# Status of the test of GEM and frames for CYGN004

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## Outlines

- CYGNO04 support frame design
- FBG...What are they?
- Preliminary results
- To-do list (asap)

- GEM dimension 80x50 cm<sup>2</sup>
- Stretching technology CMS like (already used in LIME)
- Triple GEM (2-2-2 gas gap)



- GEM foils with low radioactivity Extra cleaning after the etching process to remove all the K residuals
- New internal frames material (FR4 in LIME)



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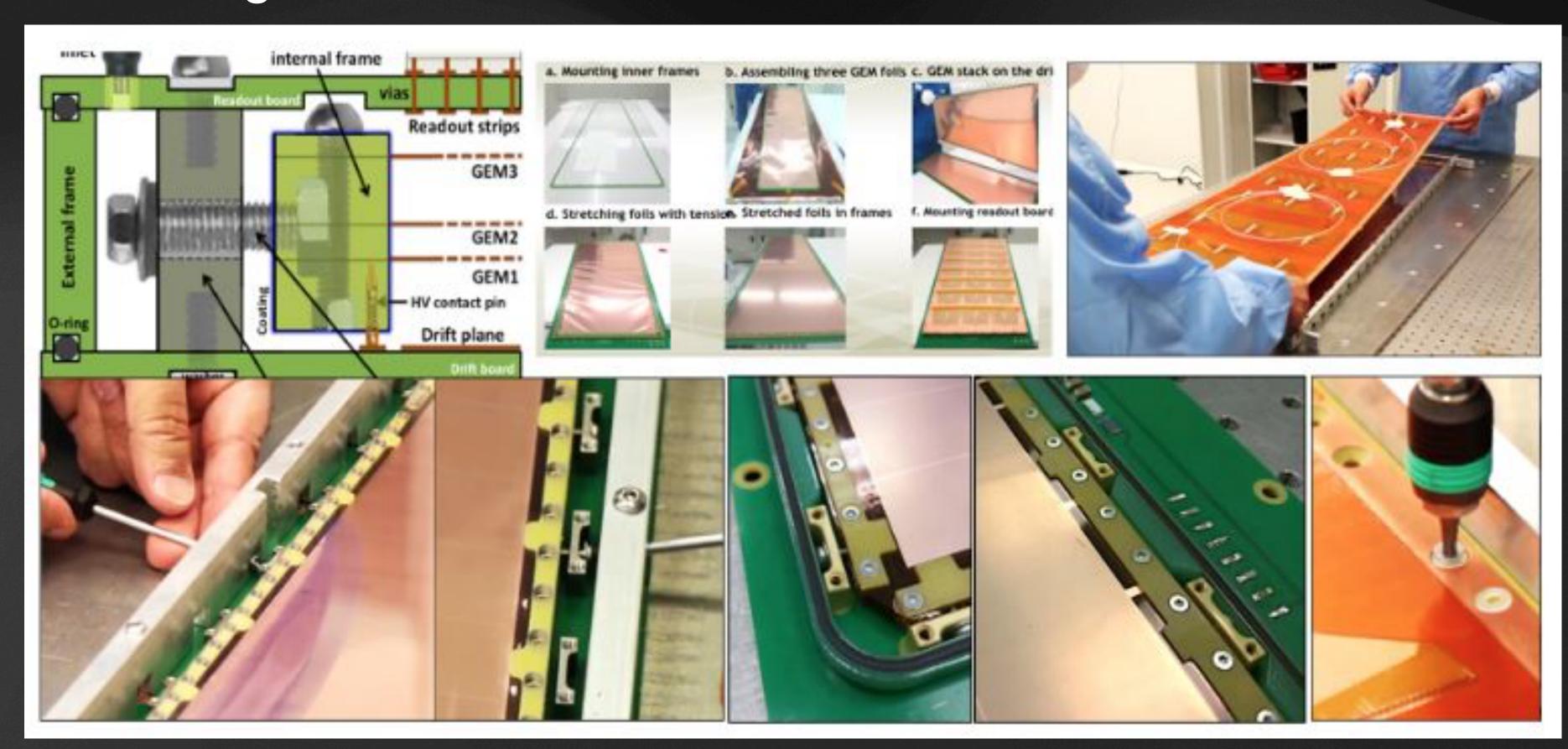
