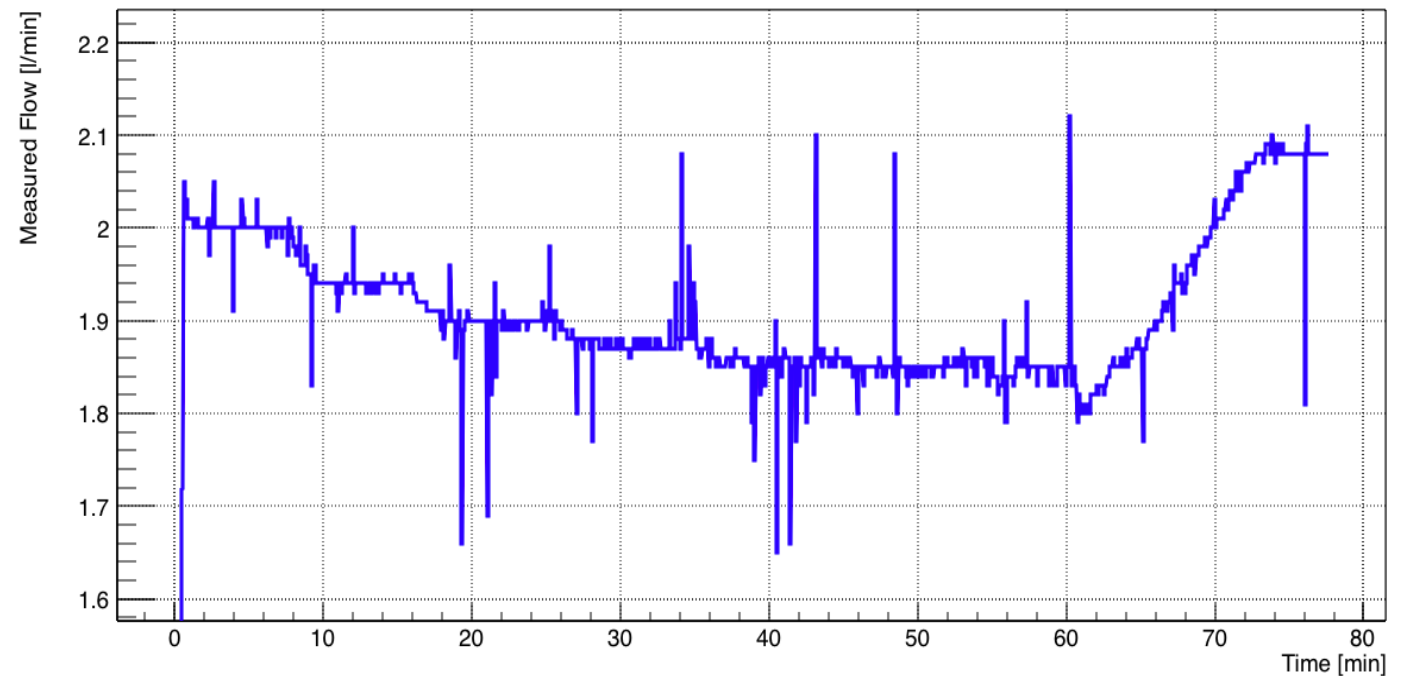
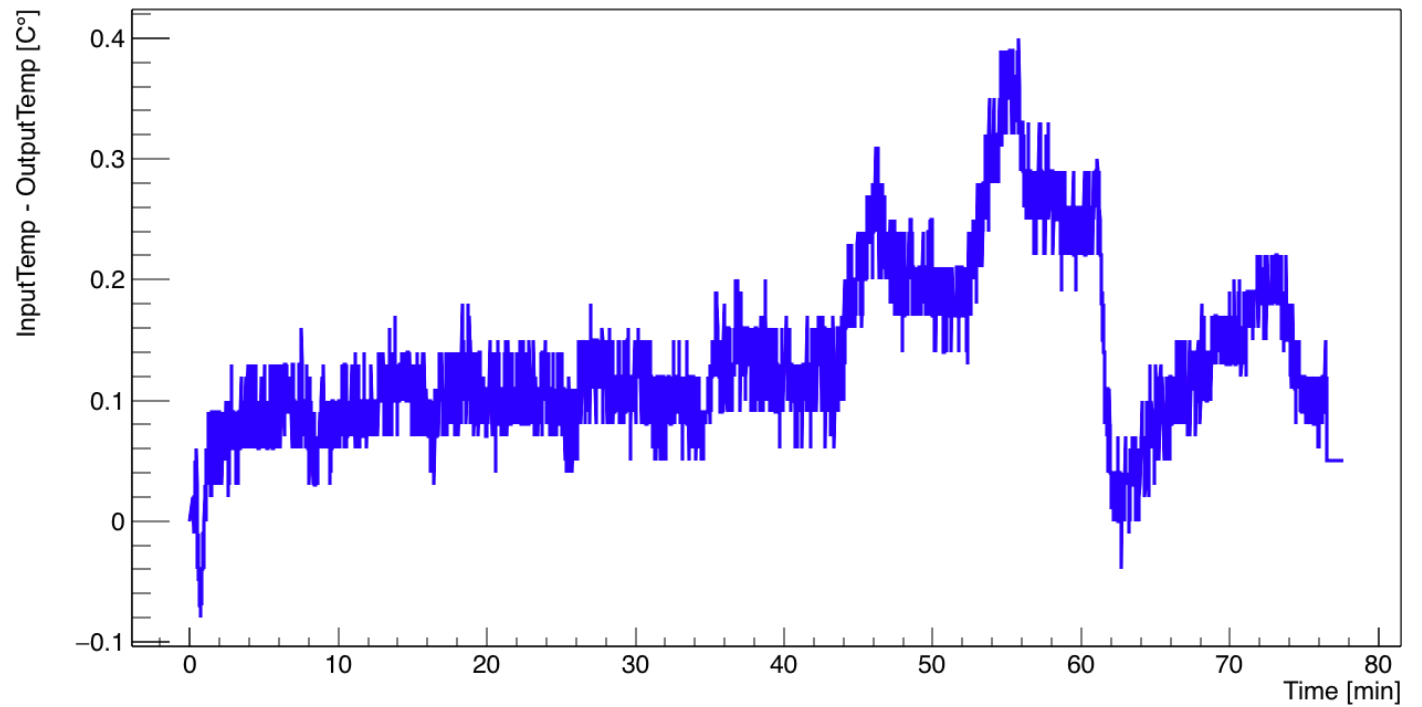
Pipe Incremented

- ▶ Missing Reservoir Temperature data
- ▶ The box temps are quite different. The nitrogen blowing on the pipe cools off the air near the probe close to the pipe
- ▶ The room temps only have a 0.4C offset otherwise they follow same trend



