



The Vacuum System of the KATRIN Experiment

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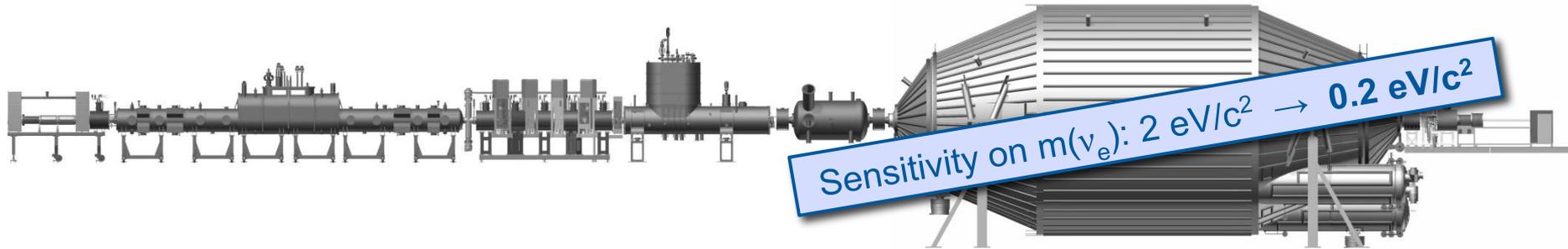
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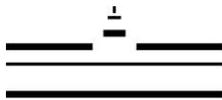
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- **KATRIN Experiment**
 - **Tritium Source**
 - **Pumping and Transport Section**
 - **Spectrometer and Detector Section**
 - **Spectrometer Commissioning**
 - **Conclusions / Next Steps**

The **K**arlsruhe **T**Ritium **N**eutrino Experiment

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- **Goal: measure the effective neutrino mass**
- **International KATRIN collaboration:**
 - about 130 members
 - 5 countries (GER, US, CZ, RUS, ES)
 - 15 institutions



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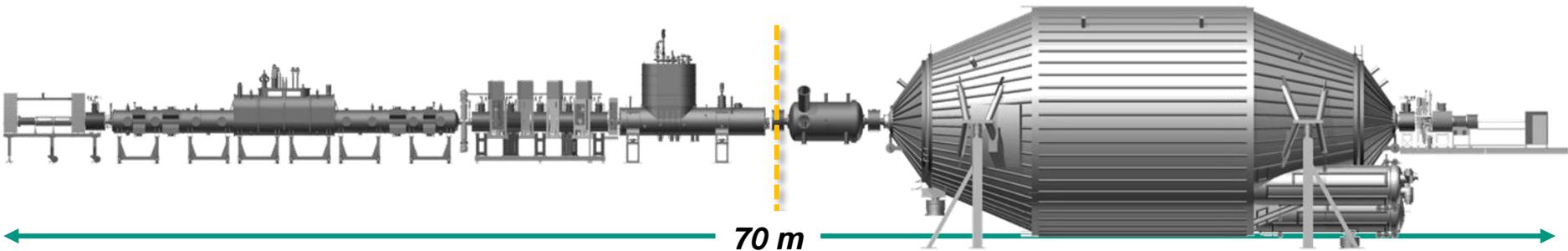


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The Karlsruhe TRITium Neutrino Experiment

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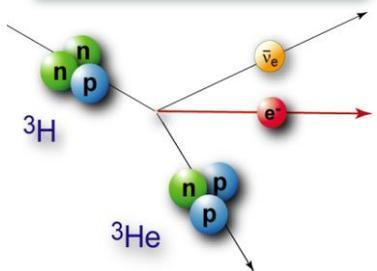
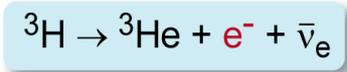
Source & Transport Section (STS)

Spectrometer & Detector Section (SDS)

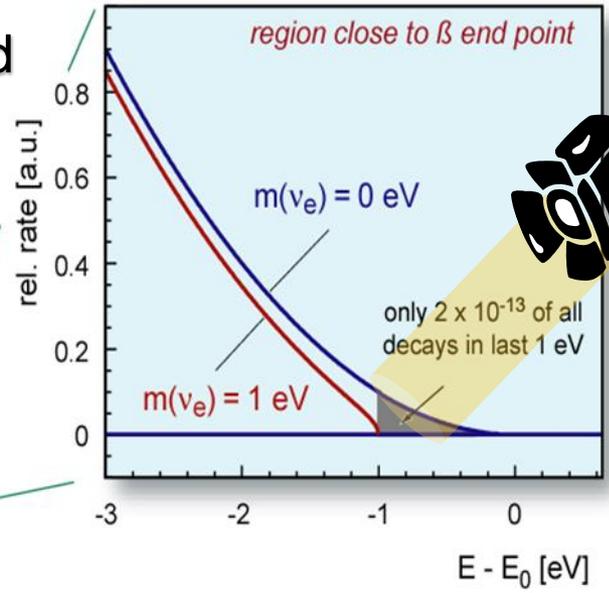
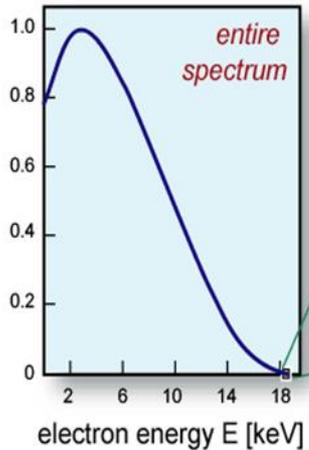
ideal β -emitter

^3H : super-allowed

E_0	18.6 keV
$t_{1/2}$	12.3 y



most sensitive method

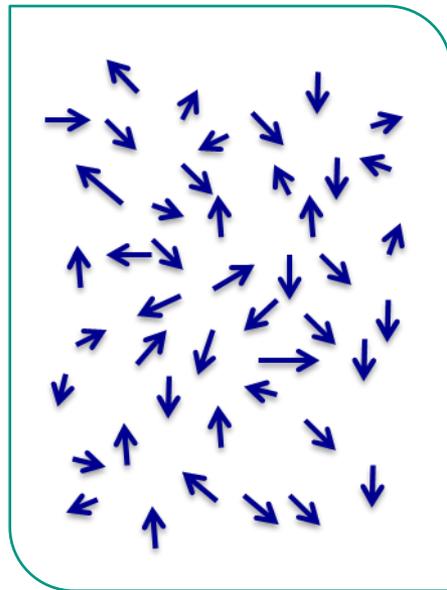
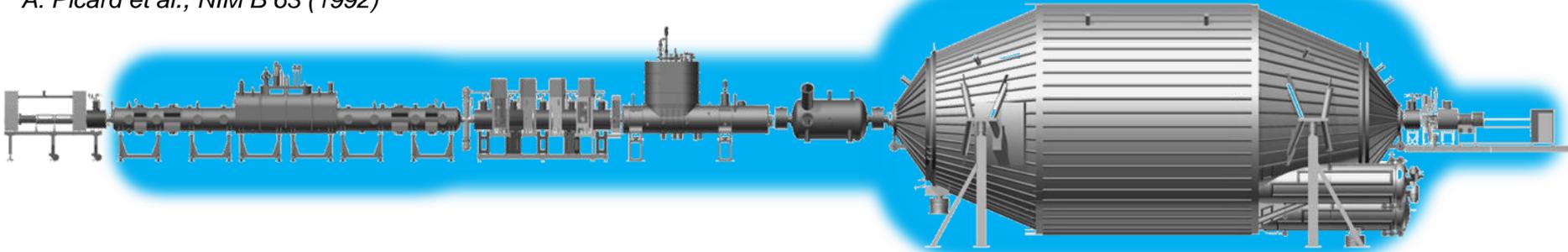


G. Drexlin, V. Hannen, S. Mertens, C. Weinheimer, Current Direct Neutrino Mass Experiments (Review) Advances In High Energy Physics (2013) 293986

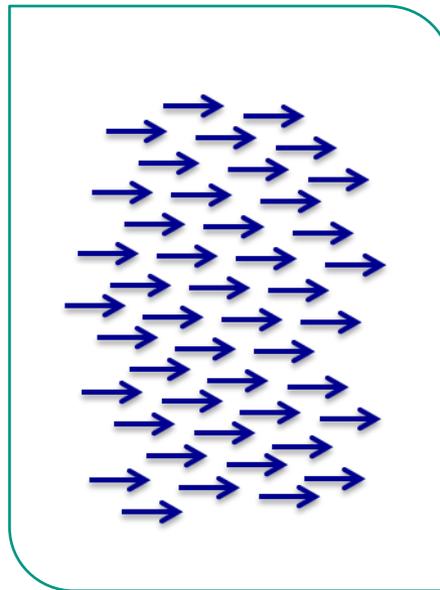
The MAC-E Filter

A. Picard et al., NIM B 63 (1992)

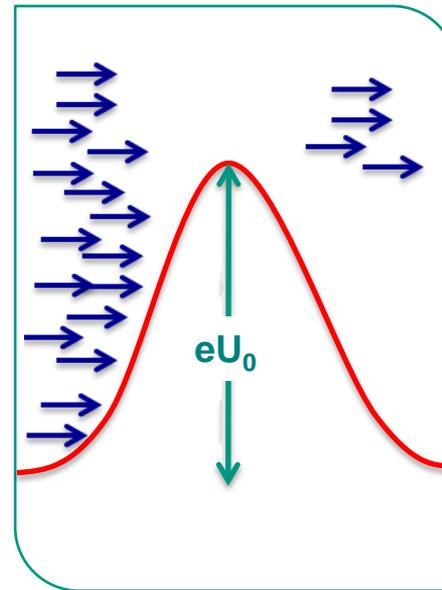
Magnetic Adiabatic Collimation
with Electrostatic Filter



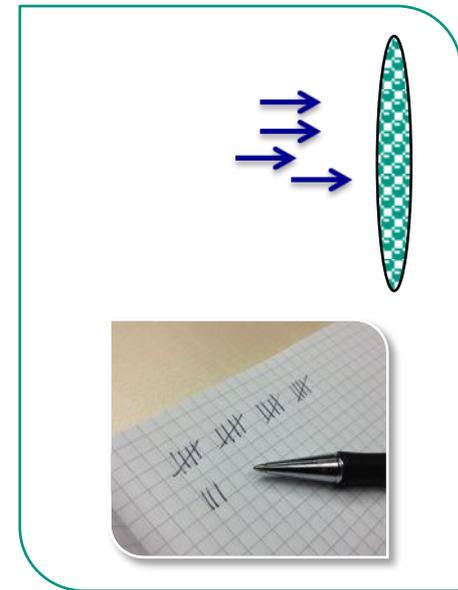
isotropically emitted
tritium β -electrons



