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on Potential Experiments

# Test of a 3D-printed cooling plate for a TPC using 2-phase CO<sub>2</sub>

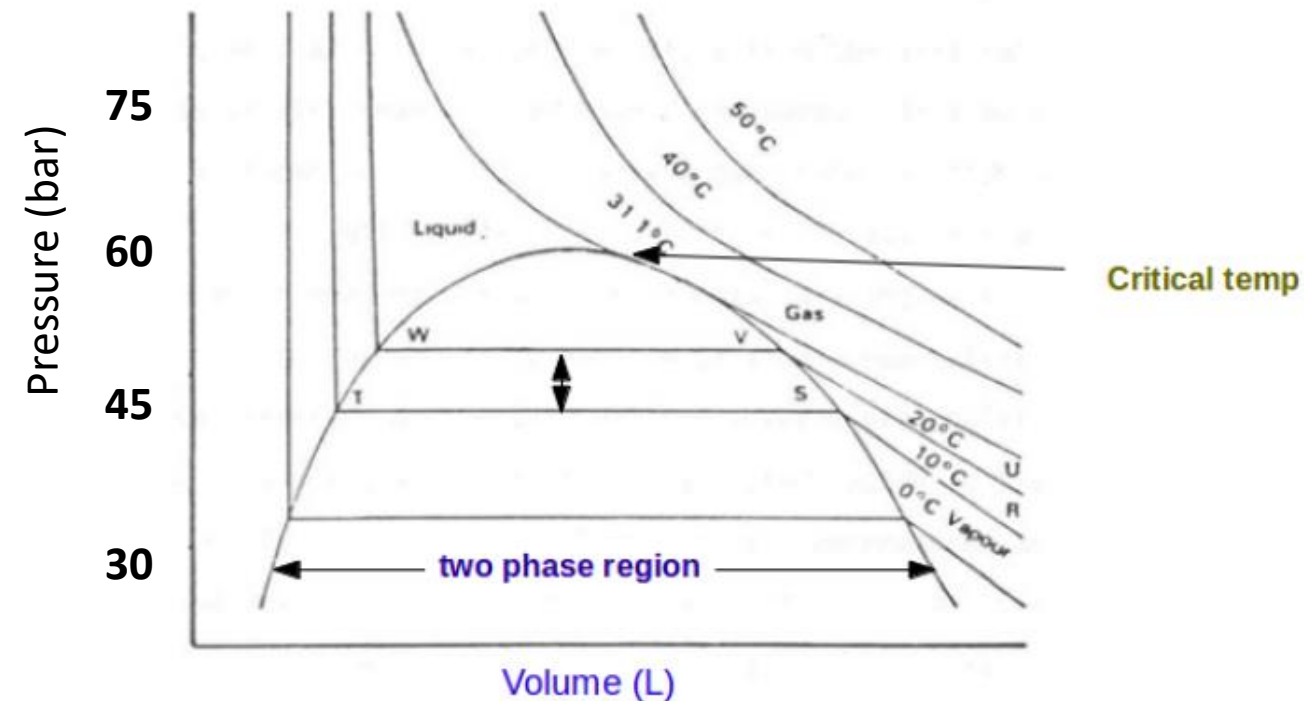
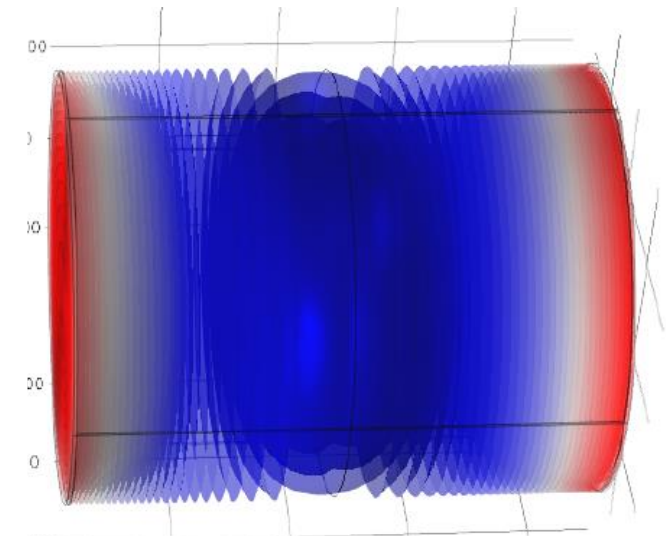
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# TPC cooling

