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Proposed assembly for the PANDA Disc DIRC

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Mechanics

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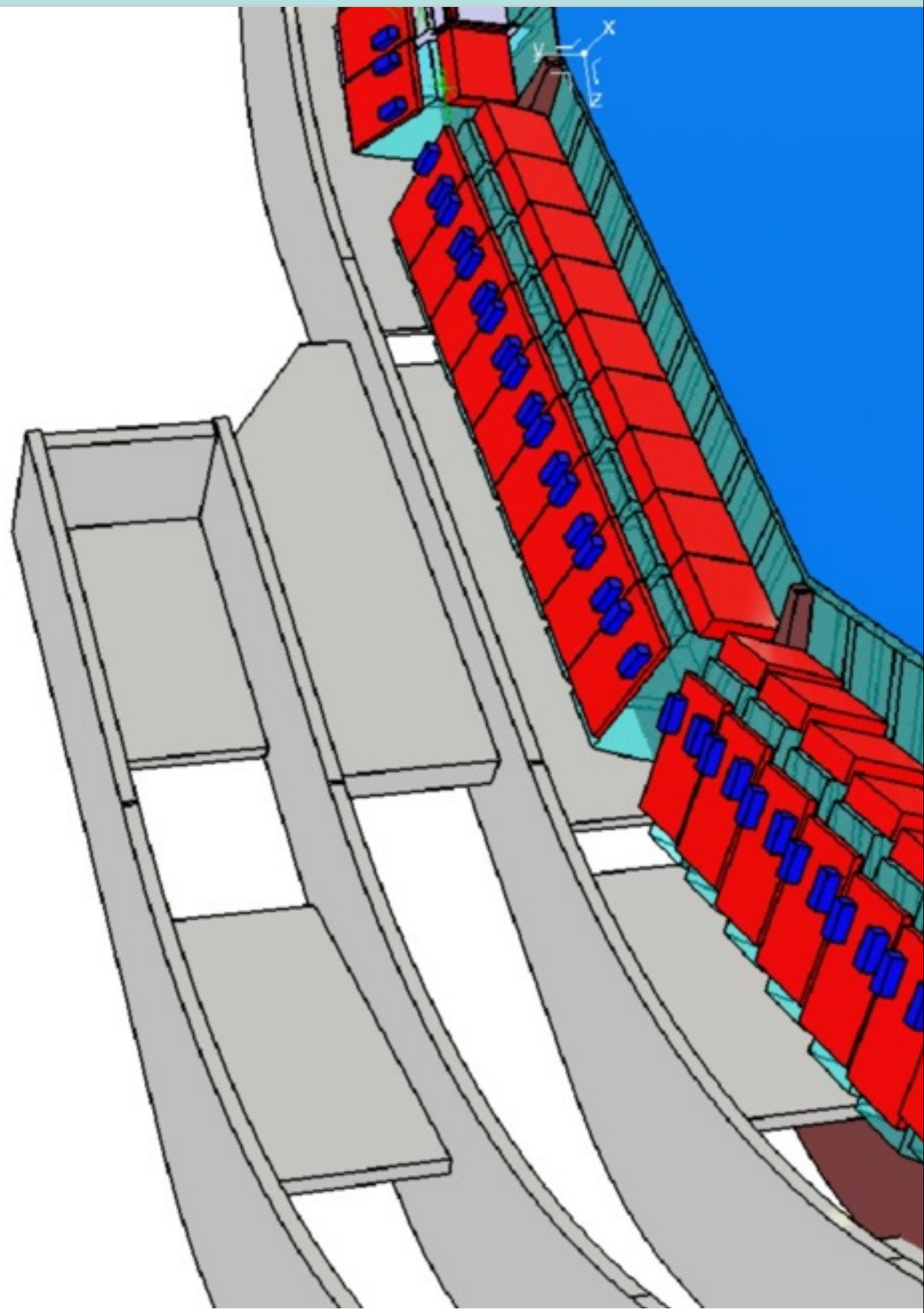
Goals and requirements

The Disc DIRC is a large optical device with many components that have to be precisely aligned and joined

(1 radiator, 81 FLGs and 81 prisms per quarter)

