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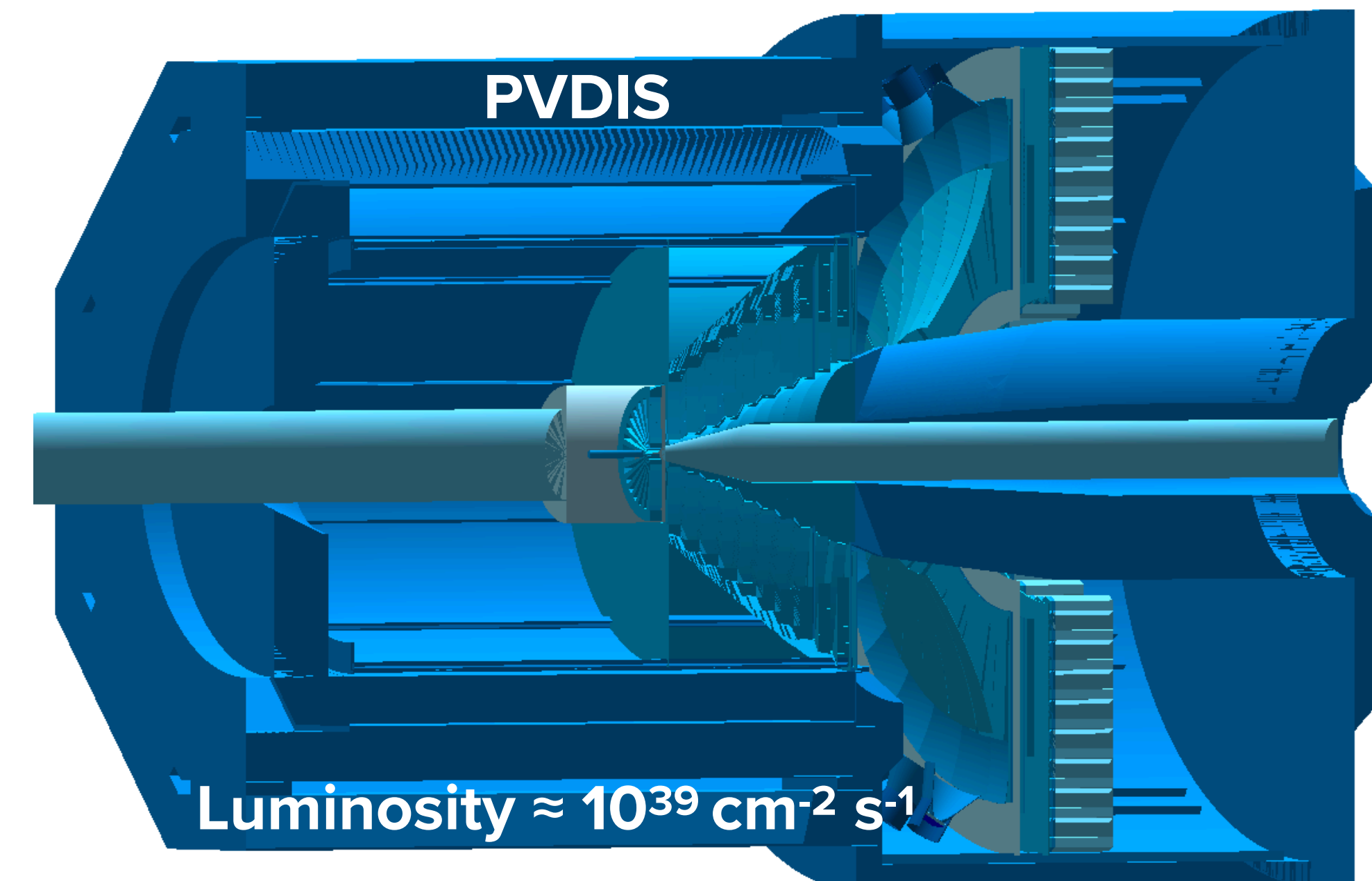