- TPC endcap needs cooling (6kW per endcap in the pad design, an order of magnitude more in the pixel option, both could be mitigated by power switching).
- This must be done in a very uniform way
- To avoid temperature gradients in the gas, the cooling must be done at room temperature. This also avoids condensation.
- A known way to remove efficiently heat at room temperature is to use 2-phase CO<sub>2</sub> at high pressure.
- Other advantages are : low viscosity of CO<sub>2</sub>, not risk of water leak,...
- At 60 bar the temperature is about 20°C, at 15 bar it is -20°C (used for Si detectors)

Simulation  
without cooling  
72°C to 32°C



# 2 phase CO<sub>2</sub> cooling : TRACI

## Transportable Refrigeration Apparatus for CO<sub>2</sub> Investigation (TRACI)

Designed by a Nikhef-CERN collaboration (Bart Verlaat, T. Szwarc, L. Zwalinski,...)

1 unit purchased by KEK and installed at DESY

Refrigerent power ~300 W

1 kg of CO<sub>2</sub>

Nominal flow rate 2.5 g/s



### Measurement and simulation of two-phase CO<sub>2</sub> cooling in Micromegas modules for Large Prototype TPC

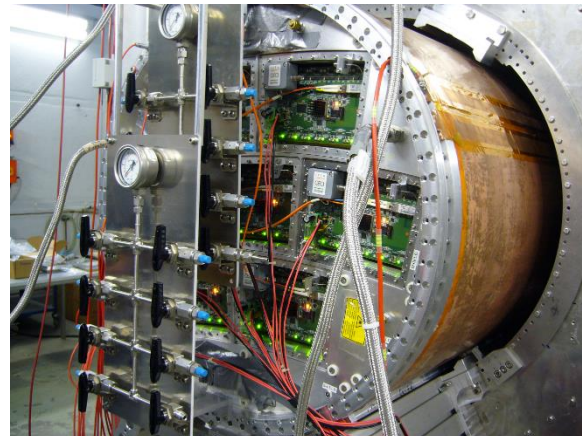
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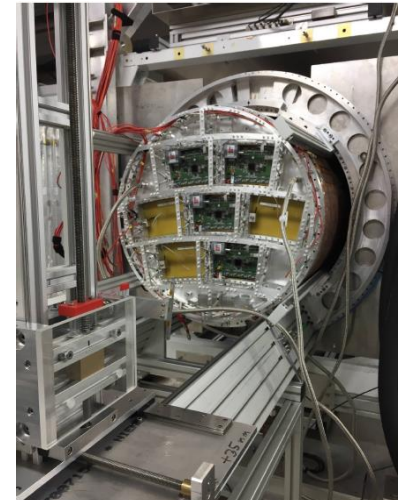
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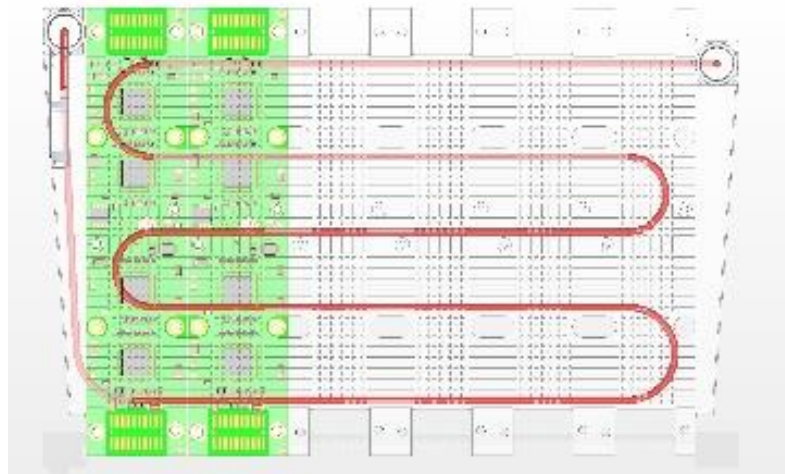
7-module Test in parallel in 2015 and 4-module test in one loop in 2018.