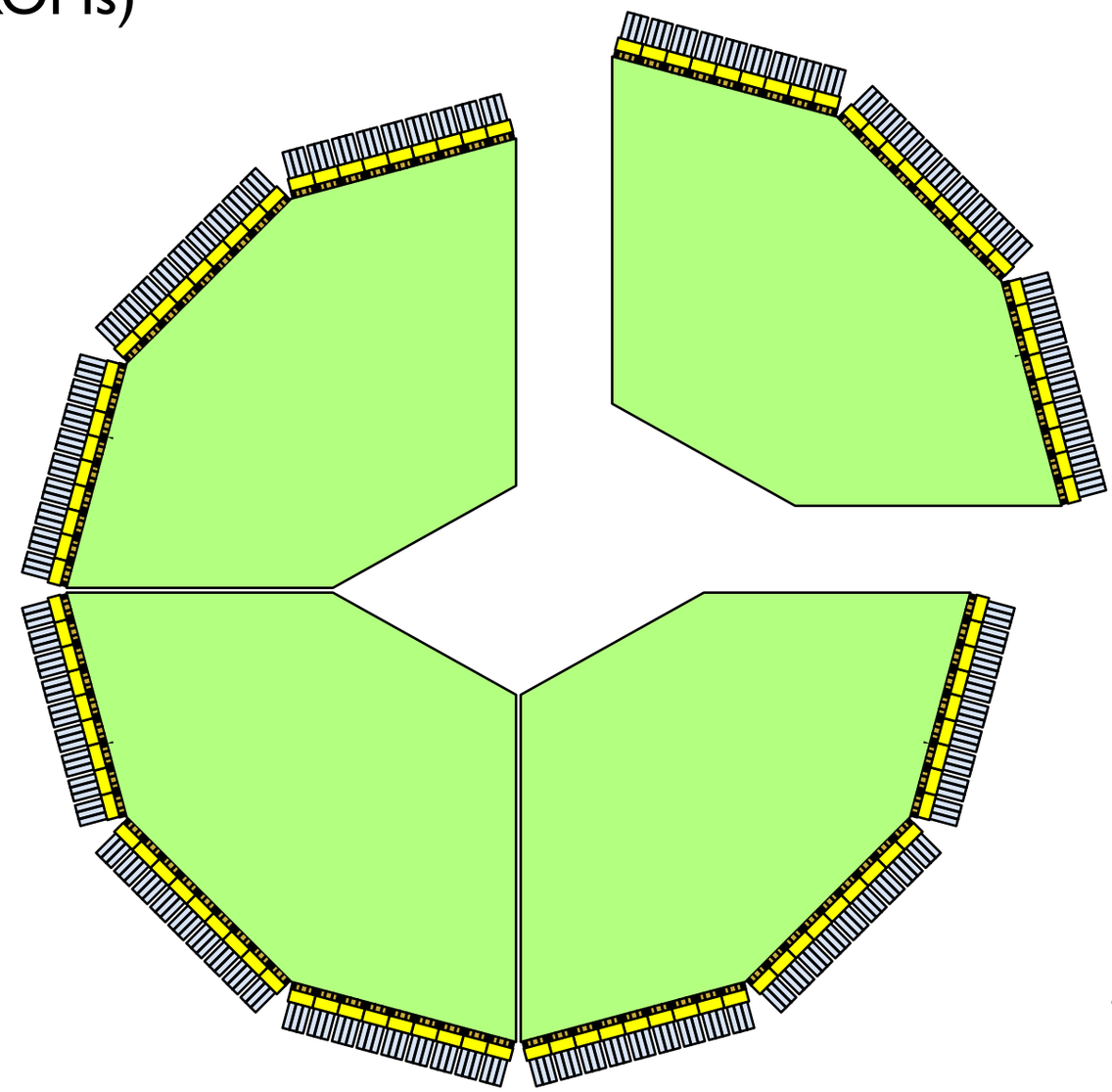
A goal is to minimize contact between optics and mechanics to prevent from damage due to thermal expansion