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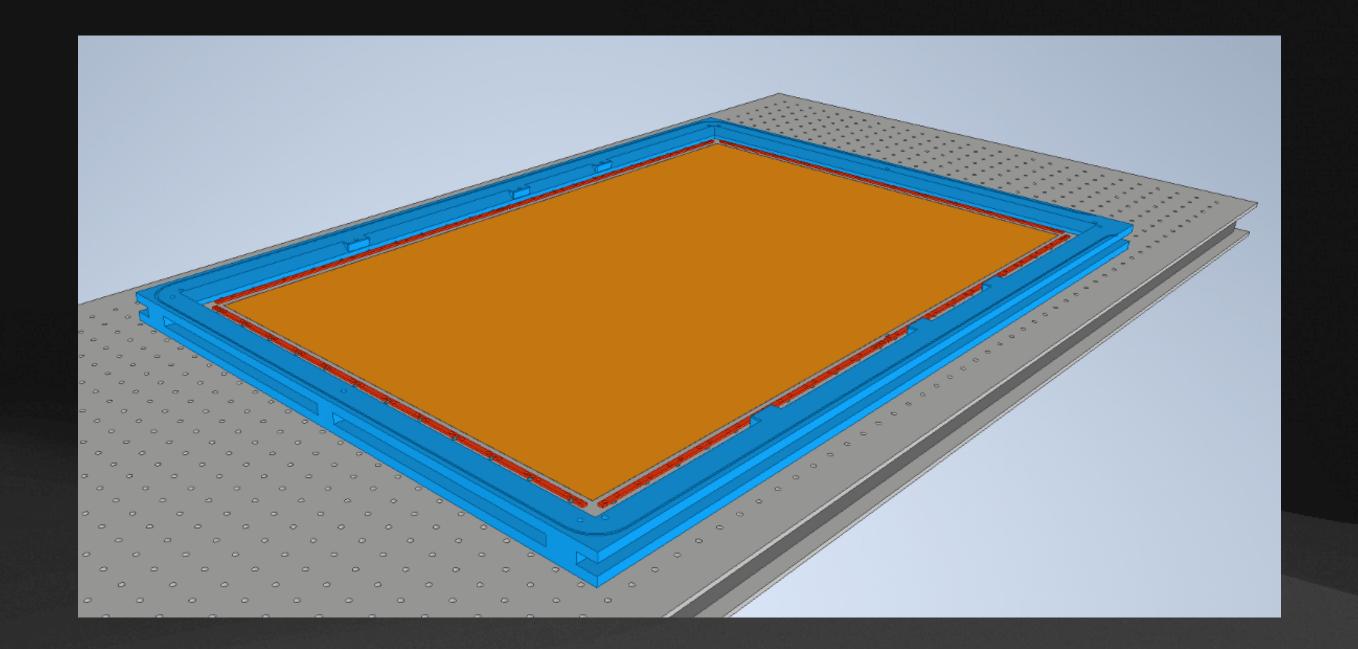
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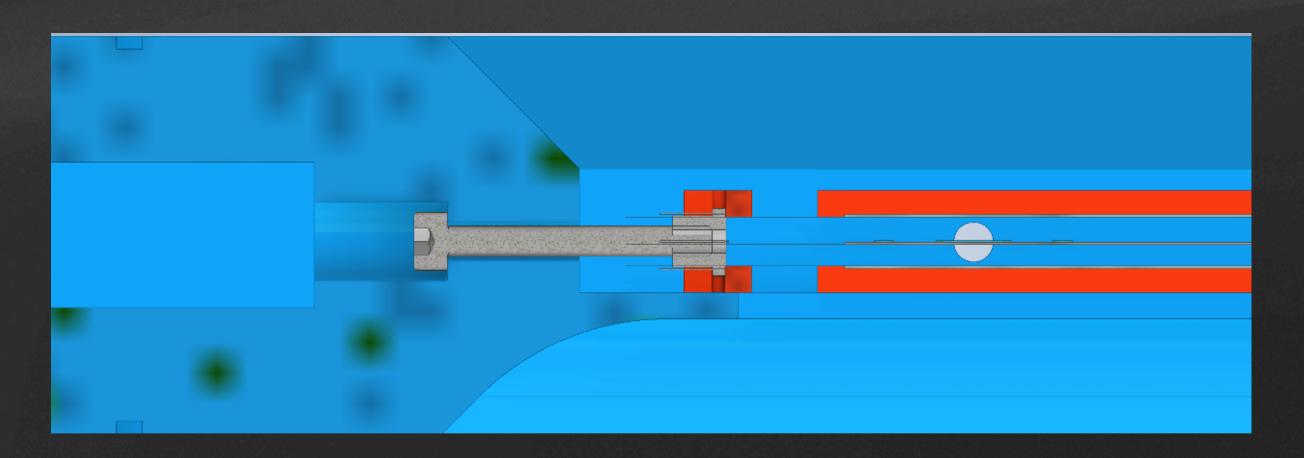


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 Also internal frames have been redesigned to avoid FR4

• NB!! This material is not the final one. It is just a test to verify the feasibility to use 3D printing to produce the pieces. Under investigation a material to be proposed as the final choice