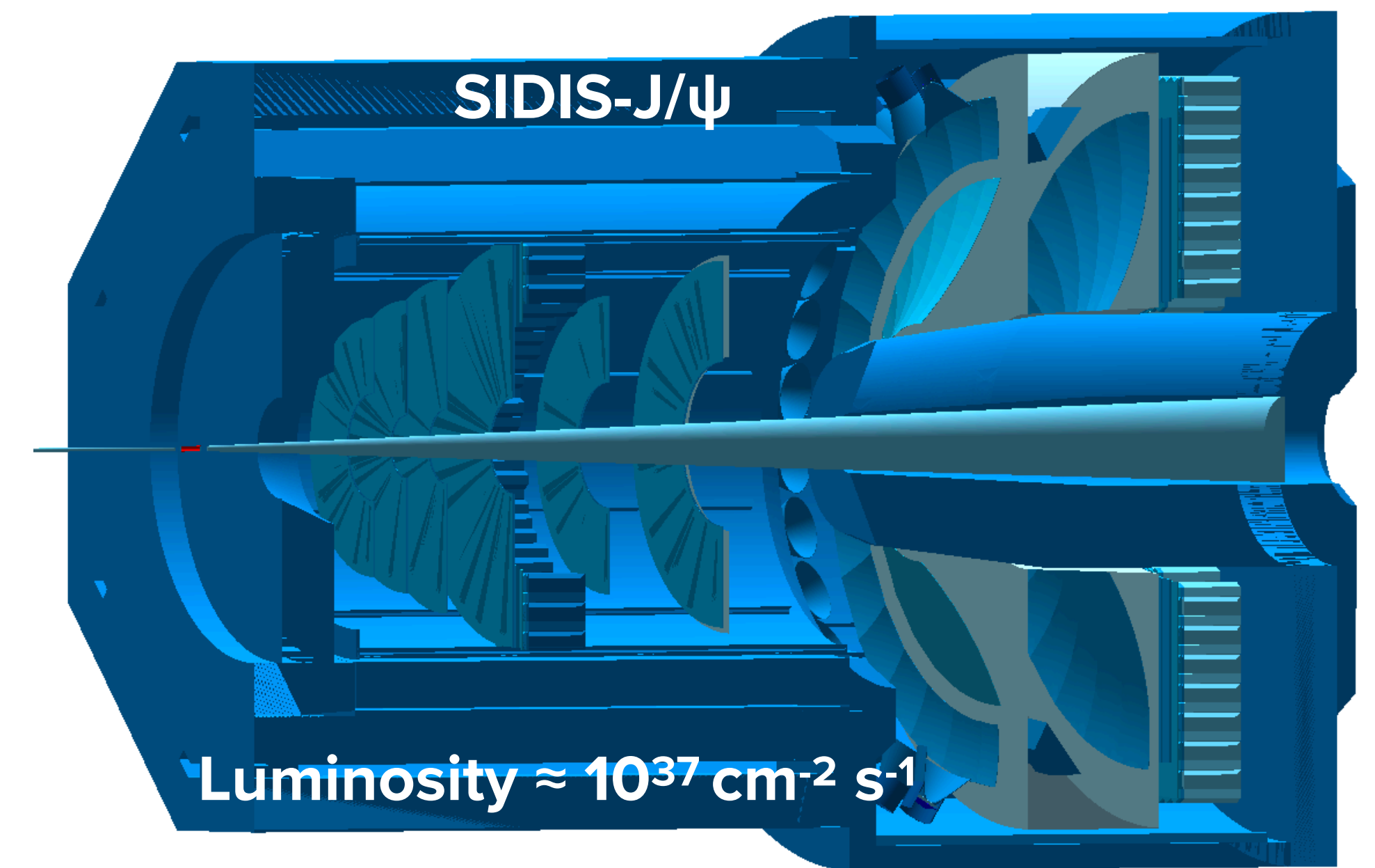
# TECHNICAL RISKS AND PRE-R&D