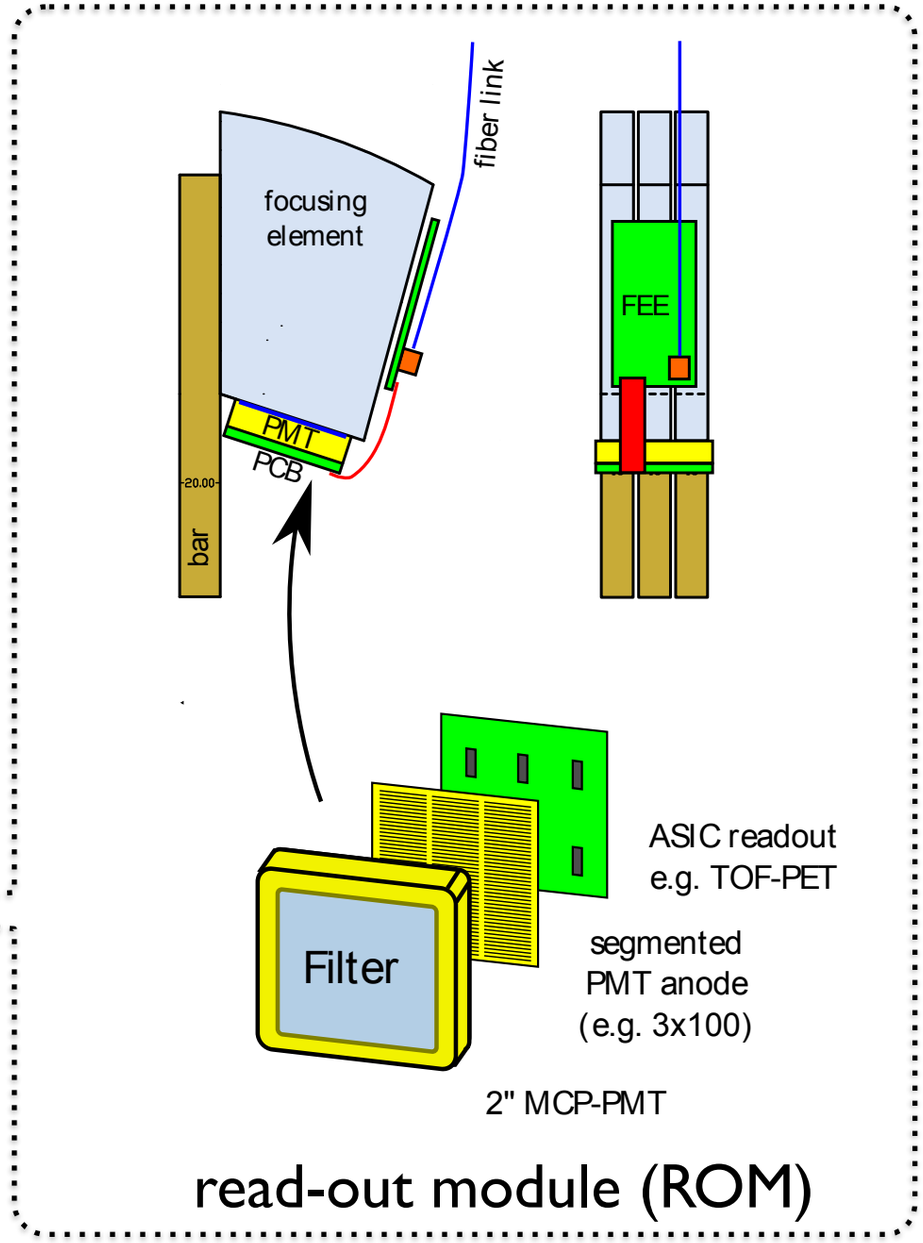
This has to be achieved in a hostile and spatially very tight environment



The Disc DIRC's heart

four independent quadrants made of fused silica and equipped with a total of **81 read-out modules** (ROMs)