adiabatically collimated
by magnetic field

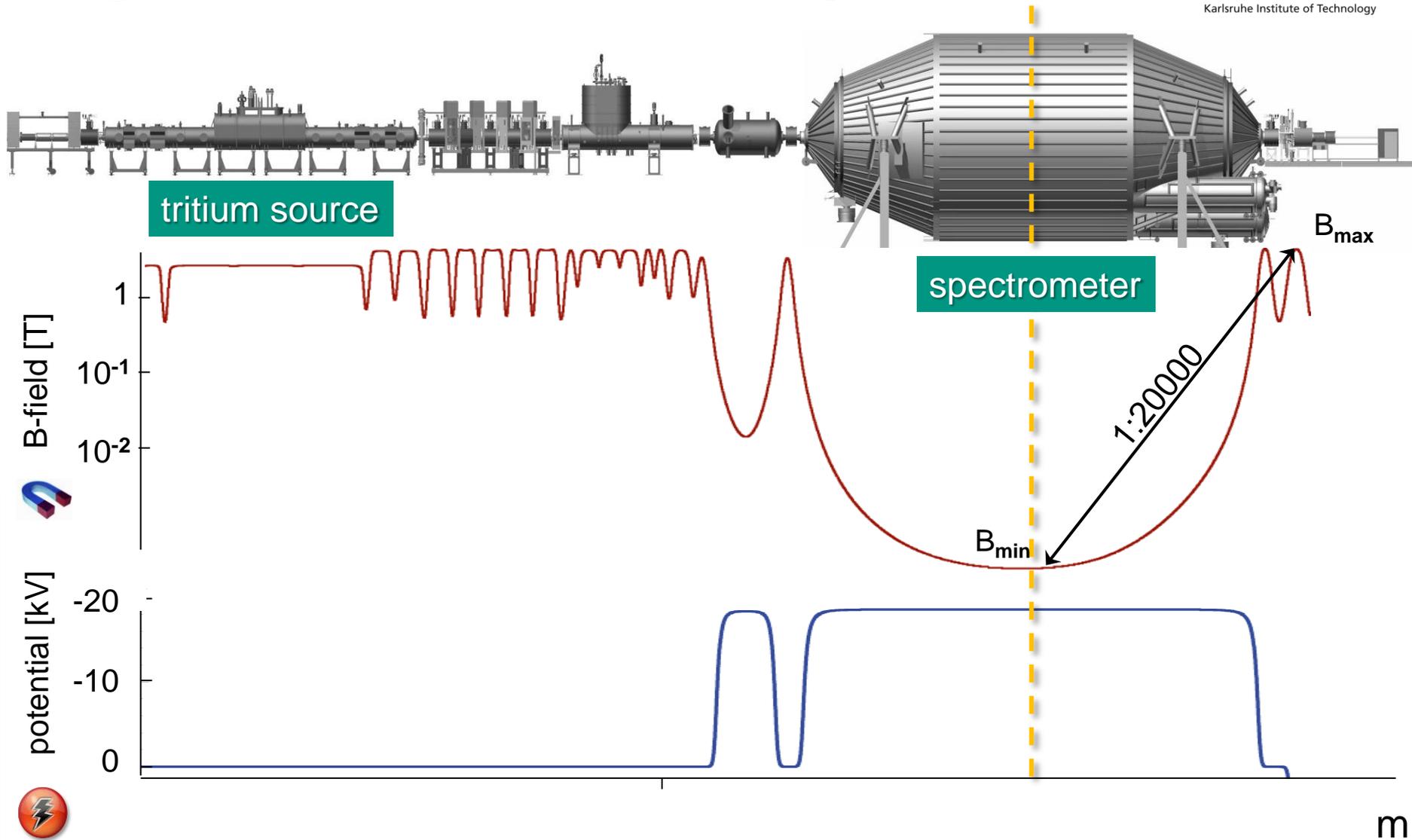


electrons filtered
by electric potential



remaining electrons
counted after filtering

Magnetic field & electrostatic potential



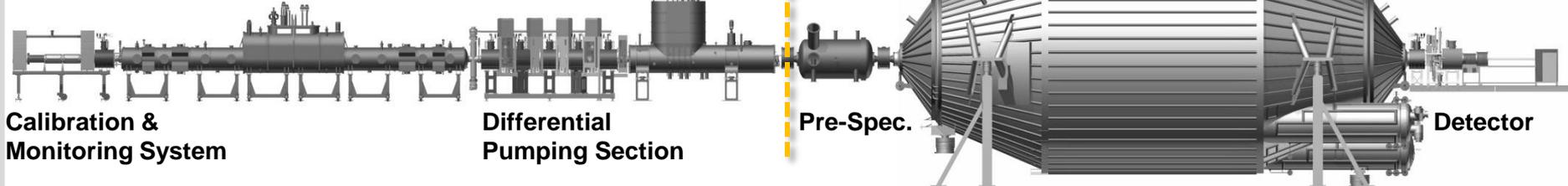
F. Glück, Prog. in Electromagnetics Research B, 32 (2011) 351-388 & 319-350

KATRIN – benchmark parameters

Windowless Gaseous
Tritium Source

Cryogenic
Pumping Section

Main Spectrometer



Source & Transport Section (STS)

tritium source: 10^{11} β -decays/s

Spectrometer & Detector Section (SDS)

total background: 10^{-2} cps

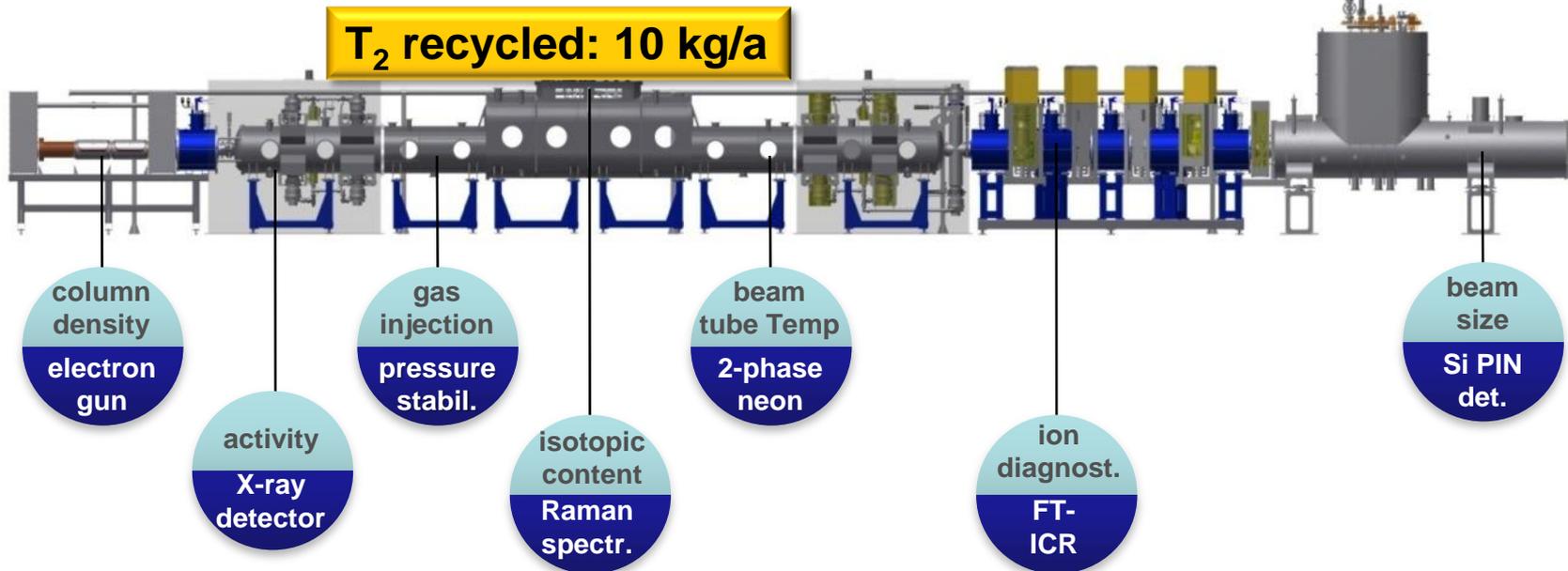
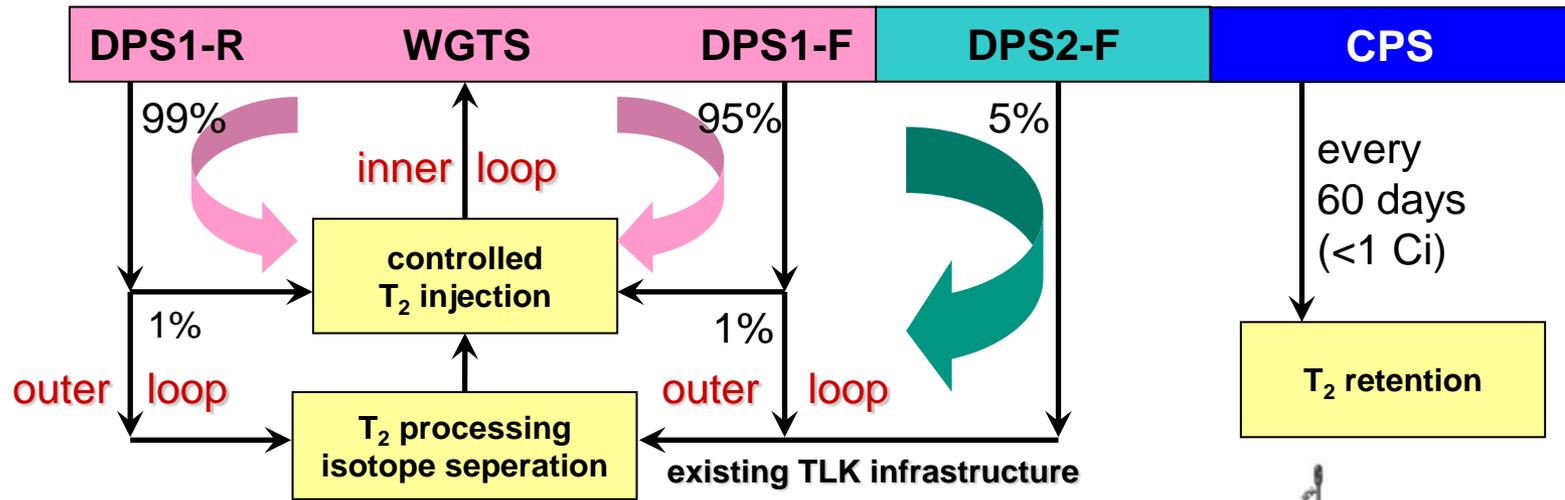
experimental challenges

- 10^{-3} stability of tritium source column density
- 10^{-3} isotope content in source
- 10^{-5} non-adiabaticity in electron transport
- 10^{-6} monitoring of HV-fluctuations
- 10^{-8} remaining ions after source
- 10^{-11} mbar in Main Spectrometer
- 10^{-14} remaining flux of molecular tritium

many benchmark parameters
reached or exceeded

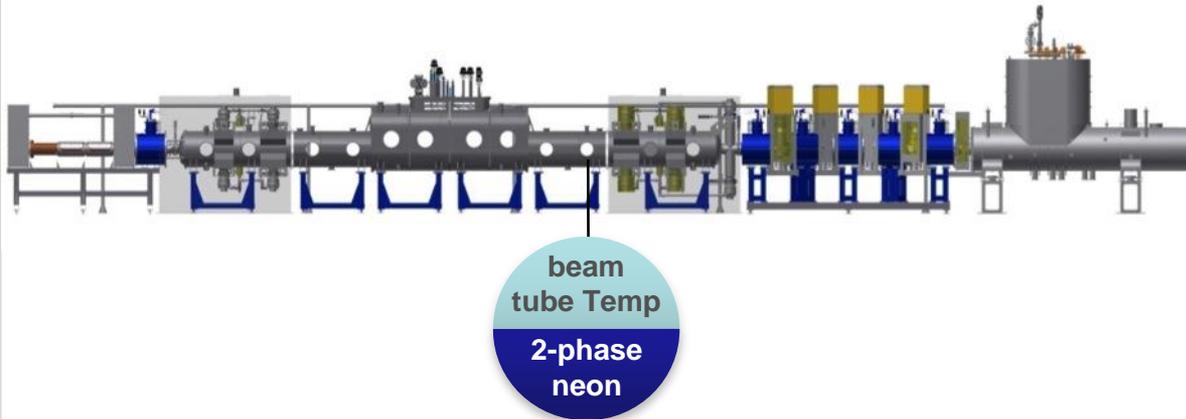


Source: Tritium Loop and Retention



Windowless Gaseous Tritium Source

Beam tube temperature



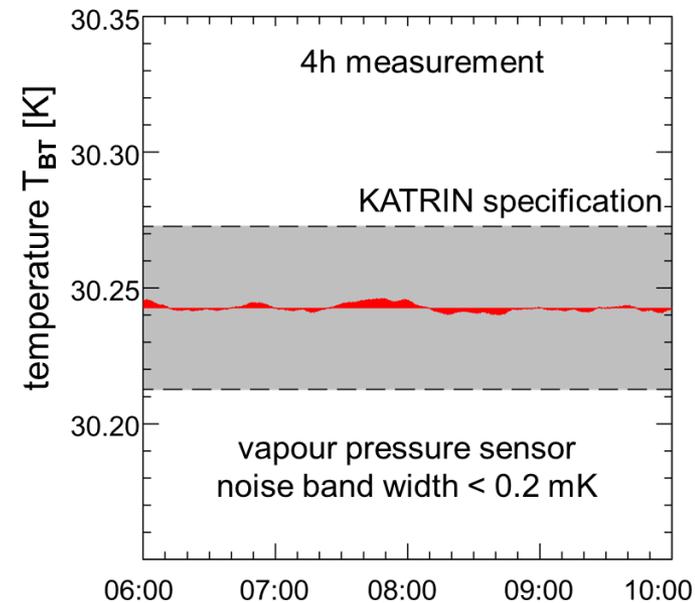
Challenge

- temperature stability on 10^{-3} level

Technological development

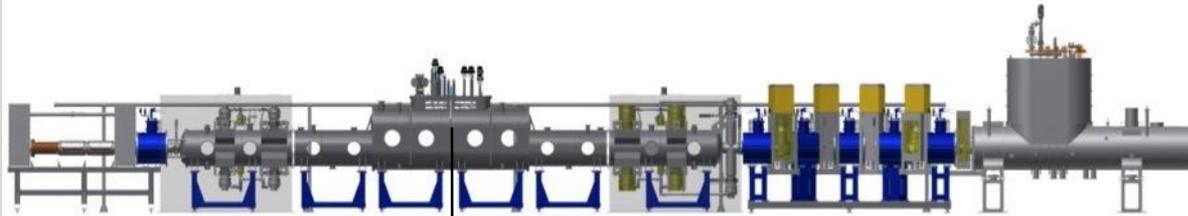
- novel 2-phase neon cooling system
- required: $\Delta T = \pm 30$ mK (1 h)
- achieved: $\Delta T = \pm 1.5$ mK (1 h)

→ **stability surpassing specifications**

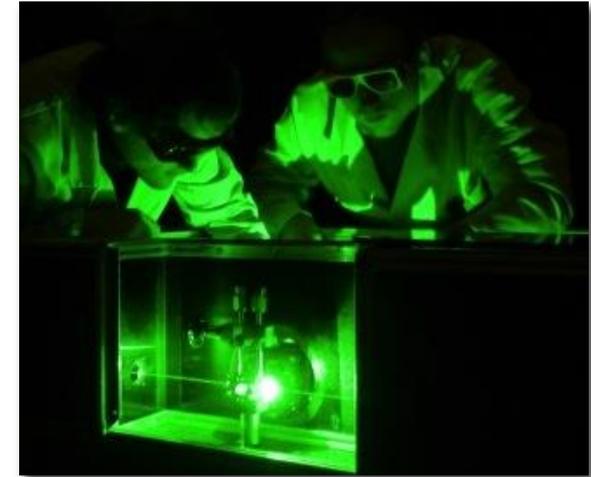


Windowless Gaseous Tritium Source

Raman spectroscopy



isotopic
content
Raman
spectr.