**SoLID Collaboration Meeting**  
**October 8th, 2020**



# SOLID LUMINOSITY AND RATES

- High luminosity and  $2\pi$  coverage means high rate!
- DAQ:
  - SoLID trigger-rate expected to be 85 to 100kHz with data rates up to 4.0 Gb/s.
  - GEM hit-rates may be as high as 500 kHz/cm<sup>2</sup>
    - 187,000 readout channels
- LGC and HGC
  - 750 total MaPMTs
    - LGC: 270 MaPMTs (in trigger!)
    - HGC: 480 MaPMTs
  - Background rates are expected at 1 to 4 MHz per PMT (raw)



# TIDBITS FROM THE LAST DIRECTOR'S REVIEW

## Selected comments from SoLID director's review report (September 2019)

- **Recommendations:**
  - Make a pre-R&D plan, including a notional schedule, that resolves all significant technical questions if implemented....
- **Comments - Technical:**
  - The project team should put a modest additional effort into re-evaluating alternative approaches. These could include trade-offs such as
    - 1) reducing the cost and complexity of the forward iron return and use of MCPMTs on the LGC and HGC
    - 2) instrumenting all GEM sensors with VMM chips or on-board fADC chips vs re-use of APV 25
    - 7) additional robustness (and physics?) using multi-anode readout of the MAPMTs on the Cherenkov detectors versus summed readout.
  - The alternate GEM readout integrated circuit will have to be prototyped and tested at JLAB to integrate into the CODA DAQ framework for testing with the overall experiment software.
  - The GEM readout system is large ~100K channels instrumented with APV25 ASIC. The overall DAQ rate was listed at 100 kHz but this is a limitation from the APV25.... Considerations for a new ASIC [VMM3] to readout the GEM detectors were presented and these are promising. There is clear need for further R&D before final designs can be put into production.