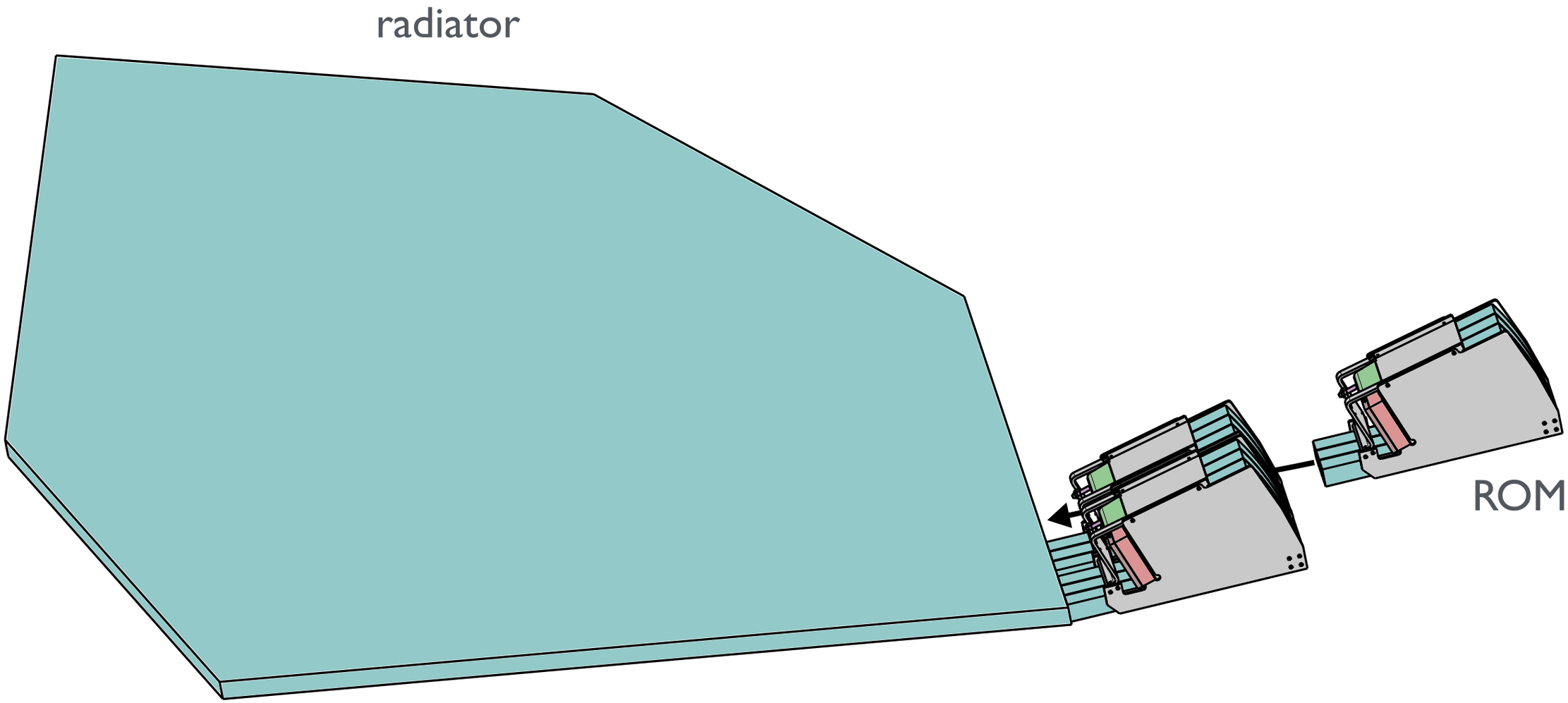




read-out module (ROM)

each **ROM** hosts three **prisms** and focusing light guides (**FLGs**) as well as a photo-sensor (**MCP-PMT**) and the front-end electronics (**FEE**)