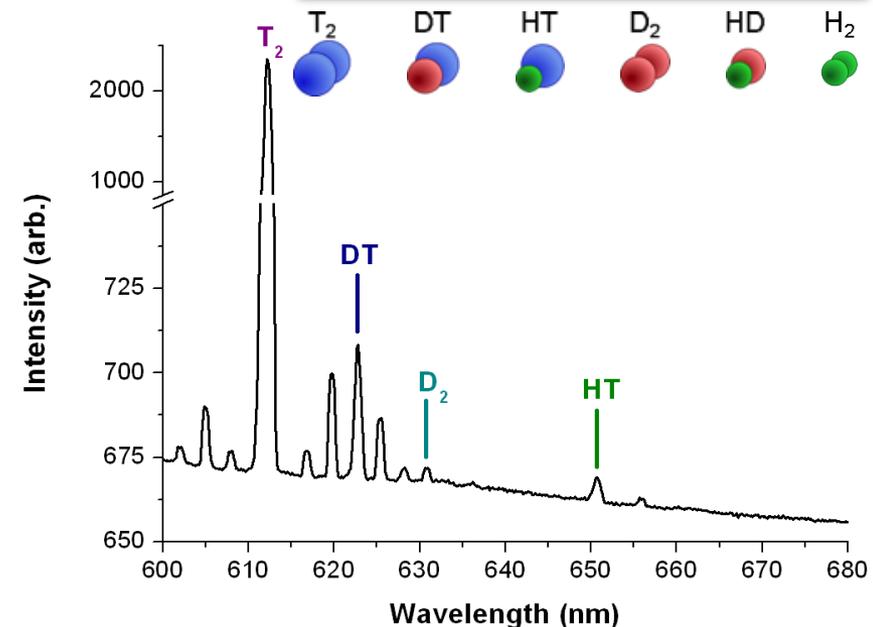


Challenge

- measure isotopic source content with 10^{-3} accuracy in 100 s

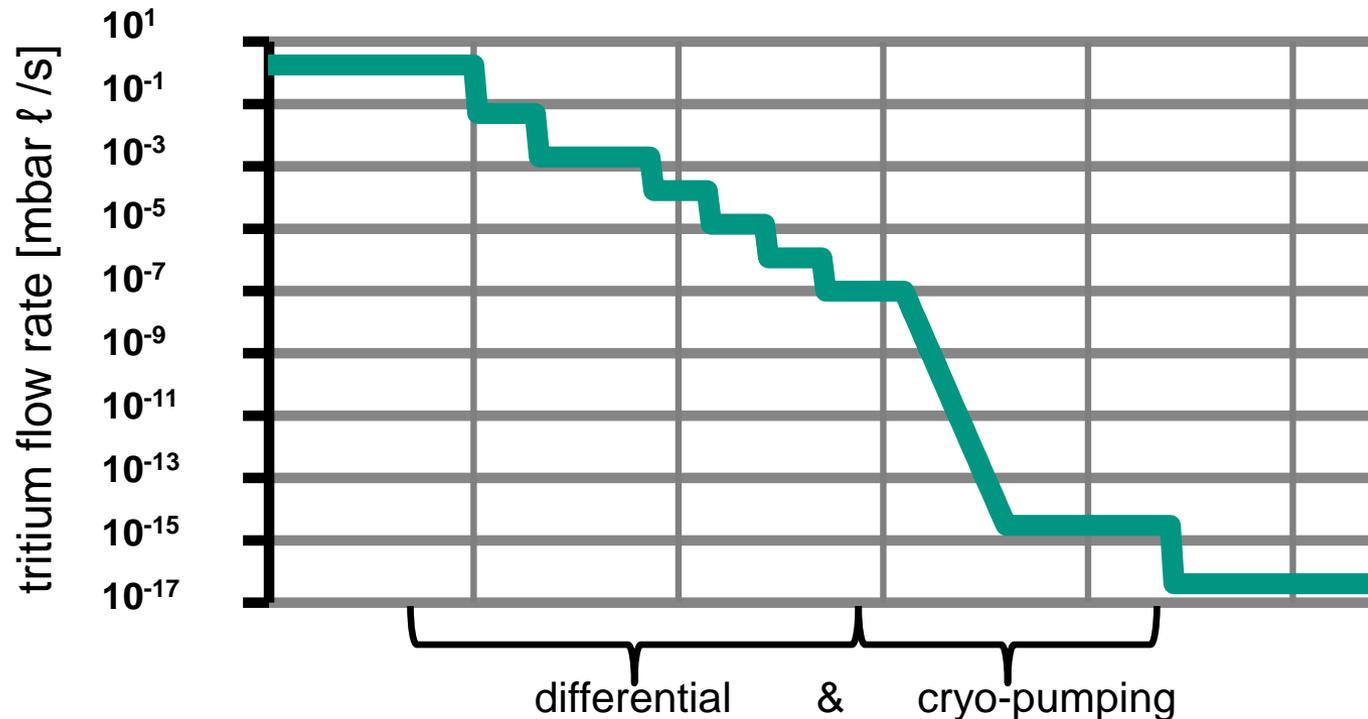
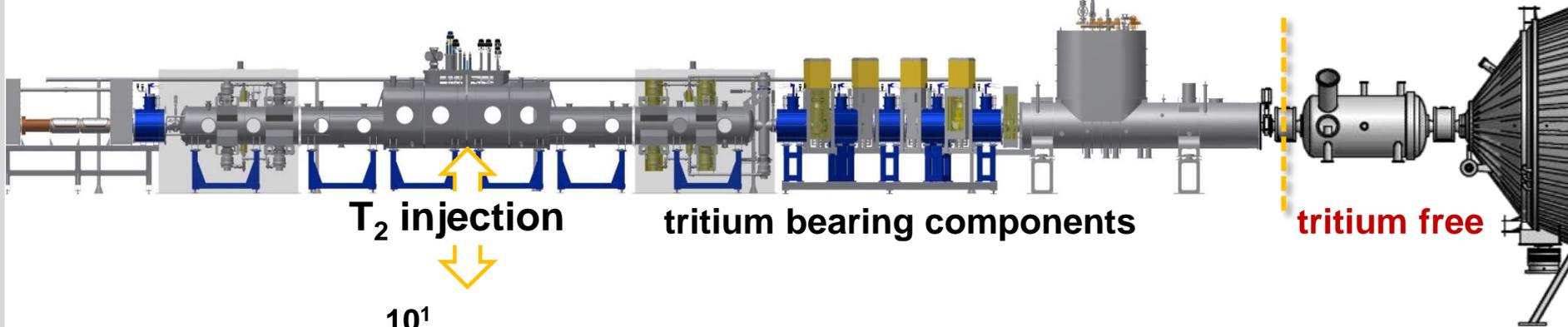
Technological development

- calibrated Laser-Raman system for all 6 hydrogen isotopologues
- achieved: $< 10^{-3}$ accuracy in 60 s

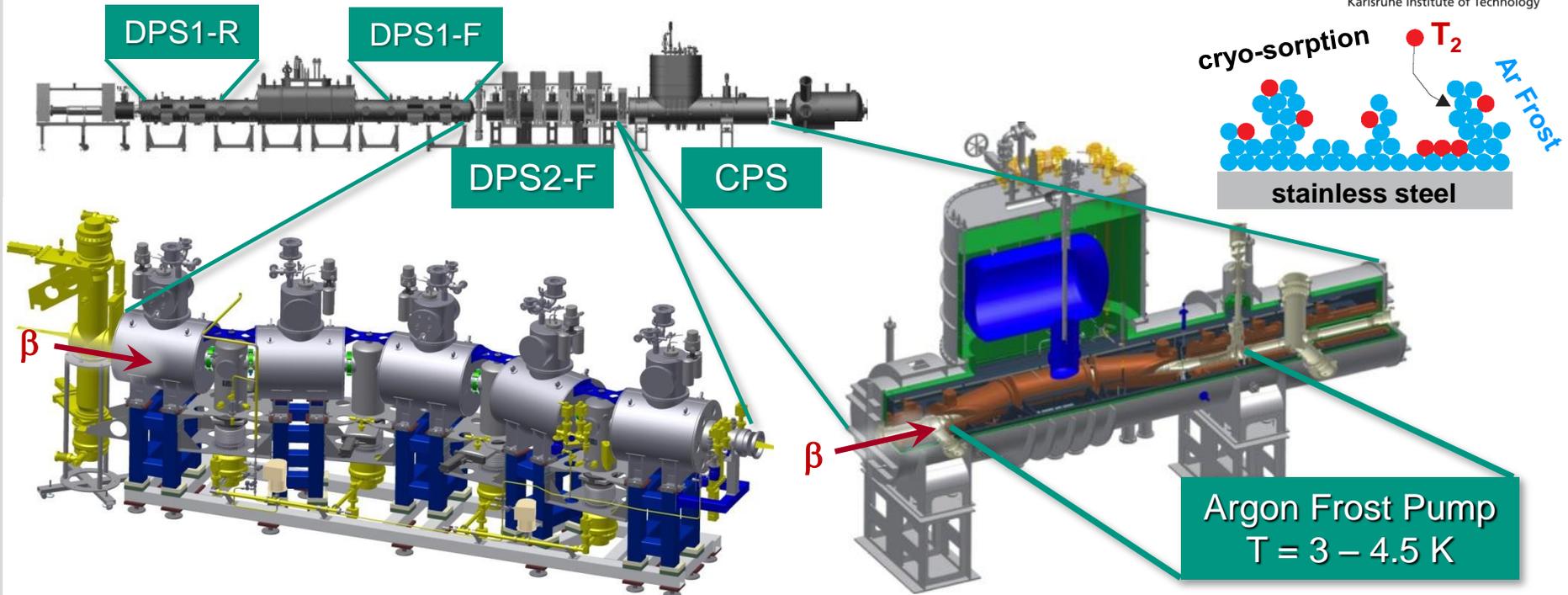


Tritium Retention Techniques

Suppress tritium flow from source to spectrometer by factor $> 10^{14}$



Transport and Pumping Sections



Differential Pumping Section (DPS)

- active pumping: 6+8+4 TMPs
- Tritium retention: 10^7
- magnetic field: 5.6 T
- built at KIT, commissioning 2015

Cryogenic Pumping Section (CPS)

- based on by cryo-sorption
- Tritium retention: $>10^7$
- magnetic field: 5.6 T
- delivery, commissioning: 2015

Argon Frost Pump
T = 3 – 4.5 K

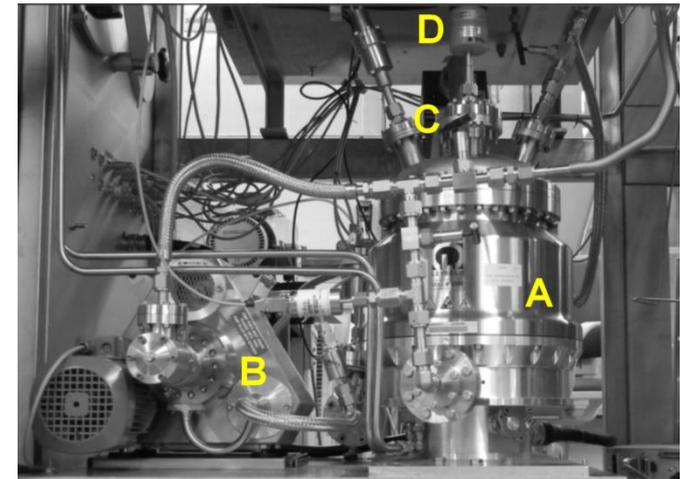
O. Kazachenko et al., NIM A 587 (2008) 136

F. Eichelhardt et al, Fusion Science and Technology 54 (2008) 615

Hazaradous operating conditions for TMPs?