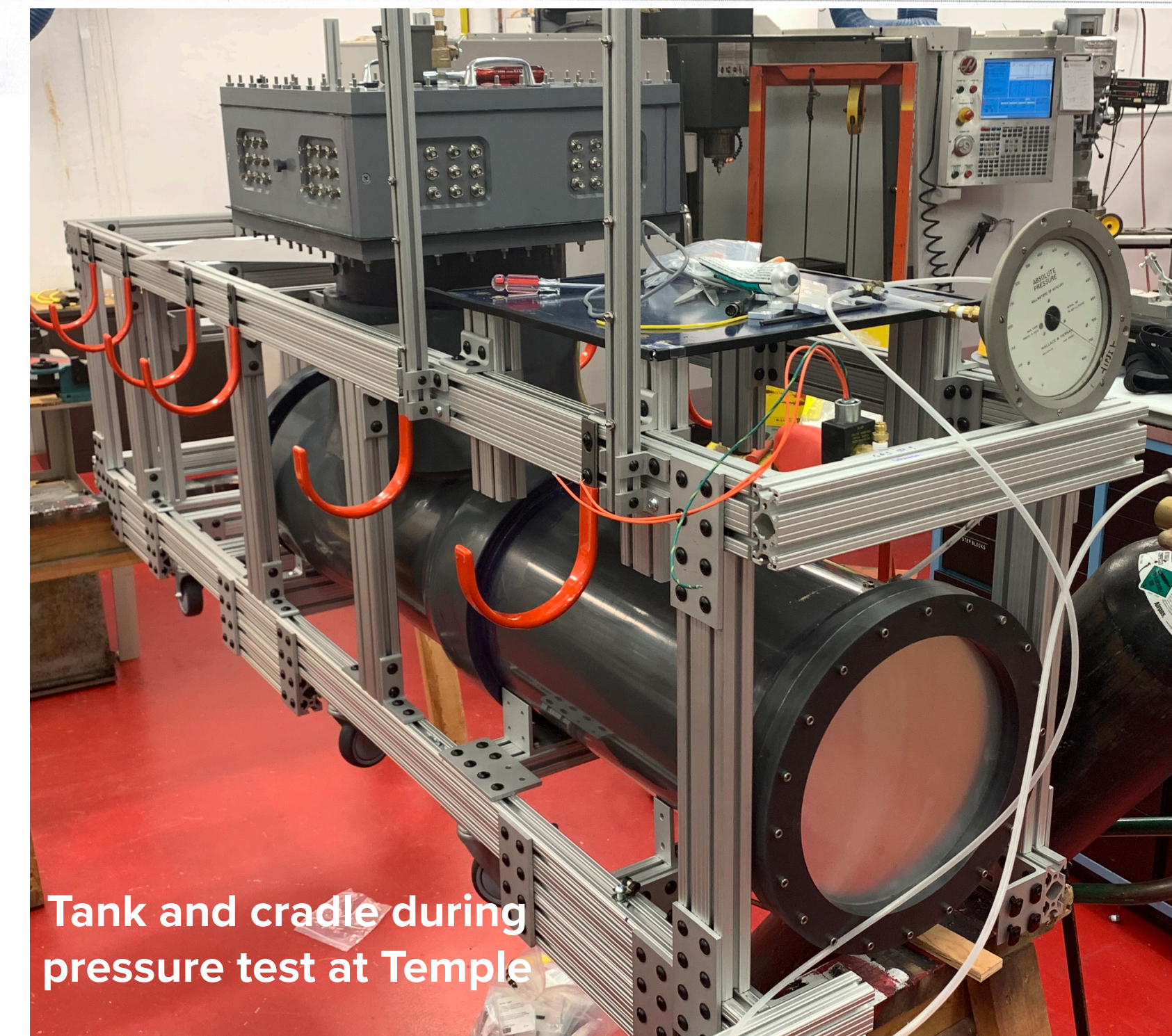
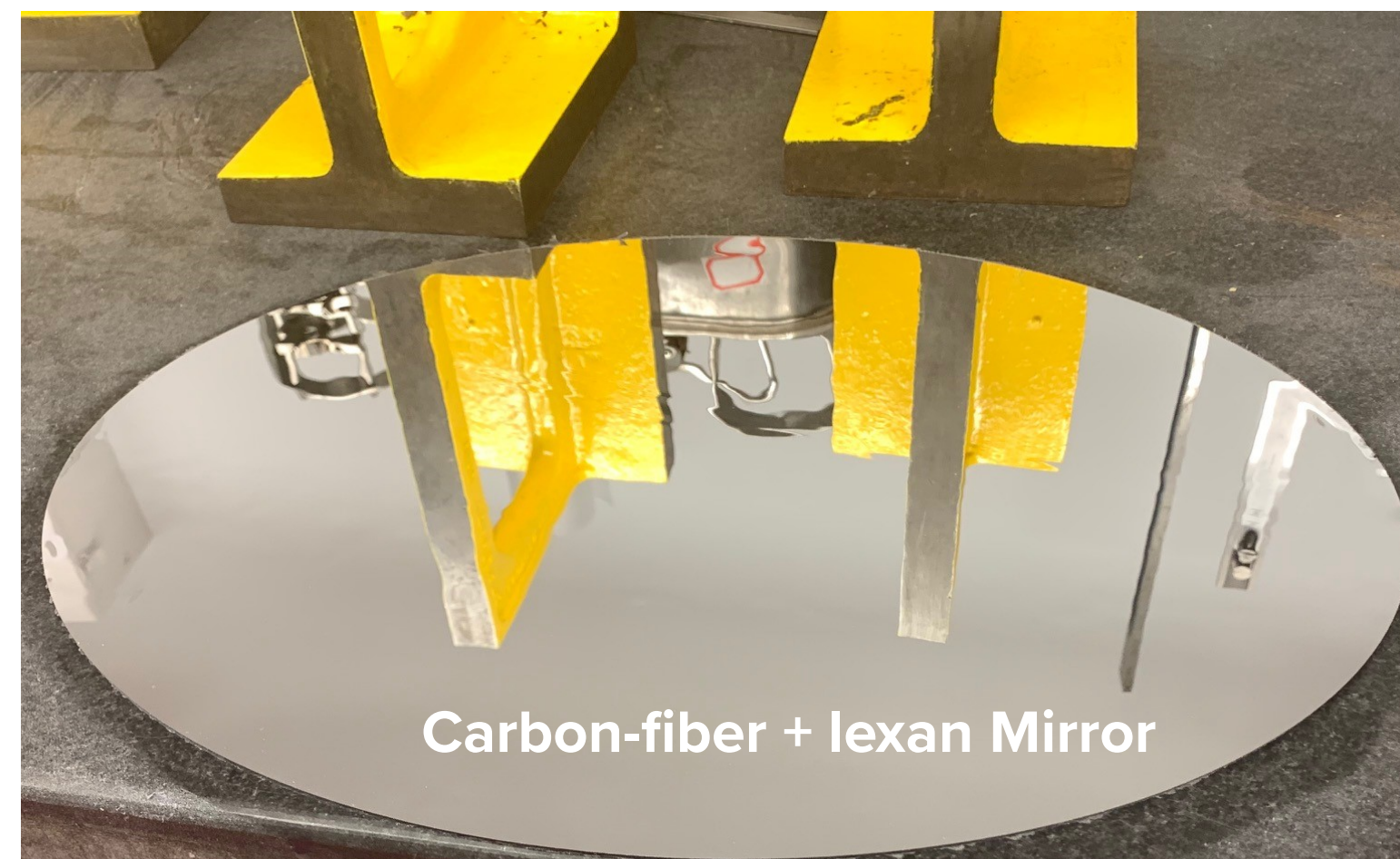