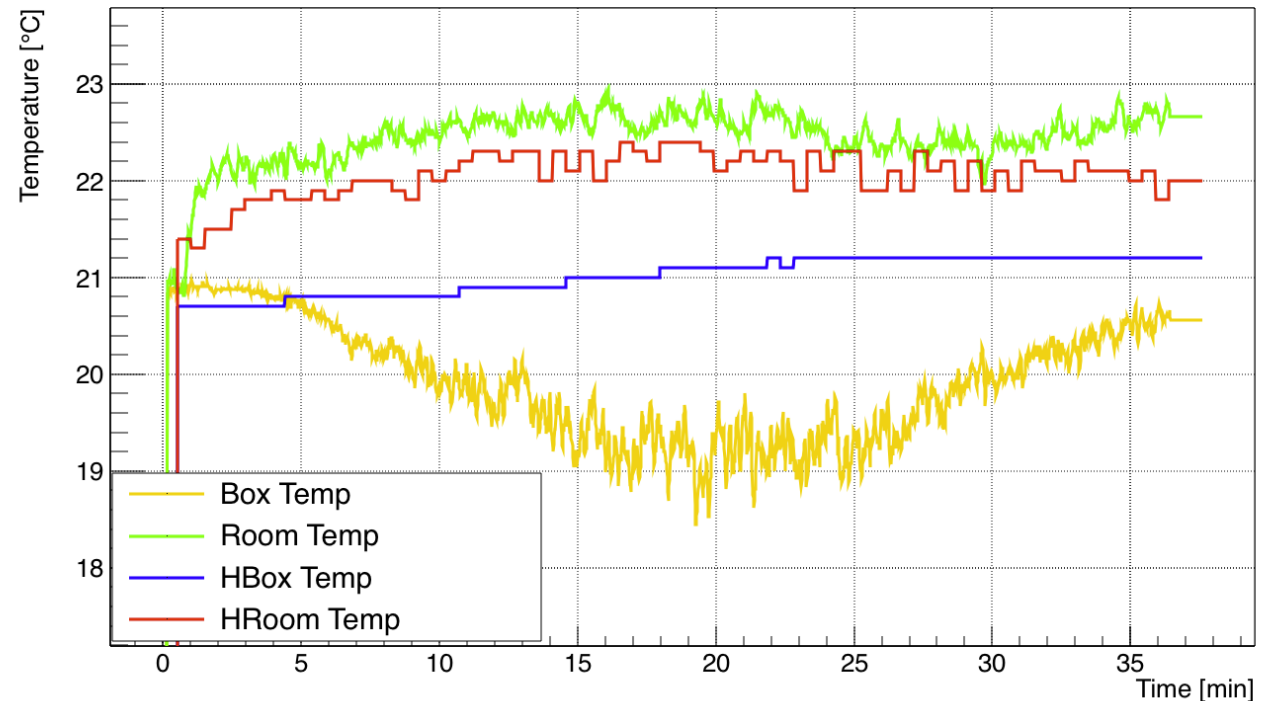
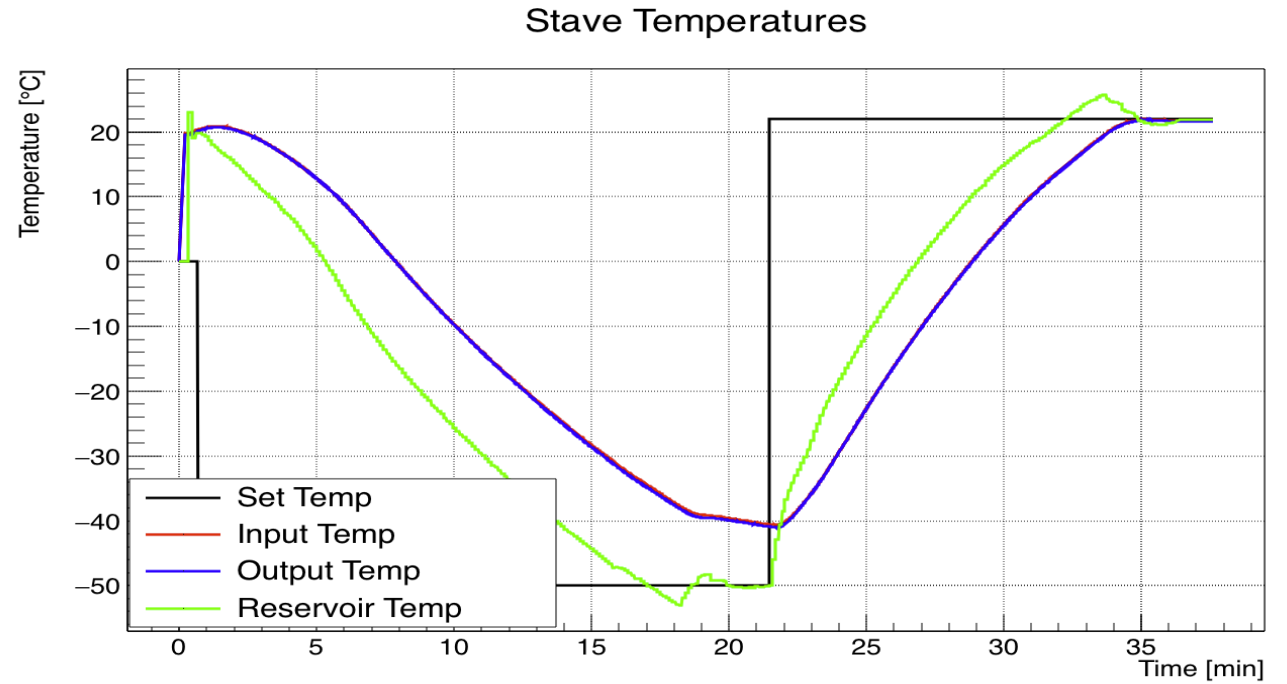
Pipe Incremented

- ▶ The temperature difference between inlet and outlet has a problem.
 - ▶ This should be mostly negative except when heating in which it should be a positive value...
 - ▶ The plugs were backwards... Ugh (This is common throughout)
- ▶ Flow rate seems to have some interesting bumps...