Endurance test for TMP with tritium

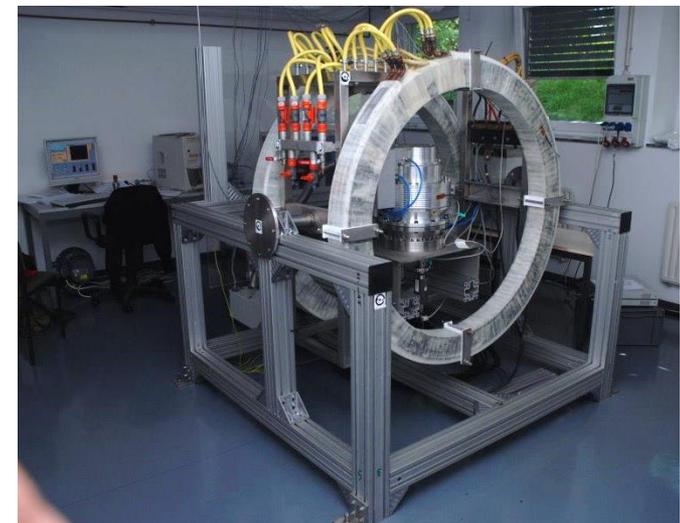
- tritium can affect non-metal parts of pump
- TMP type: Leybold MAG-W 2800
- tested at Tritium Laboratory Karlsruhe (TLK)
- one year operation with tritium



F. Priester, PhD thesis at KIT (2013), <http://www.katrin.kit.edu/375.php>

TMP in a magnetic field

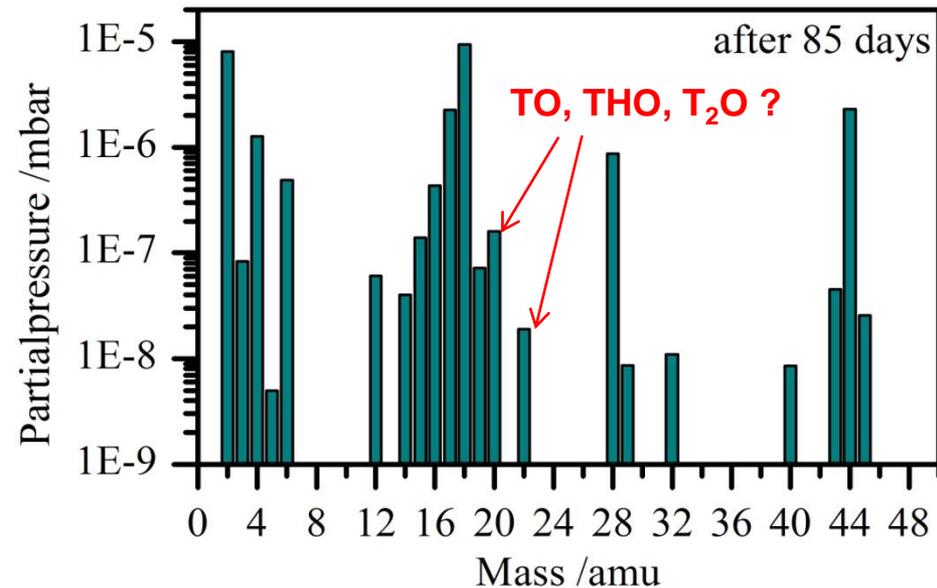
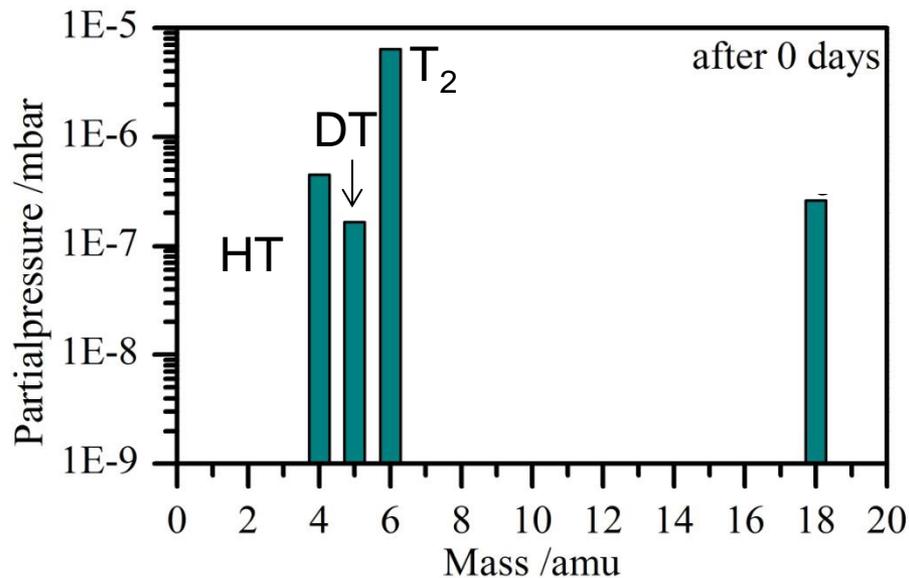
- eddy currents can over-heat rotor
- high mag. field can slow down rotor
- failure of magnetic bearing
- test setup built at KIT for large TMPs
- math. model developed for prediction



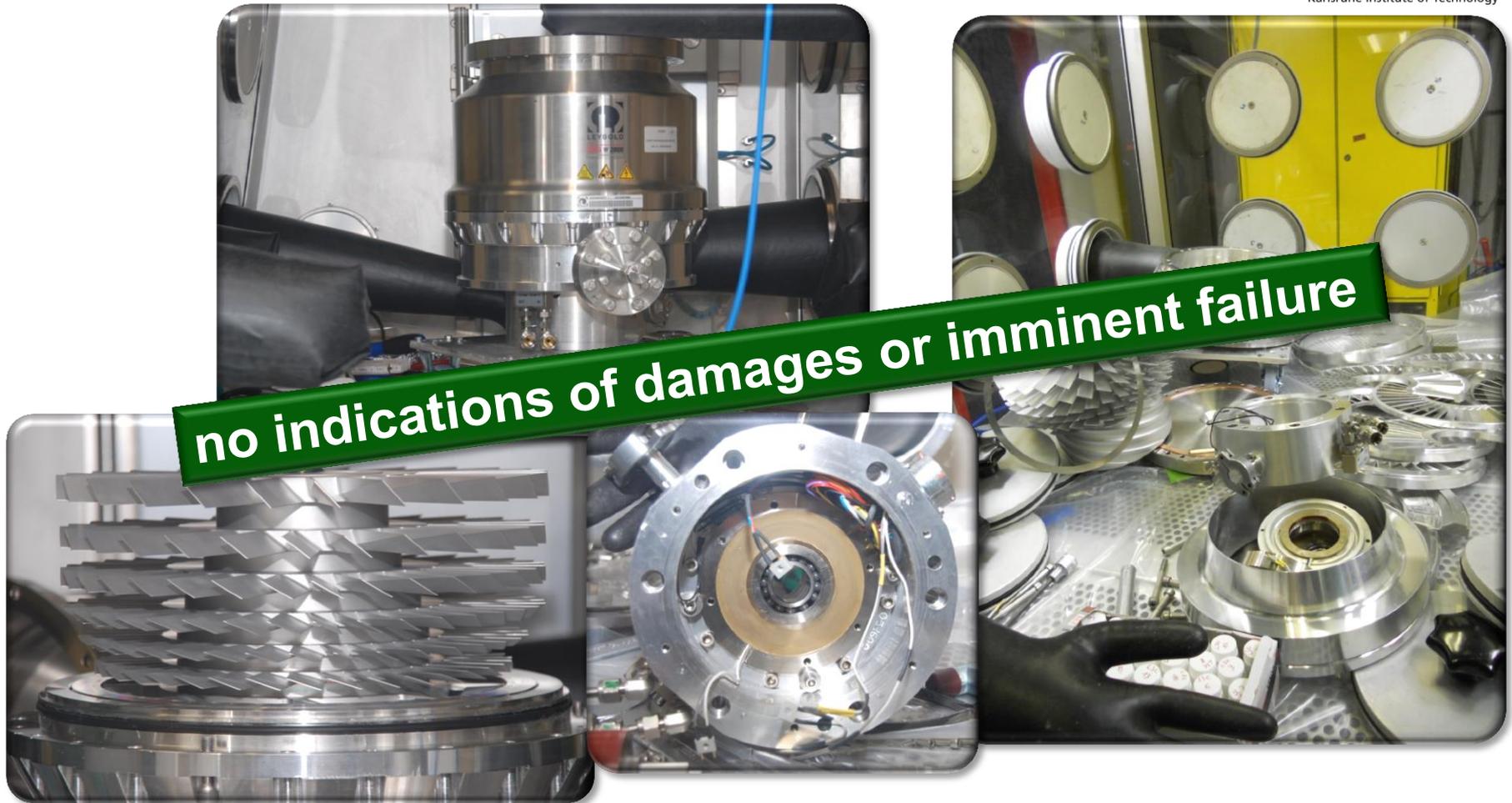
R. Größle et al., Vacuum 86 (2012) 985-989

Results of TMP tritium runs

- total runtime of MAG W2800 at TriToP: **398 days**
- total throughput: **1106 g tritium**
- equivalent to approx. **one year of KATRIN operation**
- RGA spectrum compatible with **H, D, T, N, O** and hydrocarbons
- **no traces of HF, TF** found in Raman spectrum of process gas



Complete dismantling of a MAG W 2800

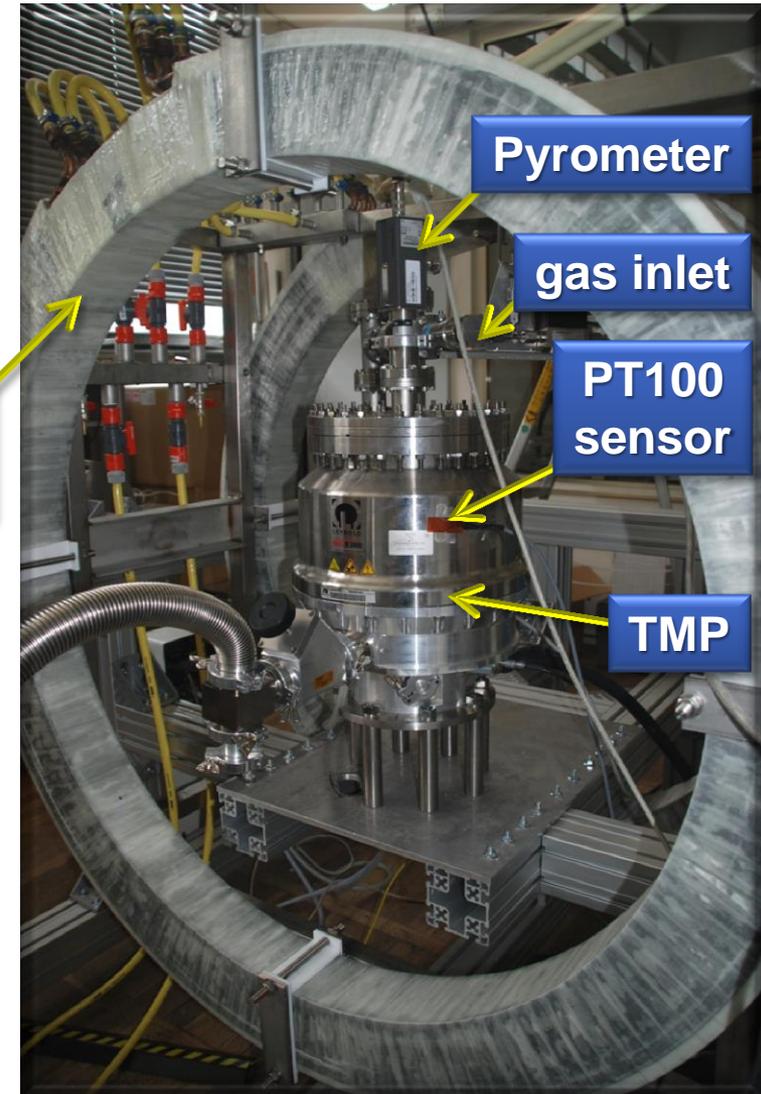
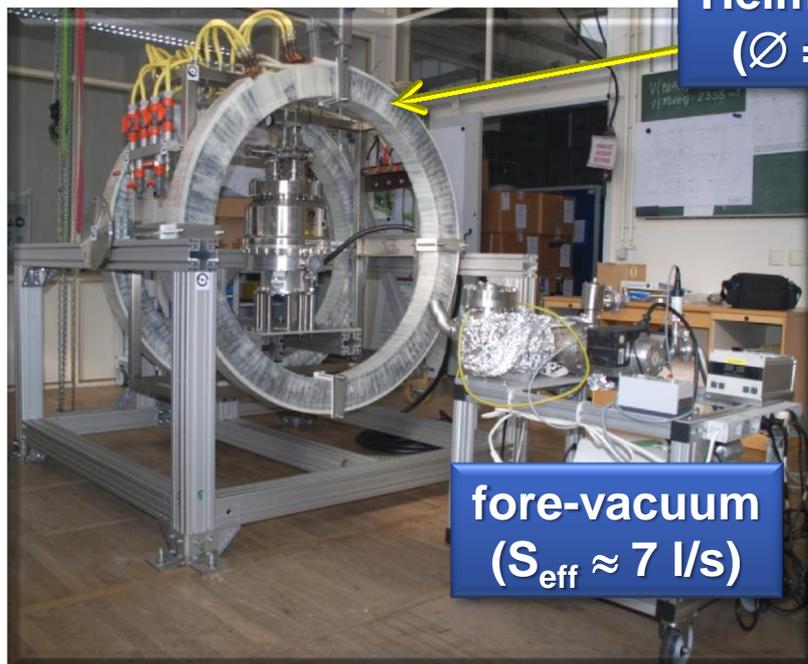