## Implementation with a stainless-steel pipe (2013-2018)

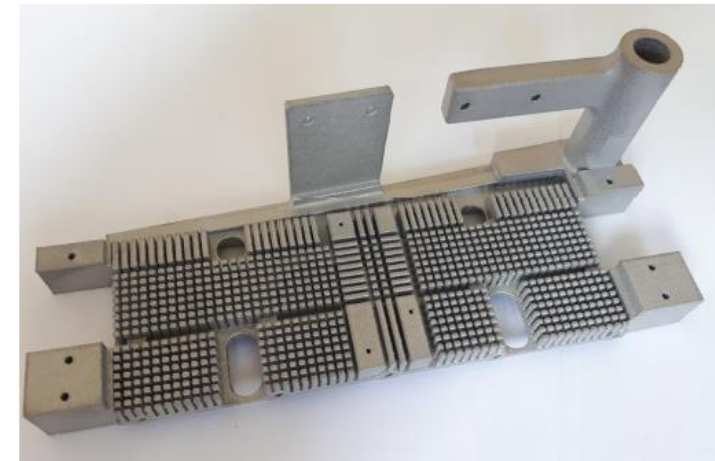


## Now integrated 3D-printed cooling plate in Aluminum (2019-2021)

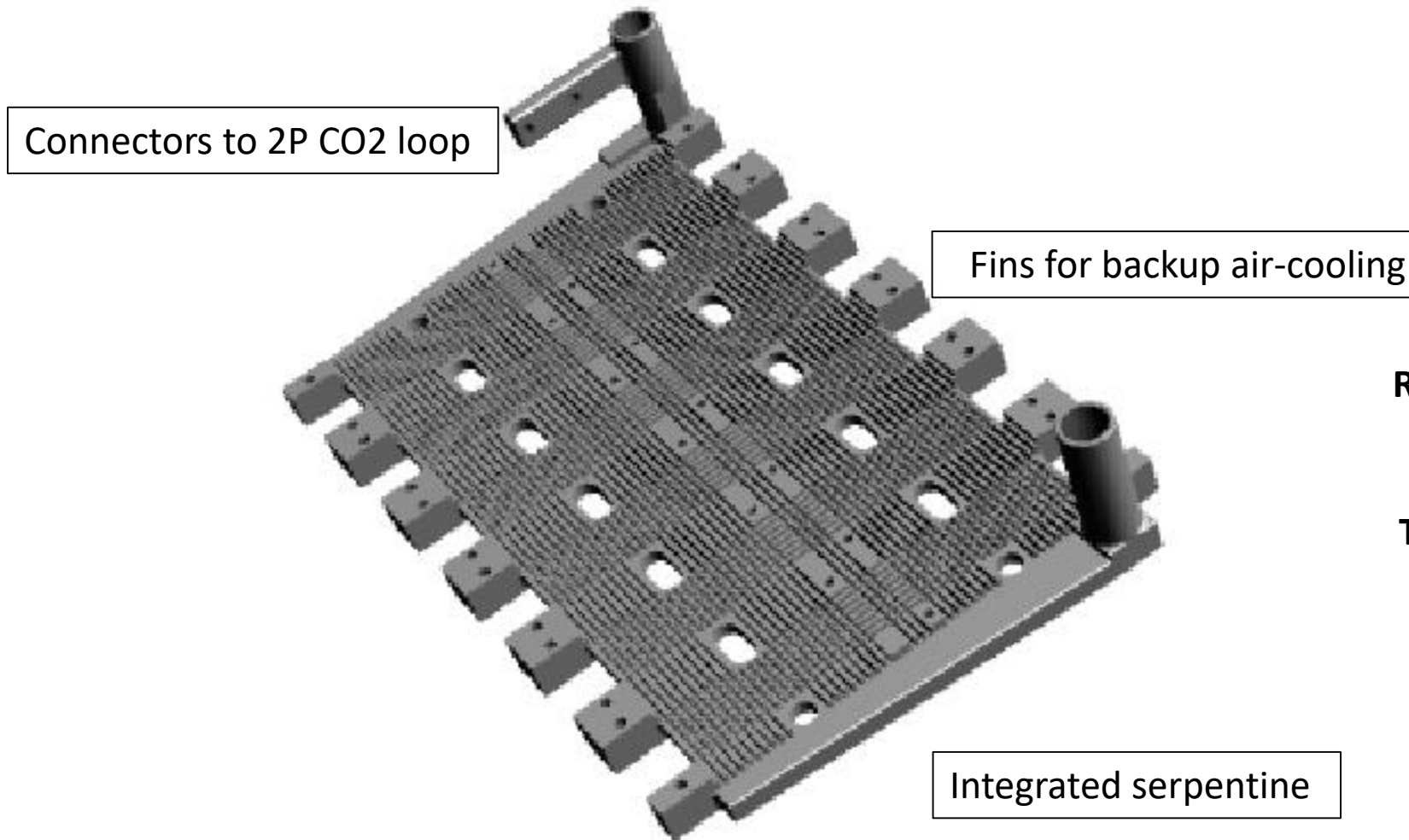


1/10 prototype  
2019

Integrated serpentine  