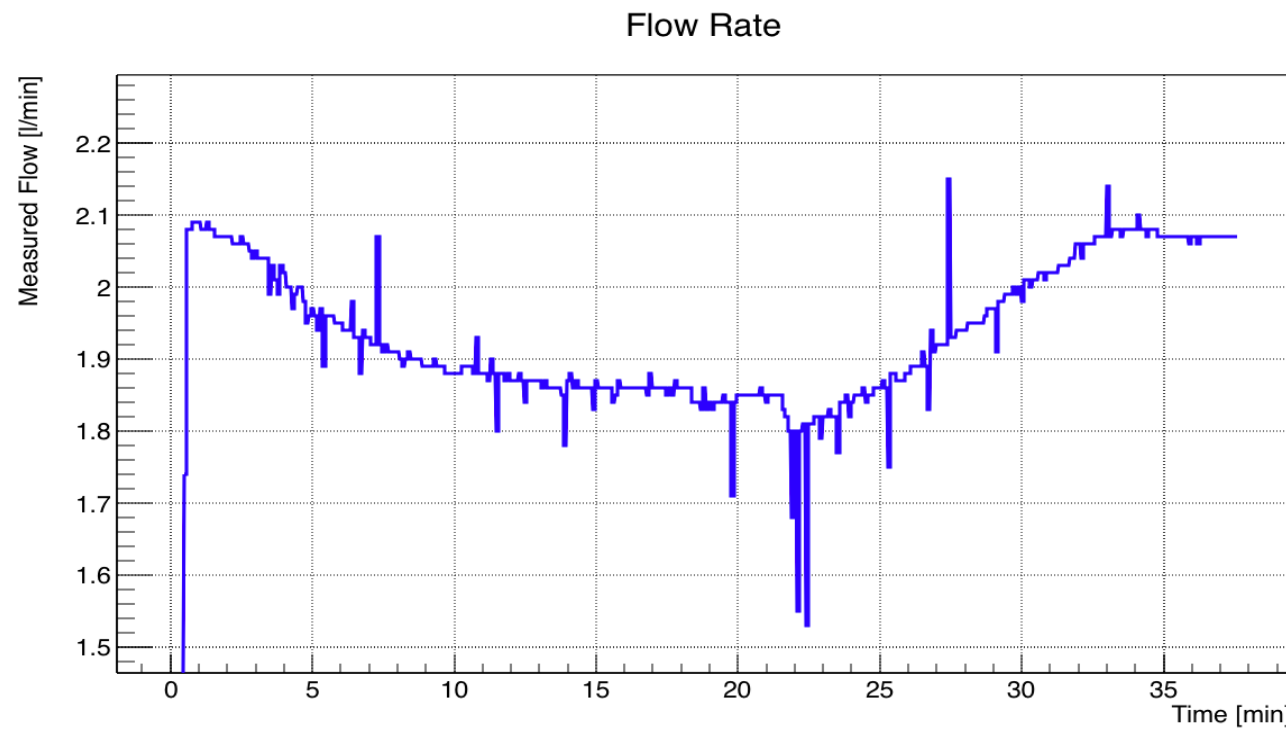
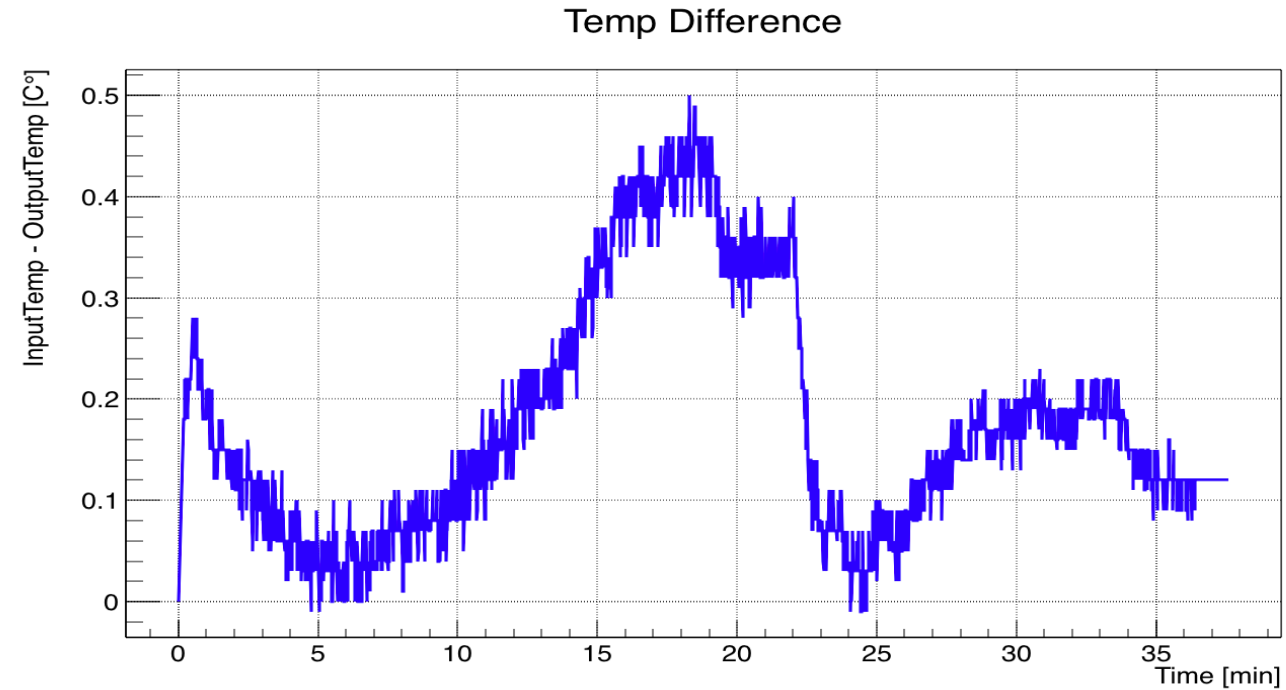
Pipe Jump

- ▶ Can see how nicely the reservoir goes to the set temperature.
 - ▶ It overshoots the set temperature and oscillates toward the set value
- ▶ Again the box temperatures show different shapes



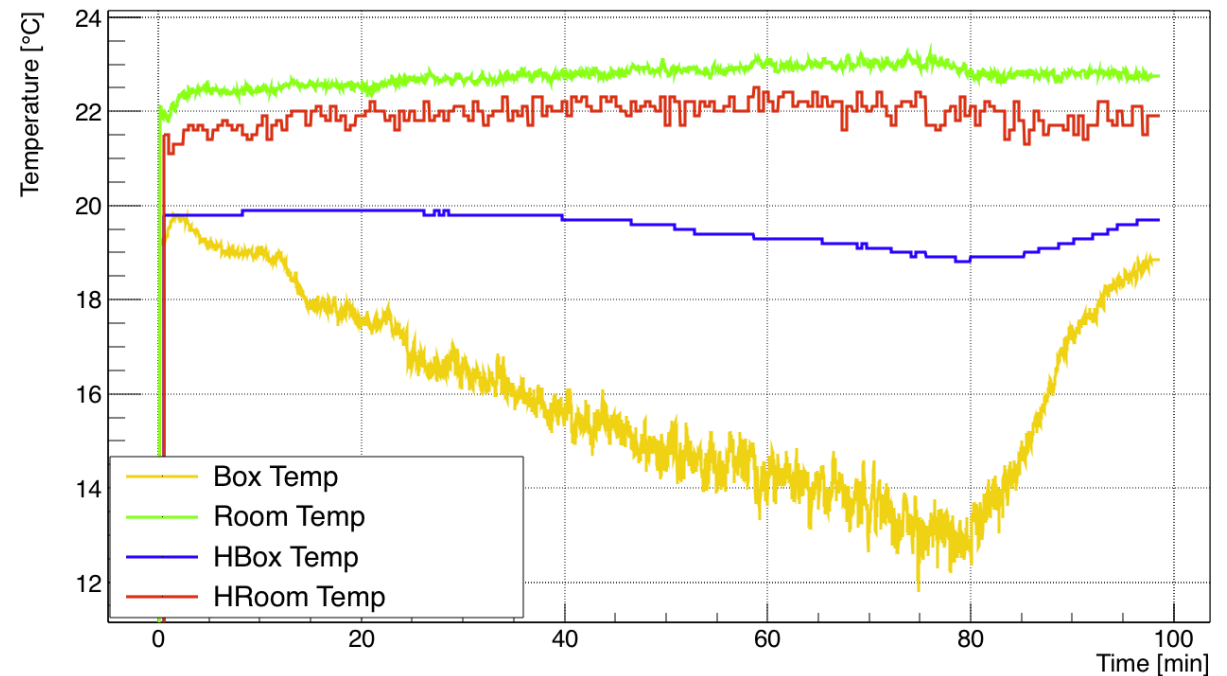
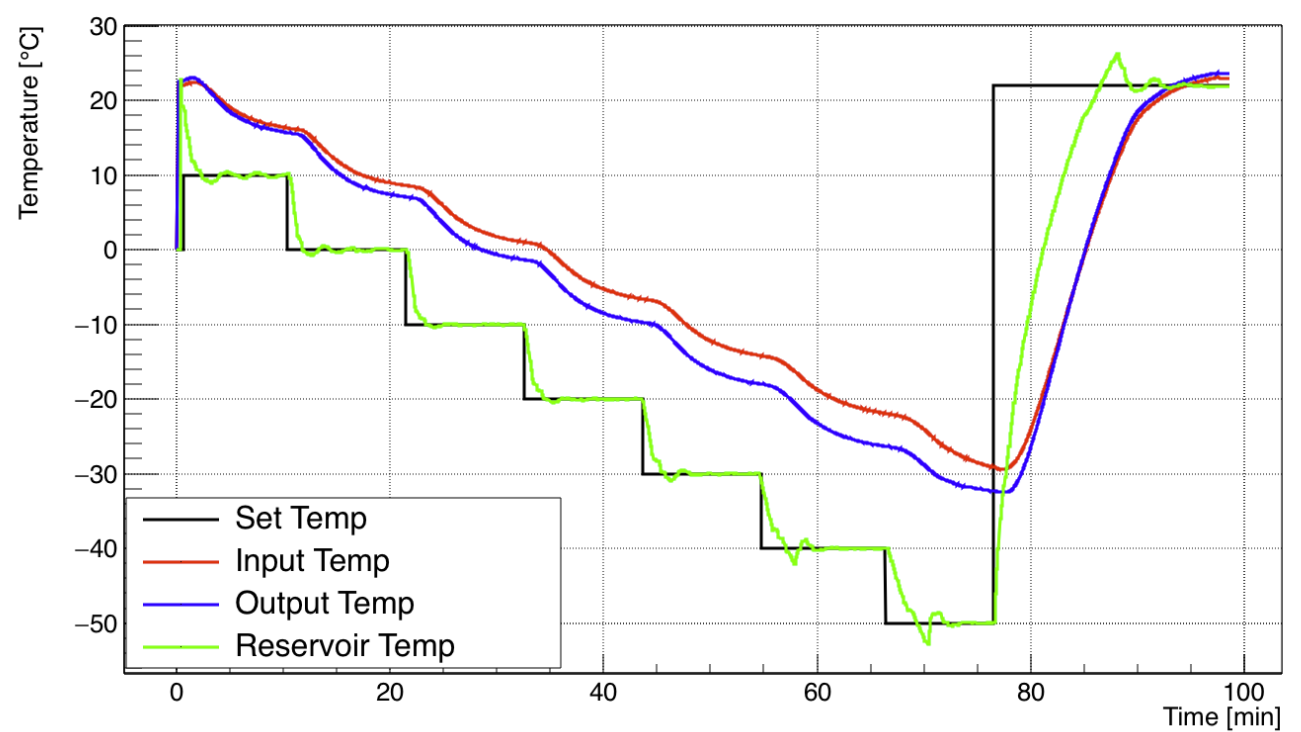
Pipe Jump