no indications of damages or imminent failure

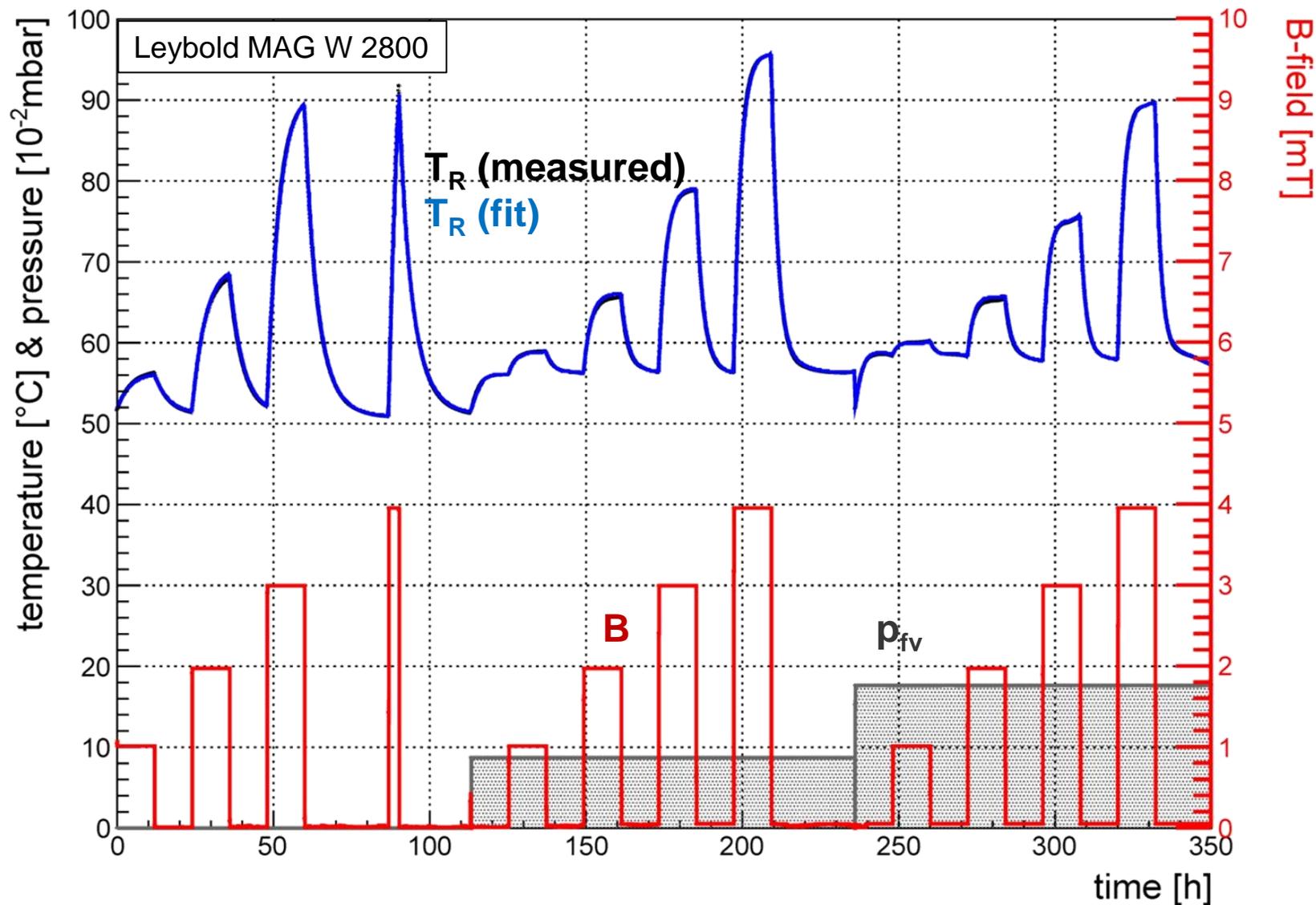
- parts were highly contaminated with tritium, but
- parts looked like new, no indication of wear, cables and O-rings ok

TMP in a magnetic field

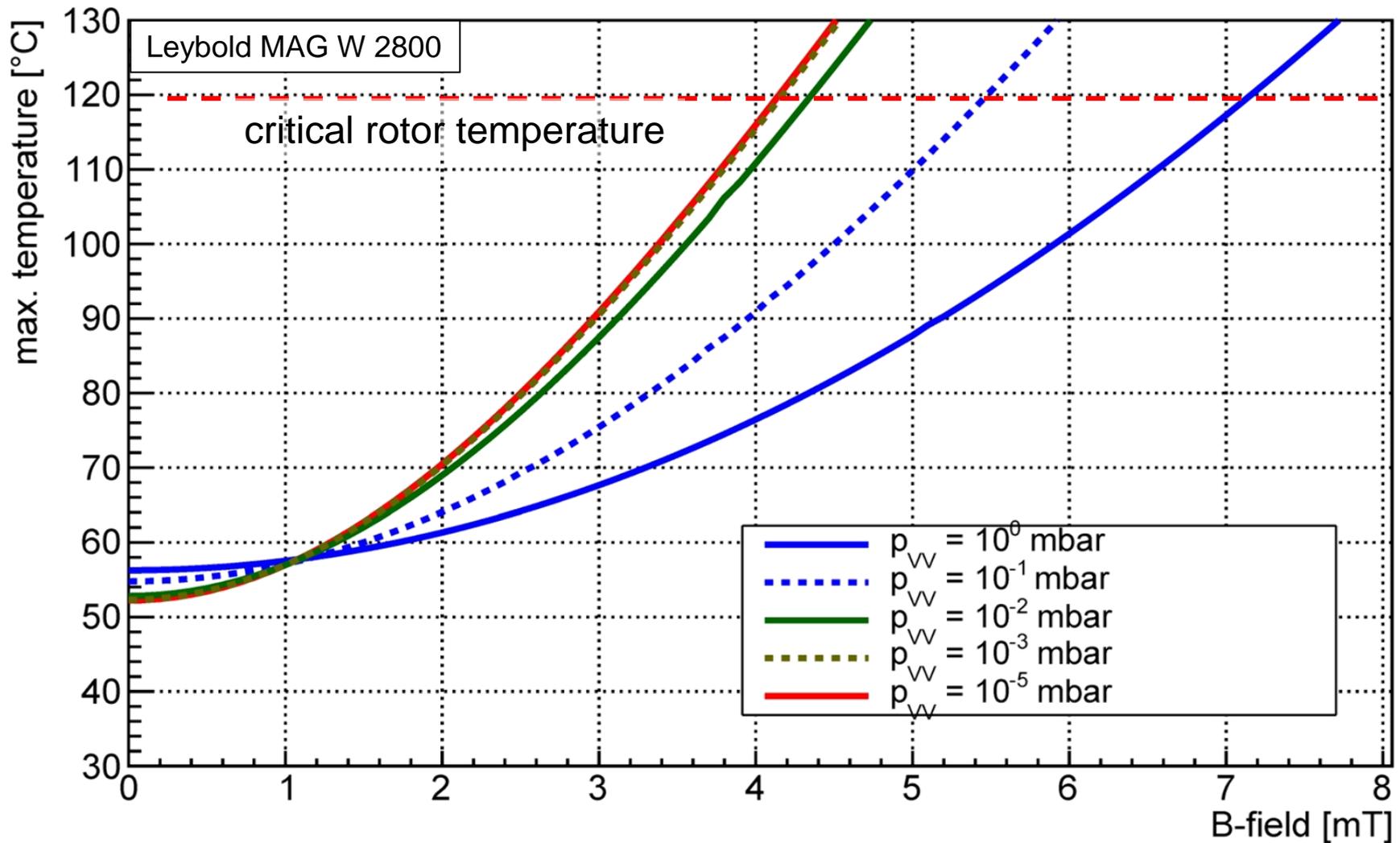
- Helmholtz coils: radius = 60 cm
- B-field: 0 – 50 mT
- coils can be turned by 90°
- pyrometer used for rotor temperature
- gas flow possible



Model 1: fit of parameters $k_1 \dots k_6$



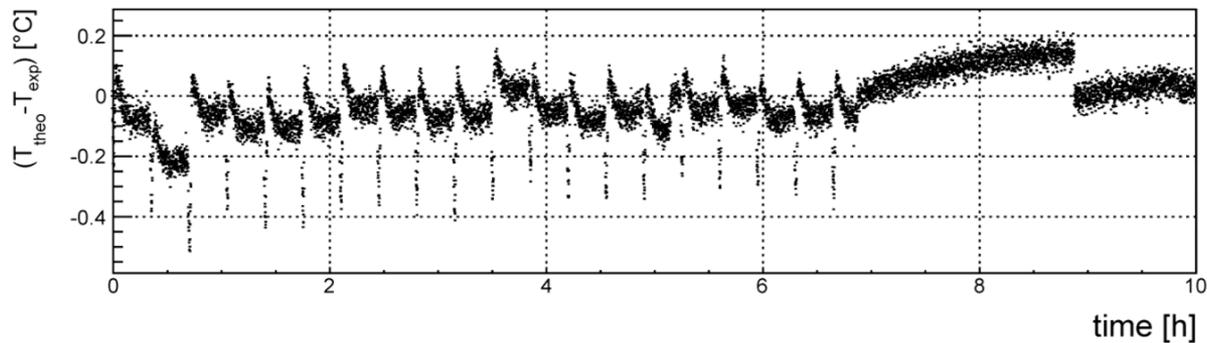
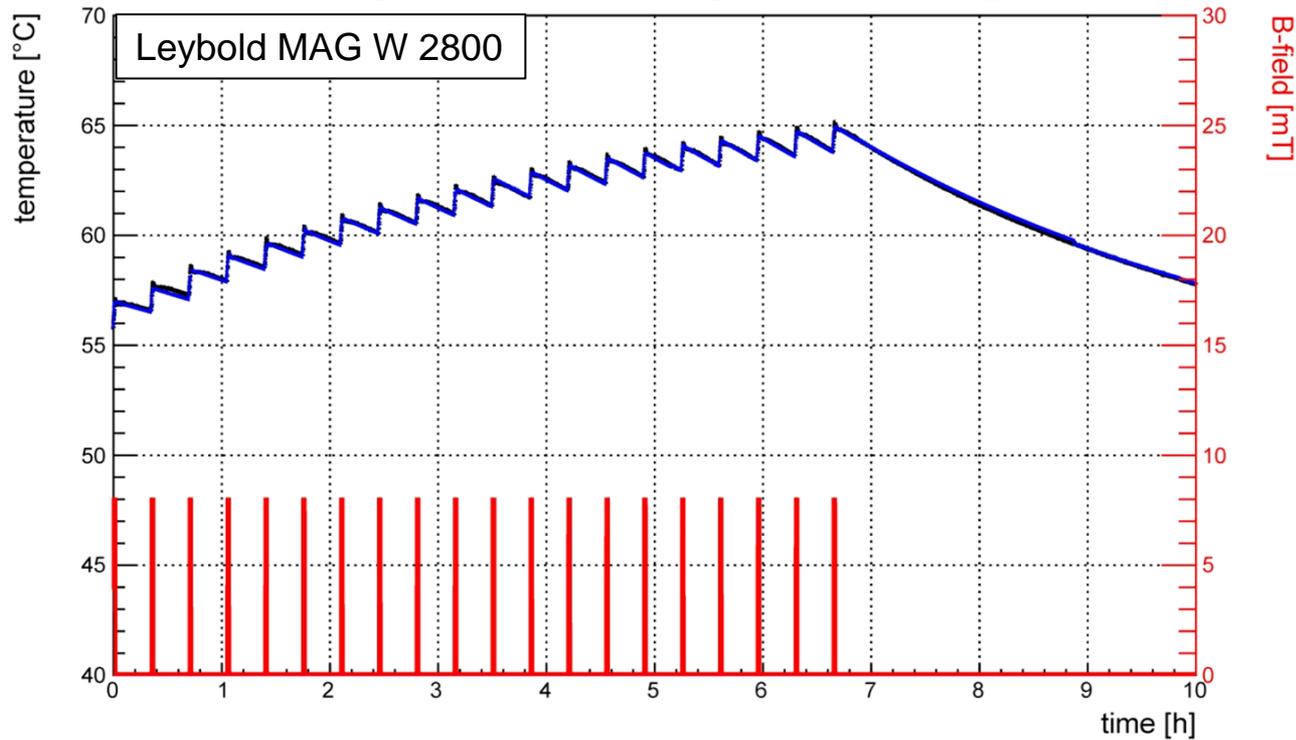
Model 1: maximum temperature



Rotor temperature also depends on cooling temperature !

