

# Precision Measurement of Muon Capture on the Proton “ *$\mu$ Cap experiment*”



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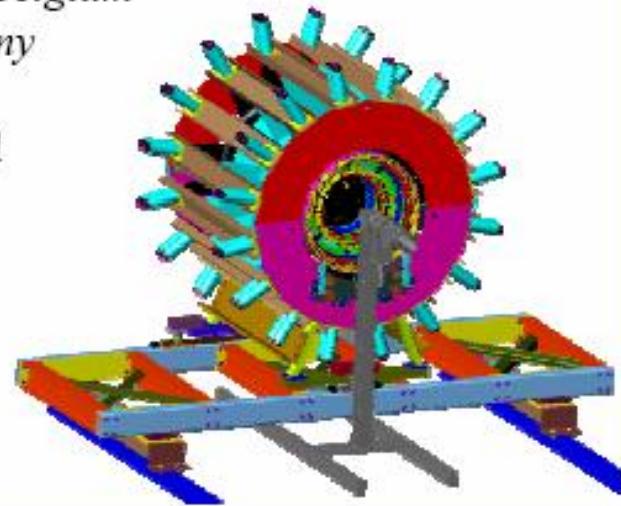
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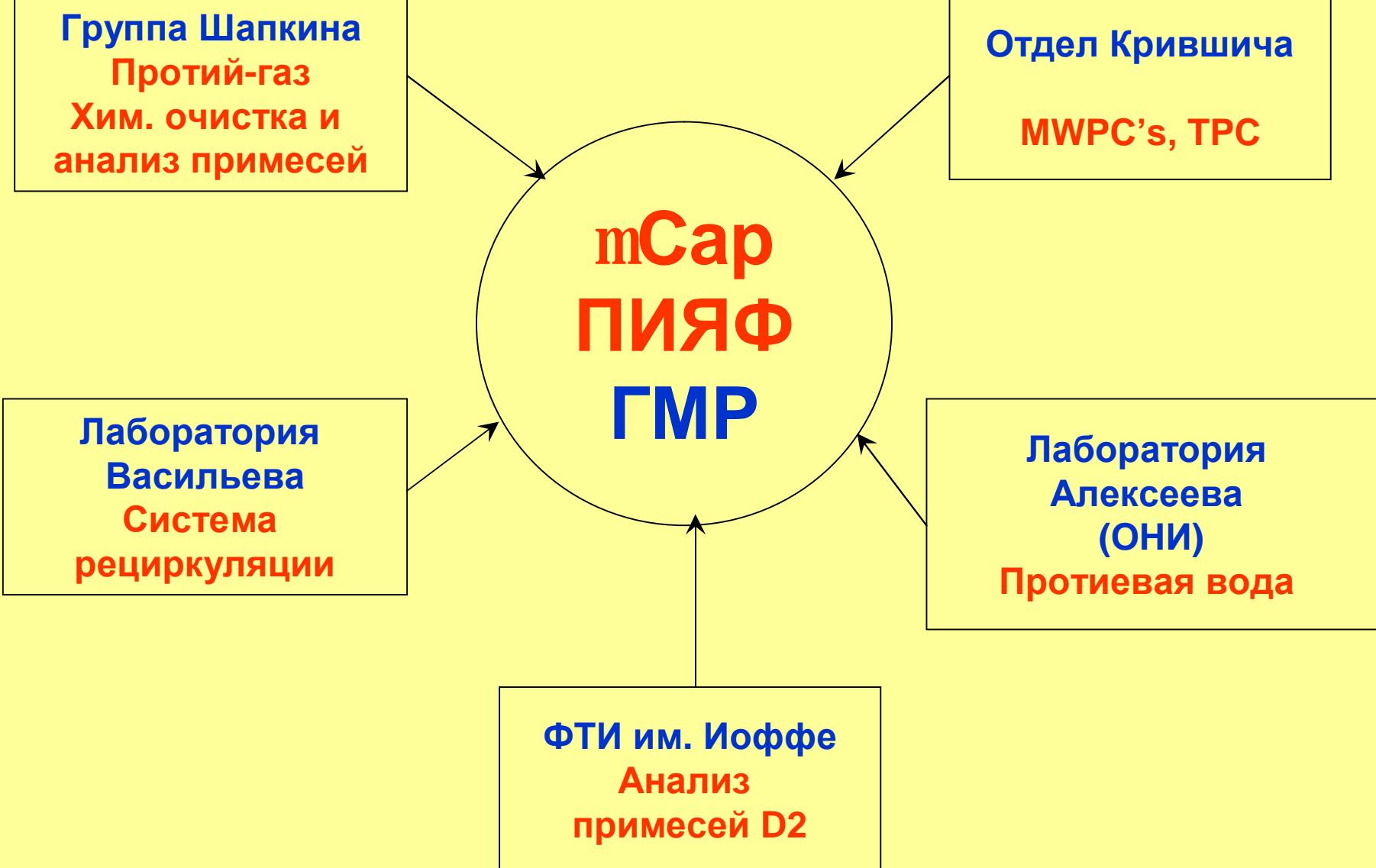


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# ГРУППА МЕЗОЯДЕРНЫХ РЕАКЦИЙ

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■ Стандартная Модель и структура  
нуклонов

■  $G_v = 0.9755 \pm 0.0005$

■  $G_a = 1.245 \pm 0.003$

■  $G_m = 3.582 \pm 0.003$

$G_p(th) = 8.26 \pm 0.23$

■  $G_p = 6 - 12$

■  $G_p (RMC) = 12.2 \pm 0.9 \pm 0.4$

# pseudoscalar form factor $g_P$

PCAC:

$$g_P(q^2) = \frac{2m_\mu M}{m_\pi^2 - q^2} g_A(0)$$

$$g_P = 8.7$$

heavy baryon chiral perturbation theory:

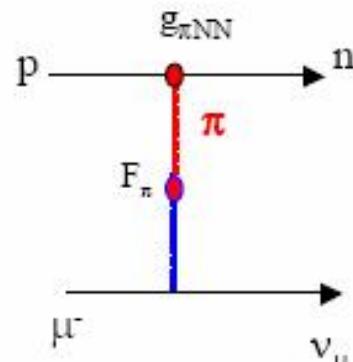
$$g_P(q^2) = \frac{2m_\mu g_{\pi NN} F_\pi}{m_\pi^2 - q^2} - \frac{1}{3} g_A(0) m_\mu M r_A^2$$

$$g_P = (8.74 \pm 0.23) - (0.48 \pm 0.02) = 8.26 \pm 0.23$$

$\Lambda$  calculations  $O(p^3)$  show good convergence: 100 %  
delta effect small      LO      25 %      NLO      3 %  
NNLO

$g_{\pi NN}$
13.31(34)
13.0(1)
13.05(8)

author	year	$g_P$	$\Lambda_S$	$\Lambda_T$	comment
Primakoff	1959		664(20)	11.9(7)	smaller $g_A$
Opat	1964		634	13.3	smaller $g_A$
Bernard et al	1994	8.44(23)			
Fearing et al	1997	8.21(9)			
Govaerts et al	2000	8.475(76)	688.4(38)	12.01(12)	
Bernard et al	2000/1		687.4 (711*)	12.9	NNLO, small scale
Ando et al	2001		695 (722*)	11.9	NNLO

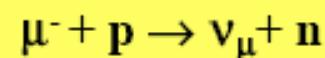


\*NLO result

$\mu$ Cap

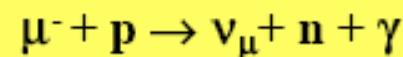
# Experimental information on $g_p$

## Ordinary Muon Capture



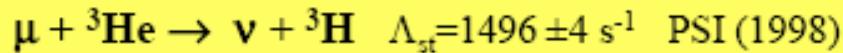
BR~ $10^{-3}$ , 8 experiments 1962-82, BC, neutron, electron detection  
“*in principle*” most direct  $g_p$  measurement

## Radiative Muon Capture



BR~ $10^{-8}$ , TRIUMF (1998),  $E_\gamma > 60$  MeV,  $297 \pm 26$  events  
closer to pion pole → *3x sensitivity of OMC*  
*theory more involved* (min substitution, ChPT)

- Muon capture in nuclei



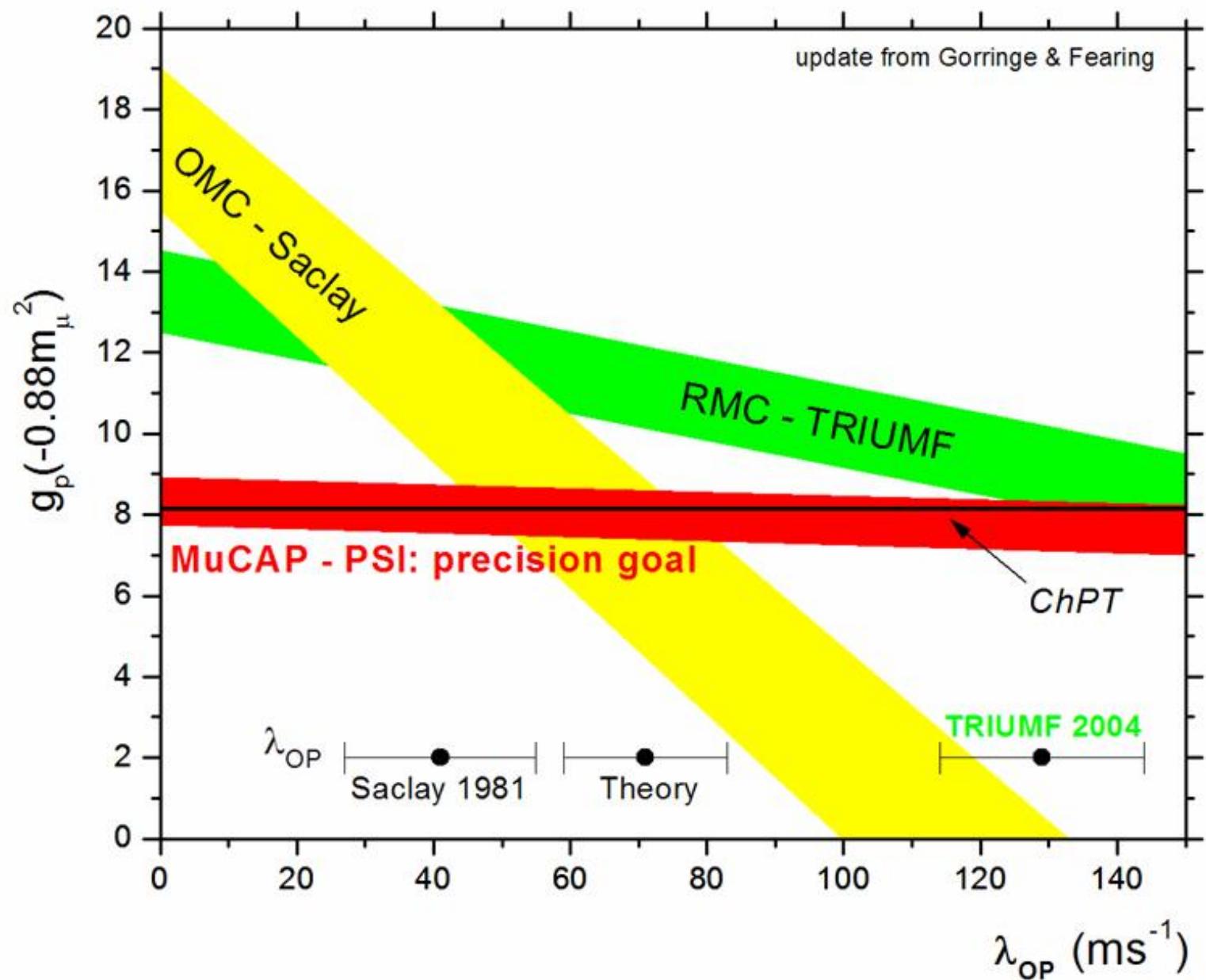
$g_p = g_p^{\text{th}} (1.08 \pm 0.19)$  error dominated by 3-N theory  
correlation measurements

Table 1 presents the available experimental data on the OMC rate,  $\Lambda_c$ . Most of the measure-

Year	Exptl.place	H <sub>2</sub> -target	$\Lambda_c \pm \delta\Lambda_c$ s <sup>-1</sup>	$\delta\Lambda_c/\Lambda_c$	Ref.	Method
1962	Chicago	liquid	428±85	20%	[12]	neutron detection
1962	Columbia	liquid	515±85	17%	[13]	-"-
1962	CERN	liquid	450±50	11%	[14]	-"-
1963	Columbia	liquid	464±42	9%	[15]	-"-
1969	CERN	gas, 8 atm	651±57	9%	[16]	-"-
1974	Dubna	gas, 41atm	686±88	13%	[17]	-"-
1981	Saclay	liquid	460±20	4.5%	[18]	life time measurement
1981	Saclay	liquid	531±33*)	6%	[19]	-"-

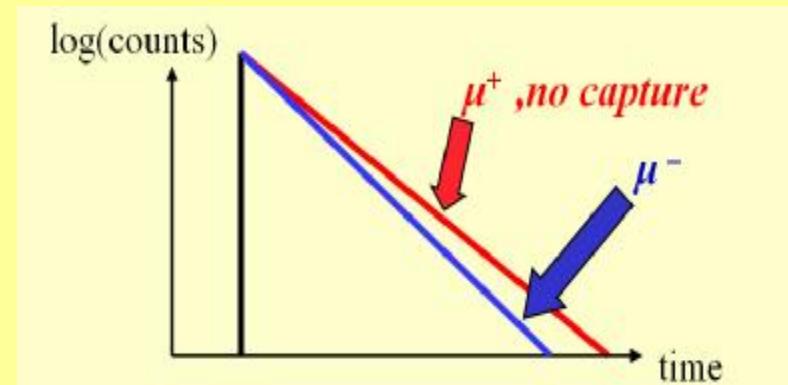
**Table 1:** Present status of  $p\mu$  capture measurements.