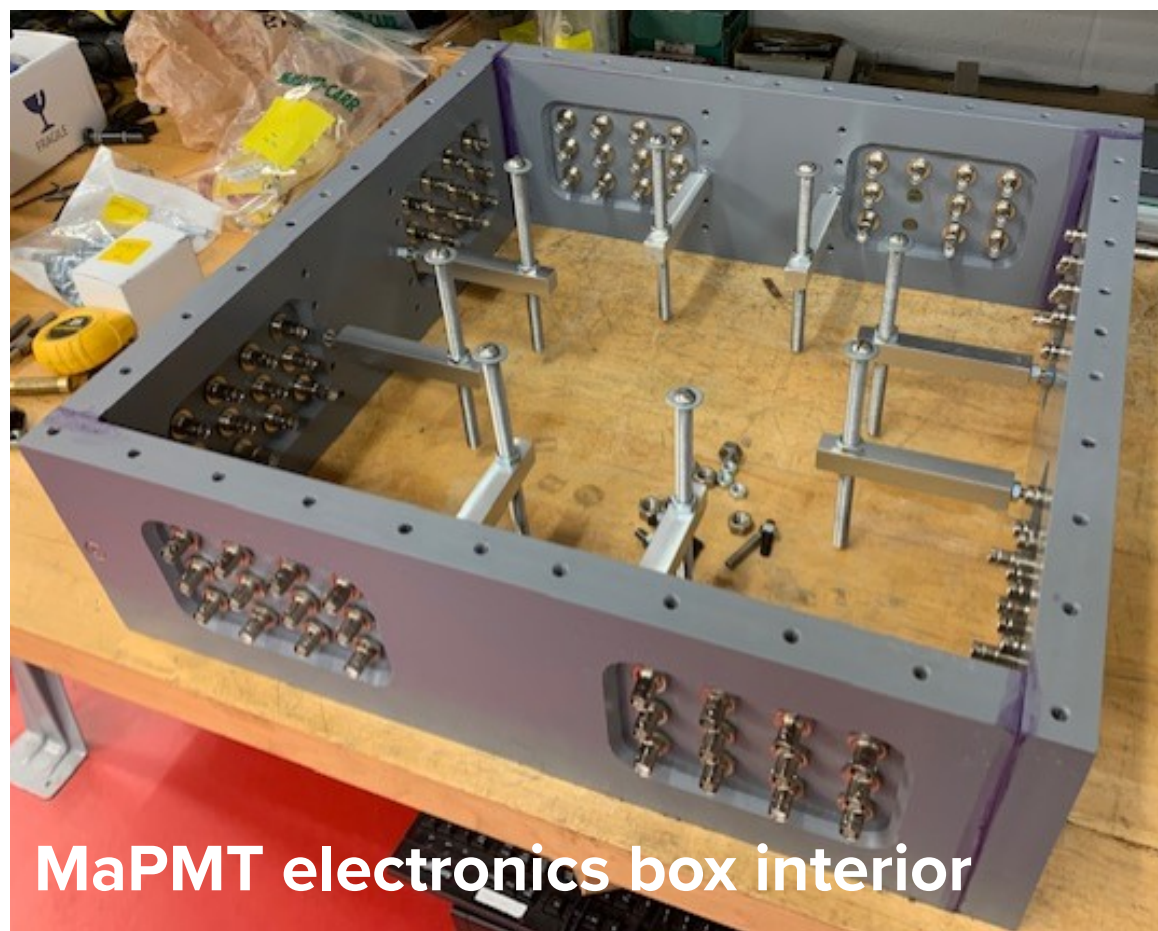