Model 1 test:

Rotor temperature in a pulsed mag. field



Influence of magnetic field on TMP

parallel field:

- failure of magn. bearing (PZ12)
 - for $B \uparrow$ at 12.6 mT
 - for $B \downarrow$ at 21.5 mT
- no heating of the rotor

perpendicular field:

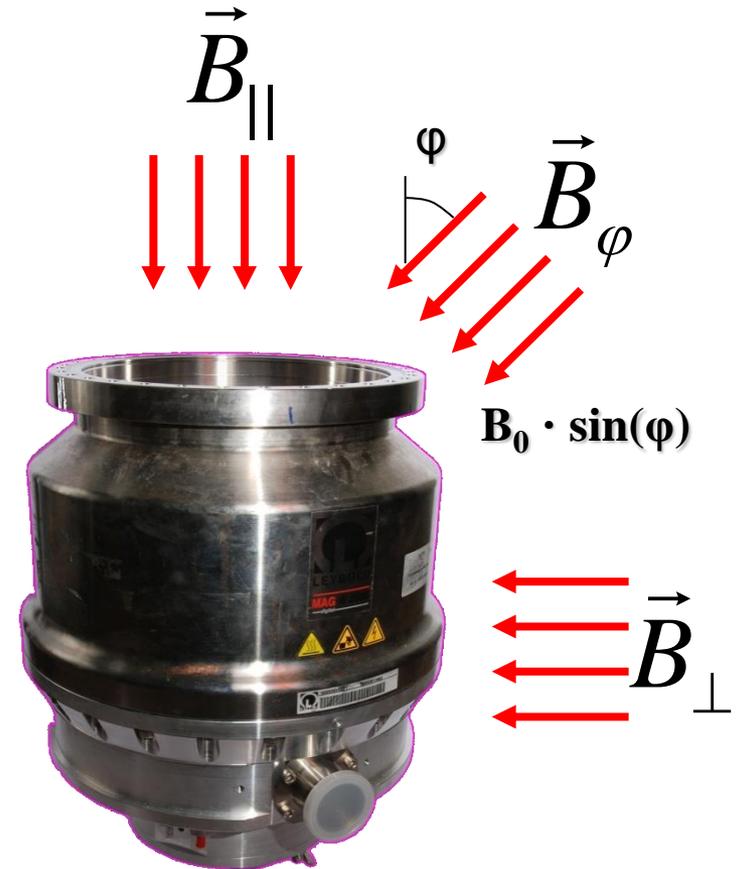
- heating of the rotor (eddy current) < 5 mT
- reduction of rotation speed at 8 - 10 mT
- bearing stable up to 40 mT

controller in magnetic field:

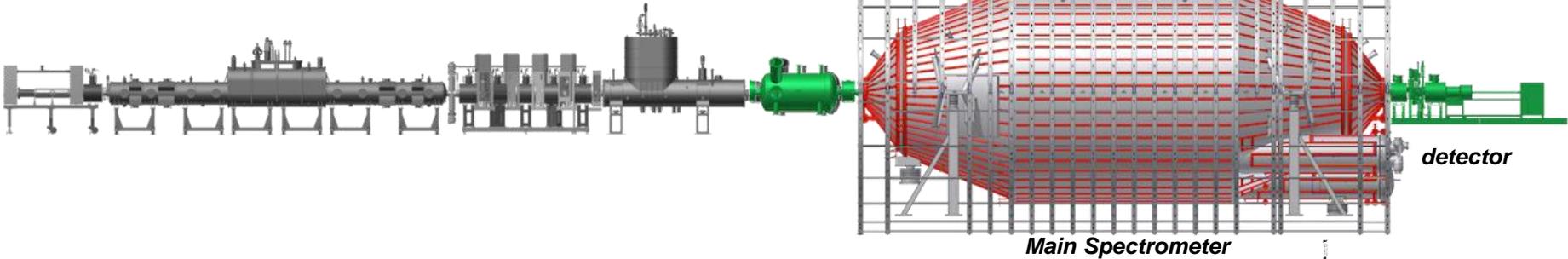
- fan fails at 6.5 mT
- pump shut down at 11 mT

➤ **TMPs need magnetic shielding at WGTs and DPS**

(magnetic field values valid for MAG W 2200 and 2800)



KATRIN Main Spectrometer



- **MAC-E Filter principle** → precise electron energy measurement

- Vacuum vessel & electrodes on **variable retarding potential (18.6 kV)**
- Magnetic guiding field: **0.3 mT – 6 T**
- High resolution: **$\Delta E = 0.93 \text{ eV @ } 18.6 \text{ keV}$**

- **Stainless steel (~200 to, 316LN)**

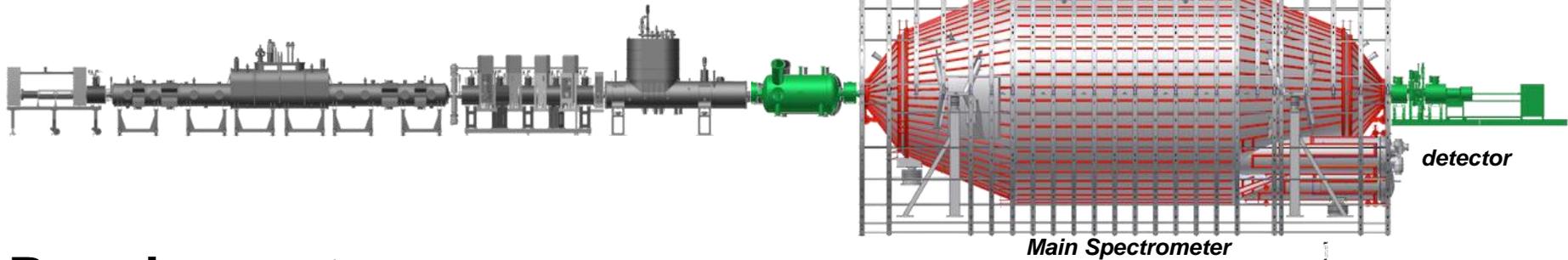
- **Dimensions:**

- diameter: 10 m
- Length: 23 m
- volume: 1240 m³
- inner surface: 1240 m² (including wire electrodes)

air pressure
→ 7000 t



KATRIN Main Spectrometer Vacuum

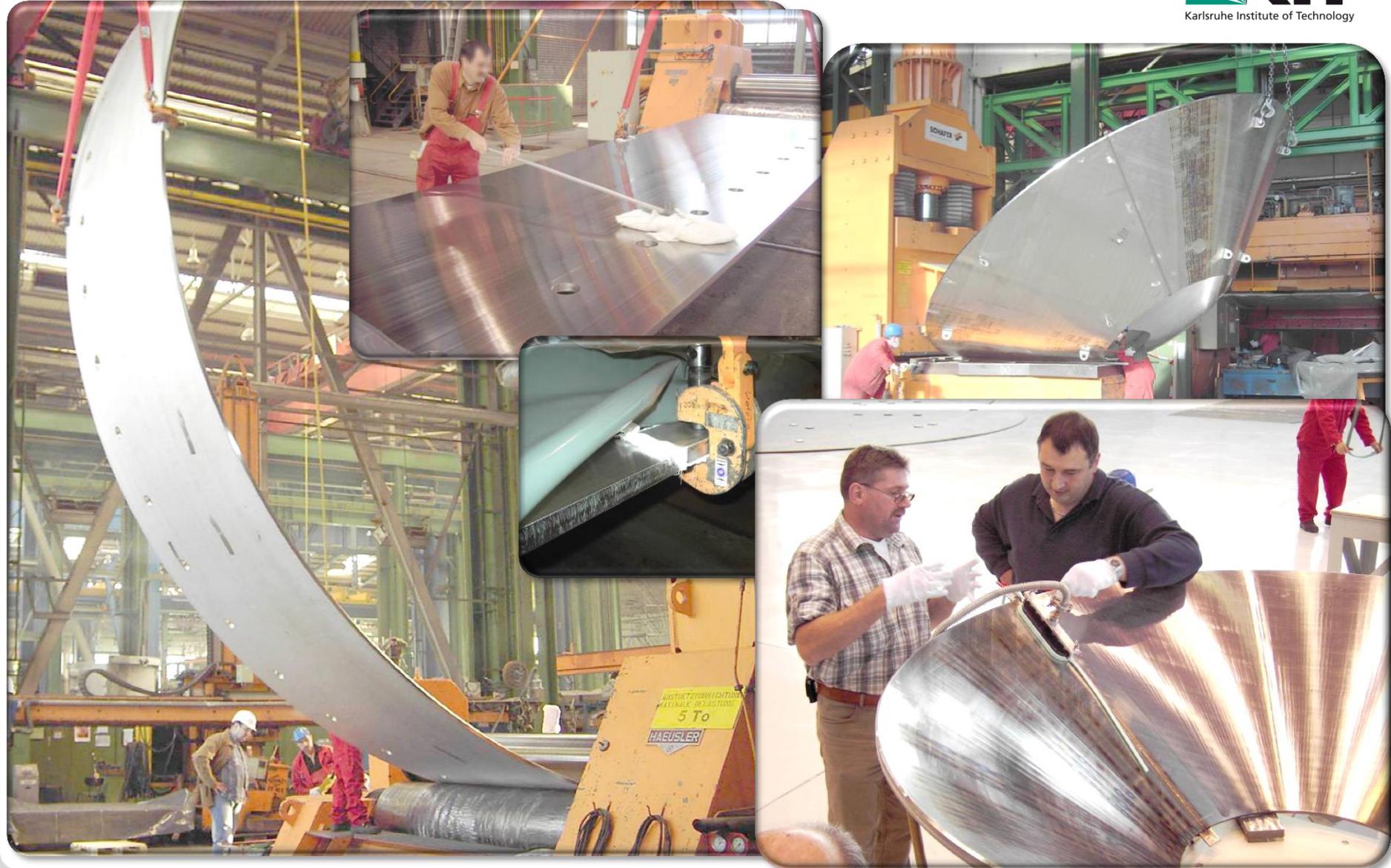


Requirements:

- **Low pressure ($< 10^{-11}$ mbar)**
 - tritium partial pressure $< 10^{-21}$ mbar
 - few radon decays per day
 - outgassing rate $< 10^{-12}$ mbar·ℓ/s·cm²
 - total leak rate $< 5 \cdot 10^{-9}$ mbar·ℓ/s
- **Bakable at 350°C (NEG activation)**
- **Stable operation at 20°C**
- **Vacuum components operated in**
 - Magnetic field: 0.3 mT – 6 T
 - Electric potential: 18.6 kV



KATRIN Main Spectrometer (Deggendorf)



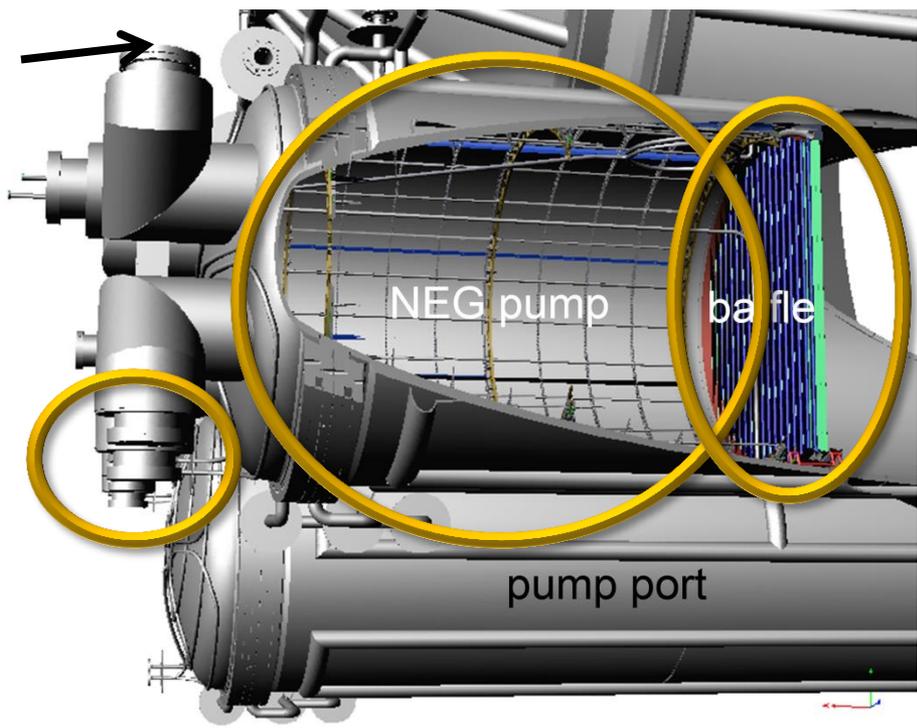
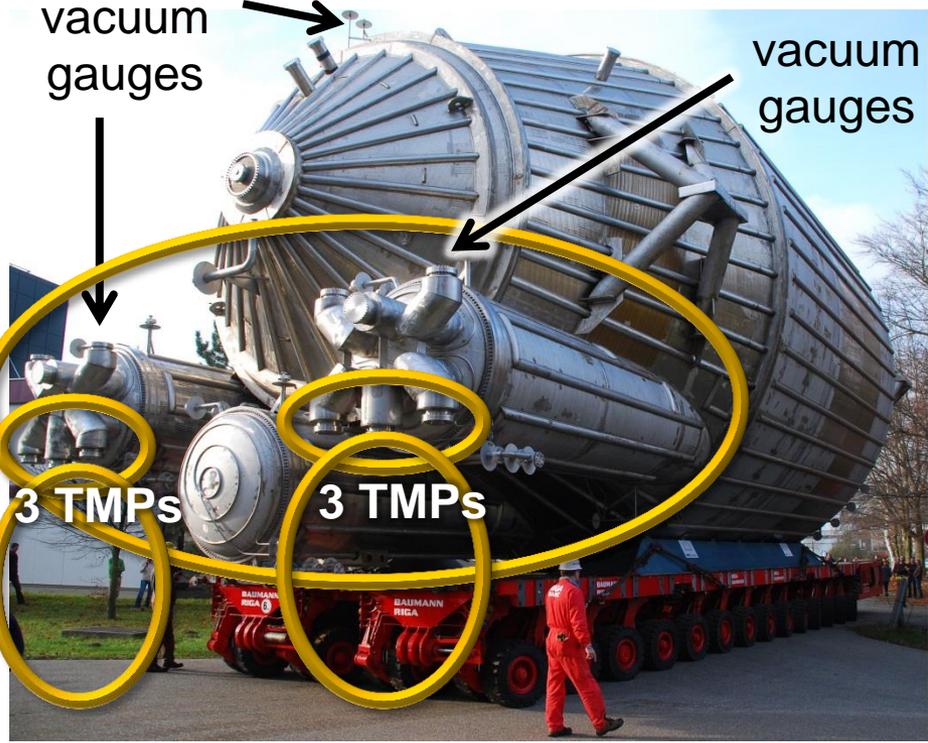
KATRIN Main Spectrometer Journey to KIT