Drastic safety measures  
for Al 3D printing  
(flamable Al powder)



# Monolithic cooling plate in 3D printing

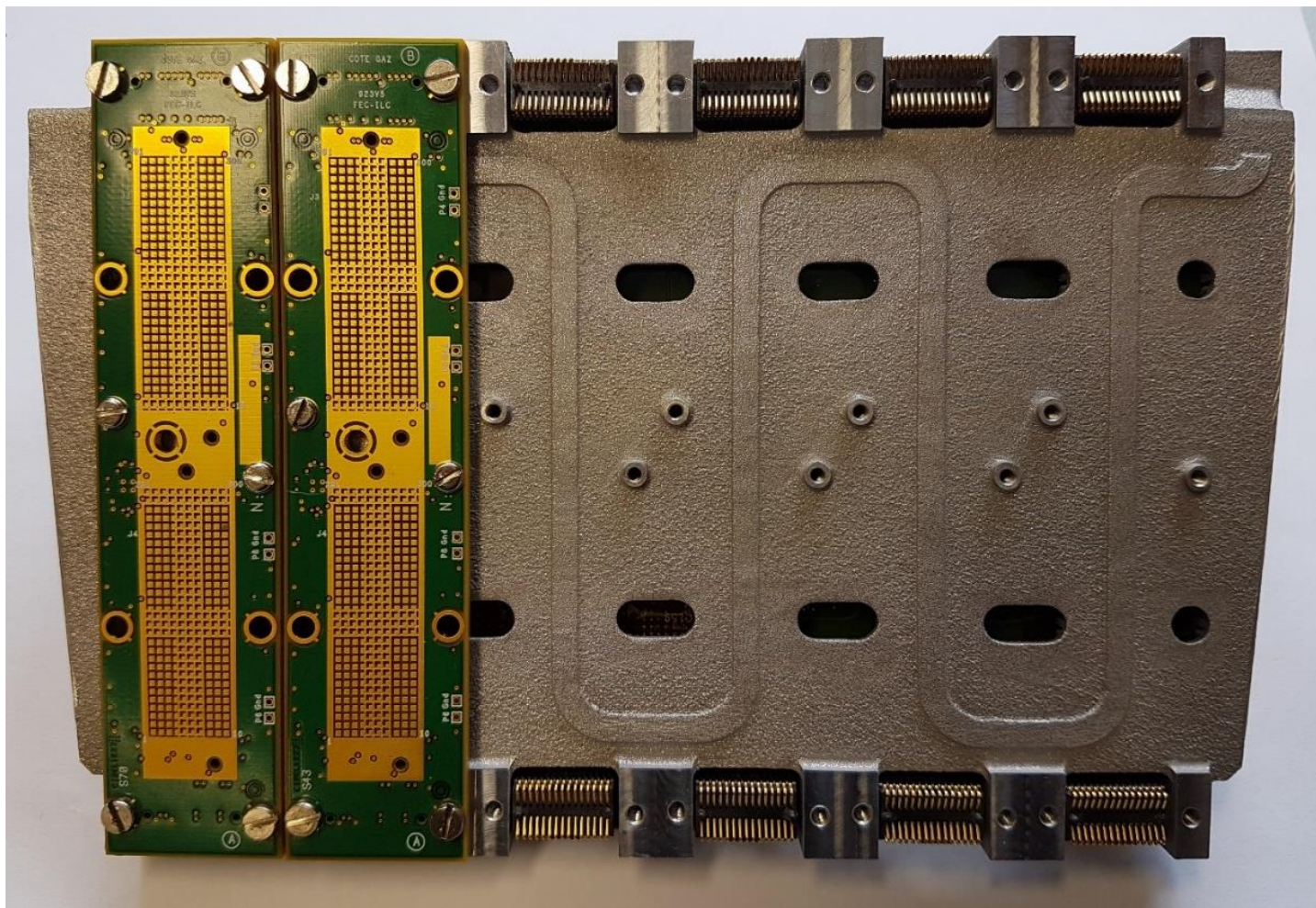


**Realized at Saclay within a R&D project on metallic additive manufacturing (COSTARD)  
Tested at DESY in October 2021**