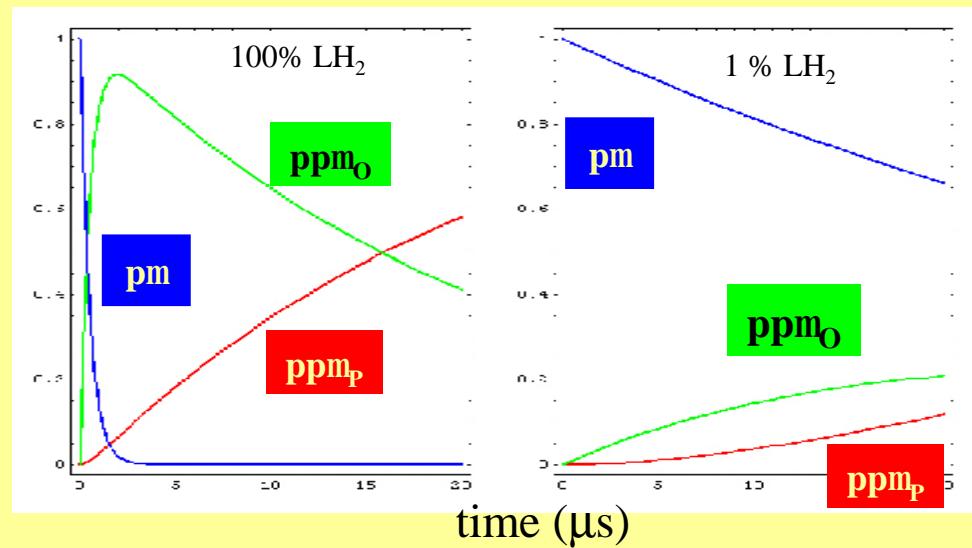
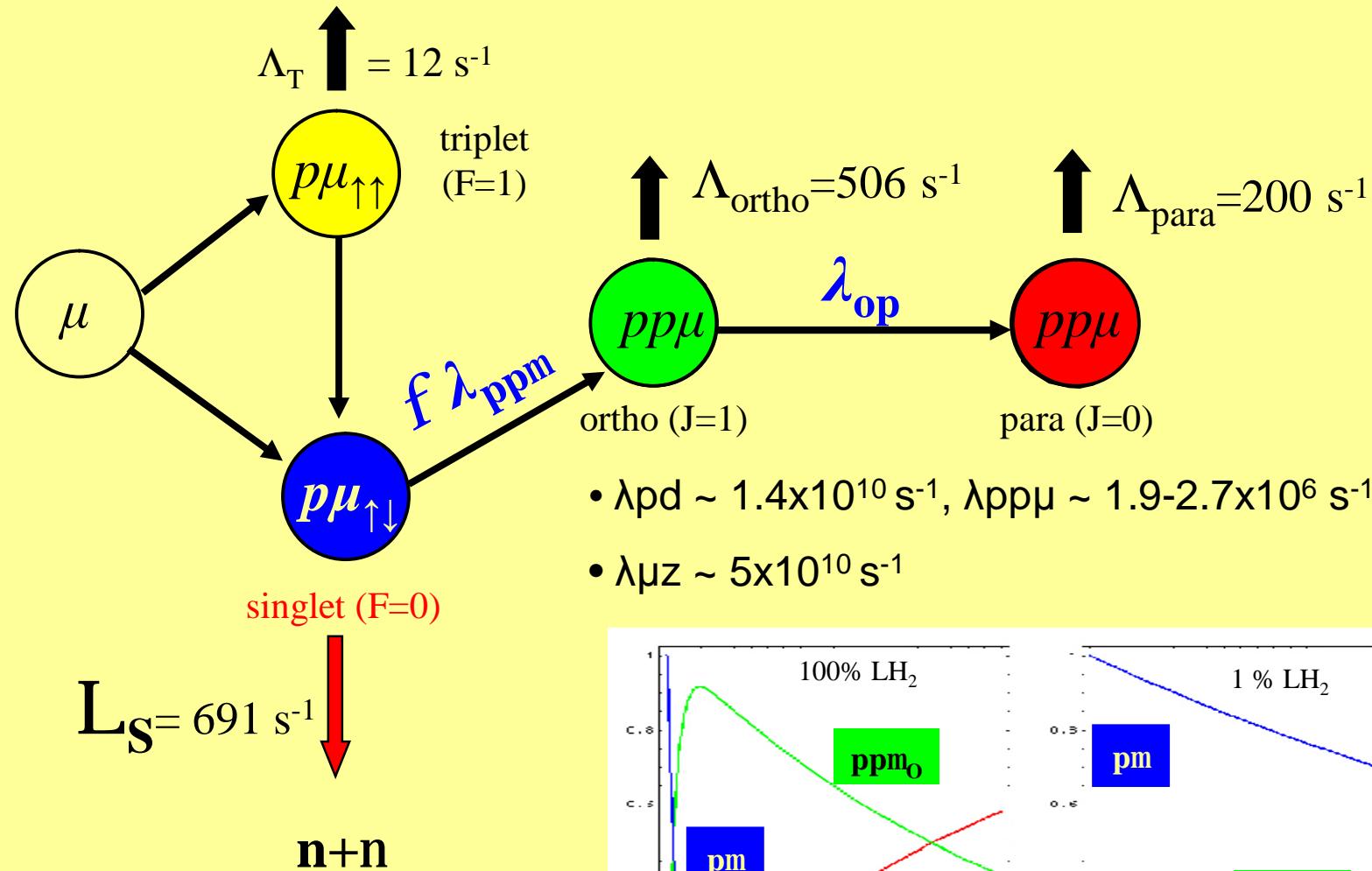
\*) corrected for ortho-para transitions in the  $p\mu\mu$  molecule.

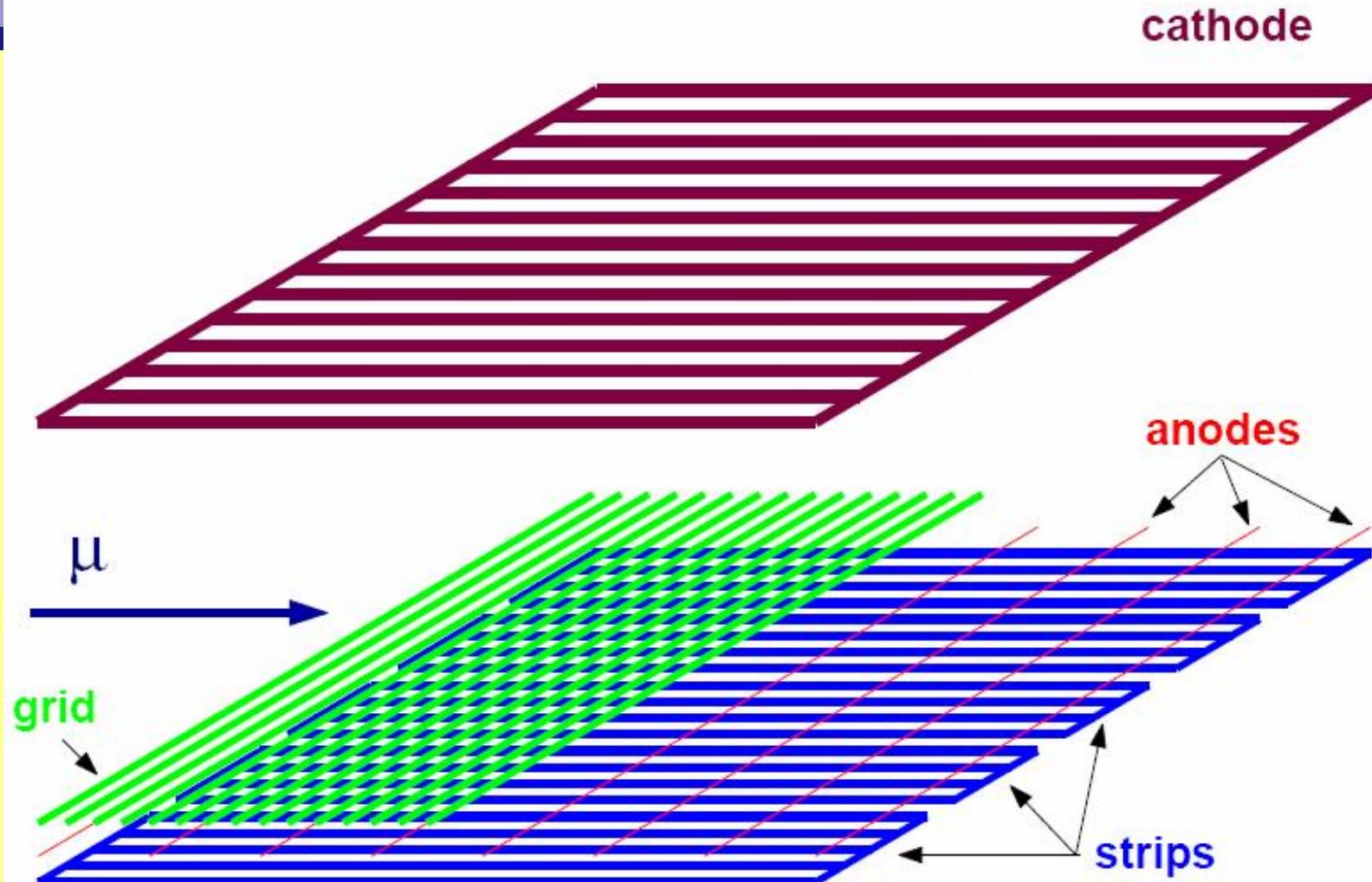


## Стратегия MiCap эксперимента

- n **Измерение времени жизни  $t_{m^-}$  с точностью 10 ppm, регистрация  $10^{10} m \rightarrow en\pi$  распадов**  
®  $L_S = 1/t_{m^-} - 1/t_{m^+} \sim 1\%$
- n **Однозначность интерпретации**  
захват из  $F=0$  состояния  $m\bar{p}$  атома при плотности  $LH_2$  1%
- n **Использование методики активной мишени (TPC)**  
с точной регистрацией координат и времени остановок мюонов, реконструкция треков электронов к точке распада
- n **Использование ультрачистого водорода  $C_z < 10^{-8}$**
- n **Контроль примесей по реакциям:**  $m\bar{p} + Z \xrightarrow{\text{R}} mZ + p$ ,  $\sim 10 \text{ ppb } N_2$
- n **Обеспечение изотопической чистоты водорода**  
 $m\bar{p} + d \xrightarrow{\text{R}} md + p + 134 \text{ eV}$ , примесь  $D_2 \sim 1 \text{ ppm}$ , диффузия  $md \sim \text{cm}$