26.11.2006



KATRIN Main Spectrometer Vacuum



- Roughing pump: 640 m³/h screw-pump
- 6 turbo-molecular pumps (Leybold MAG-W 2800): 10 000 ℓ/s (H₂)
- Fore-vacuum: 300 ℓ/s TMP and scroll pump (30 m³/h)
- 3 NEG-pumps (3000 m SAES St707 getter strips): ~~~10⁶ ℓ/s (H₂)~~ **400 000 ℓ/s**
- 3 cryogenic LN₂ baffles (radon): ~170 000 ℓ/s (Rn)

Flanges and Gaskets:

■ UHV:

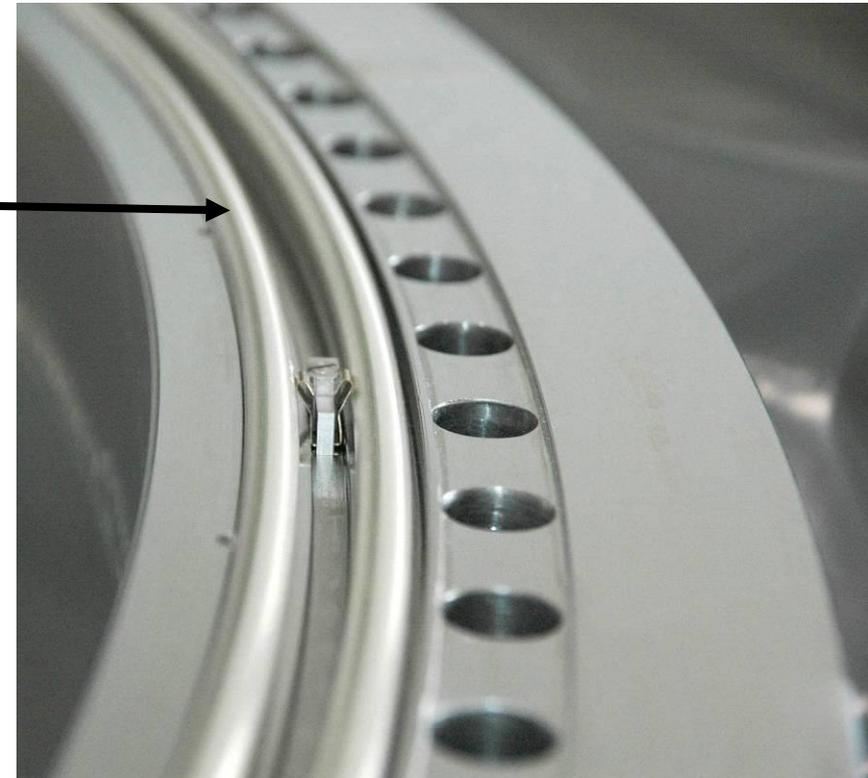
- CF flanges up to 250 mm
- HTMS double gaskets:
 - 500 mm flanges at ground-electrodes
 - 1700 mm flanges at pump ports
- all gaskets bakable at 350°C

■ intermediate vacuum:

- CF flanges

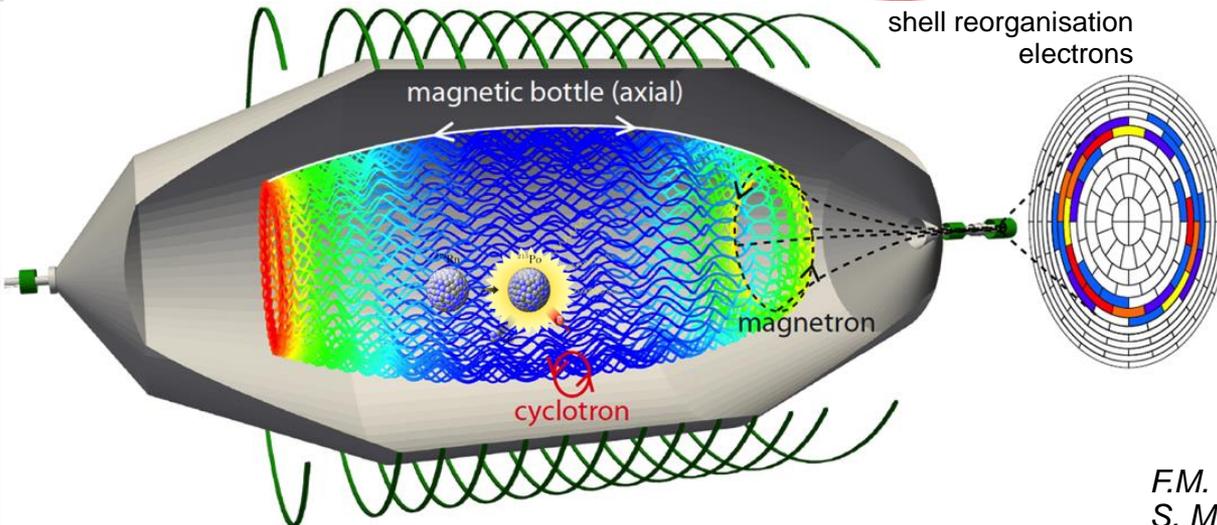
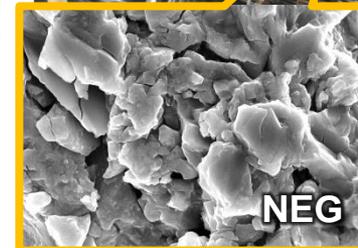
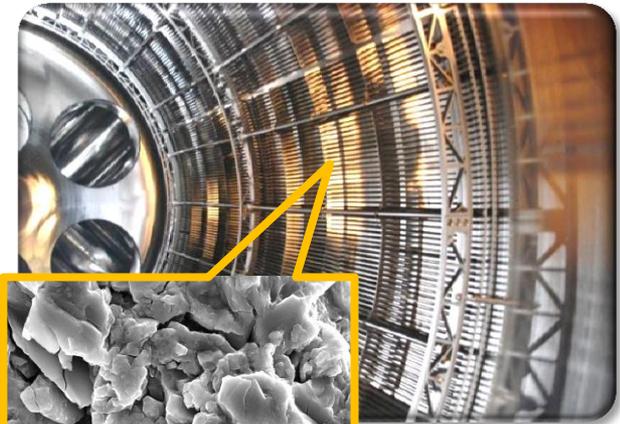
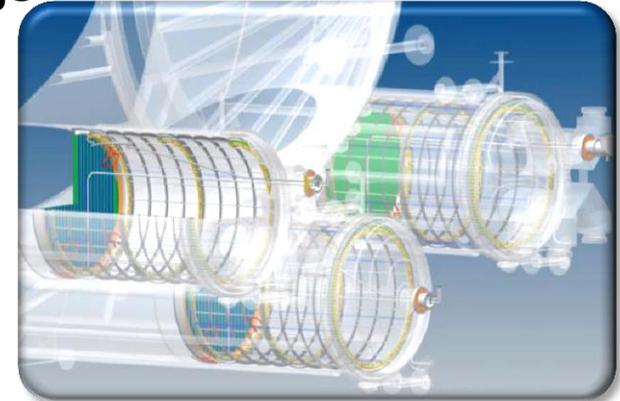
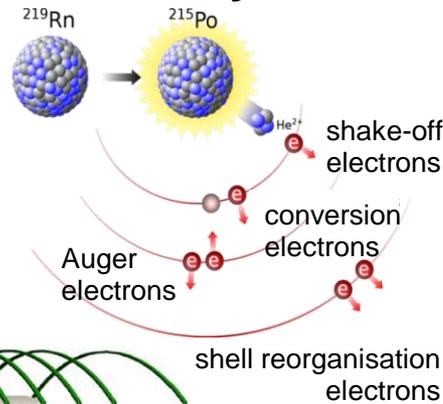
■ fore-vacuum:

- KF flanges (Viton O-rings)
- ISO K for pump-down and venting



Radon as background source (problem)

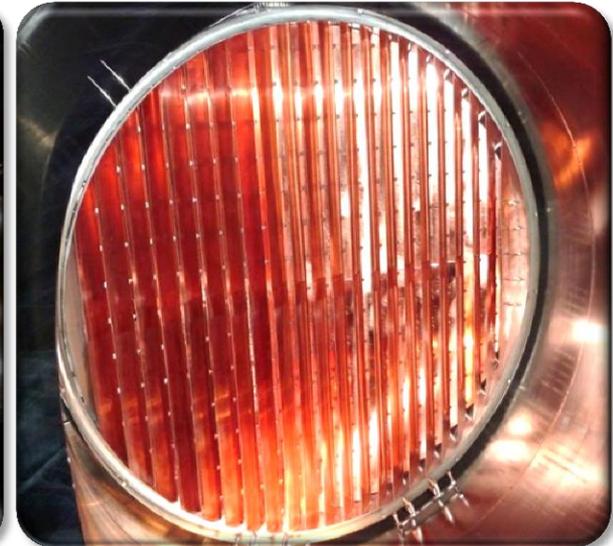
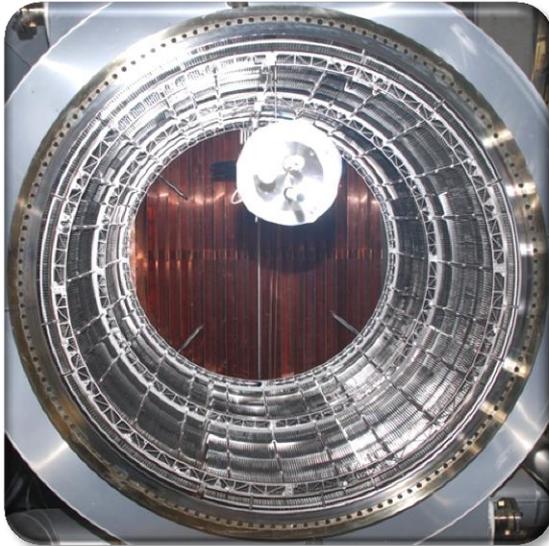
- ^{219}Rn emanation from St707 NEG getter strips (3000 m) in pump ports
- ^{220}Rn emanation from stainless steel walls/weldings
- electrons trapped in B field for hours
- they produce secondary electrons by ionization



F.M. Fränkle et al., *Astropart. Phys.* 35 (2011) 128
S. Mertens et al., *Astropart. Phys.* 41 (2013) 52

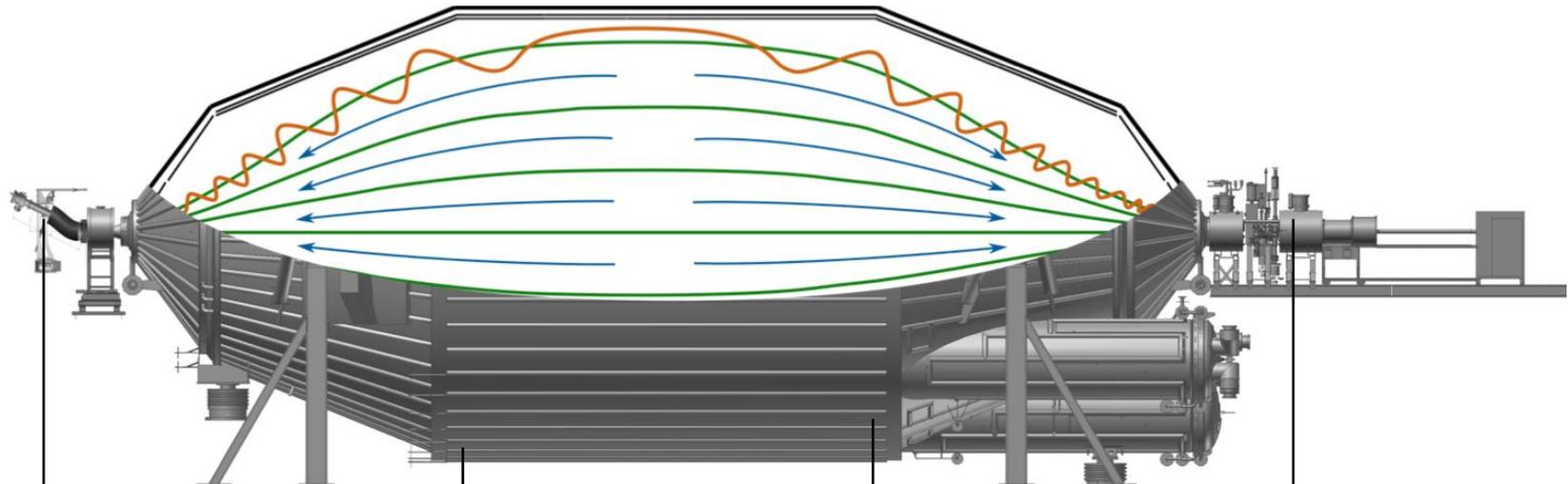
Radon as background source (solution)