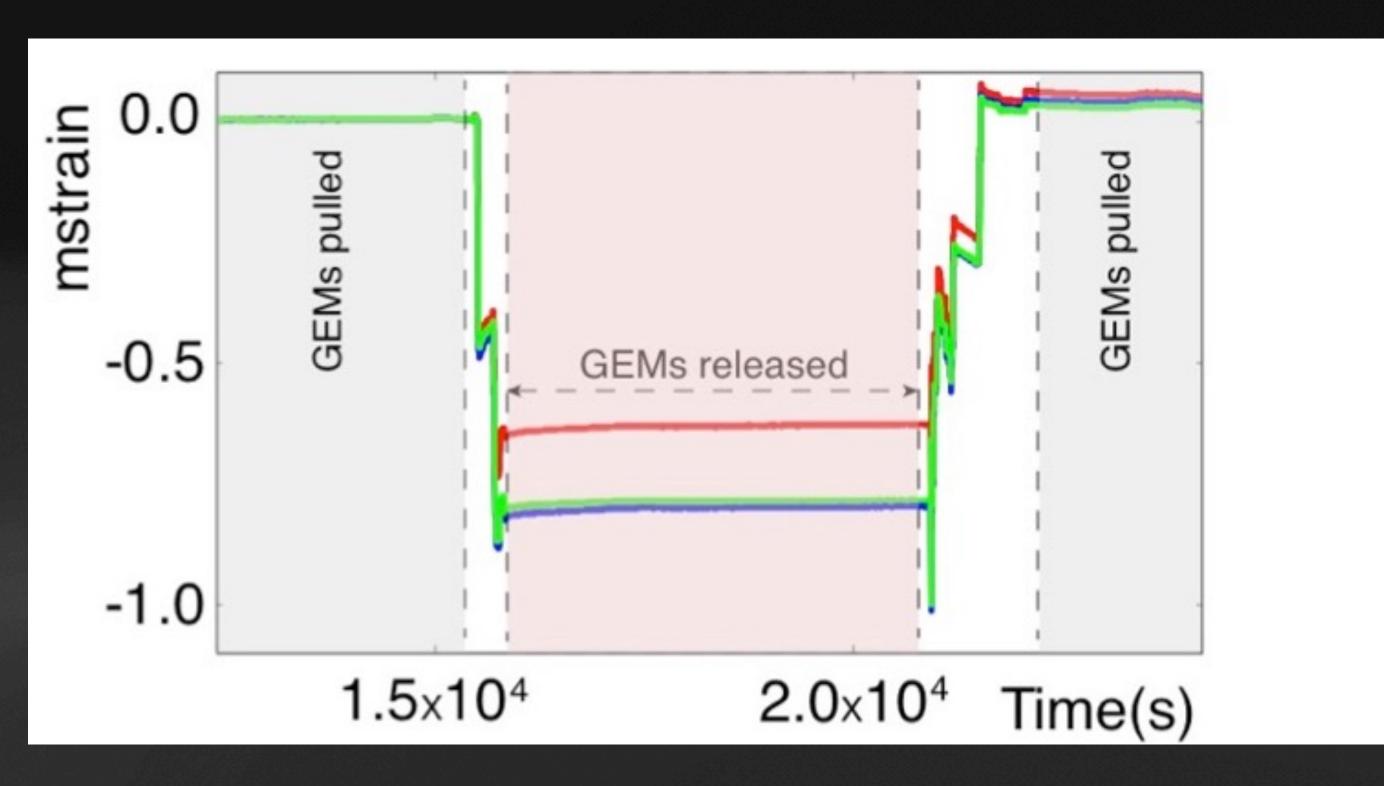


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- To test that the external frame we are using FBG (Fiber Bragg Grating) sensors
- We used FBG to validate the CMS stretching technology and results as been published

A novel application of Fiber Bragg Grating (FBG) sensors in MPGD

Proceedings, 4th International Conference on Micro Pattern Gaseous Detectors (MPGD2015): Trieste, Italy, October 12-15, 2015