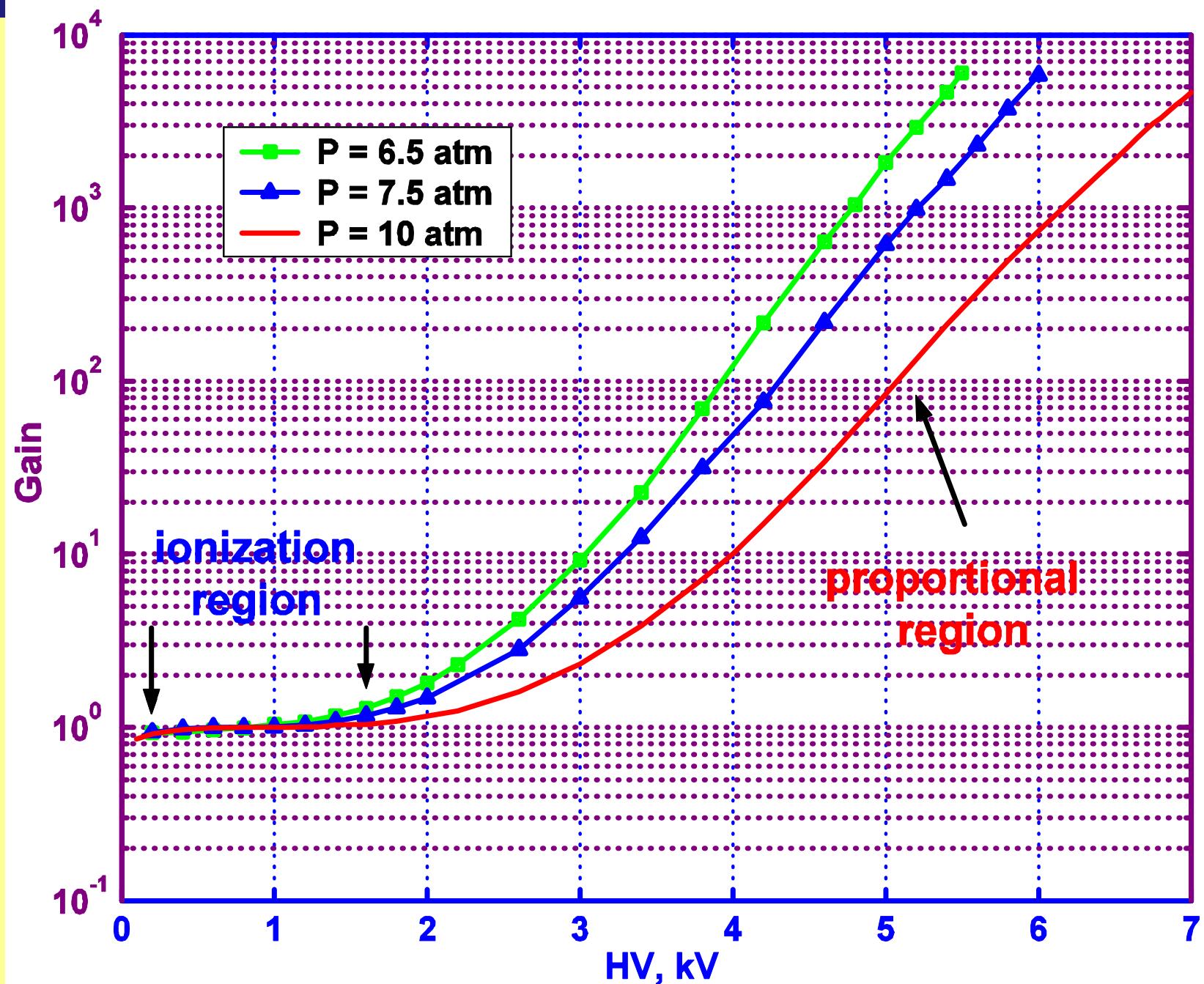


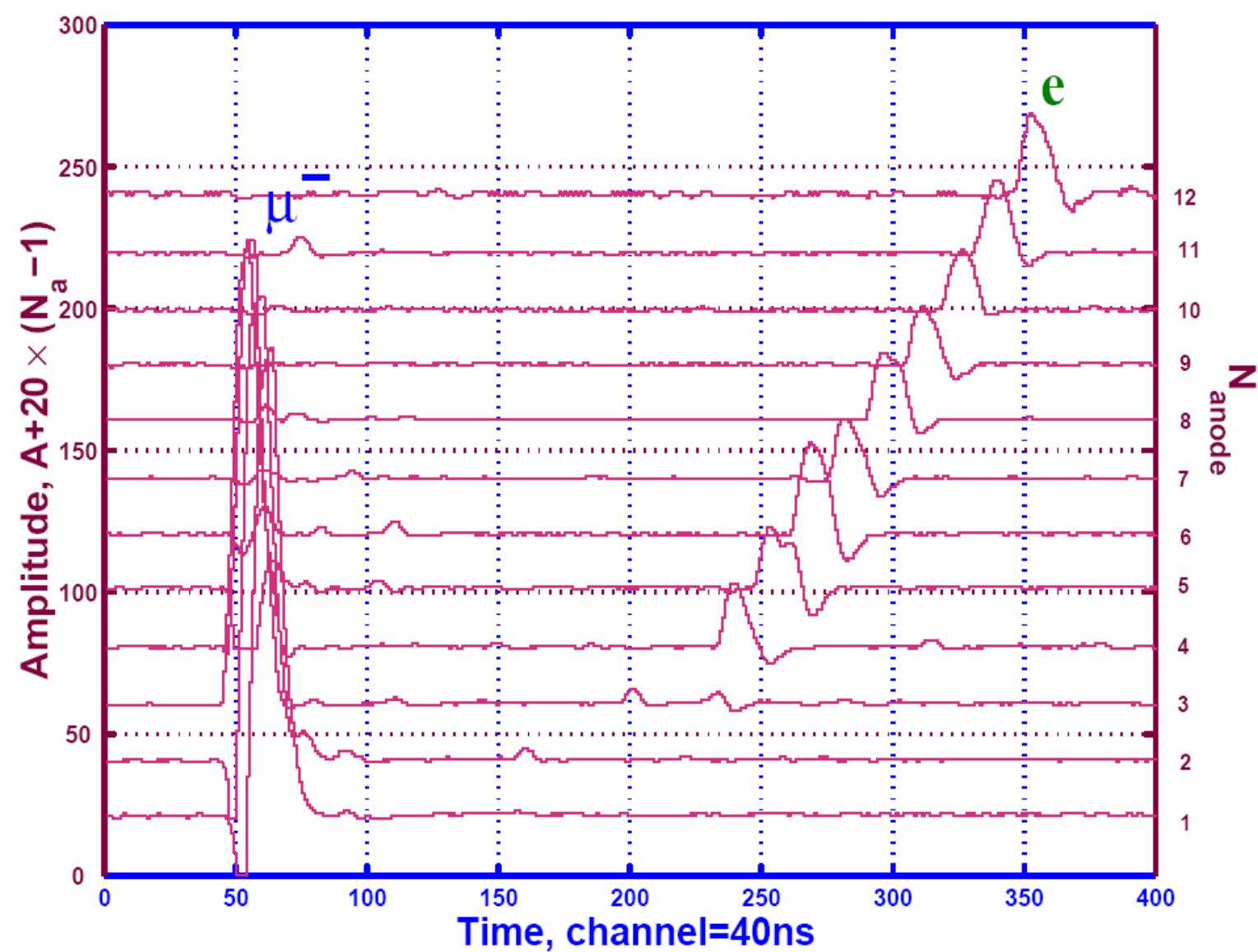


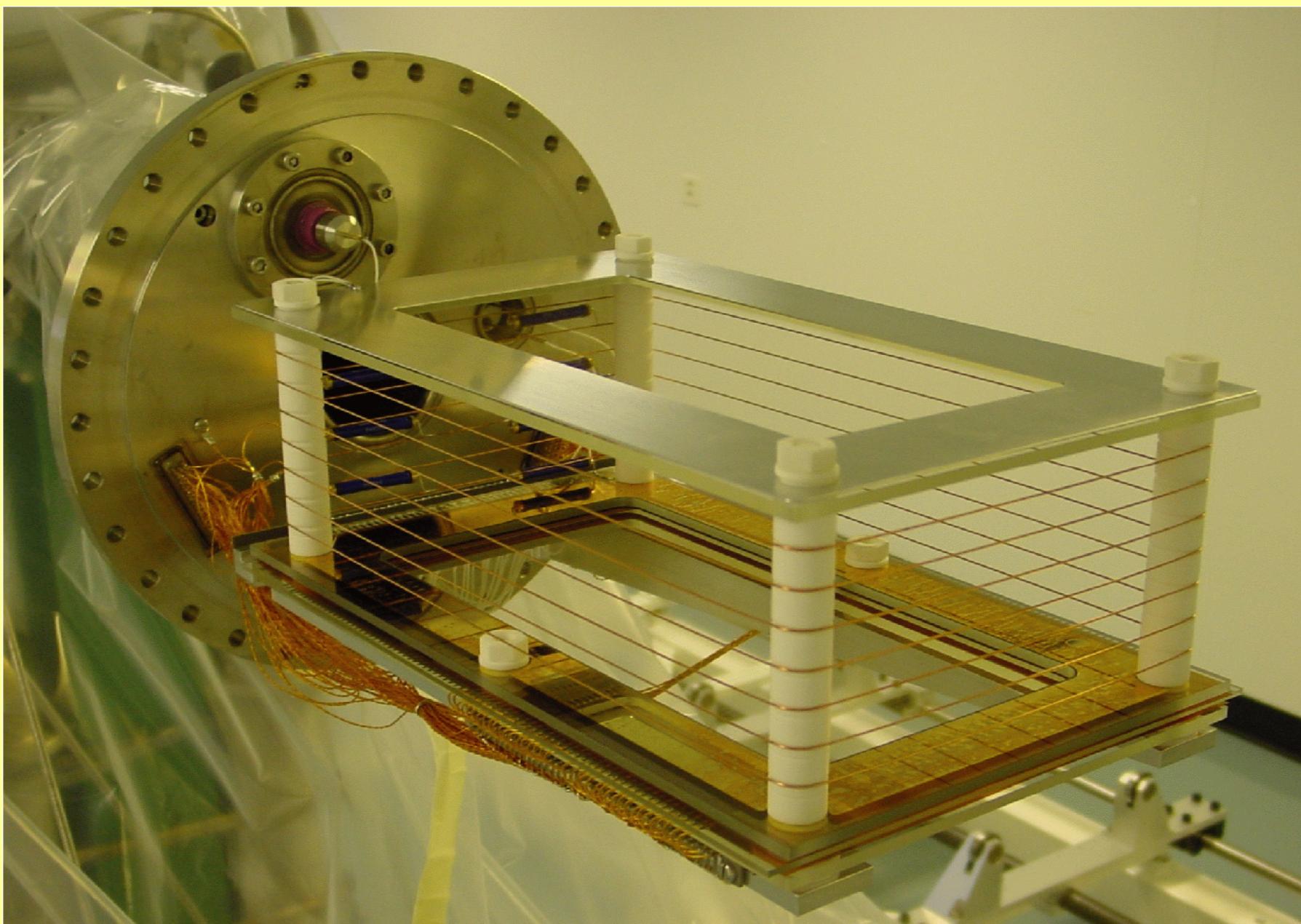
Верхний катод- 300мкм, Fe, шаг- 3мм, U~ 25-30 кВ, дрейф 0.7см/мкс