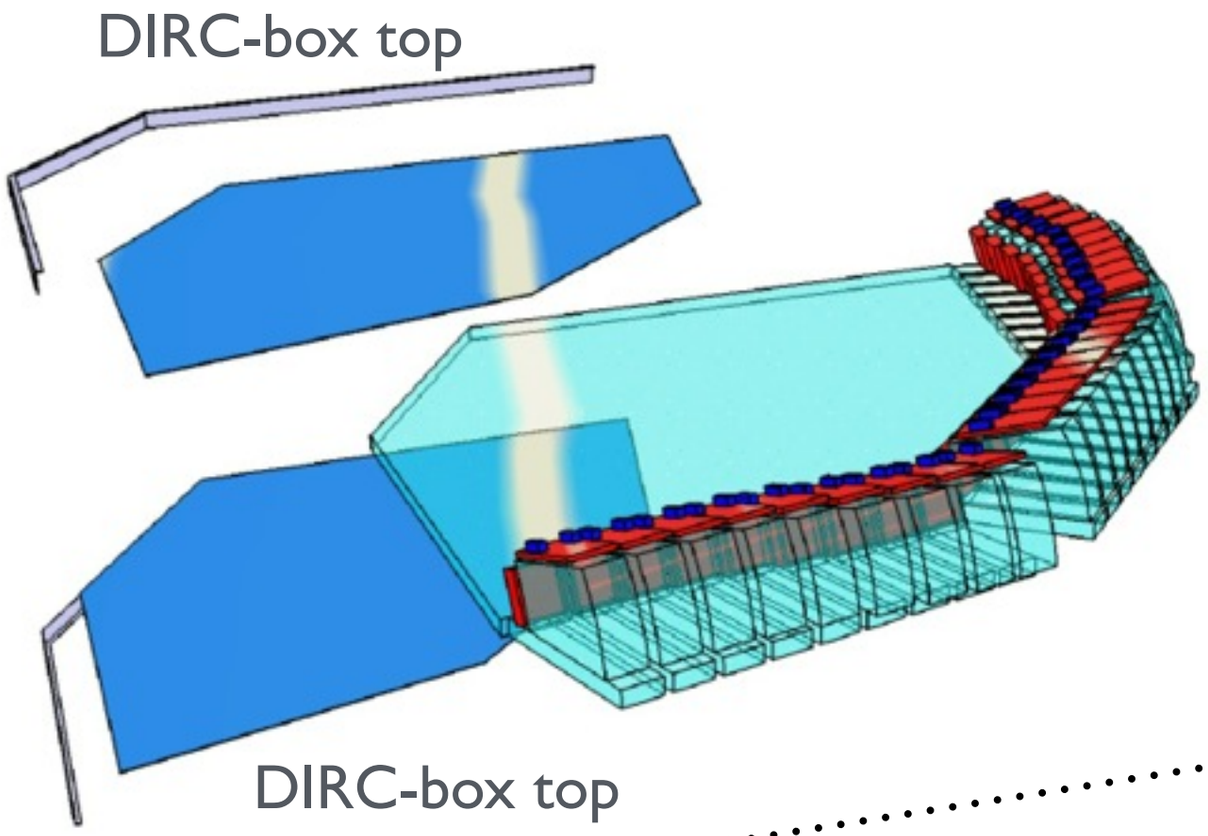
ROM assembly



glue **ROMs** piece by piece to **radiator**

PMT+PCB can/should be removed and reattached after this procedure

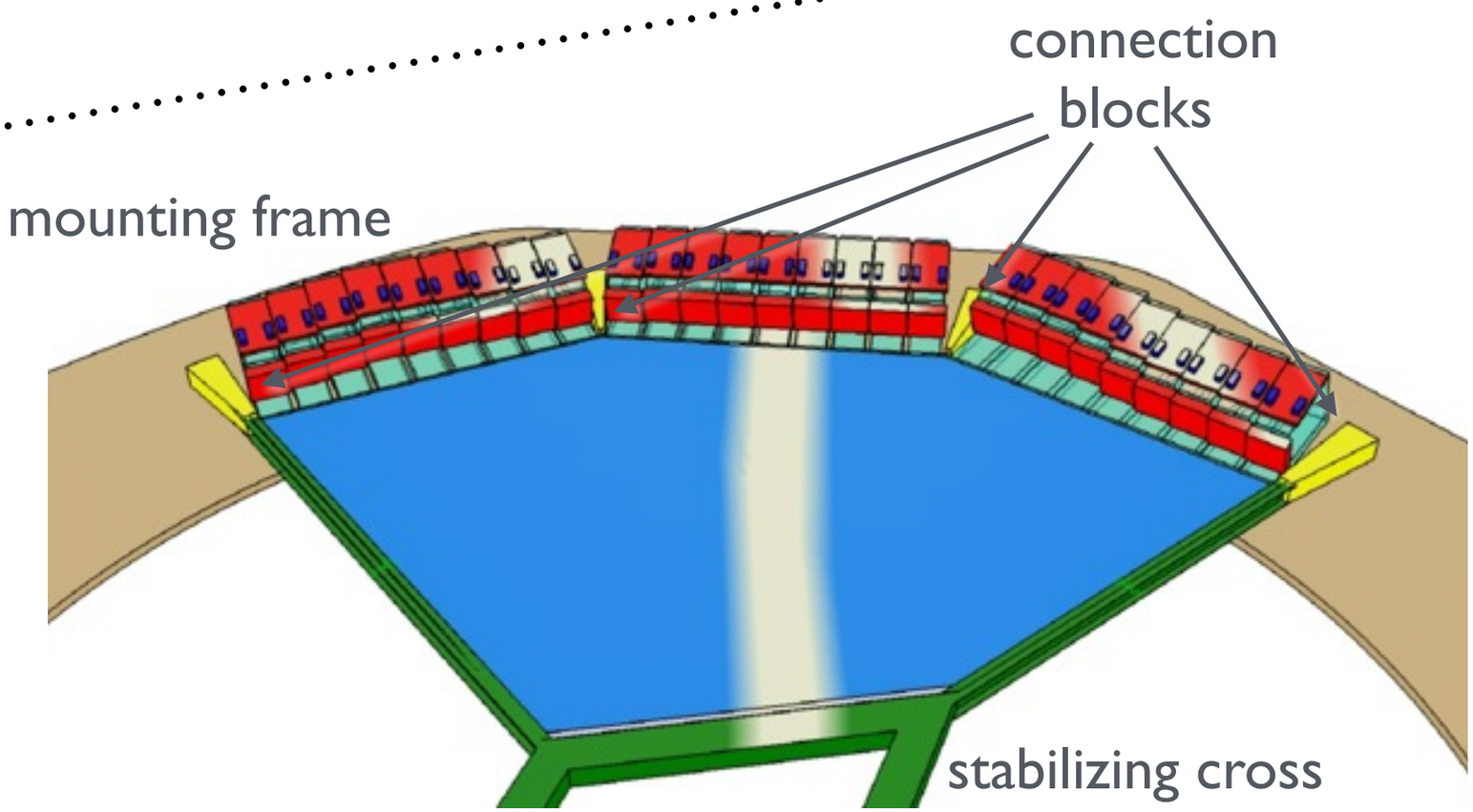
DIRC assembly



encase fully equipped **DIRC quadrant** with a gas- and light-tight **box**

slide **DIRC-box** into **stabilizing cross**