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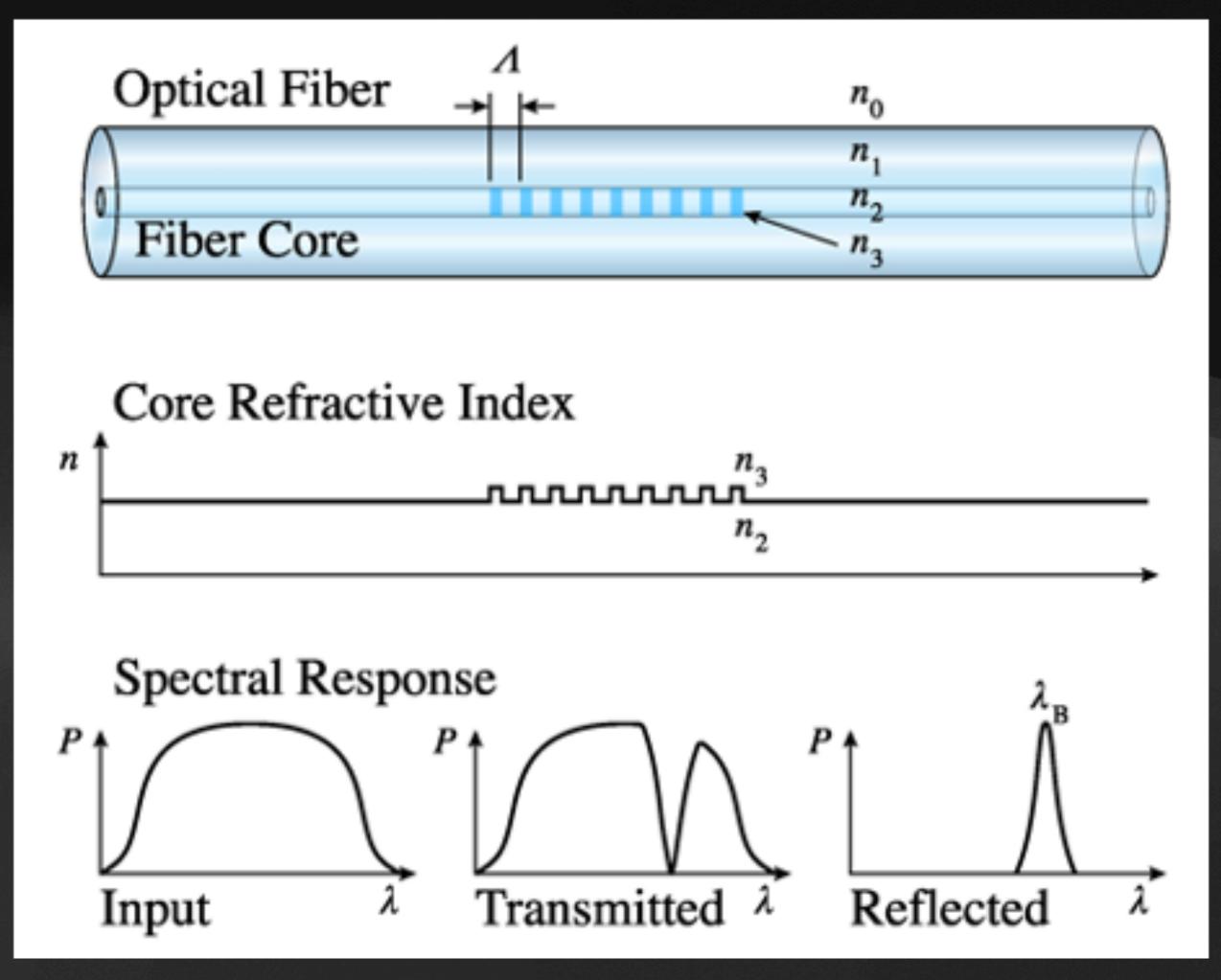
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A Fiber Bragg Grating (FBG) is a type of distributed Bragg reflector constructed in a short segment of optical fiber that reflects particular wavelengths of light and transmits all others. This is achieved by creating a periodic variation in the refractive index of the fiber core, which generates a wavelength-specific dielectric mirror. A fiber Bragg grating can therefore be used as a strain measurement tool, since variation of the Bragg grating translates into different light frequency response. The sensitivity of FBG in terms of strain (relative elongation w.r.t the initial position) is of the order of 0.1 micron.