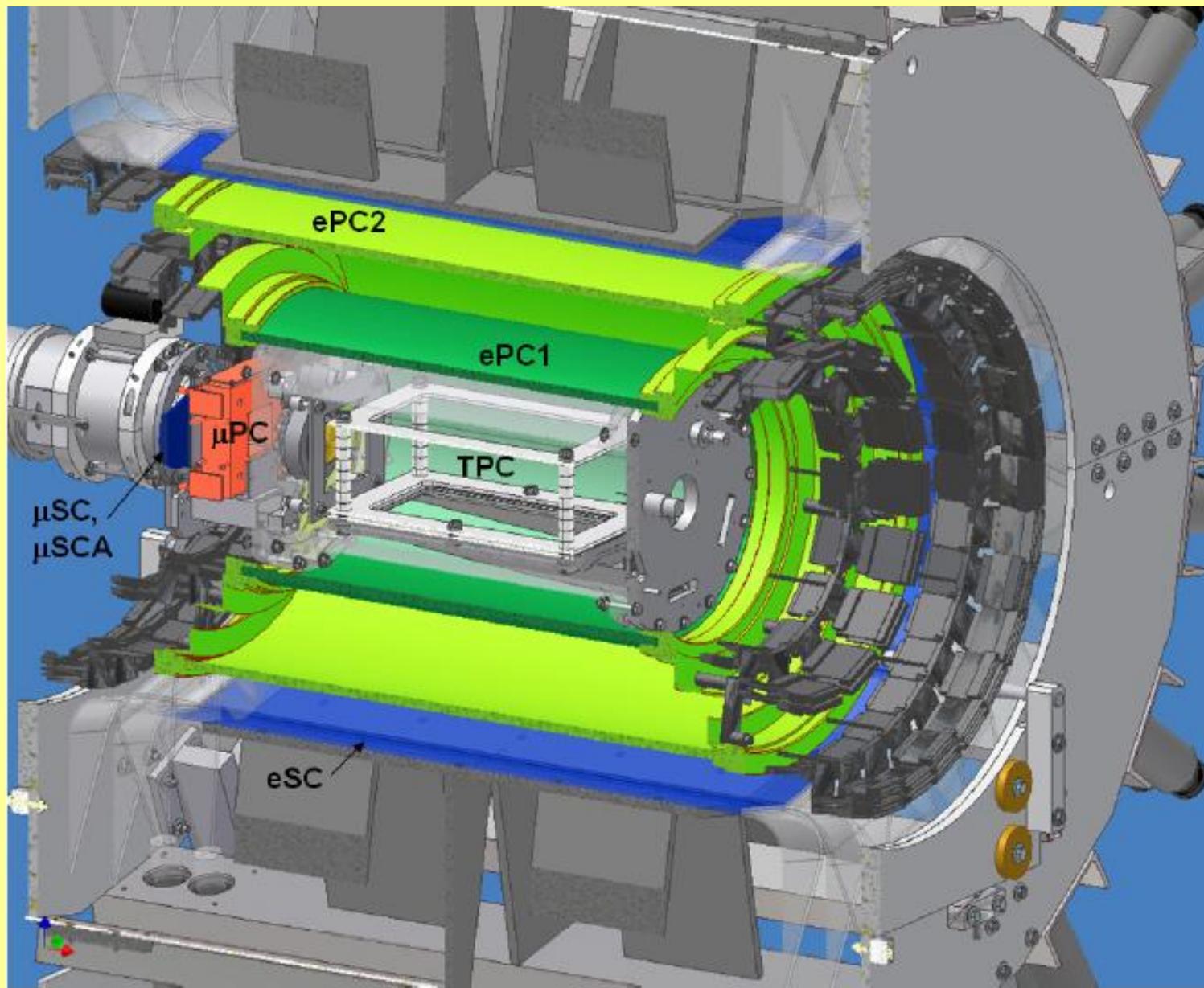
Катодная плоскость-80 мкм, Fe, шаг-1мм, зазор- 2x3.5 мм, U~5-6.4 кВ