move spring-loaded **connection blocks** up to the **radiator**



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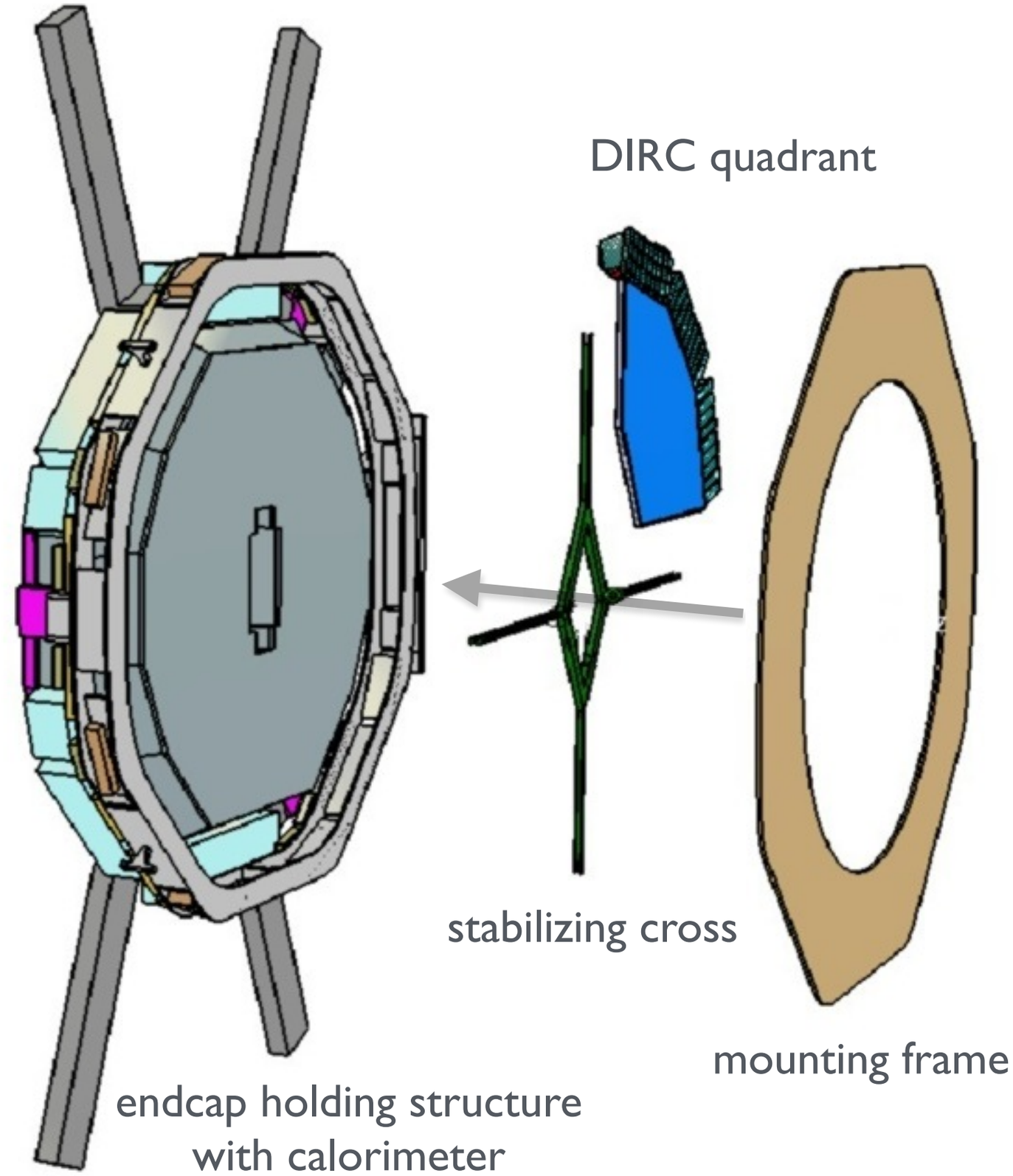

assembly of **DIRC quadrants** with **stabilizing cross** and **mounting frame** in horizontal position

bring fully assembled **DIRC** to a vertical position using a custom-built mounting device