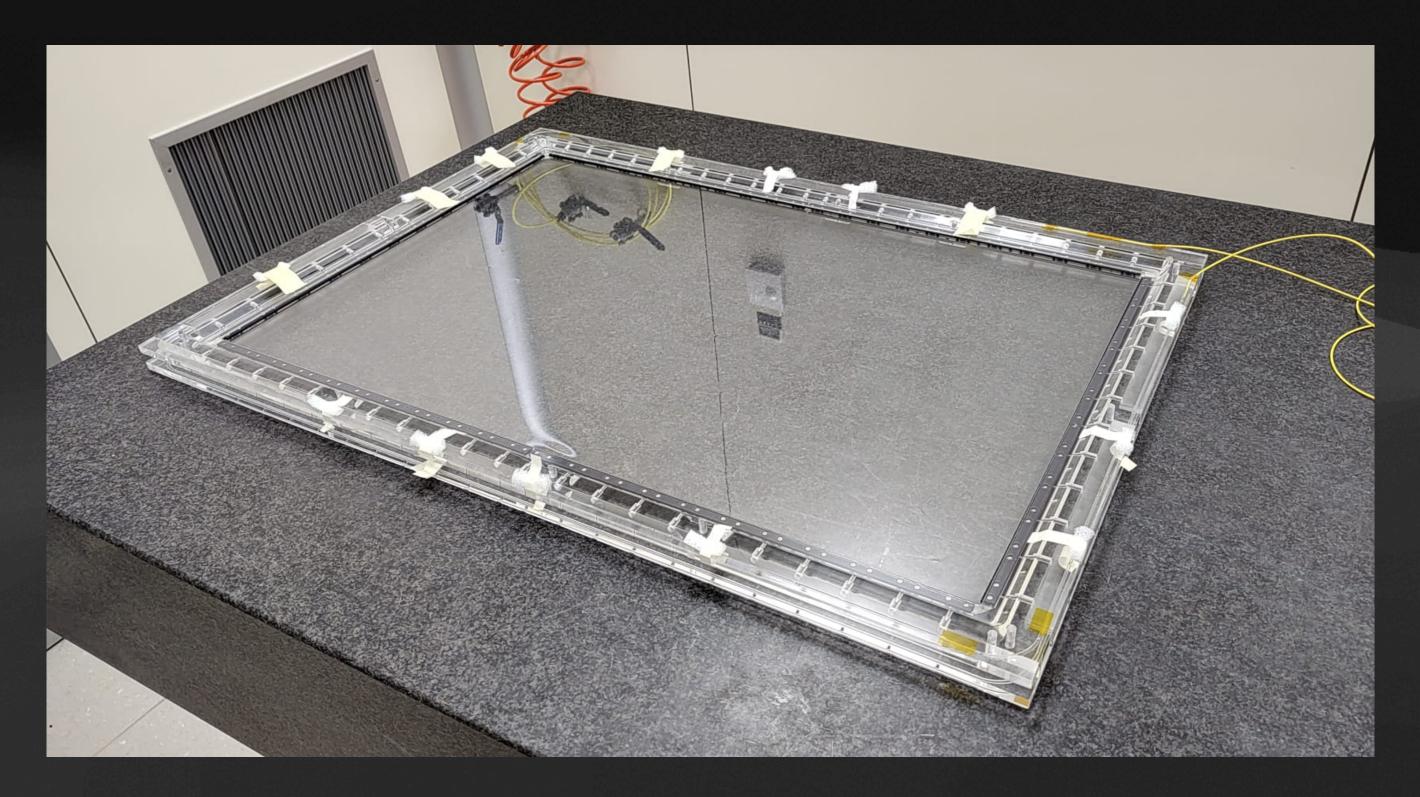
Fiber Bragg Grating (FBG) sensors have been so far mainly used in high energy physics as high precision positioning and re-positioning sensor and as low cost, easy to mount and low space consuming temperature sensors. FBGs are also commonly used for very precise strain measurements