Аноды- 25 мкм, W(Au), шаг-4мм, 75 каналов. Стрипсы – 34 канала

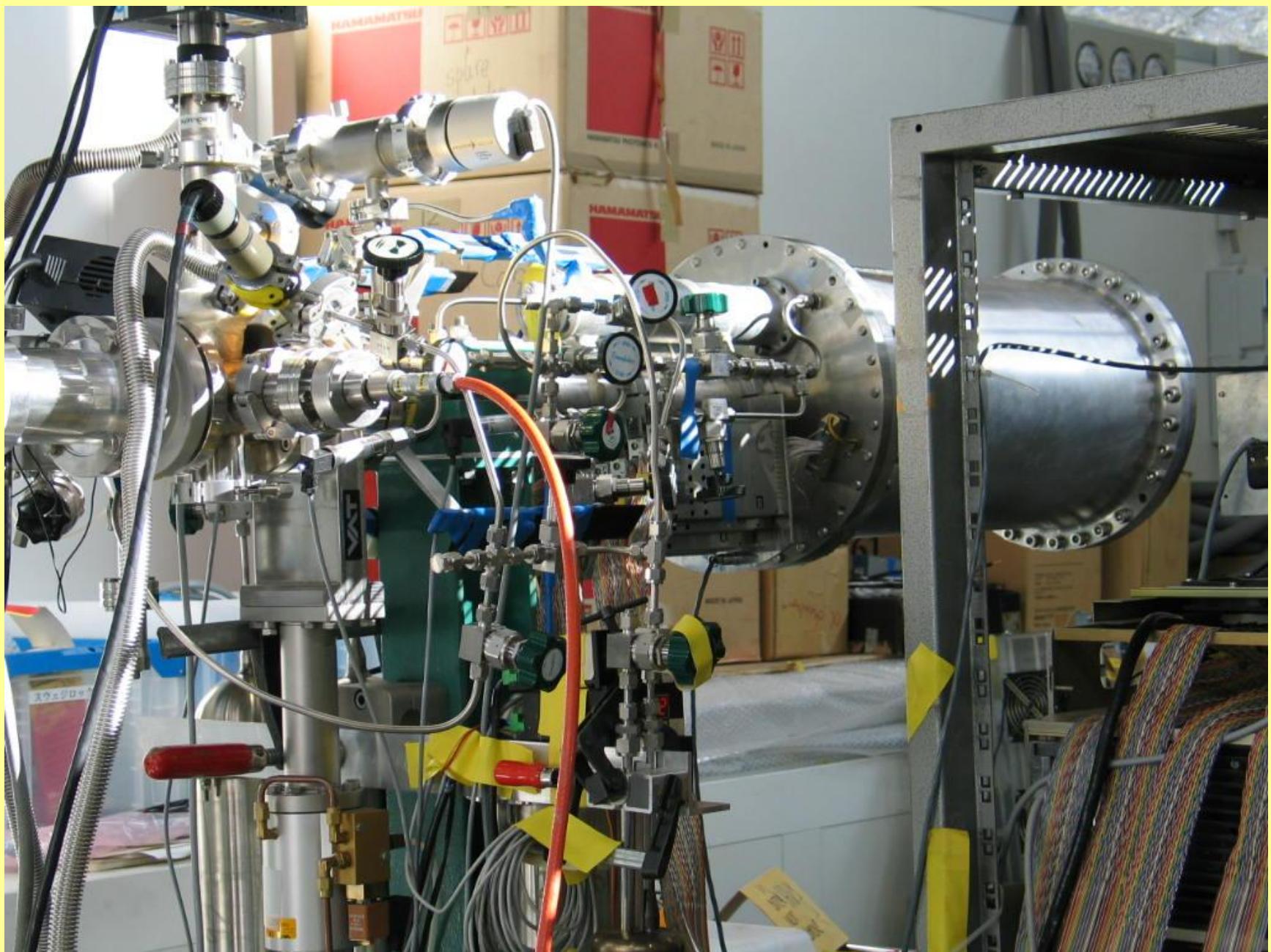


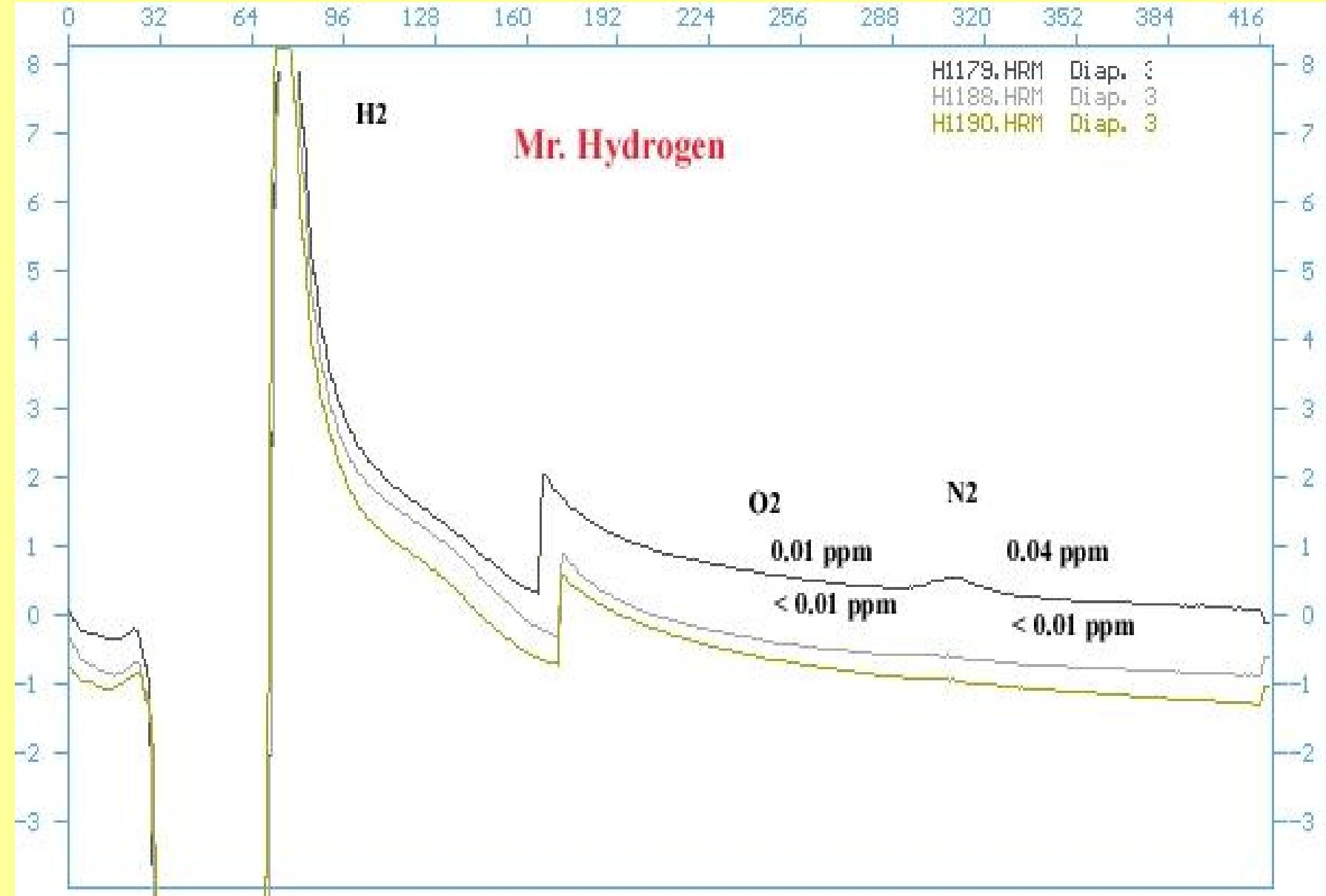












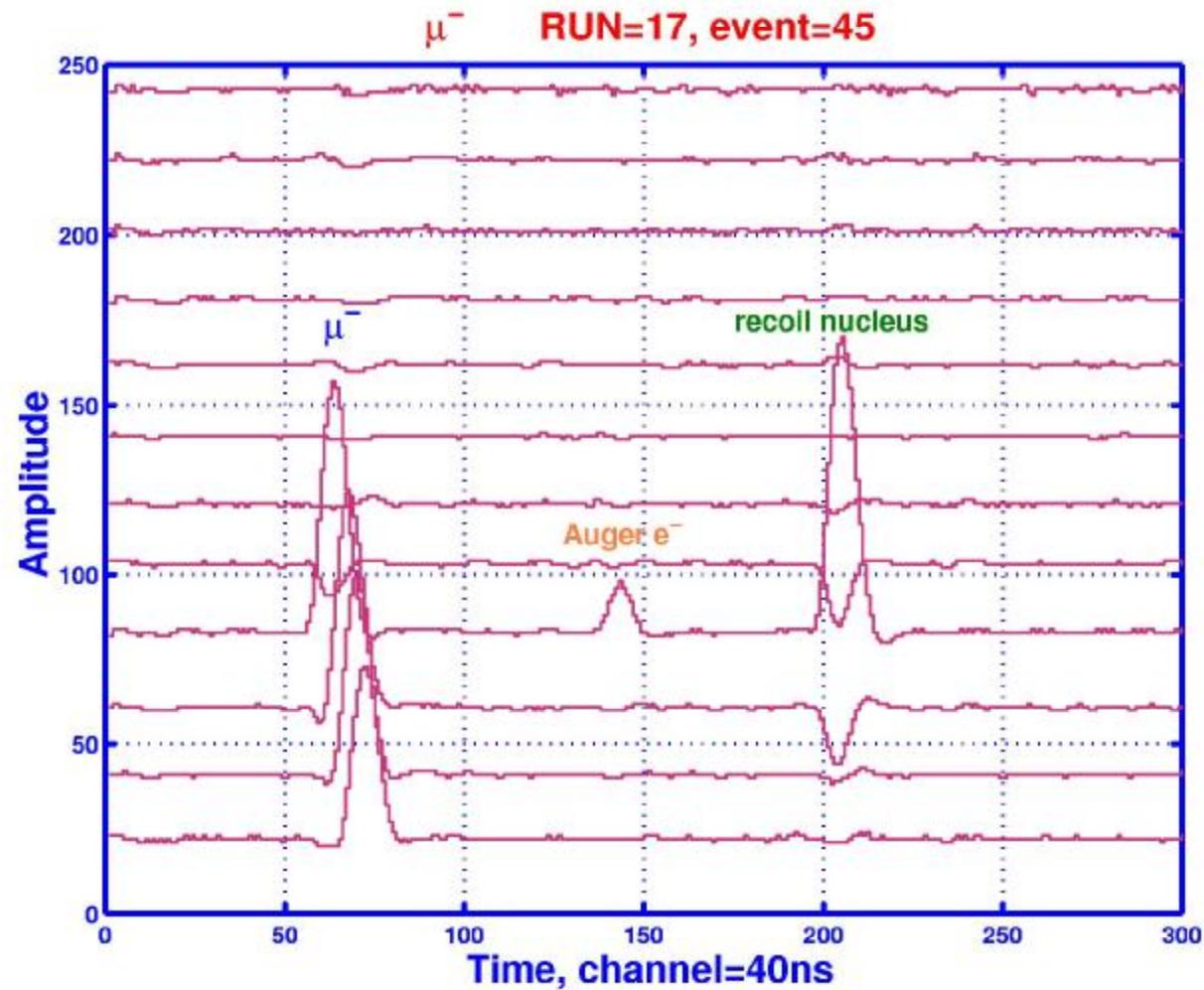
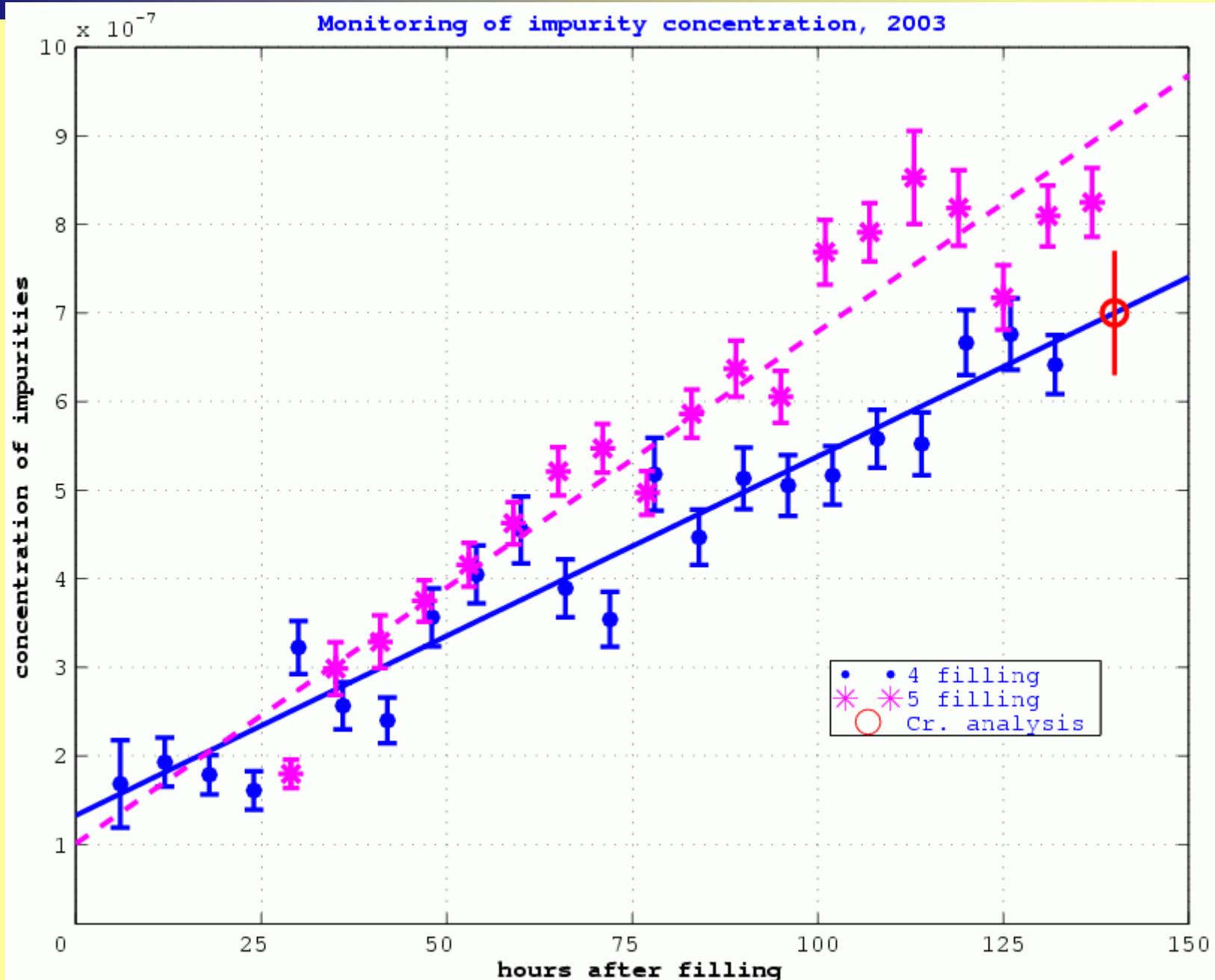
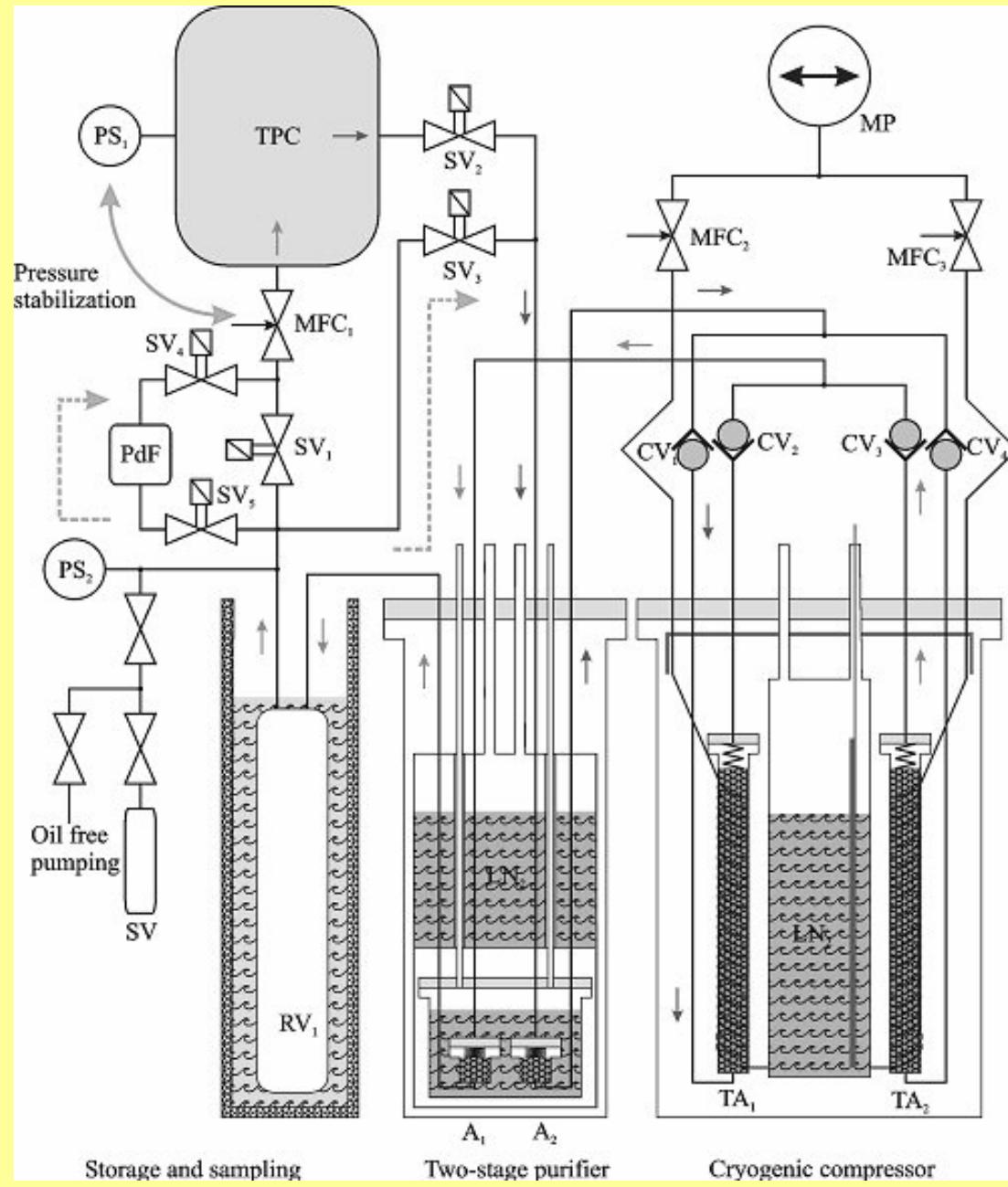
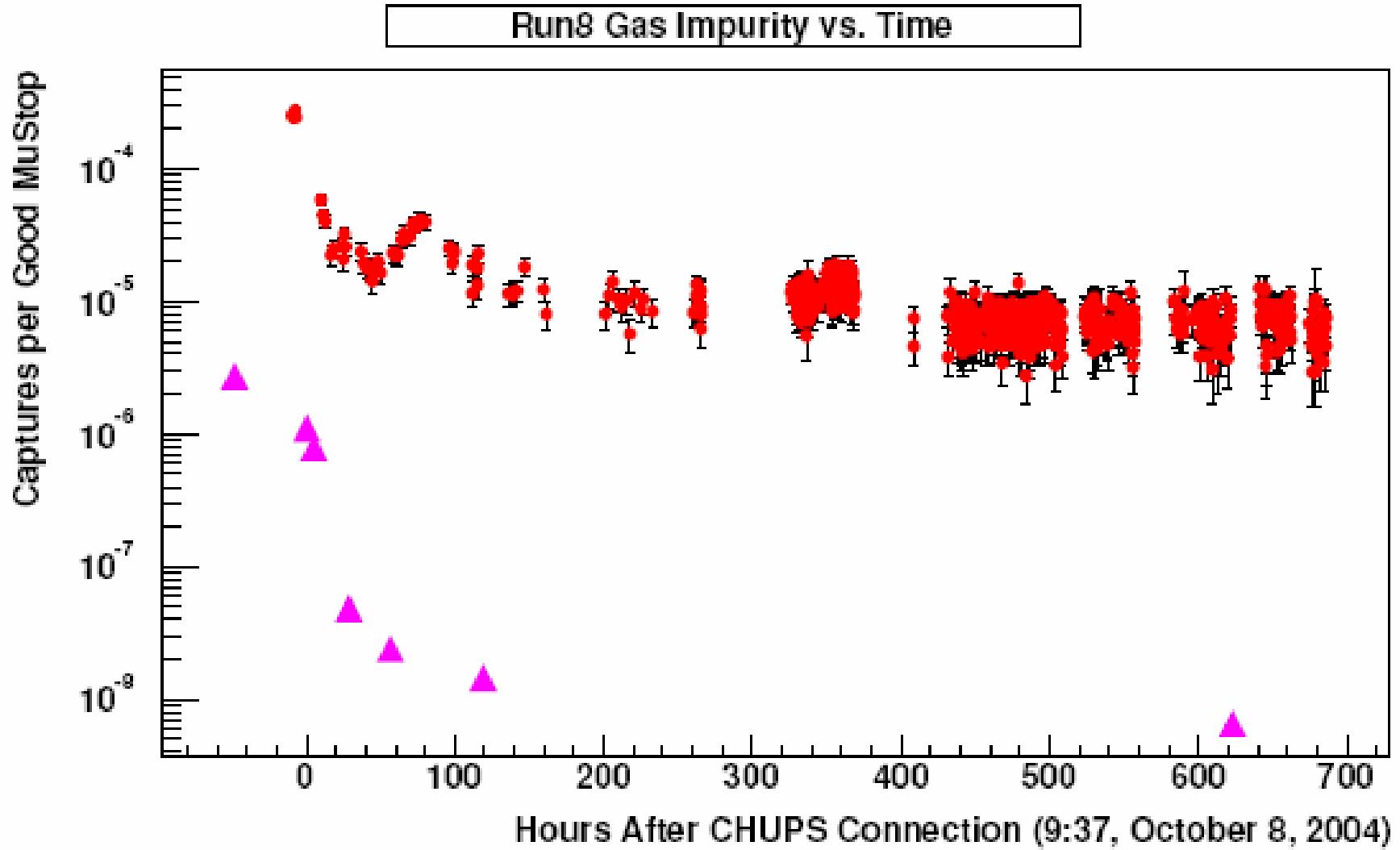