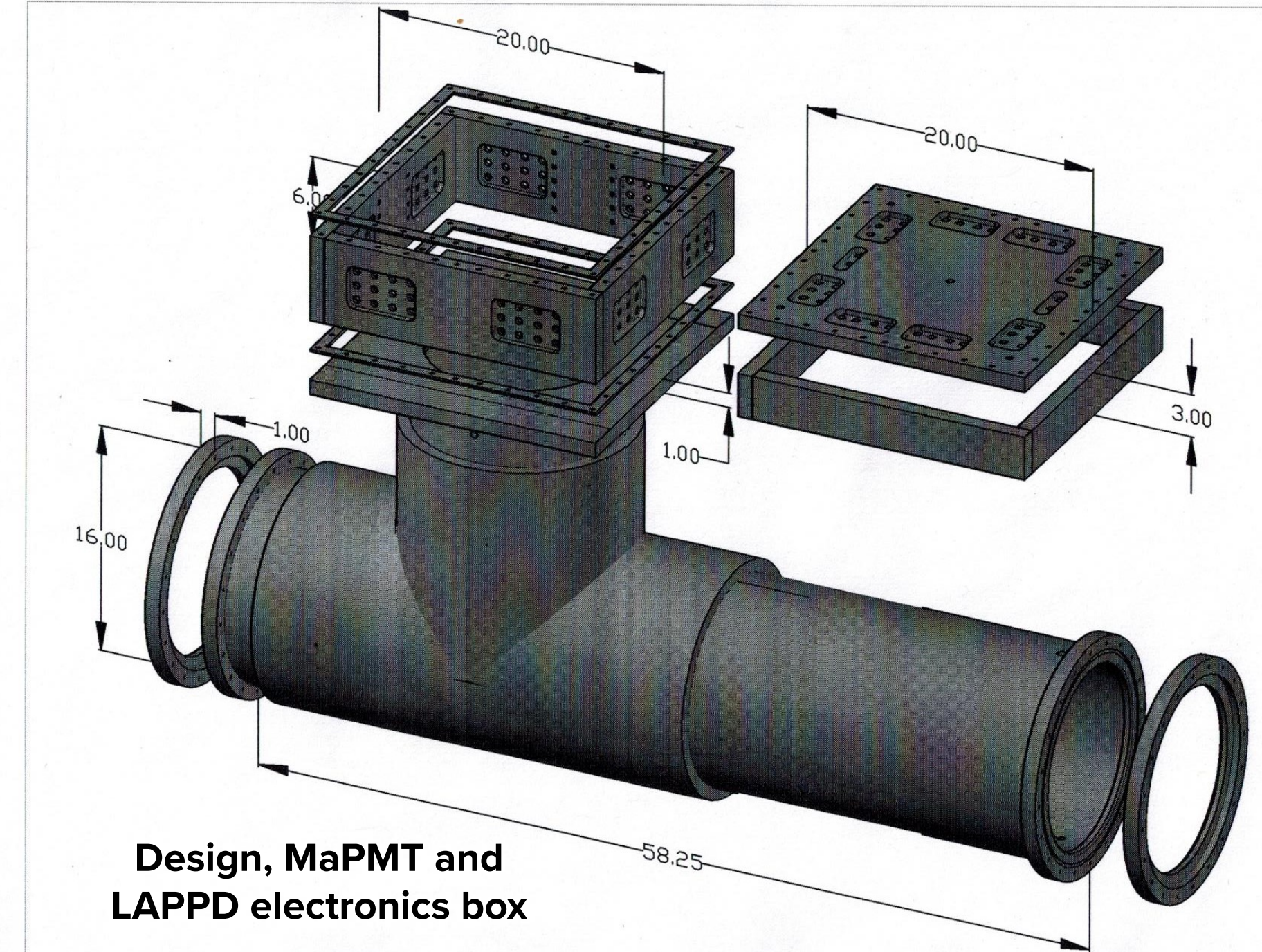
# PRE-R&D: RISK AND CONTINGENCY