slowly move **DIRC** up to the **endcap holding structure**

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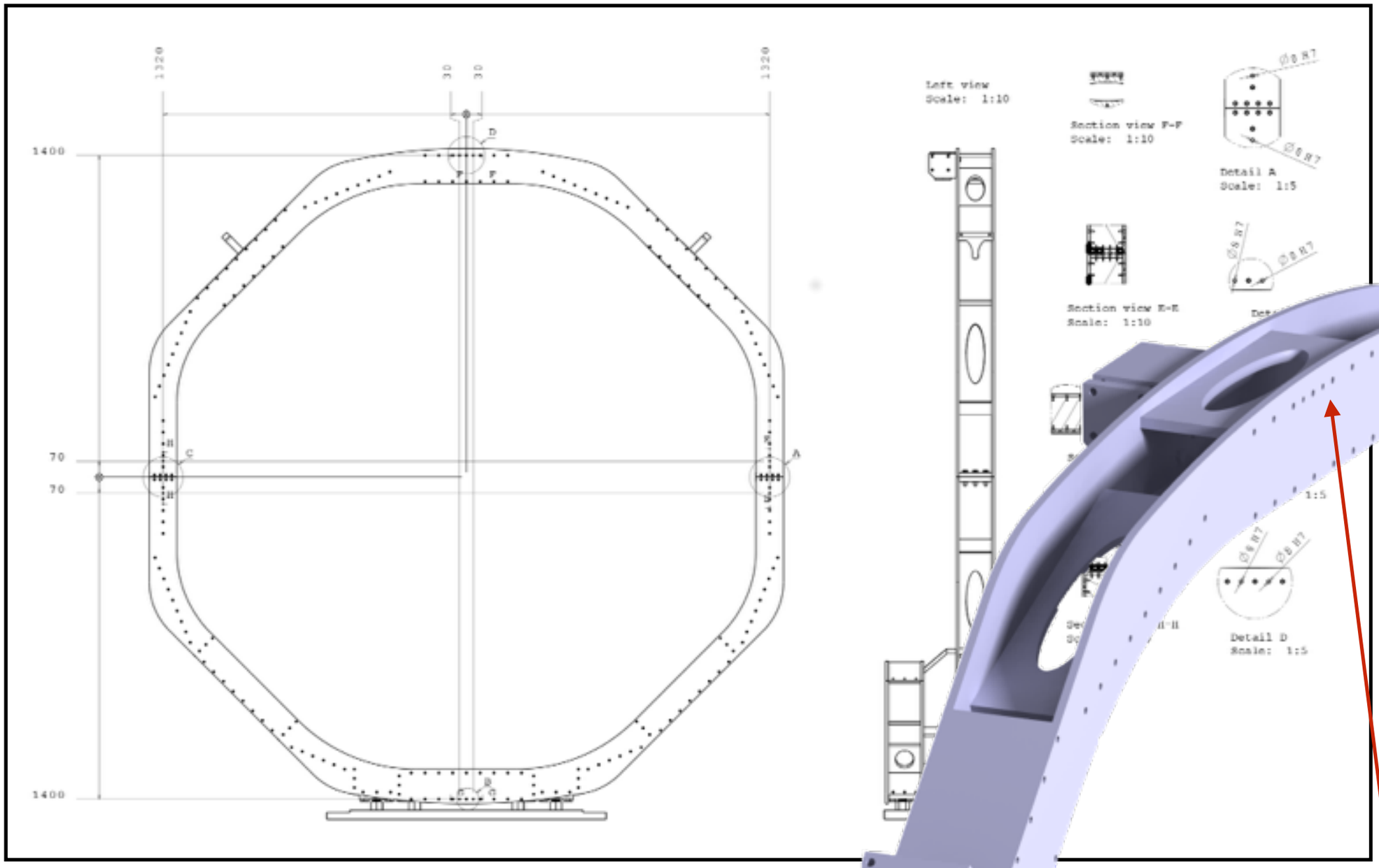
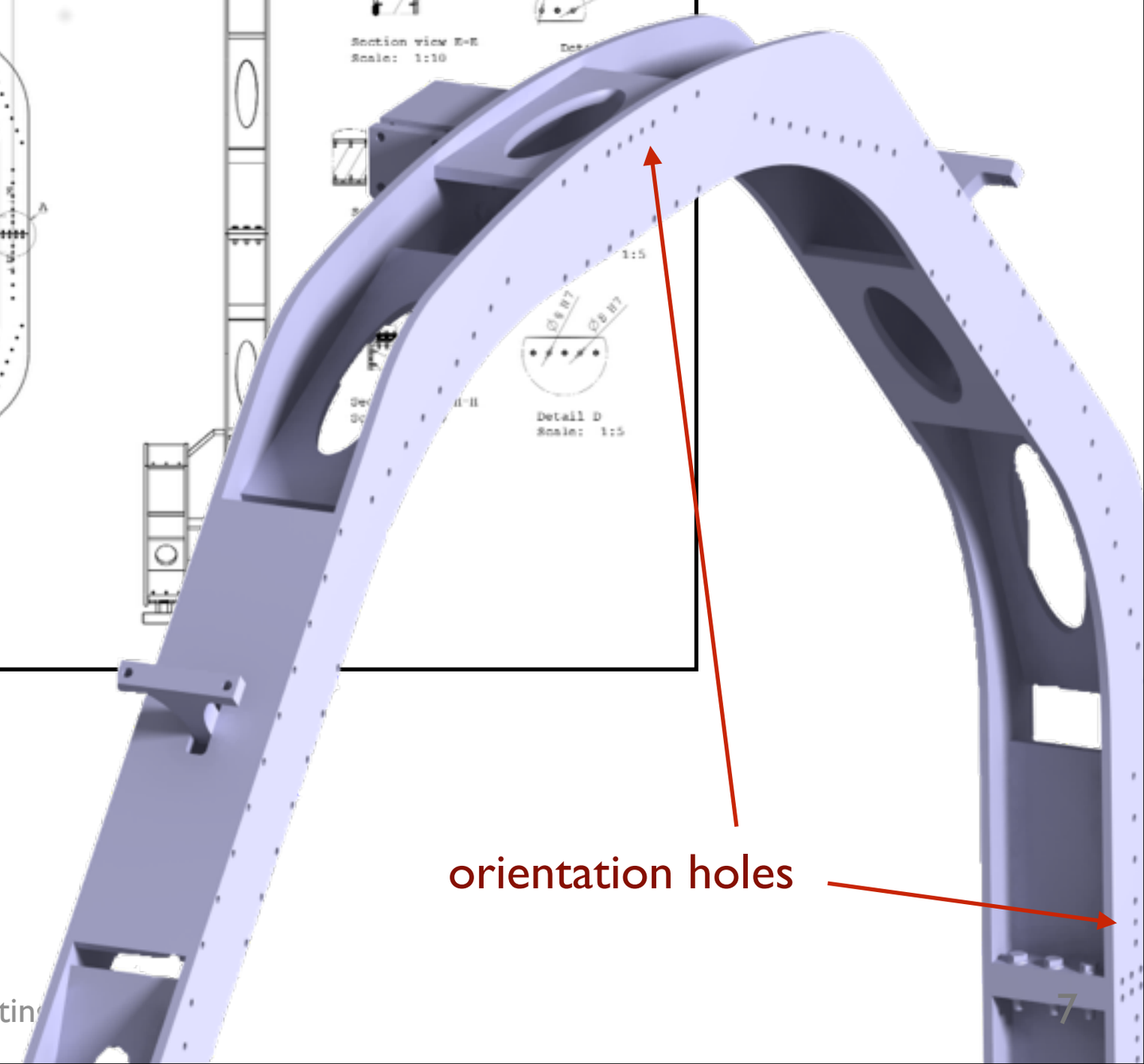