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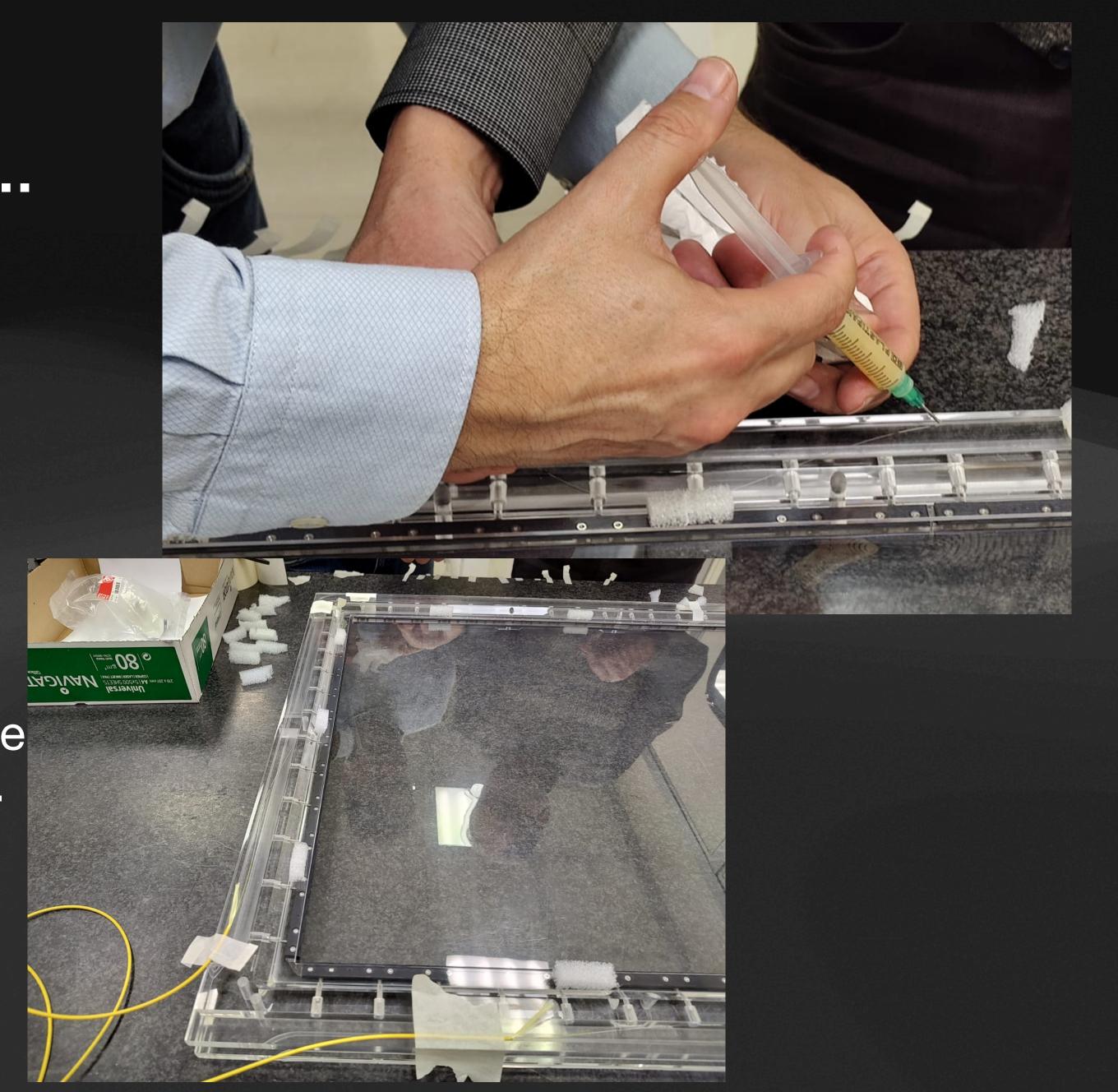
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