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Mounting test : Cooling plate equipped with 2 Front-End Electronic Cards out of 6

Each Front-End card and the mezzanine module card (which includes ADC, FPGA and voltage regulators) are monitored in temperature using probes.



## Experimental setup

Manifold with  
manometers and  
valves



To and from TRACI

DAQ back-end

Capillaries for 2-phase CO<sub>2</sub>

Integrated detector Module

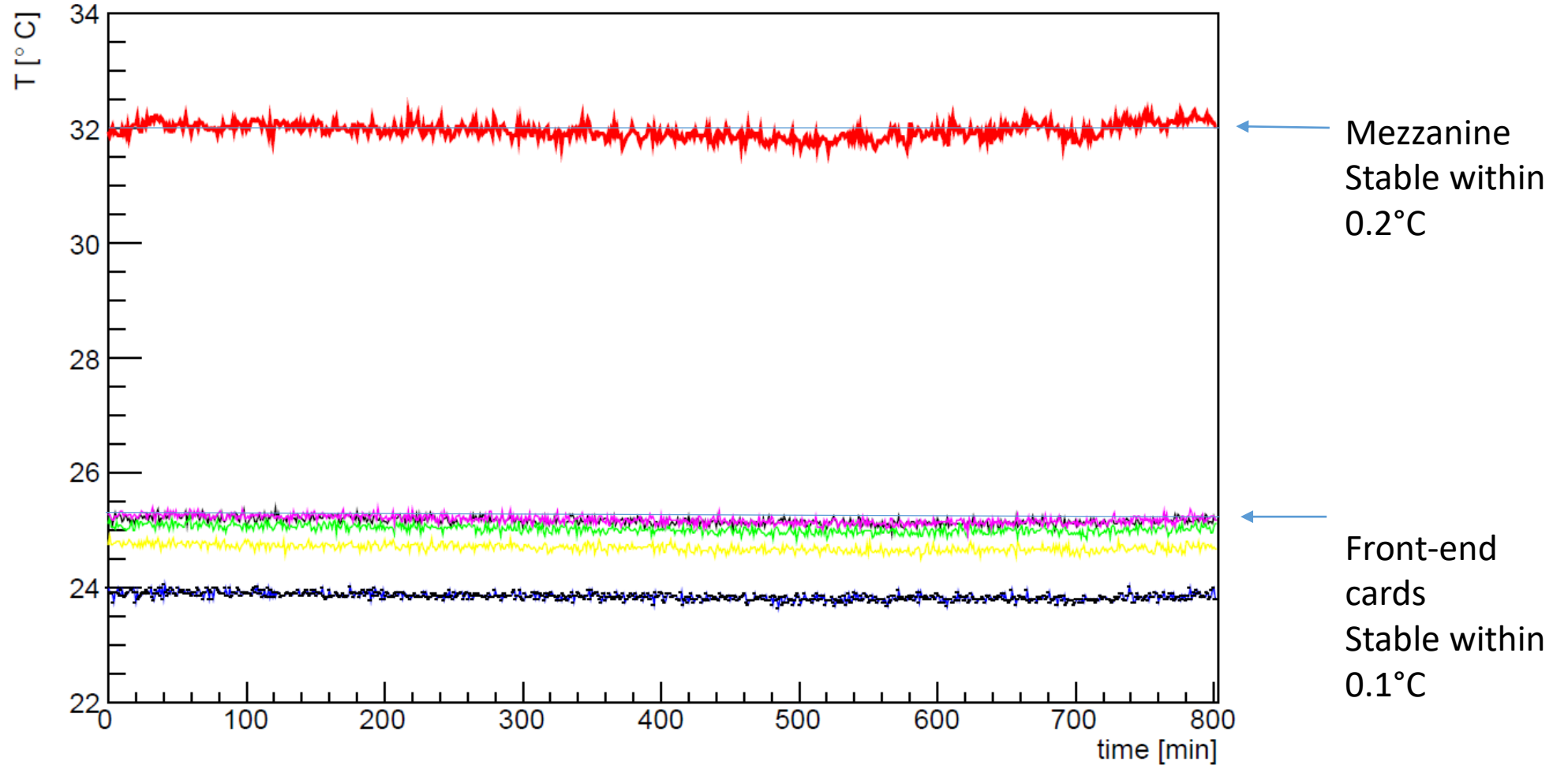
DAQ laptop

Thanks to Frauke Polbotszki for her help with TRACI

# Temperature History 12-13.10.2021

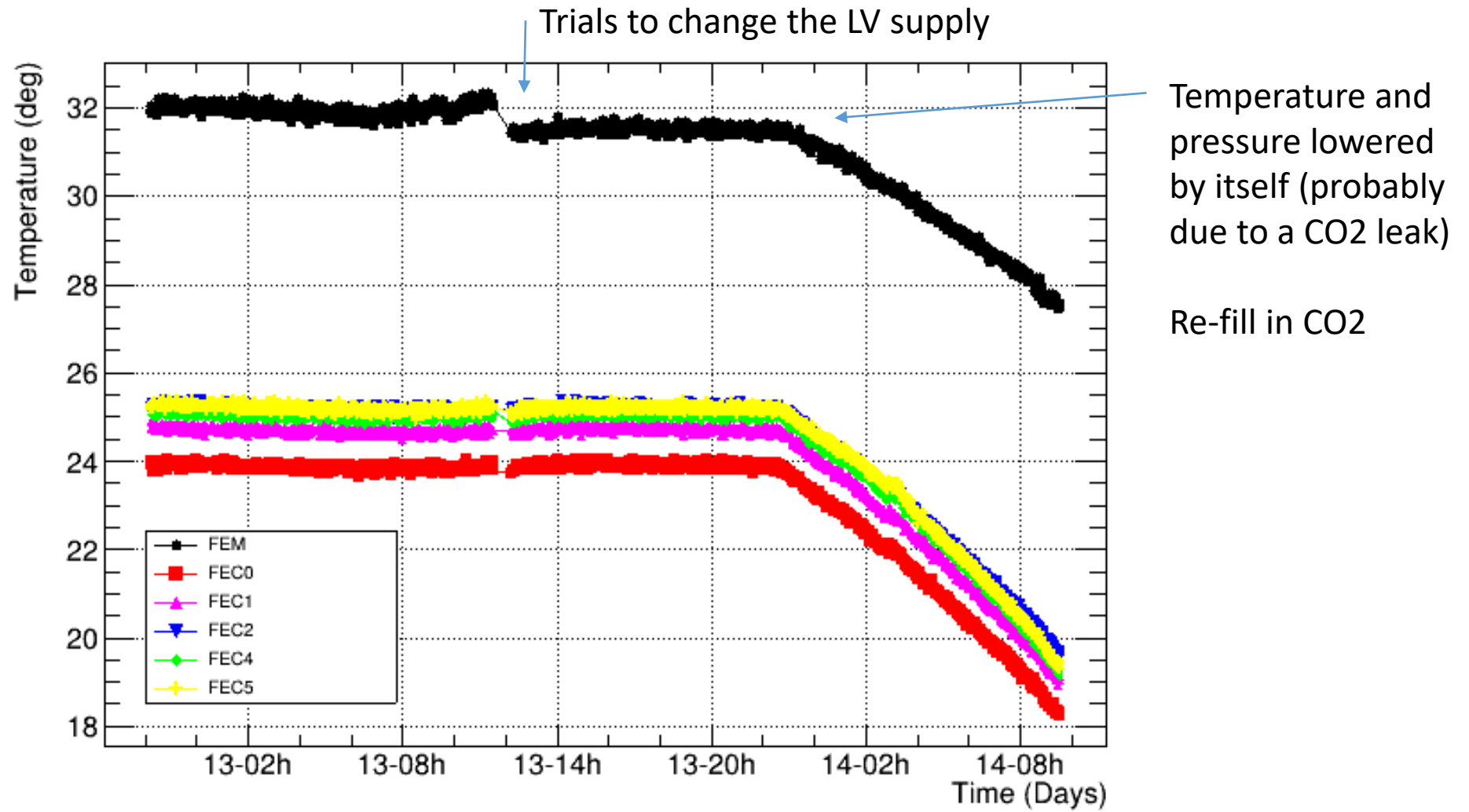
Flow : 2.5 g/s

Temperatures were 50° before cooling and lowered to 25° with cooling

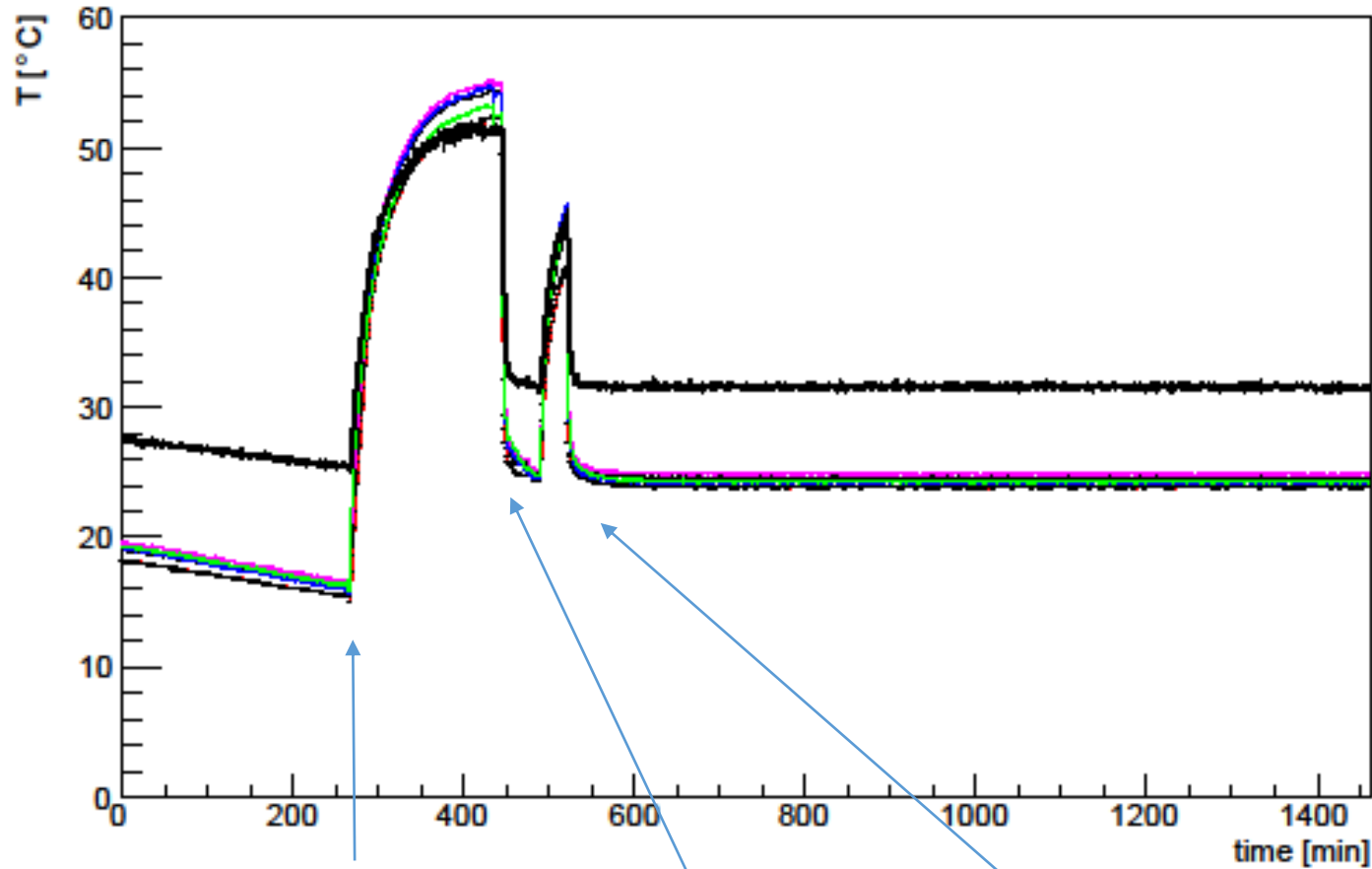


Temperature stable during 25 hours