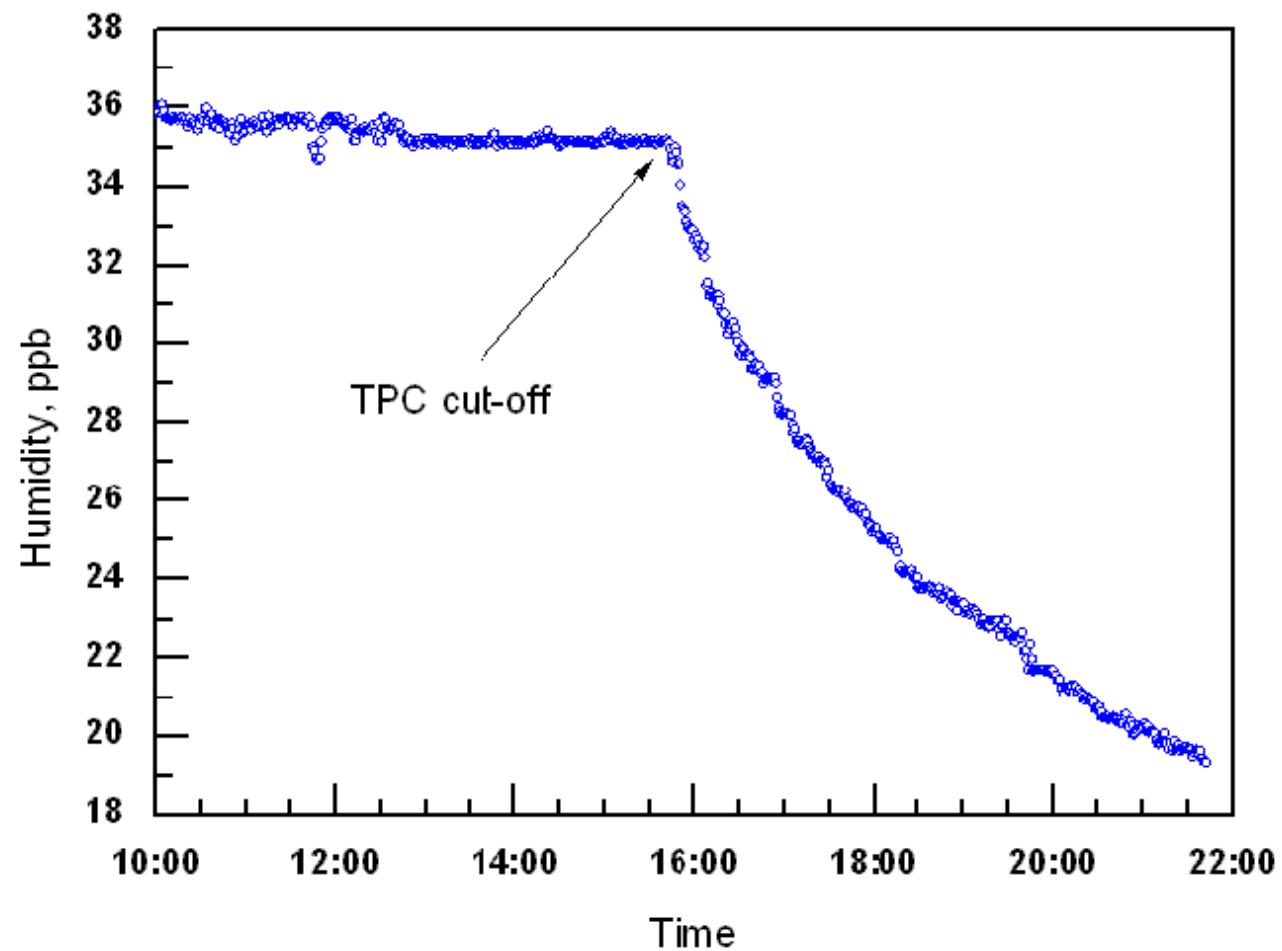
Figure 3: Display of flash ADC's showing typical event with signals from muon, Auger electron and signal from recoil nucleus.



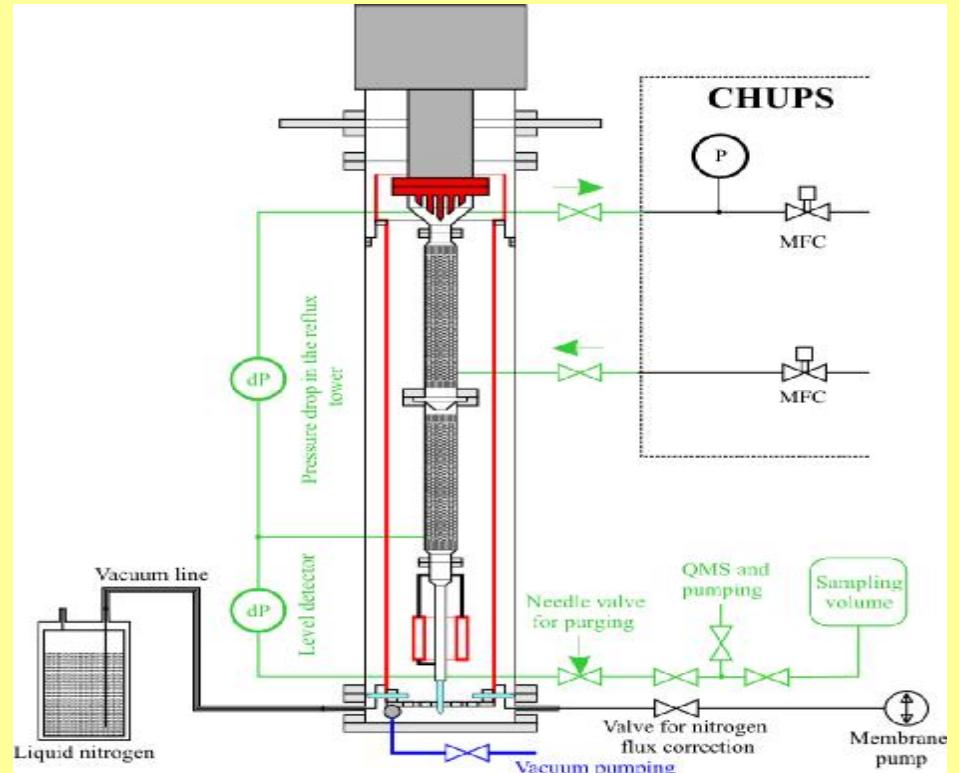




### Humidity behaviour during 29.11.2005



## IV. the new protium isotope separation facility: production of ultra-depleted protium



1) sample #74 from column after separation run: cd < 0.14 ppm

(twice analyzed April-15 & May-18)

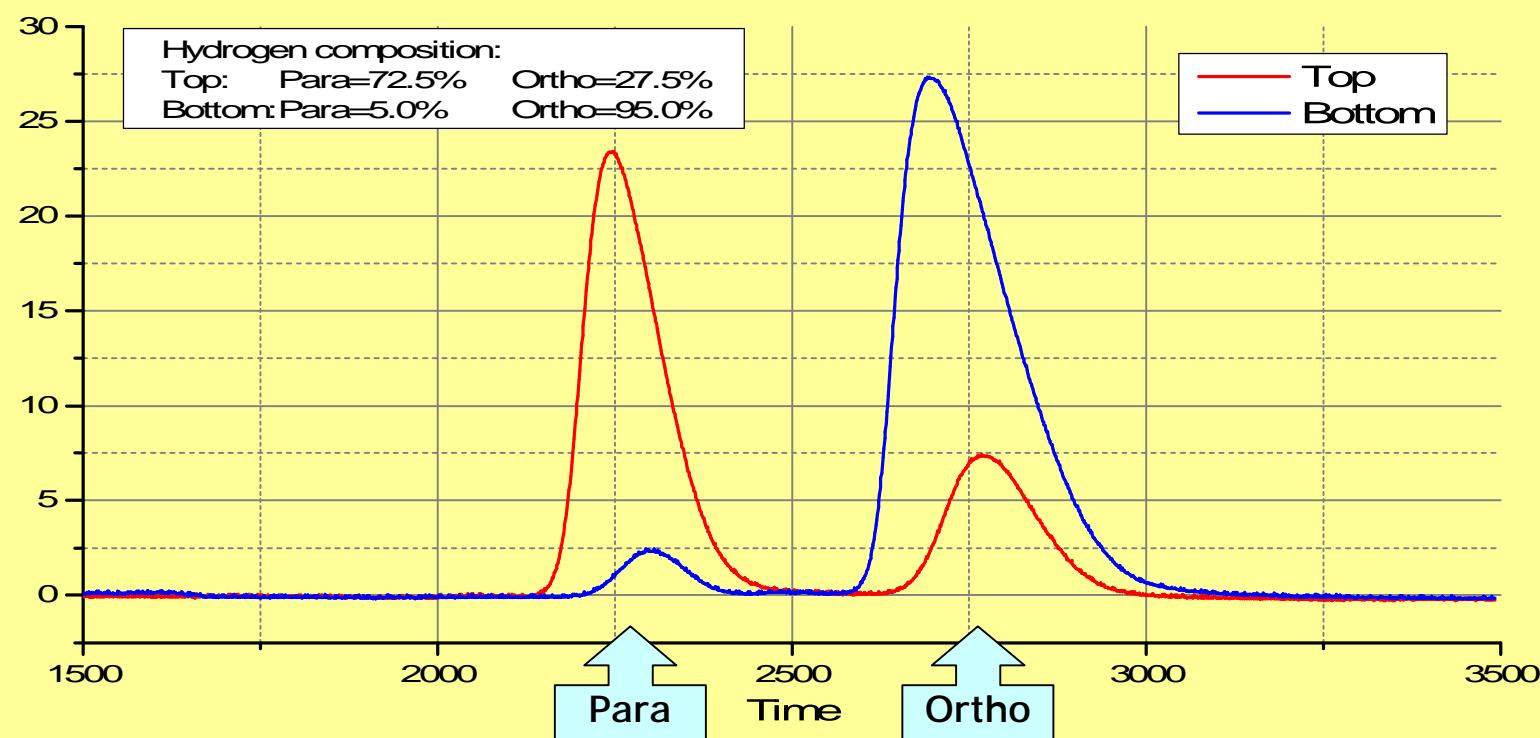
2) 3 stp-ltr protium sample from run-10 gas cd < 0.07 ppm

3) 0.5 stp-ltr sample with end-of-run-8 gas cd = 1.44±0.13 ppm

# Ortho-Para Hydrogen

(Natural hydrogen, Column pressure = 1.2 bar; Reboiler power = 10W)