- ▶ Again see same issue with Tdiff. Just due to backwards temperature probes
- ▶ Flow rate is smoother except for a few points



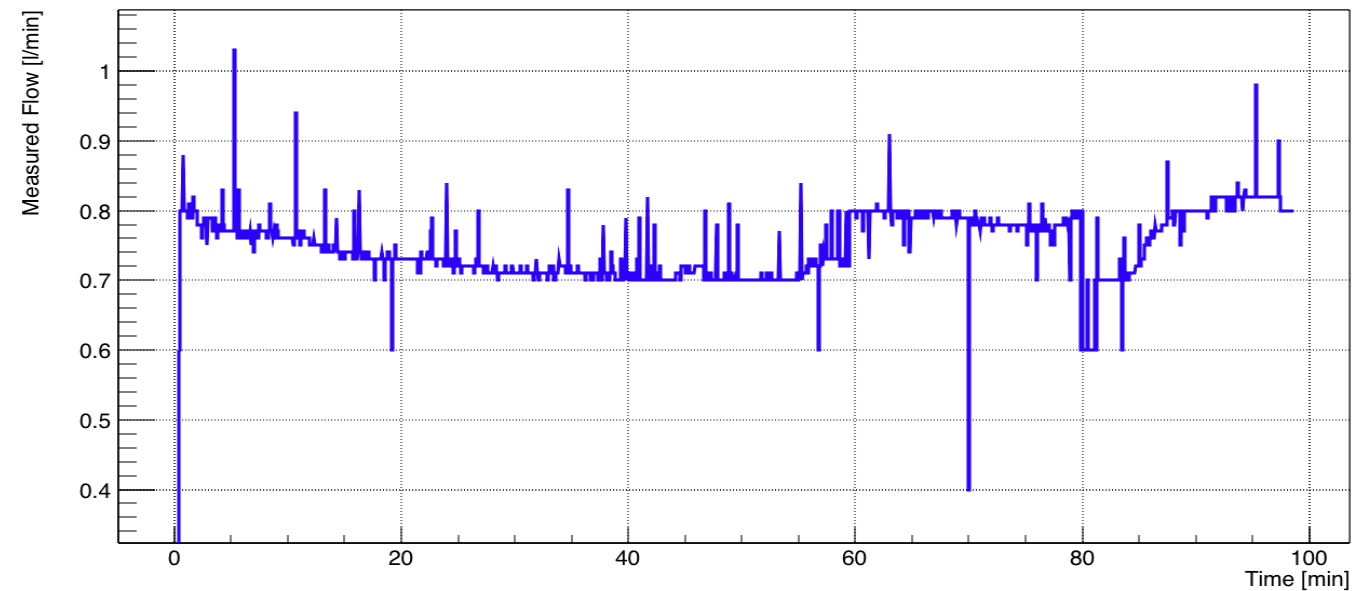
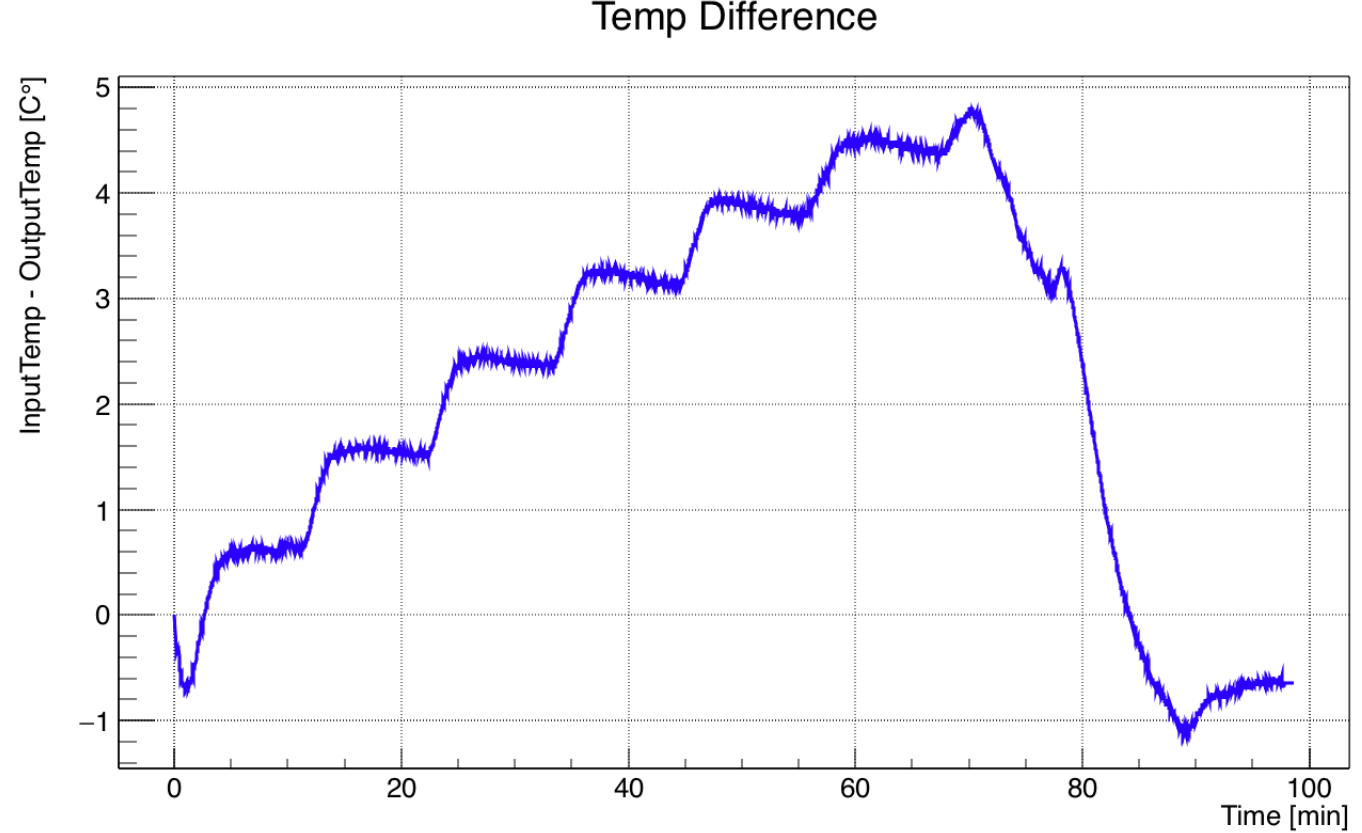
Stave Incremented