- Prior to commissioning, better understanding the capabilities and response of existing technologies when applied to the SoLID detector can optimize efficiency and reduce cost.
  - NOTE: All electronic components, individually, are fully within "specs" of handling the rate and throughput expected in SoLID. No "show-stoppers", regardless of pre-R&D activities.
  - The Pre-R&D can help steer design, and better define contingency within the program.
- DAQ Pre-R&D:
  - GEM specific:
    - Test capabilities of VMM3 in direct readout mode
    - Test applicability of SBS style readout: APV25 chip + MPD
  - DAQ specific:
    - Test VXS FADC readout
    - Profile high resolution TDC readout
    - Prototype trigger configurations and optimize live-time.
    - Support for high-rate Cherenkov prototype DAQ.
- Cherenkov Pre-R&D:
  - Profile response of integrated front-end electronics systems:
    - Array of MaPMTs with detector-group designed signal integration board.
    - Array of MaPMTs with extended CLAS12-RICH MAROC electronics integration.
    - LAPPD photodetector.
  - Optimize sub-system triggering configurations with realistic signals
  - Baseline simulation response and bring SoLID simulation better inline with reality.



# STATUS AND TIMELINE: TCD

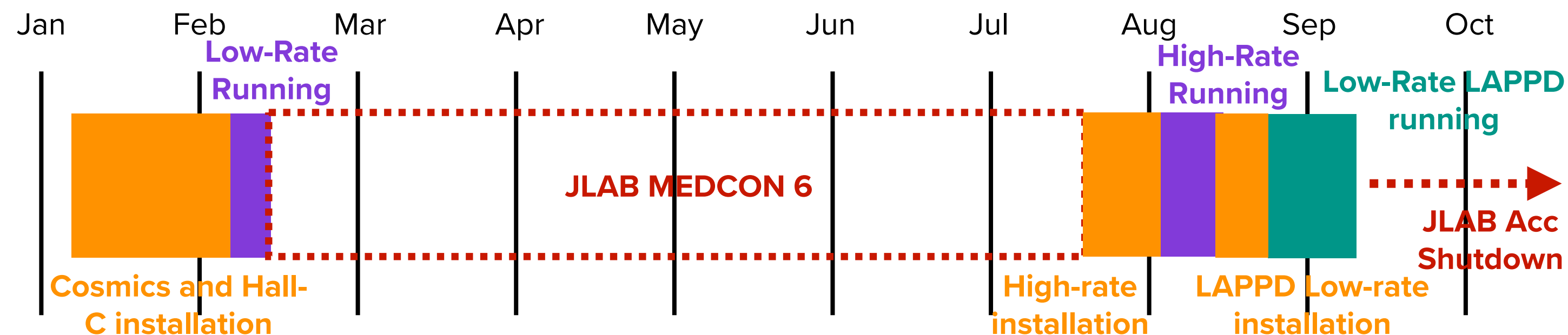
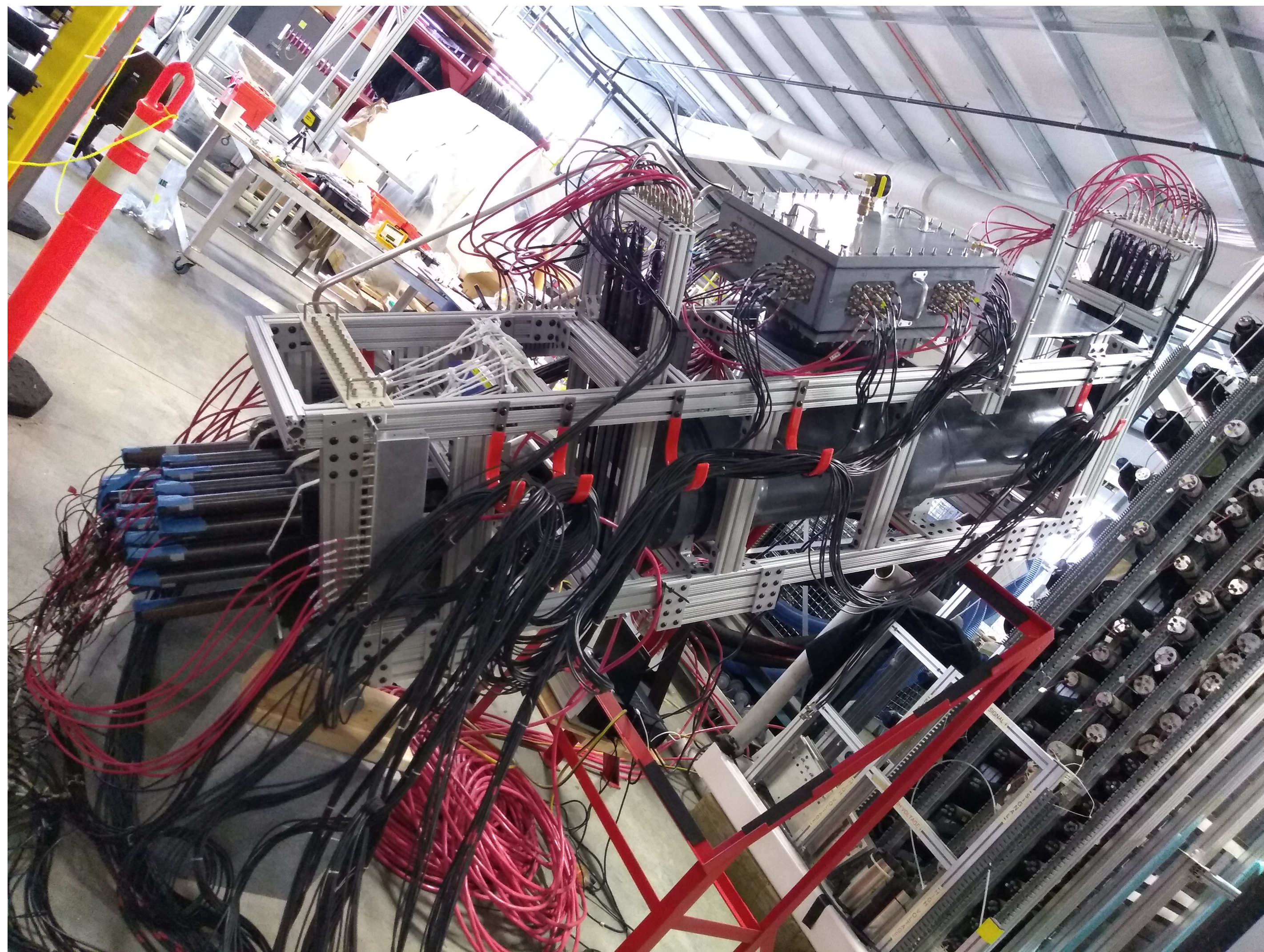
- Project was given a "soft" go-ahead in late 2019.
  - A telescopic cherenkov device (TCD) was designed that can collect light over a 4 by 4 array of Hamamatsu H12700 MaPMTs.
  - Designed and built at Temple University
  - Approximately the same amount of radiator gas expected in LGC-PVDIS and HGC, same array of photo-sensors proposed for use in HGC.
  - MaPMTs and LAPPD WLS coated (p-Terphenyl)
  - Single flat-mirror design, removable electronics box, and 80/20 cradle that supports tank plus scintillator arrays and calorimeter blocks.
  - Pressure tested at Temple University before transport to JLab.