## Chromatogram

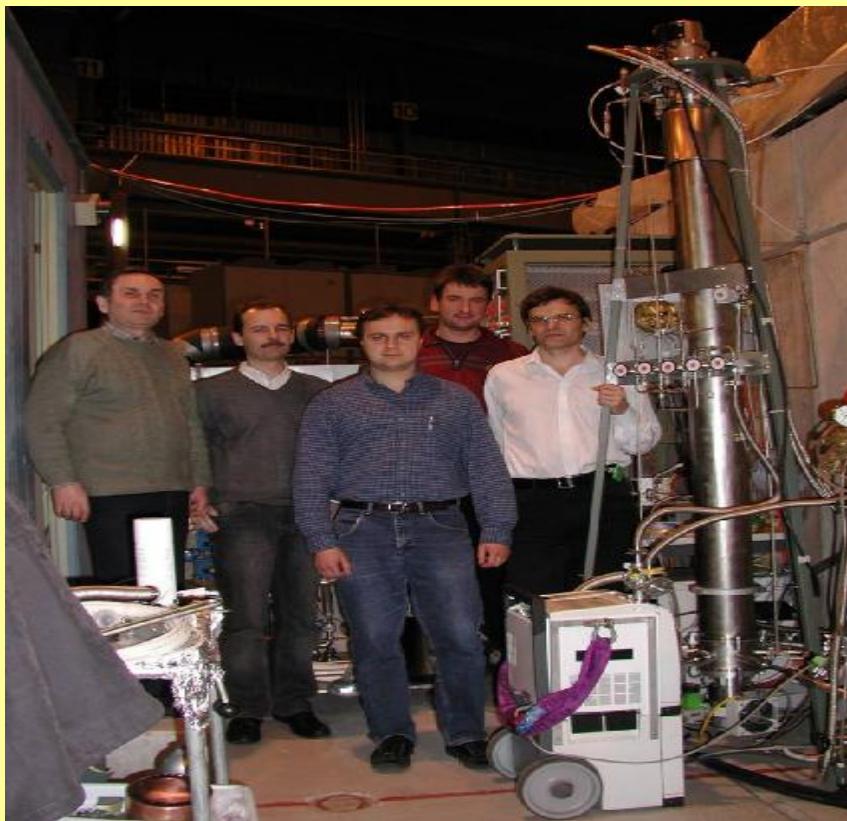


## main results of ETH protium gas analysis

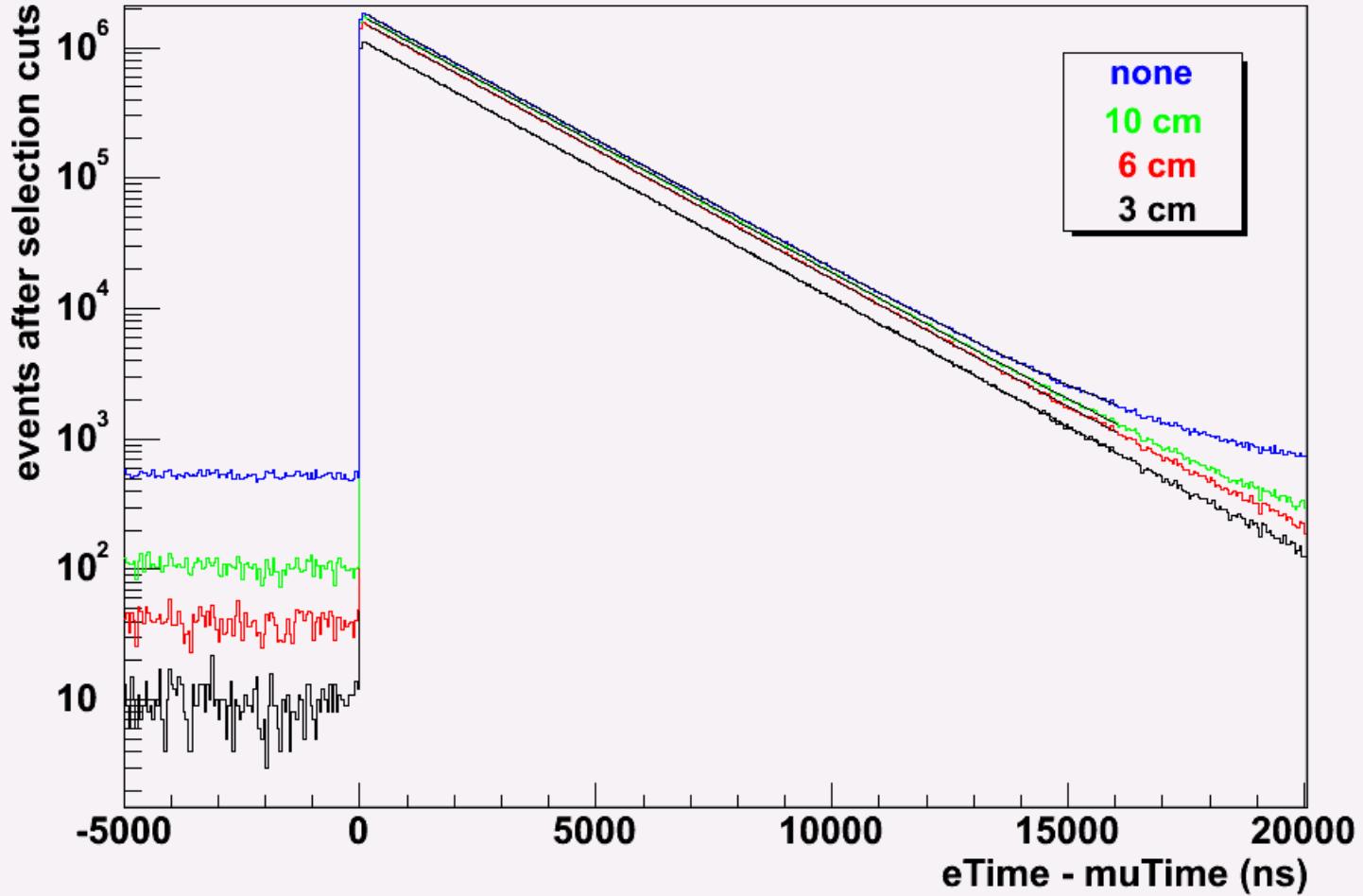
during two measurement cycles, April-15 and May-18, 2006, 10 hydrogen/protium samples were analyzed with the small ETH Tandem with unprecedented precision yielding the following results:

- 1) sample #74 from column after separation run:  $c_d < 0.14$  ppm  
(twice analyzed April-15 & May-18)
- 2) 3 stp-ltr protium sample from run-10 gas  $c_d < 0.07$  ppm
- 3) 0.5 stp-ltr sample with end-of-run-8 gas  $c_d = 1.44 \pm 0.13$  ppm  
(after applying small corr. of 0.13 ppm)
- 4) protium sample with run-9 gas  $c_d = 1.45 \pm 0.14$  ppm
- 5) deuterium enriched sample #50 ("feed through,  
no purging", calculated enrichment factor 41  $c_d = 76.9 \pm 1.6$  ppm  
→ back-calculation gives for run-8+run-9 gas  $c_d = 1.40 \pm 0.03$  ppm  
(systematic error not yet determined)
- 6) "natural" hydrogen from new 2006-bottle  $c_d = 126.9 \pm 1.9$  ppm  
agrees with Saurer result 04/04/06 old bottle  $c_d = 126.9$  ppm  
but disagrees with Saurer 01/26/05 old bottle  $c_d = 117.6$  ppm

# CHUPS + cryogenic separation column



Status report  
for the period  
March – April 2006



Histogram shows dramatic accidental suppression in the lifetime spectrum due to m-e impact parameter cuts (cut radius given in the legend).

## Общая набранная статистика

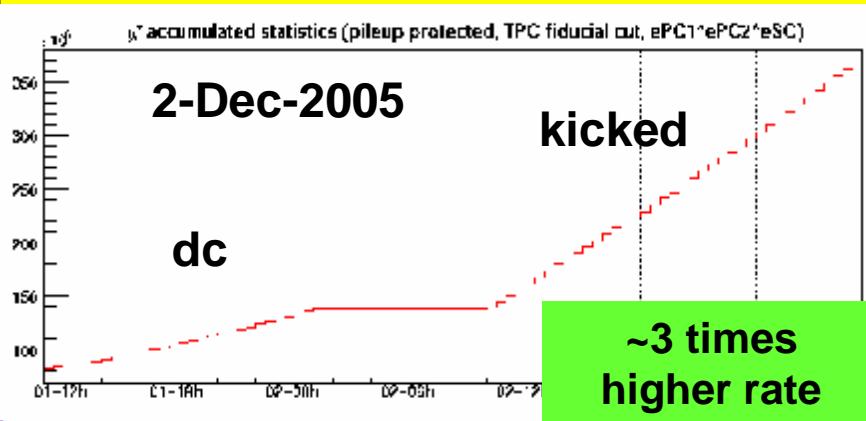
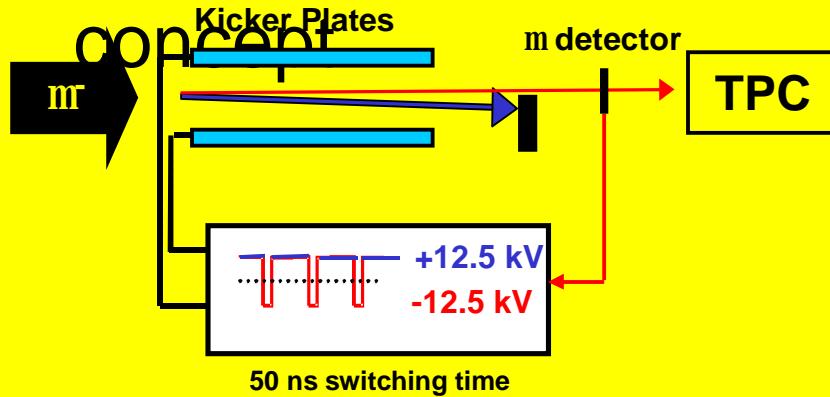
Год	$\mu^+ \times 10^9$	$\mu^- \times 10^9$	D <sub>2</sub> (ppm)	H <sub>2</sub> O (ppm)
2004	0.2	2.0	~1.5	0.07
2005	1.4	3.5	~1.5	0.036
2006	4.0	8.0	<0.07	0.02
	5.6	13.5		

За 2006 год набрано данных ~ 25 Tb

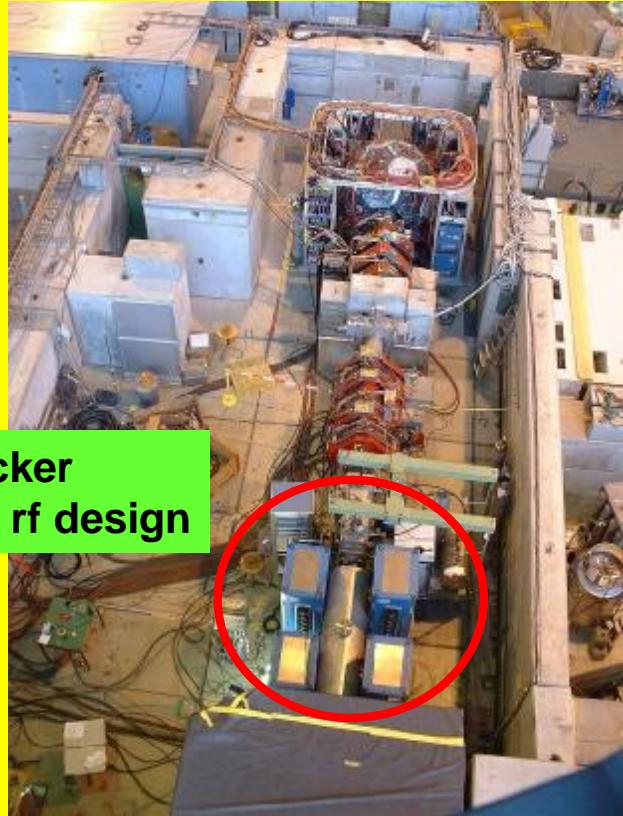
# ■ $\mu$ Cap Unique Capabilities: Muon-On-Demand

- Single muon requirement (to prevent systematics from pile-up)
- limits accepted  $\mu$  rate to  $\sim 7$  kHz,