- ▶ You can see the stepping quite well in the reservoir fitting to the set temperature
- ▶ Room Temperatures are similar
- ▶ See cooling effecting the box temperature more near the end



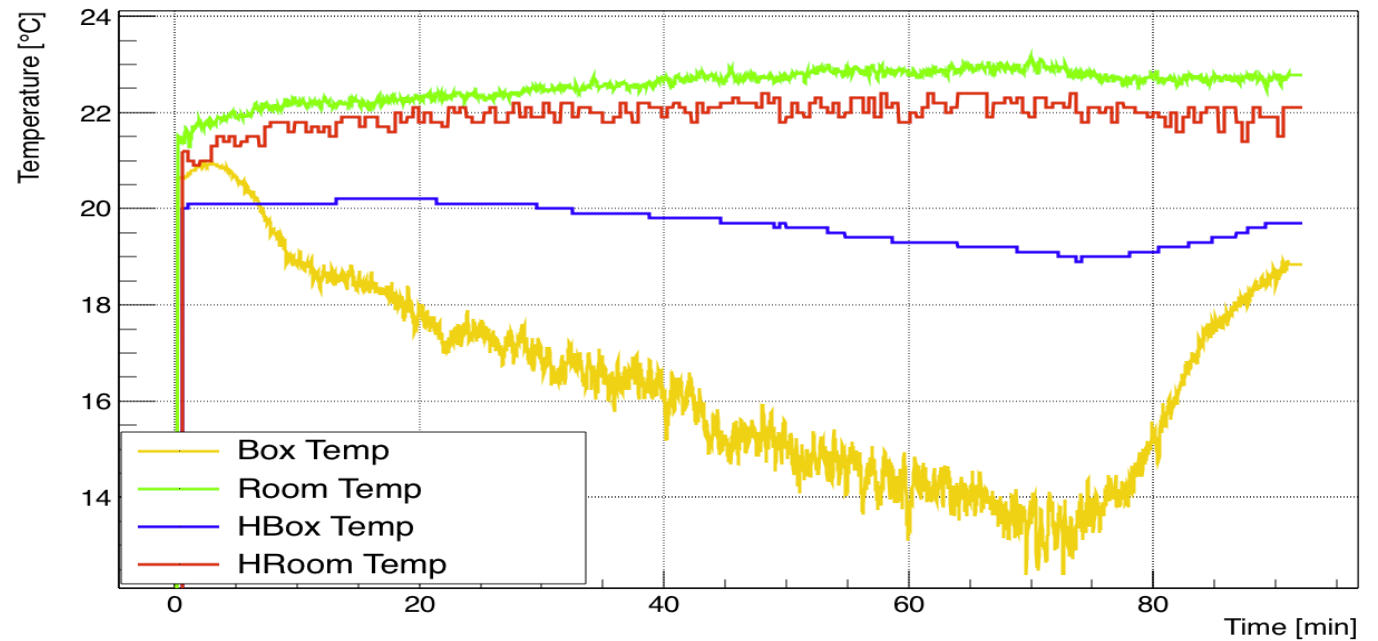
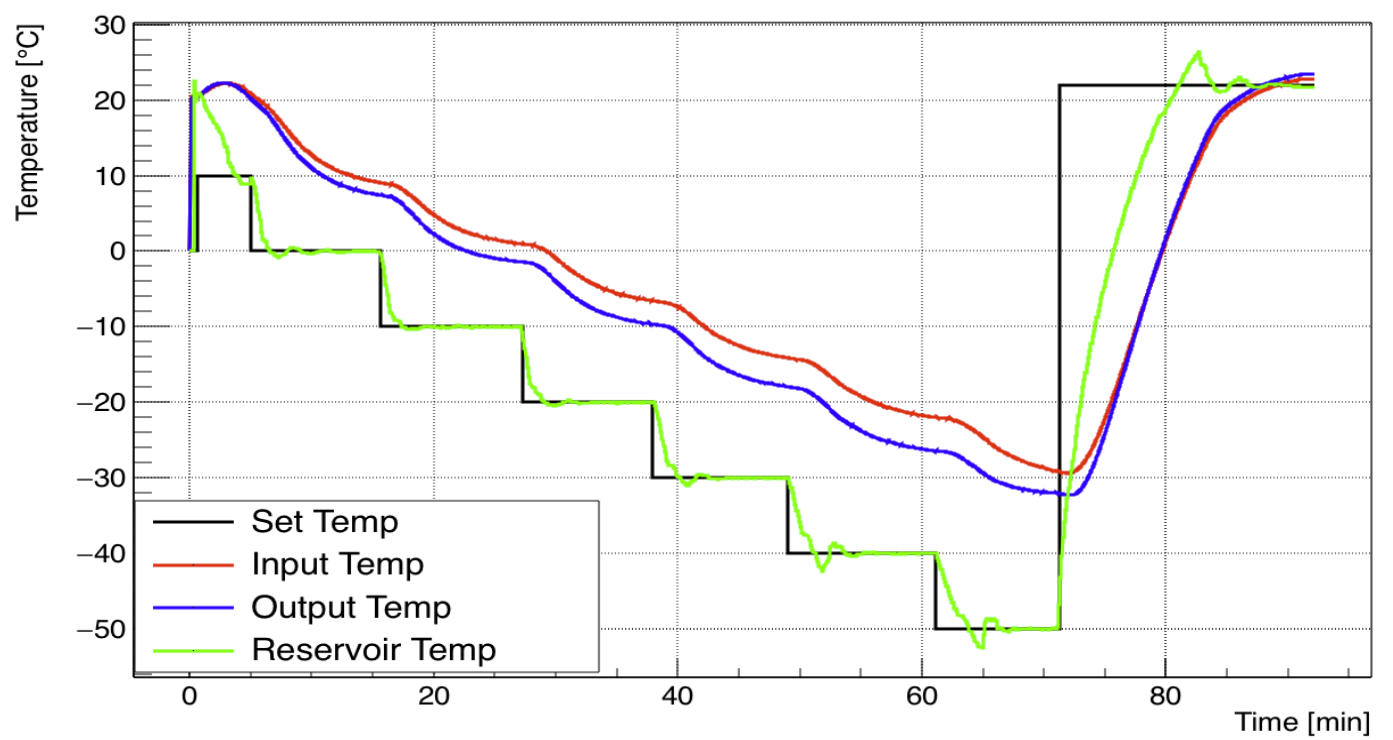
Stave Incremented

- ▶ There seems to be a problem with the flow measurements
 - ▶ The flow formula is only valid for a small amount of measured voltages (~0.7-1.5 V)
 - ▶ A secondary linear formula was used if below 0.7 V. These values are only calculated with a precision of 0.1