# Temperature History 14-15.10.2021



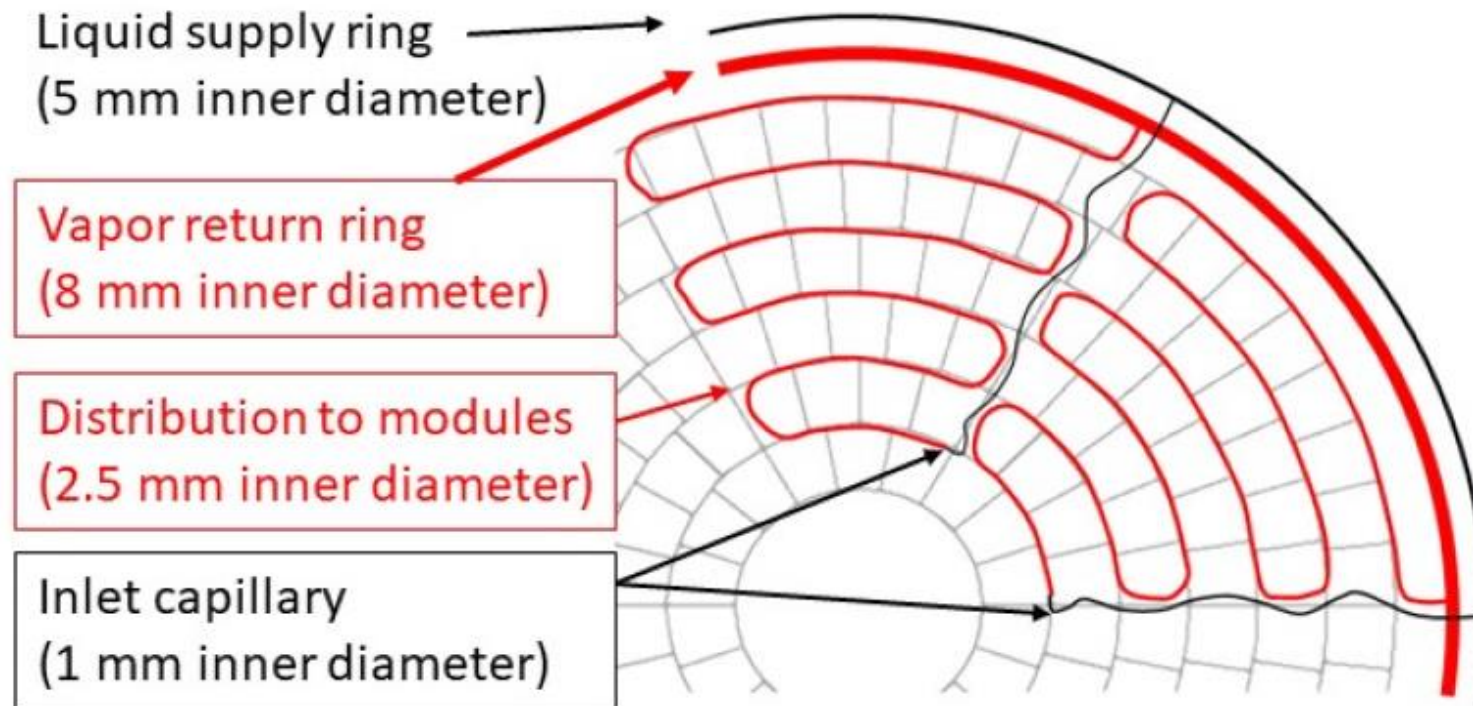
Stop flow to re-fill

Resume flow  
2.4 g/s, the  
lower flow down  
to 0

Off/On again

Flow 1 g/s  
Again very stable  
 $T(\text{CO}_2)=17.7^\circ\text{C}$   
 $P=59.1\text{ bar}$

# Implementation in ILD TPC



With the Lukasz 2kW compressor, 3 units per endplate would be sufficient

Figure 6.18. Sketch of a TPC cooling system with tube routing on the TPC end plate. Figure courtesy of Bart Verlaat, Nikhef.

# CONCLUSIONS

- Successful test of a new 3D-printed cooling plate for CO<sub>2</sub>
- Simpler than a pipe
- Efficient back-up air cooling
  
- Ready to provide the cooling for the common LCTPC module
  
- Next : try it with Lukasz, the next generation after TRACI, more powerful (2 kW) : can cool 80 modules of the present size : 3 Lukasz per endcap are enough.