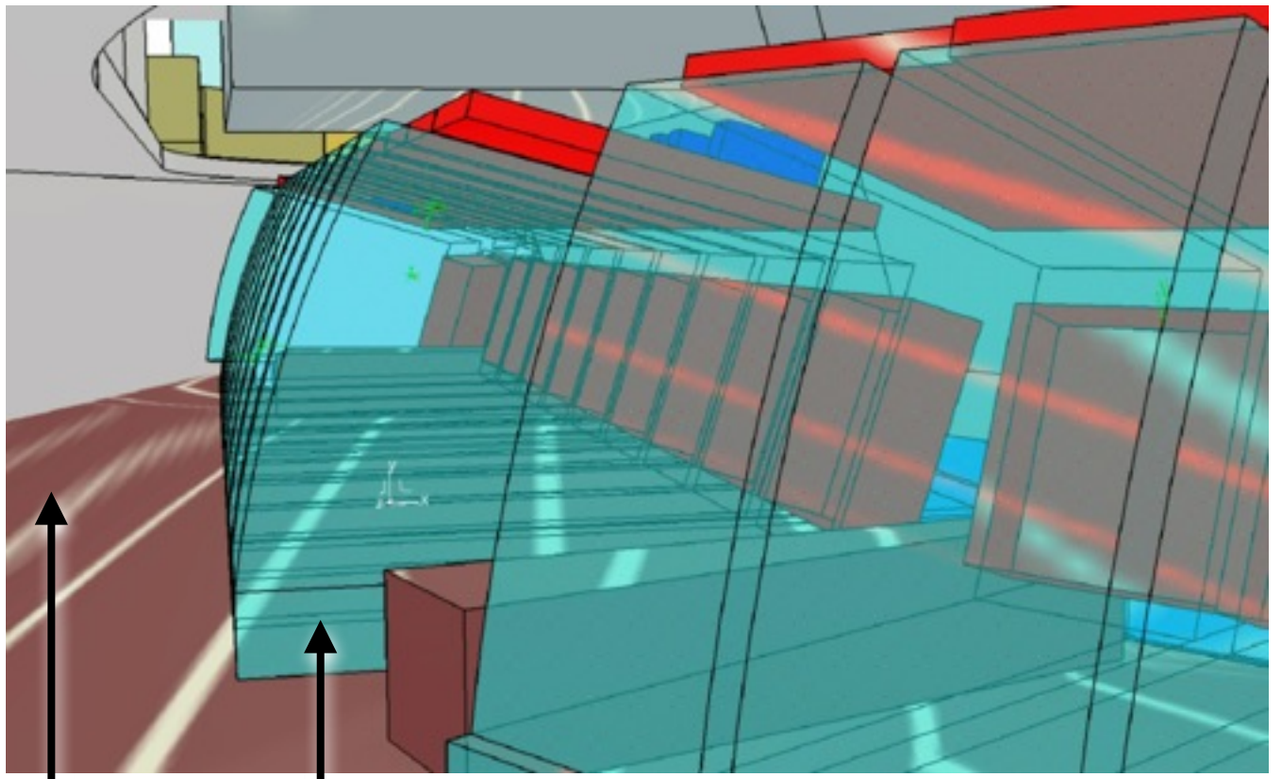
holding frame will be produced soon:

orientation holes

drilling stencils

DIRC assembly

tight spacial environment



bars between radiator and FLGs are essential due to asymmetric environment

lateral hollows in the endcap support frame can host additional electronics to minimize cabling

further details

nylon stripes will keep radiator and box at distance and allow a guidance for the gas flow

ROMs will be encased as well, which requires various complex boxes

space reserved for water-cooling of electronics if necessary

mechanical prototype for a Disc DIRC quarter in preparation

Scale 1:1

one quarter

made out of wood

testing of mechanical components, assembly, cable routing, slow-control, additional equipment …