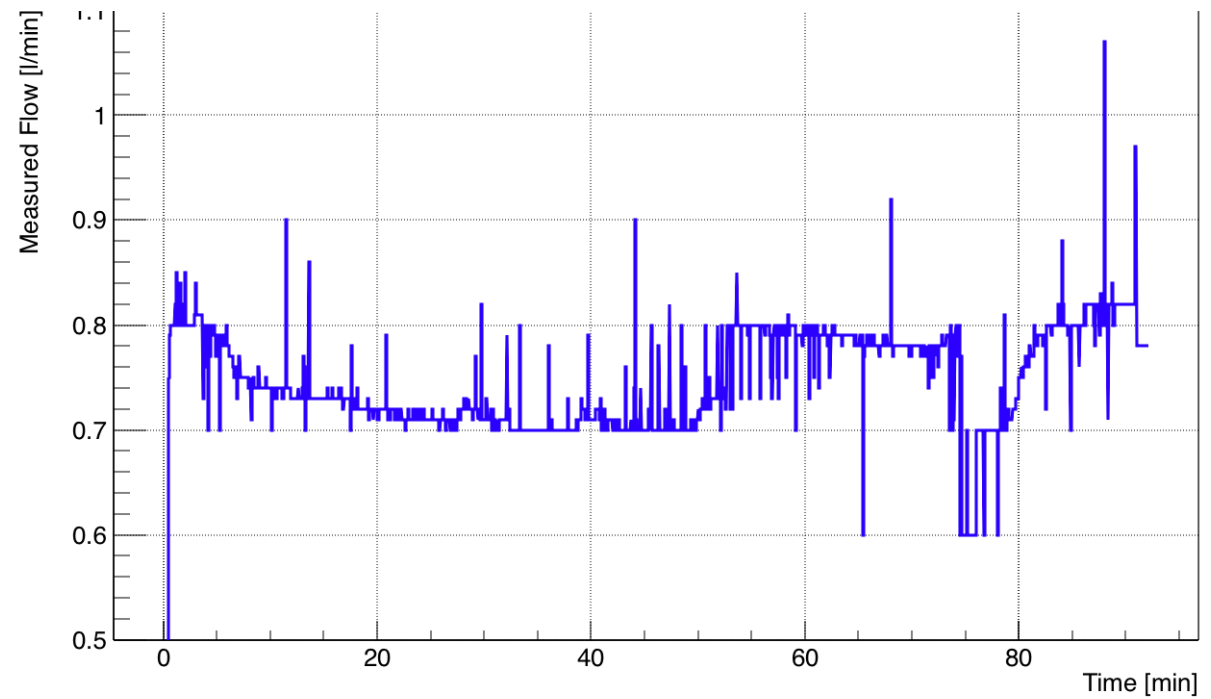
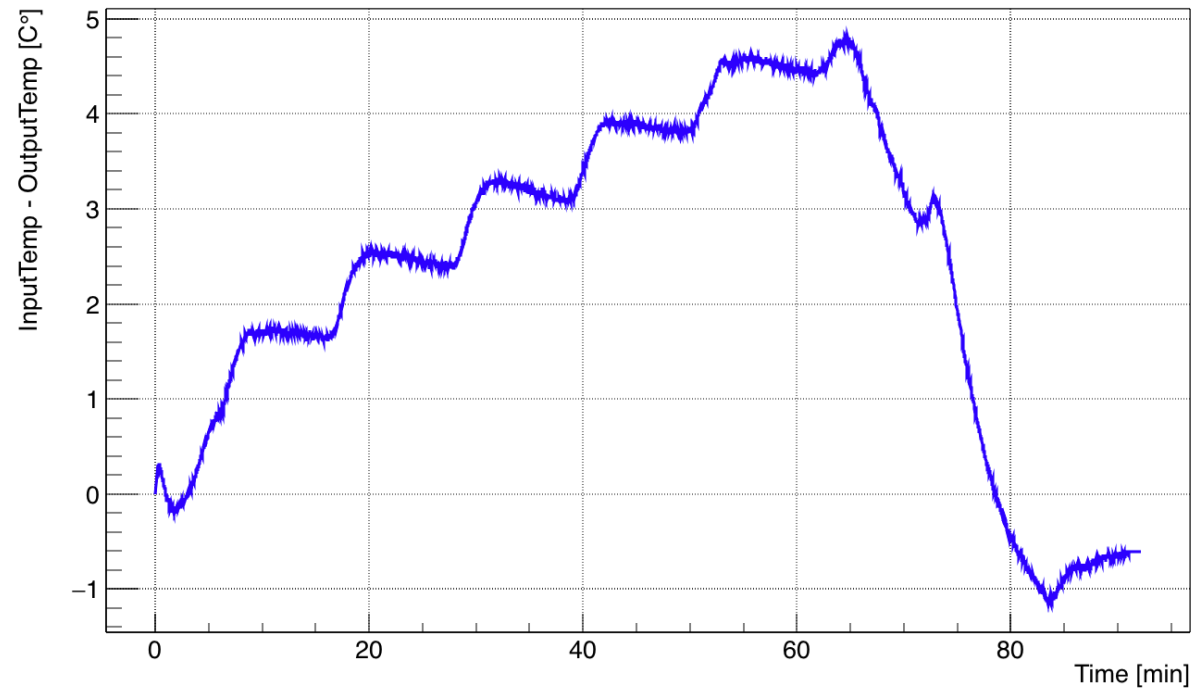
Stave Alt