## ■ Muon-On-Demand concept

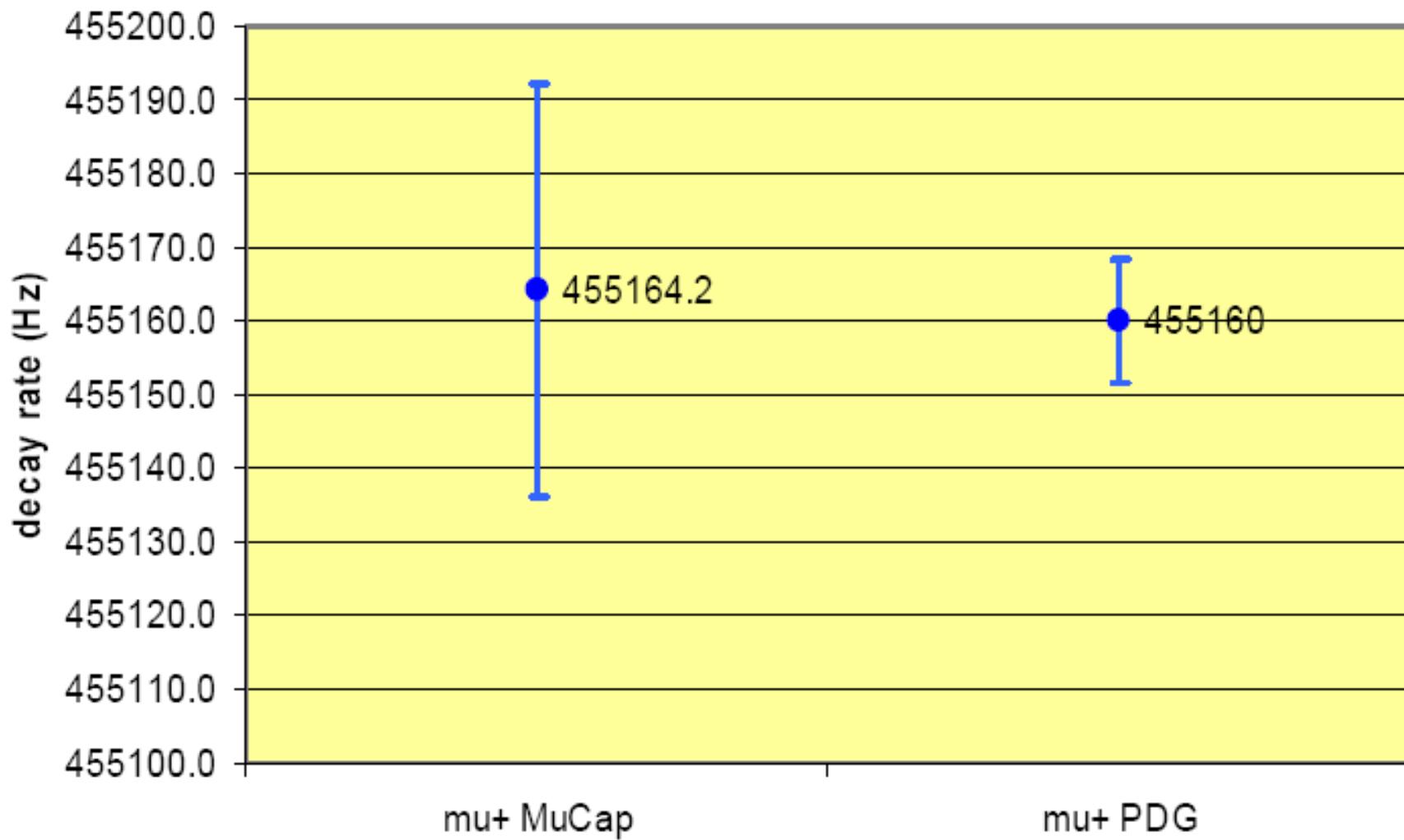


## ■ Beamline

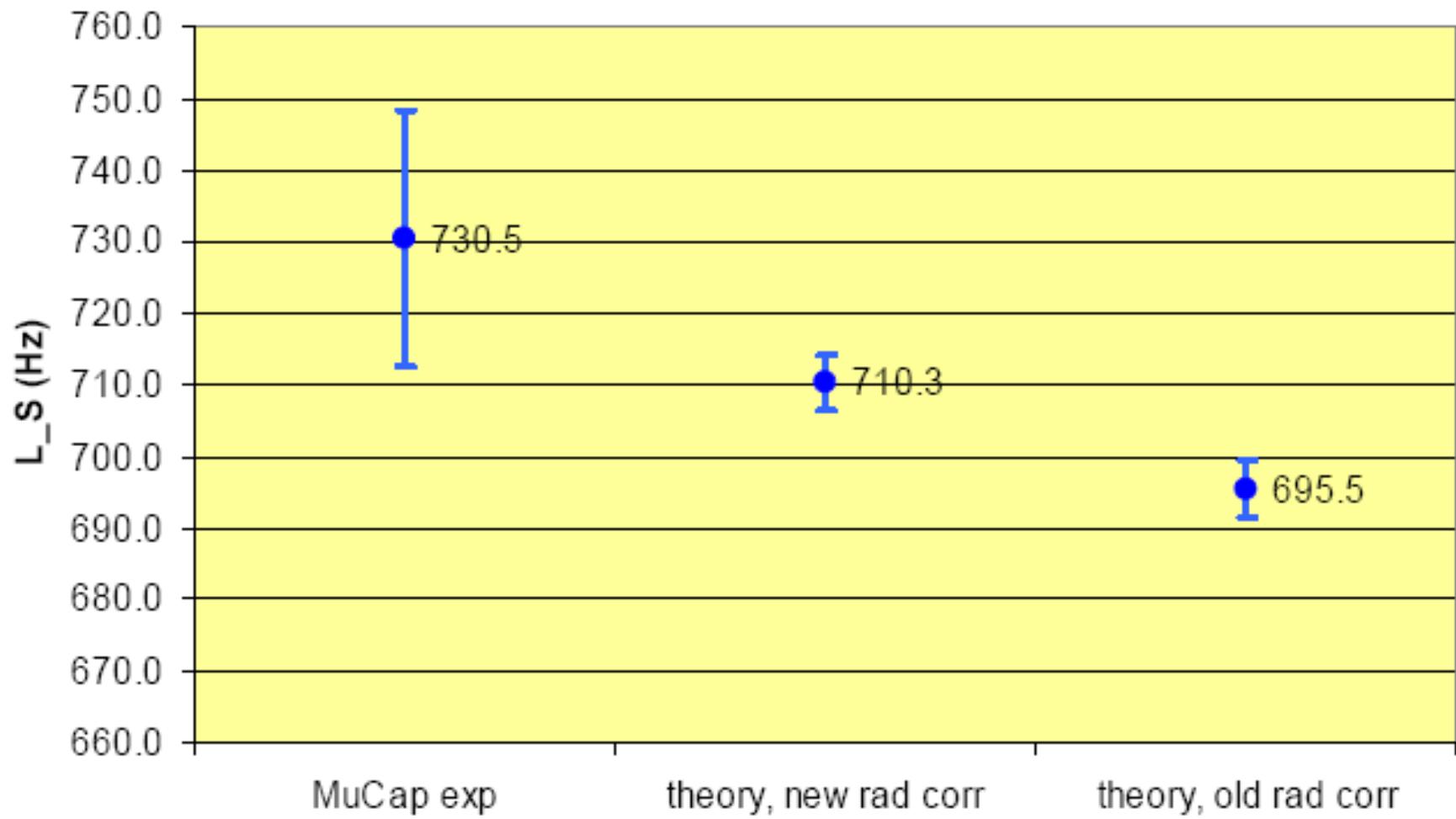


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TRIUMF rf design

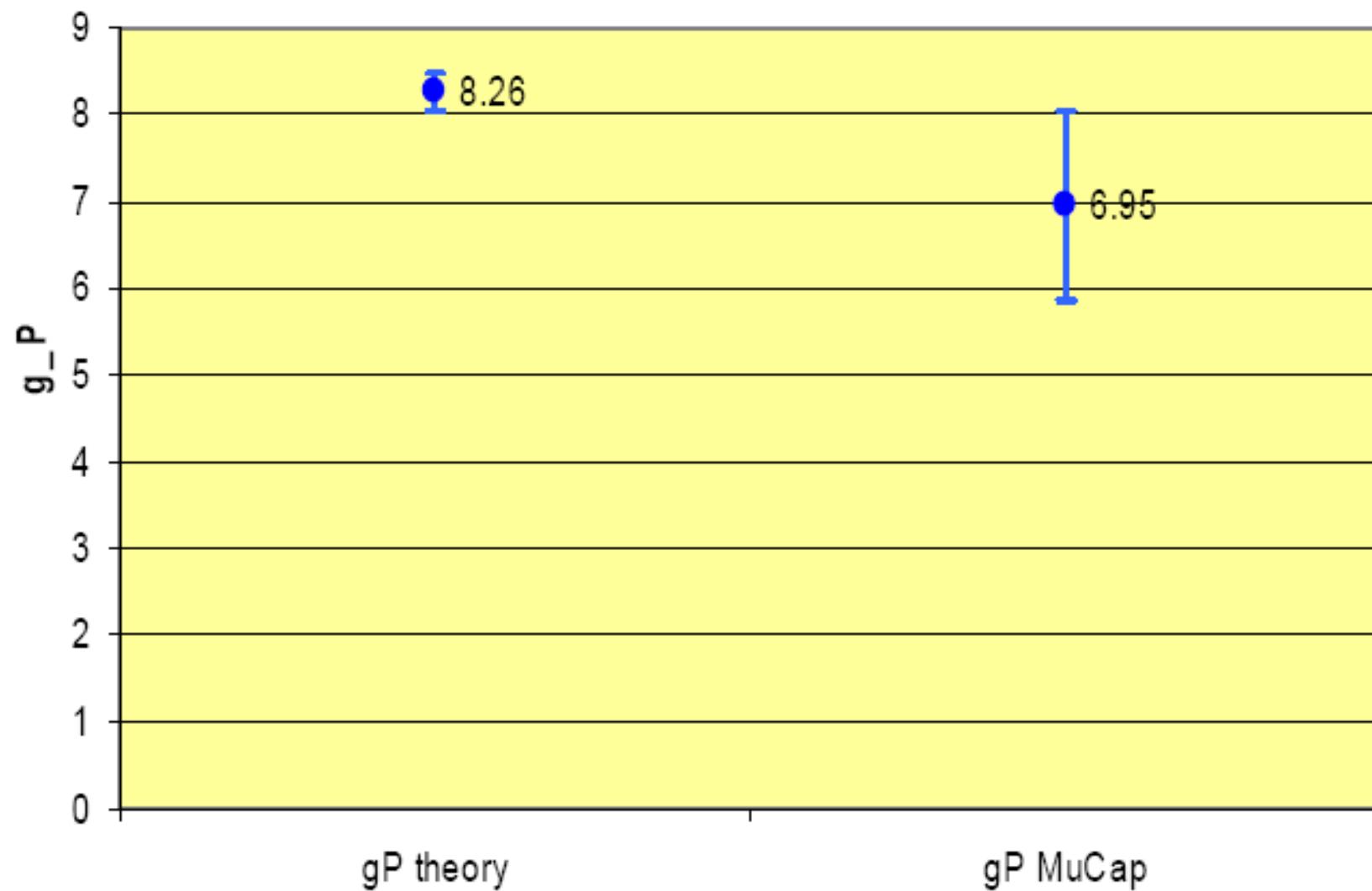
**mu<sup>+</sup>**



## Singlet Capture Rate



## $g_P$ (mu+p capture)



# Summary

## Ø Preliminary results 2004 data

*preliminary*

	mCap	theory*
$L_S$	$730 \pm 18$	$707 - 715$
$g_P$	$6.95 \pm 1.09$	$8.26 \pm 0.23$

## Ø 2007 plans

§  $10^{10}$  events  $m^+$  and  $m^-$  and suppl. measurements in 2007

→  $L_S$  with 1% uncertainty

§  $m+d$  proposal planned for 2007

\*including Czarnecki et al. rad. corrections

# ФИНАНСЫ 2006

- Тема РАН – 600 т.руб + 550 т.руб
- Минобрнаука (поездки) – 37 K USD
- Грант CRDF ~49 K USD