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- Transported to JLAB ESB in January 2020.
  - Scintillator planes, calorimeter blocks, and DAQ were added and the entire device was cosmic tested (see Simona's talk).
- TCD set-up in Hall-C to collect parasitic data during "d2n" experimental running in February.
  - Low-rate data collected for MaPMT "simple" summing board.
- JLAB goes into MEDCON-6 mid February, testing postponed
  - TCD set-up for high rate testing.
- JLAB resumes operations in August, available parasitic opportunity is truncated.
  - High rate data collected for MaPMTS
  - Additional low-rate data collected for LAPPDs with CO<sub>2</sub> and then C<sub>4</sub>F<sub>8</sub> gas.





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These goals are either completed, or we collected the data and analysis is underway!



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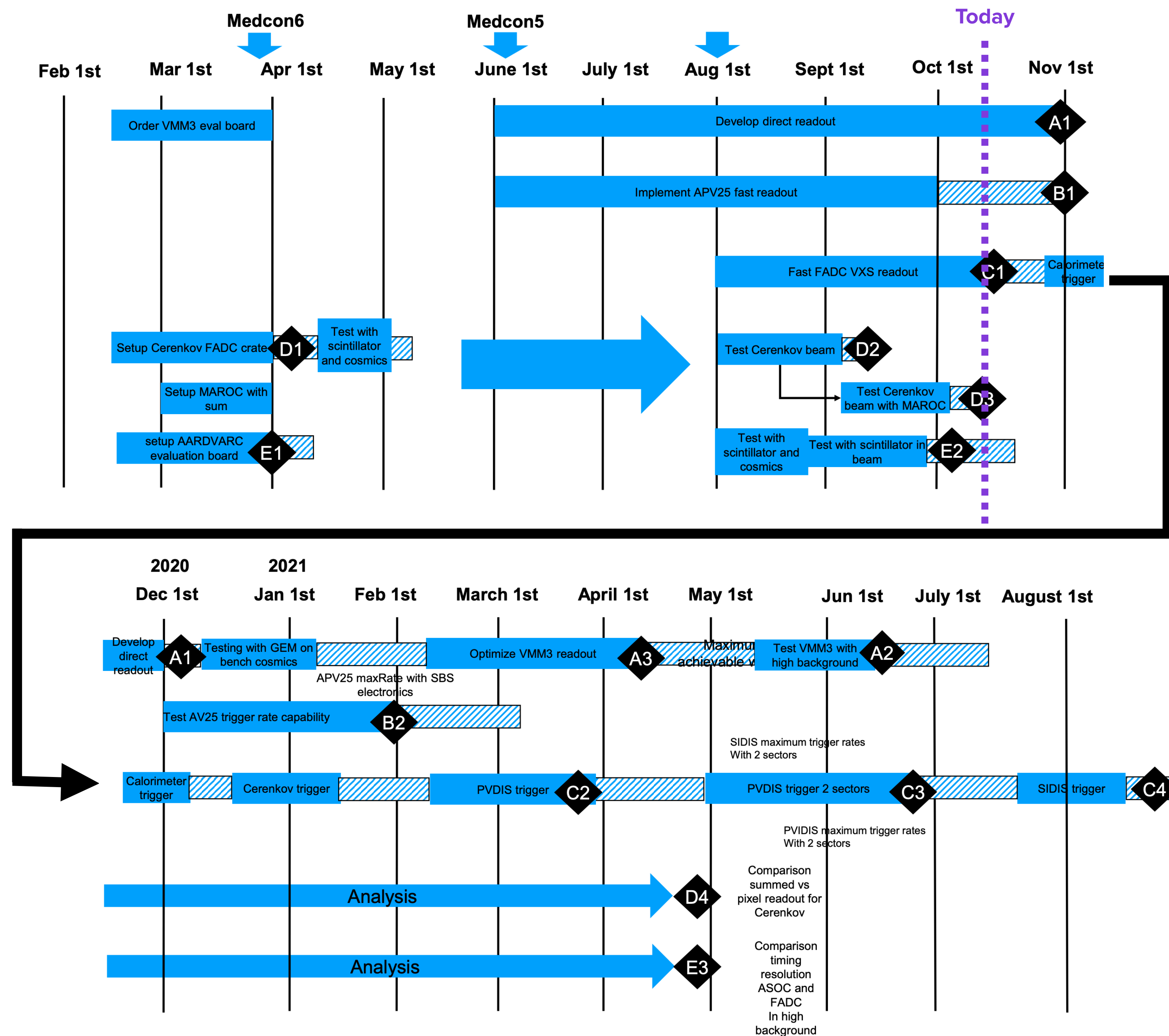
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Testing planned on the bench (or possibly using the UITF at JLab)



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- Recently adjusted to account for CoVID and JLAB MEDCON-6 shutdown.
- Long lead-time electronics have been ordered.
  - VXS crates
  - VTP trigger module
  - VMM3 evaluation board
  - VMM3 chips for prototype
- Support for TCD Hall-C tests is completed and successful.
- Many items in-progress or soon to be started.
- More details in Alexandre's talk on Friday.



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- Dependant on MAROC tests  
done by TCD group**



# DOE MANDATED REVIEW OF PRE-R&D

- A review of the pre-R&D program was conducted on August 7th, 2020.
- The overall response from the committee was **positive**:
  - Summary comments:
    - "The committee finds that the pre-R&D plan is adequately formulated to address the technical risks for the DAQ system and the Cherenkov detectors."
    - "The committee is impressed with the progress that the pre-R&D team has already made in the current challenging environment, the quality of the presentations, and the quality of the data acquired to date."
    - "The committee encourages that the pre-R&D plan be seen through to completion."
- TCD specific:
  - "The committee is impressed that the pre-R&D collaboration has acquired data already with the Cherenkov test setup at large and small angles, and that the data-analysis as well simulations are proceeding well."
  - The committee agreed with the prioritization of tasks with limited parasitic opportunity.
  - Recommendation: "... pursue the simulation(s) to satisfactory agreement with the acquired data as a means towards future design."
- DAQ specific:
  - The committee feels that an intermediate step with 3 VTP cards, given the large anticipated rate, could be beneficial.
  - Pursue opportunities for testing with the SBS collaboration.
  - Clearly delineate DAQ tests that can be done on the bench and those that (absolutely) need beam.
  - Advance the determination of the maximum rate capability of the VMM3 chip.



# SUMMARY

- Technical risks were identified concerning the SoLID cherenkov electronics and the overall SoLID DAQ.
  - These risks affect contingency and design, but are **NOT "show-stoppers"** for the SoLID project.
  - A pre-R&D plan was developed to address these issues.
- A prototype telescopic cherenkov device (TCD) was designed and built and collected data parasitically in Hall-C earlier this year.
  - Final tests of MAROC electronics will need an alternative testing procedure (combination of bench tests, cosmic tests, and possibly UITF tests).
- So far, the pre-R&D has been very successful, in spite of delays due to the CoVID pandemic.
  - Many proposed milestones have been adjusted (about 2 months delayed), but after this shift, all projects are "on-schedule".
  - Completion of all studies are expected by summer 2021.