- ▶ Similar to 4 min wait profiles



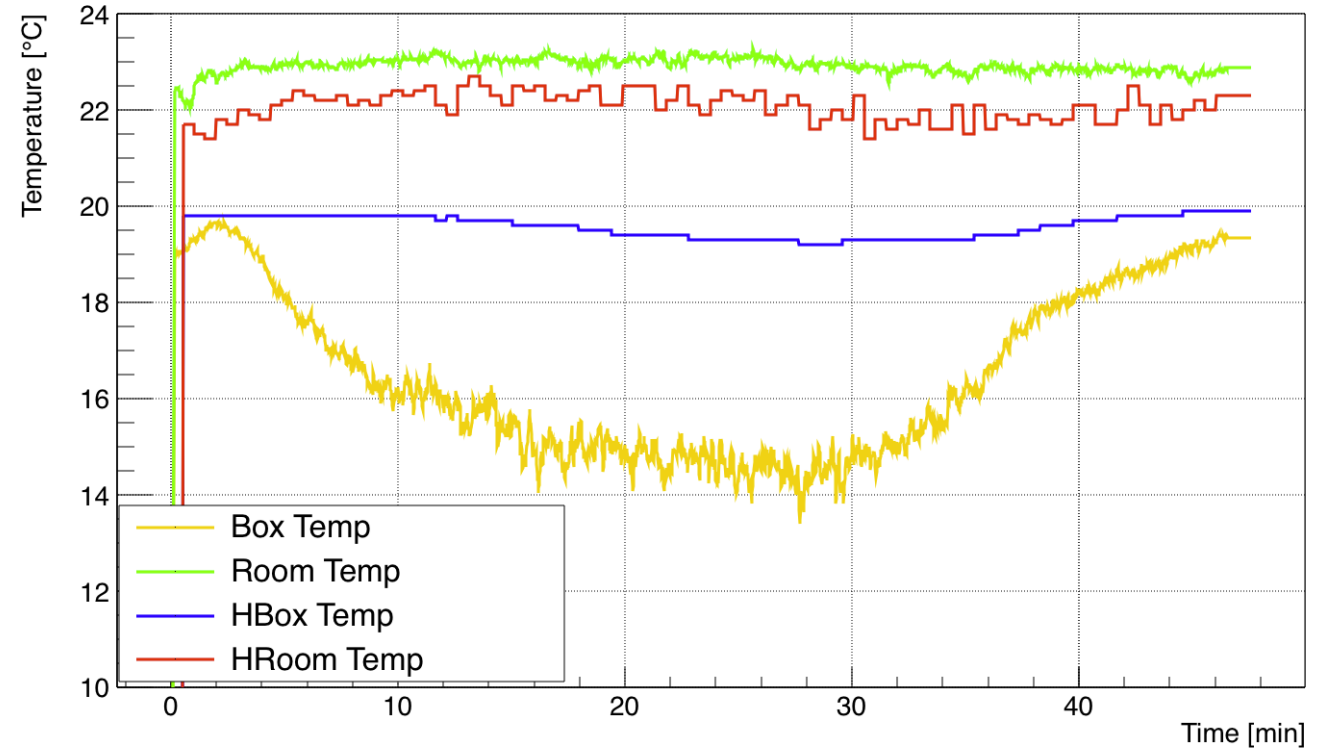
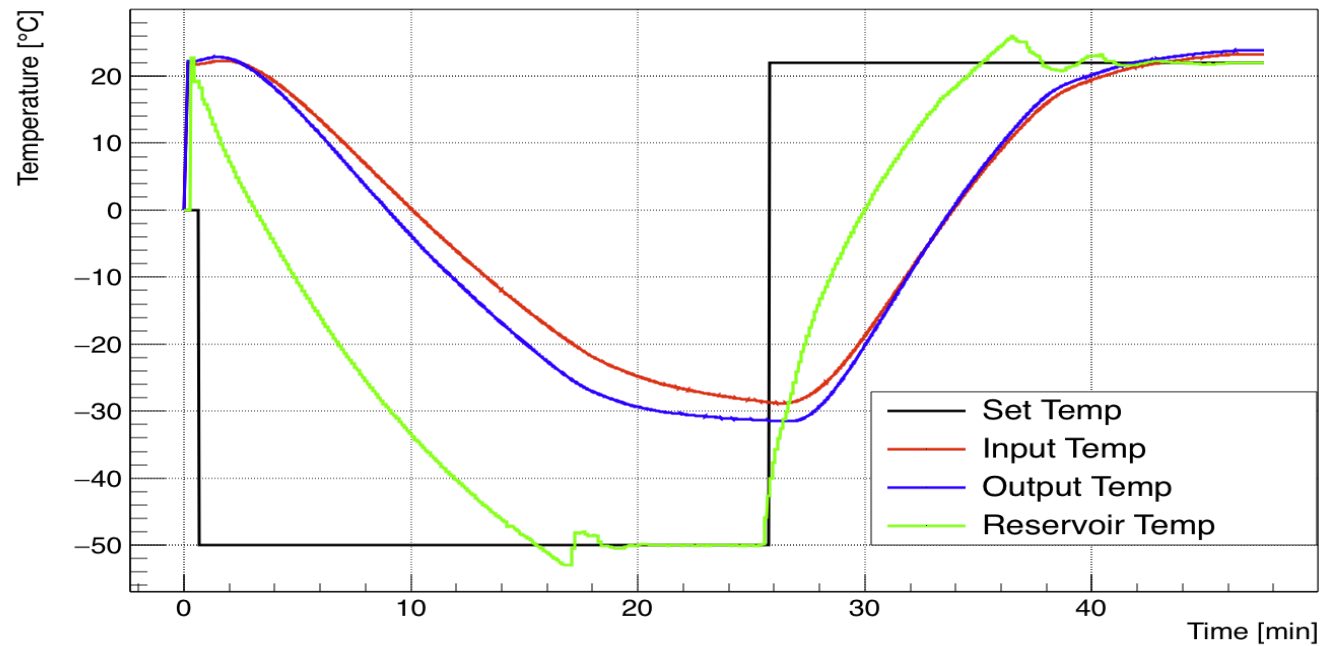
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- ▶ Very similar to the 4 min wait time



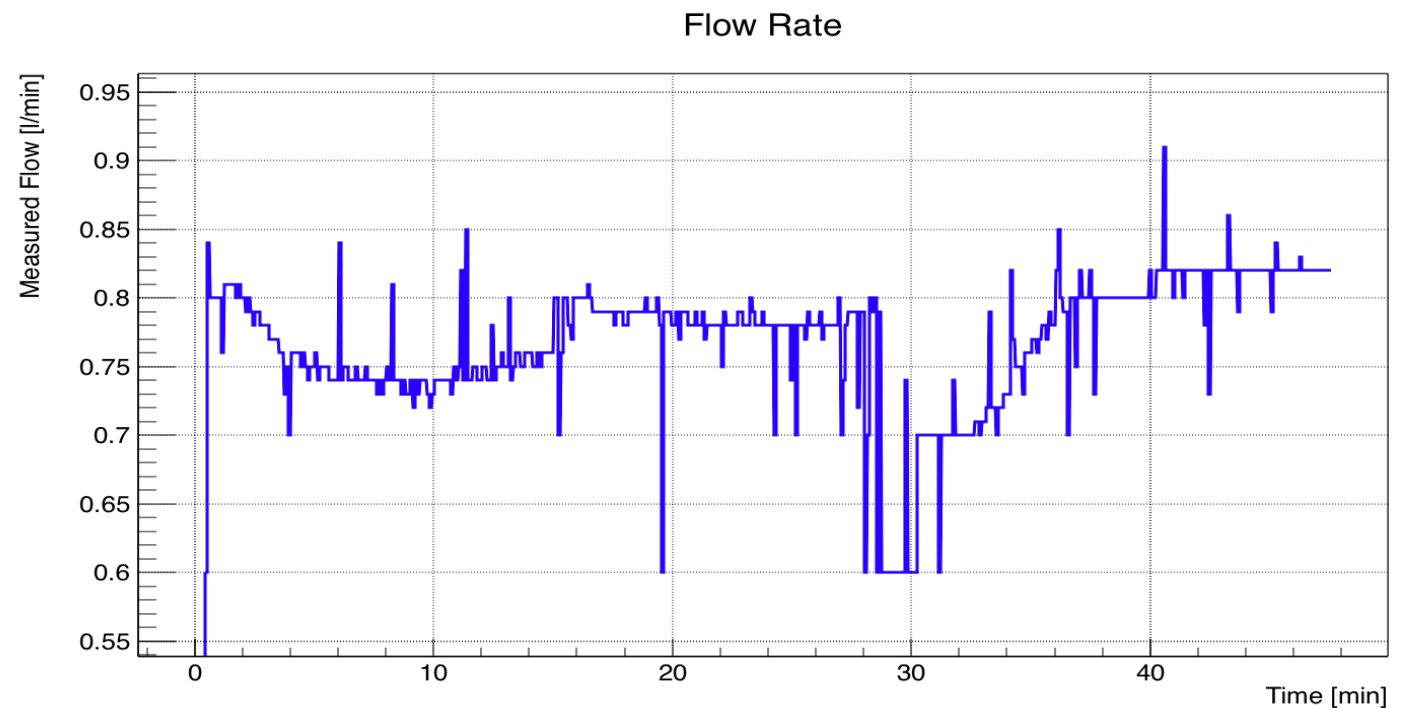
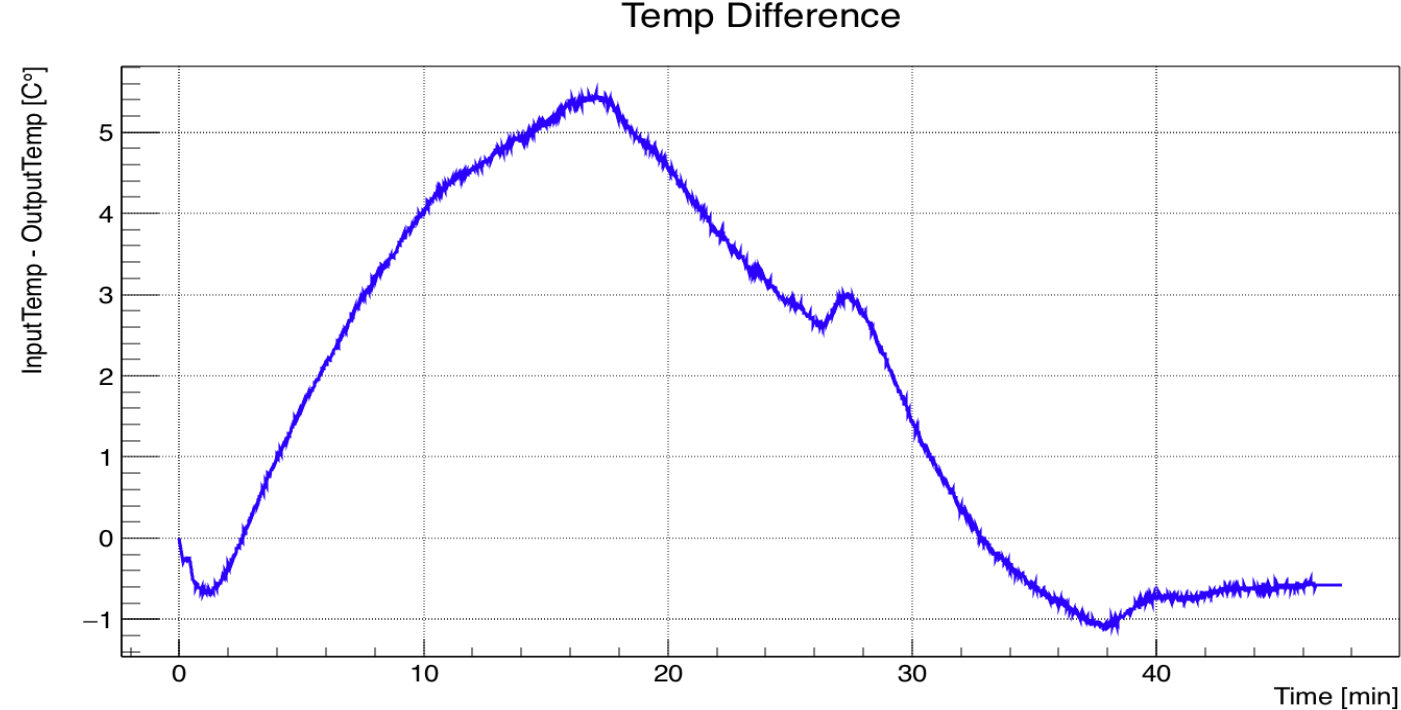
Stave Jump