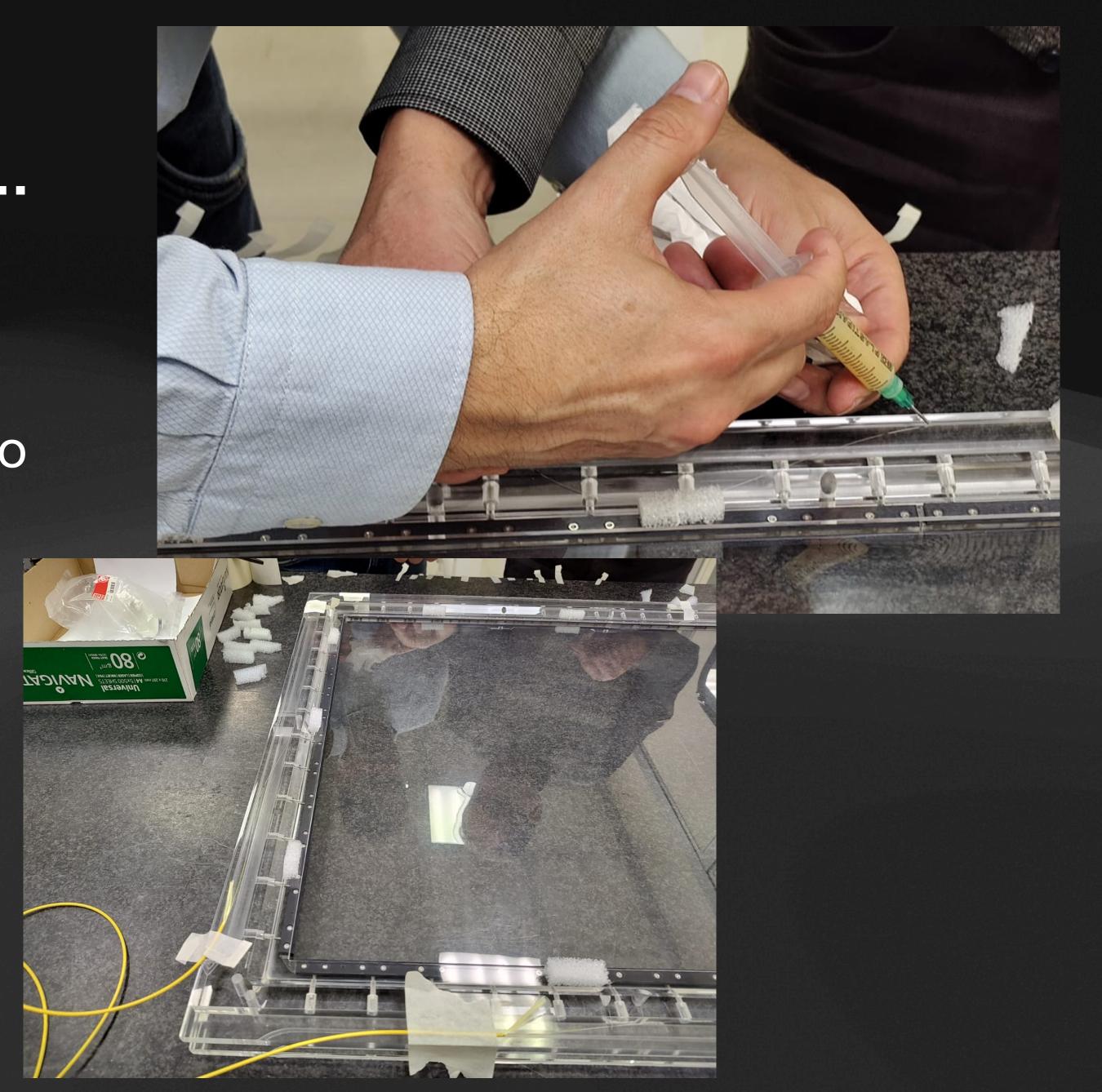
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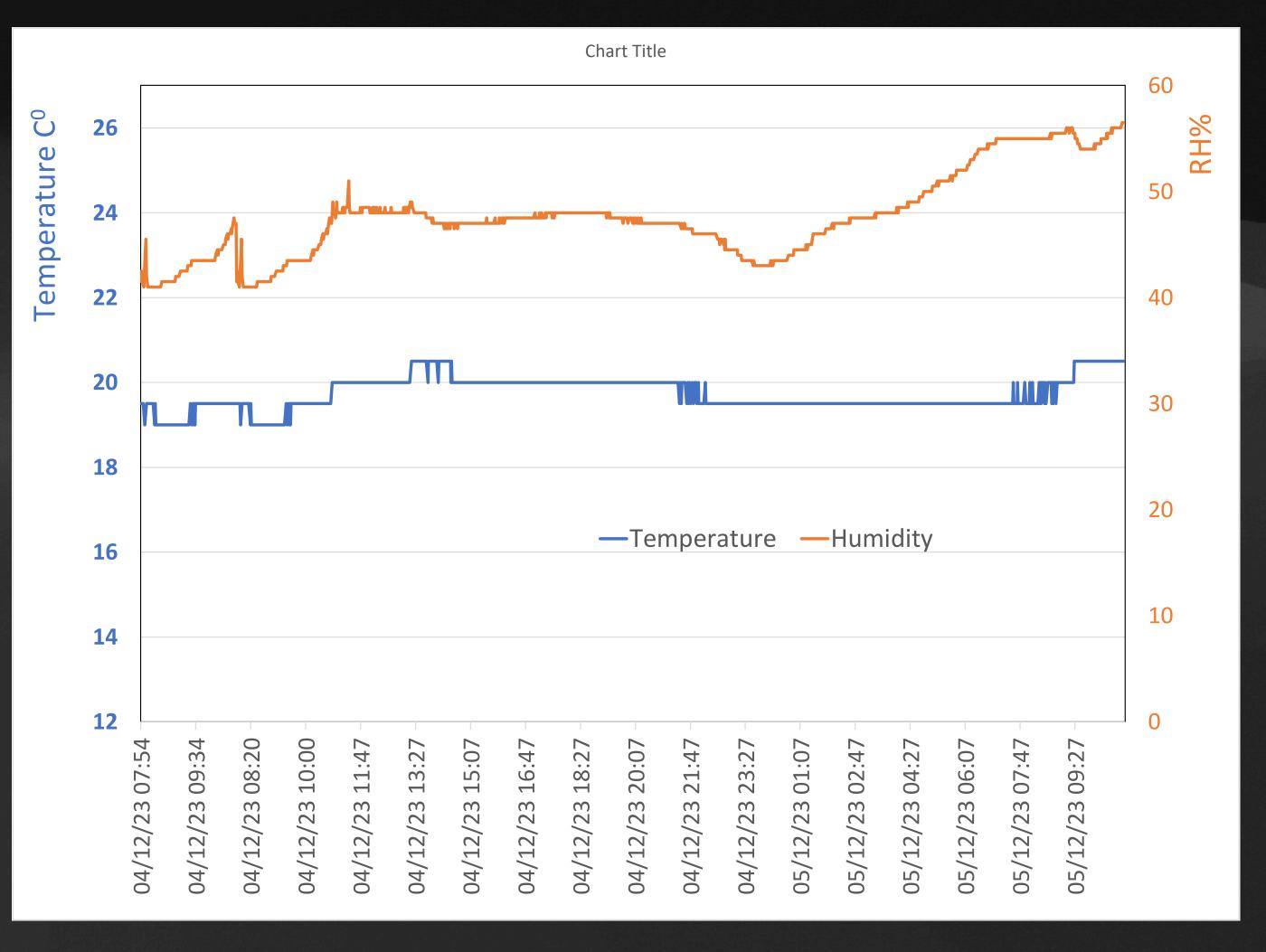
Test procedure



- This is a preliminary test. The aim is to verify the sensitivity of the FBG for our purposes and to get some preliminary infos about the external frame design
- The FBG were reading during any operation done on the frame
- T, and RH on the room also monitored



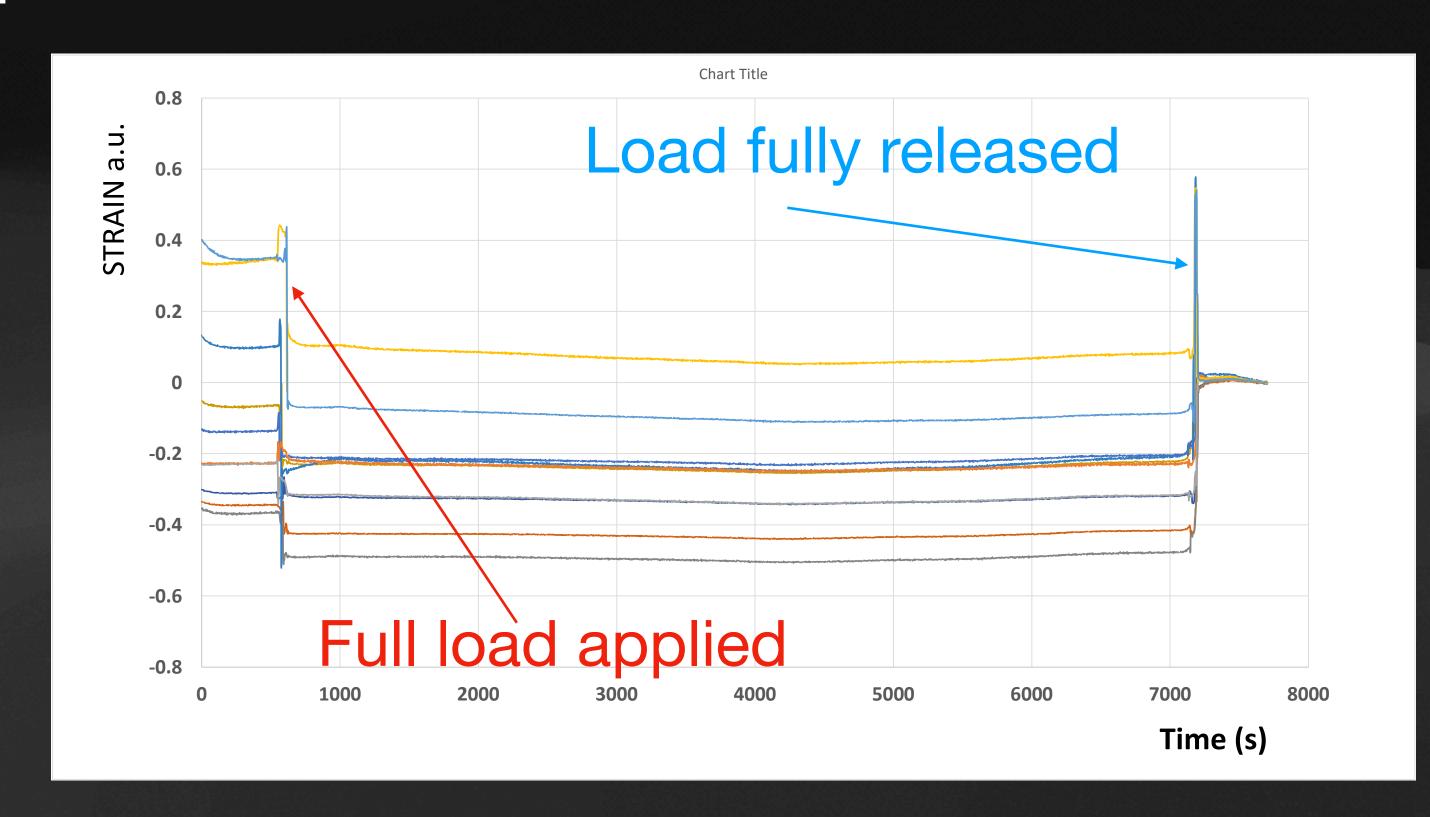
- Environmental status was quite stable. Temperature is the main source of systematic for this kind of test
- The test lasted two days



- Preliminary results
- FBGs measure strain. For this particular FBG the strain is 1/109 of the initial length.



- Preliminary results....and to-do asap
- The behaviour is very similar to the expected one. Due a mistake the gluing of the FBGs was done not with the foil fully unloaded
- However the main and good result is the stability of the FBGs response in the between of the two regions when the mechanical load has been applied and removed.
- We are planning a better and more complete test with two FBG chains (both faces of the frame) and on the fake GEM.



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- Concluding....
- So far so good. The frame design is demonstrated to fit the requirements to keep the load applied.
- The FBG on the frame will be kept there and the plan is to use them as monitor also in CYGNO04 final setup.
- Another and most likely final test will be done once the new internal frames with the new plastic material will be ready (March 2024?)



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