- ▶ The reservoir gets to the set temperature quite fast



Stave Jump

- ▶ See two peaks
 - ▶ 1. When the reservoir has come to the set temperature
 - ▶ 2. When the system starts to heat
- ▶ Flow rate changes are not what expected...
 - ▶ Expect the flow rate to decrease the colder the fluid gets
 - ▶ See largest decrease right after system starts heating up

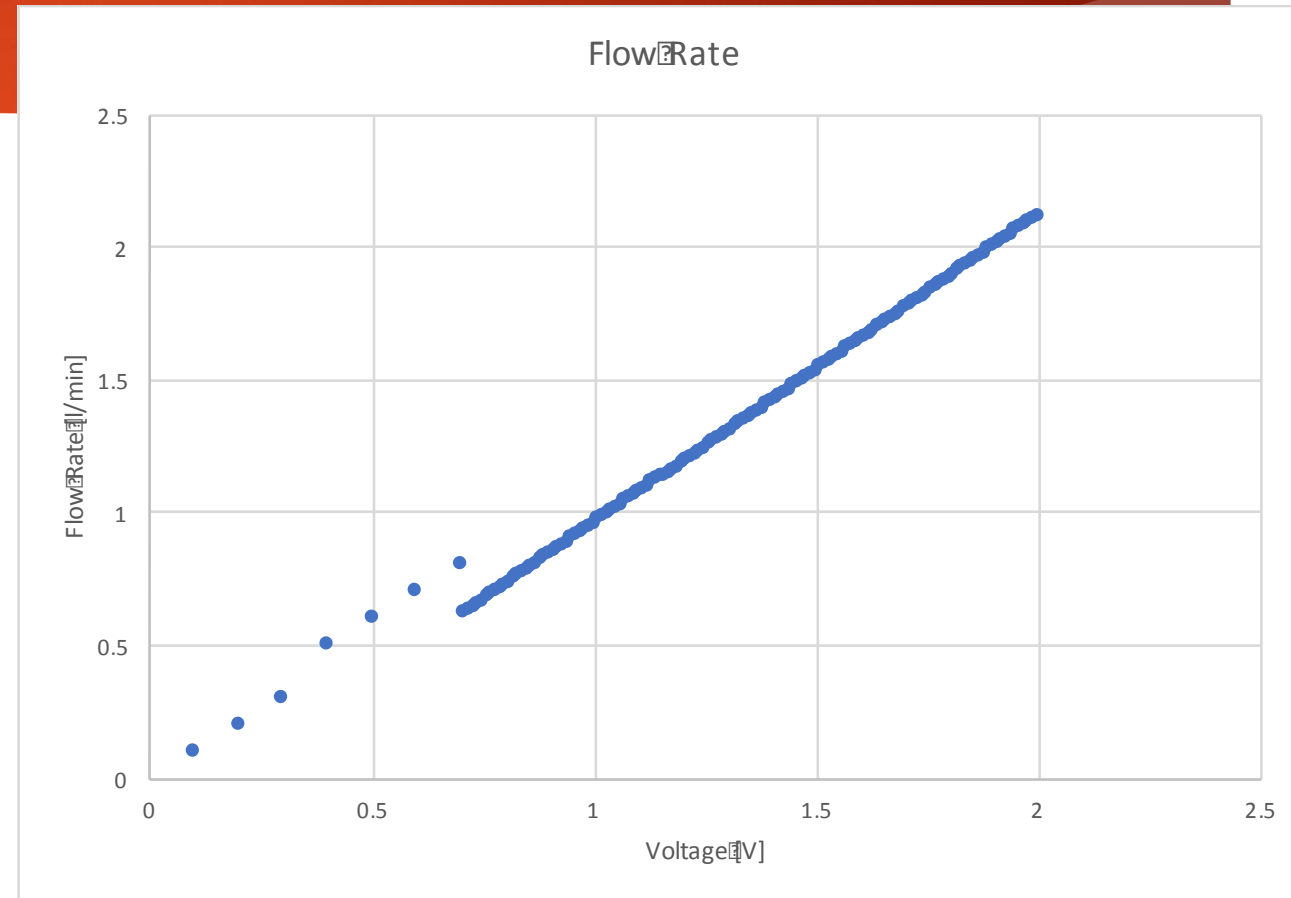


Notable Differences

	Temp Min [C]	Run Time [min]	Temp Set [C]	Code Diff.
Pipe Step	-42.1	77.6	10,0,-10,-20,-30,-40,-50	No TRes, Wait 4 min
Pipe Jump	-40.9	37.6	-50	Wait 4 min
Stave Step	-30.9	98.6	10,0,-10,-20,-30,-40,-50	Wait 4 min
Stave Jump	-30.2	47.6	-50	Wait 4 min
Stave Step Alt	-30.8	92.2	10,0,-10,-20,-30,-40,-50	Tres = Tset +/- 1C

Conclusions

- ▶ Definite improvements with new chiller control code
- ▶ Cool to see Temp difference structures that correspond to the stages of cooling
- ▶ Need to fix flow calculation.
 - ▶ Look at voltage as a function of flow rate to understand at lower and higher values
 - ▶ Use a better formula. It was not checked for smoothness when it was put together...



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