- passive background reduction: LN₂-cooled baffles to cryo-sorb ²¹⁹Rn



- reduction of effective NEG pumping speed: 40%
- reduction of Rn flow into main volume : ~ 0.4%
- pumping speed for Rn from walls: 170 000 ℓ/s

KATRIN Main Spectrometer and Detector Commissioning 2013



angular
selective
electron gun
transmission
function
properties

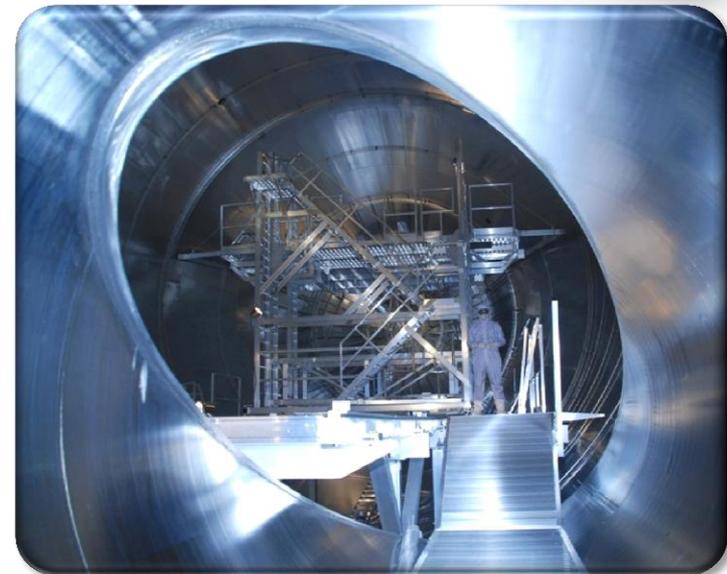
MAC-E filter,
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UHV
conditions
 10^{-11} mbar
6 weeks baking,
 $T_{\max} = 300$ °C

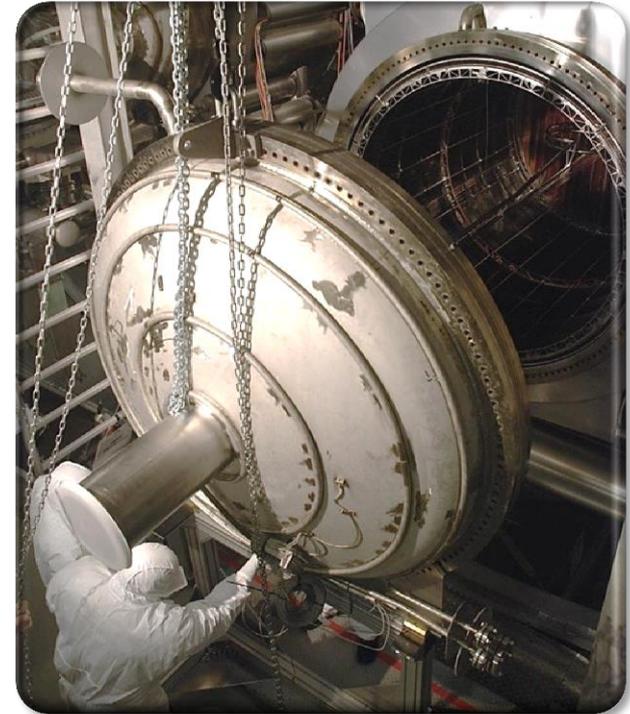
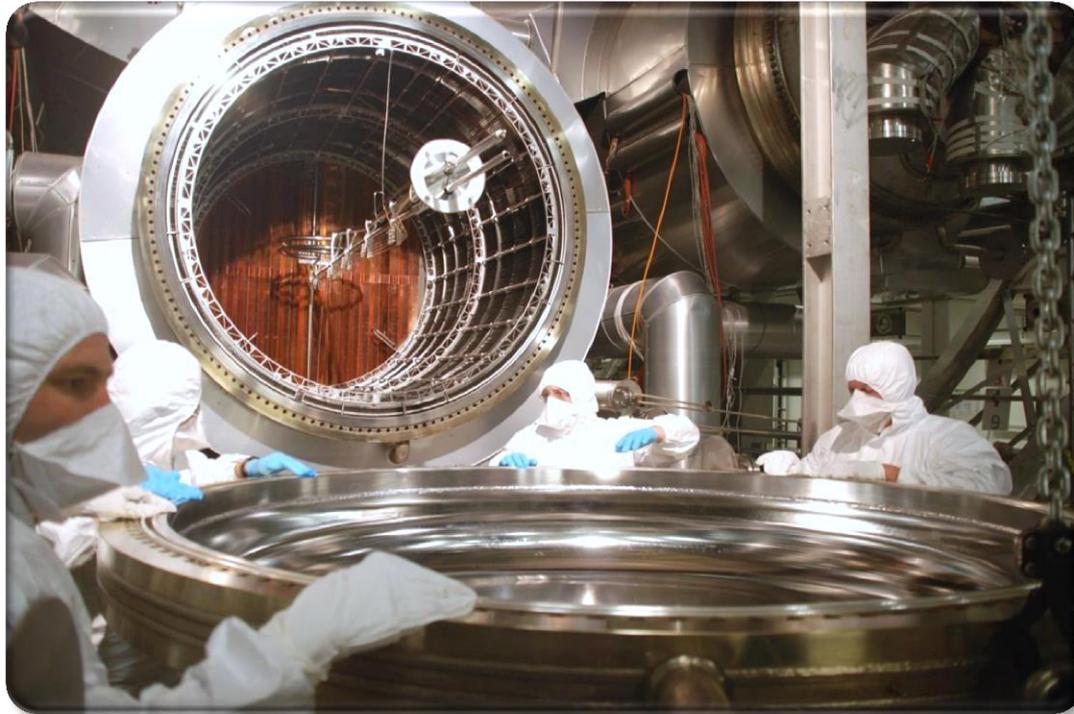
Si-PIN
detector
low background,
148 pixel

2008 – 2012: Wire Electrode Installation

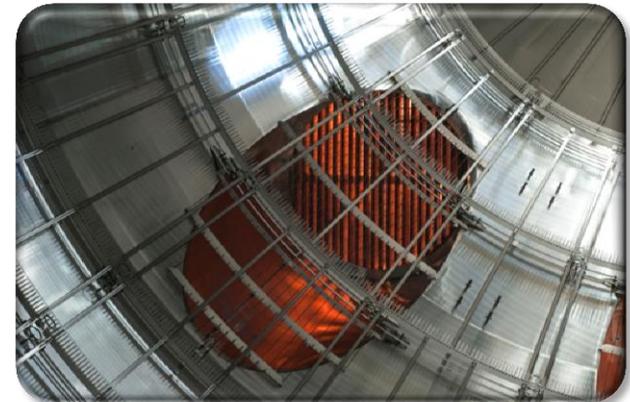
- **248 wire electrodes on the inner surface**
 - 23 440 insulated wires
 - 120 000 individual parts
- **Installed under cleanroom conditions**



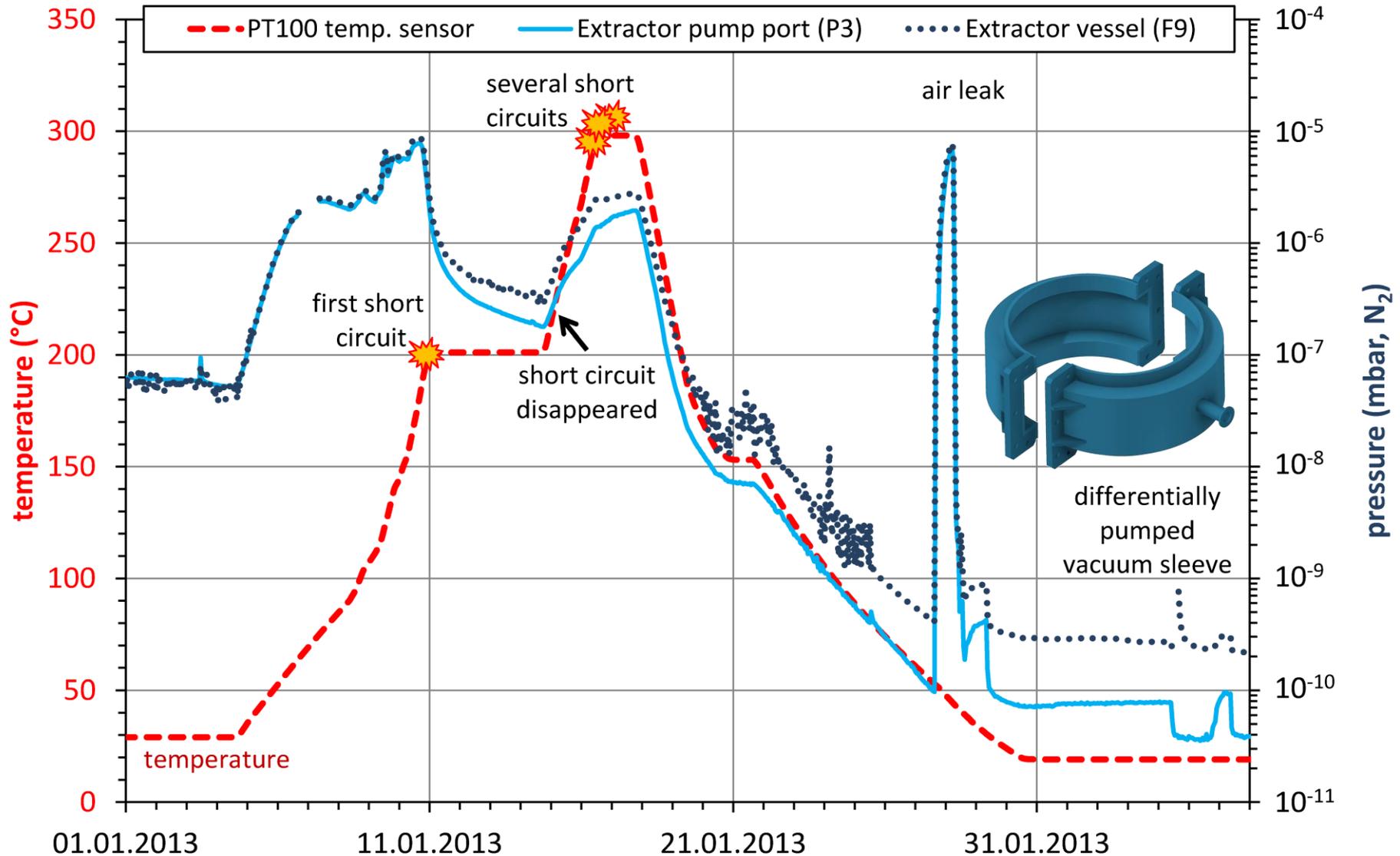
2012: All Components Installed



- **Electrode installation completed**
- **Vacuum system installed**
- **Successful leak test**
- **Commissioning of heating and vacuum control system (PCS7)**

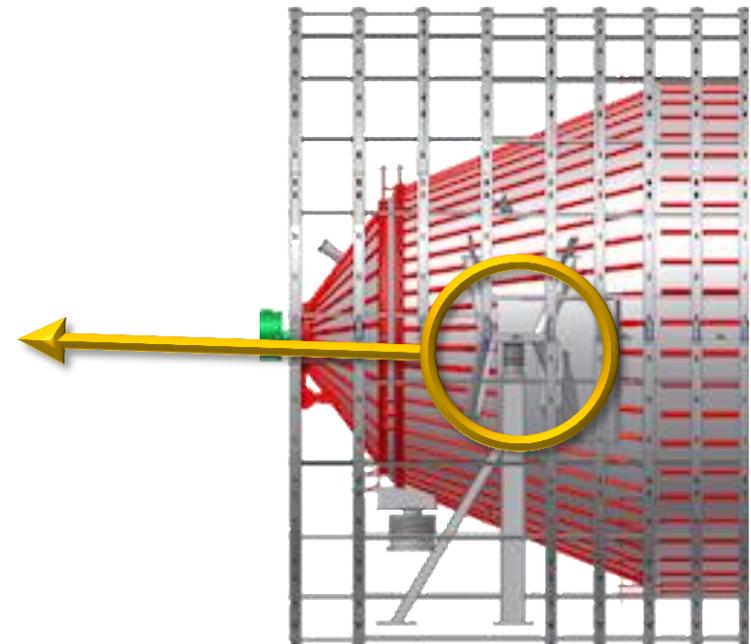
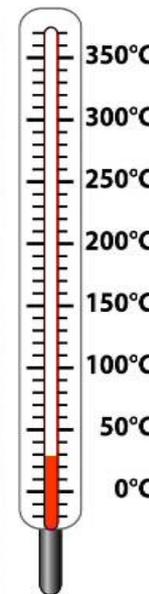


Spectrometer Commissioning: Bake-out

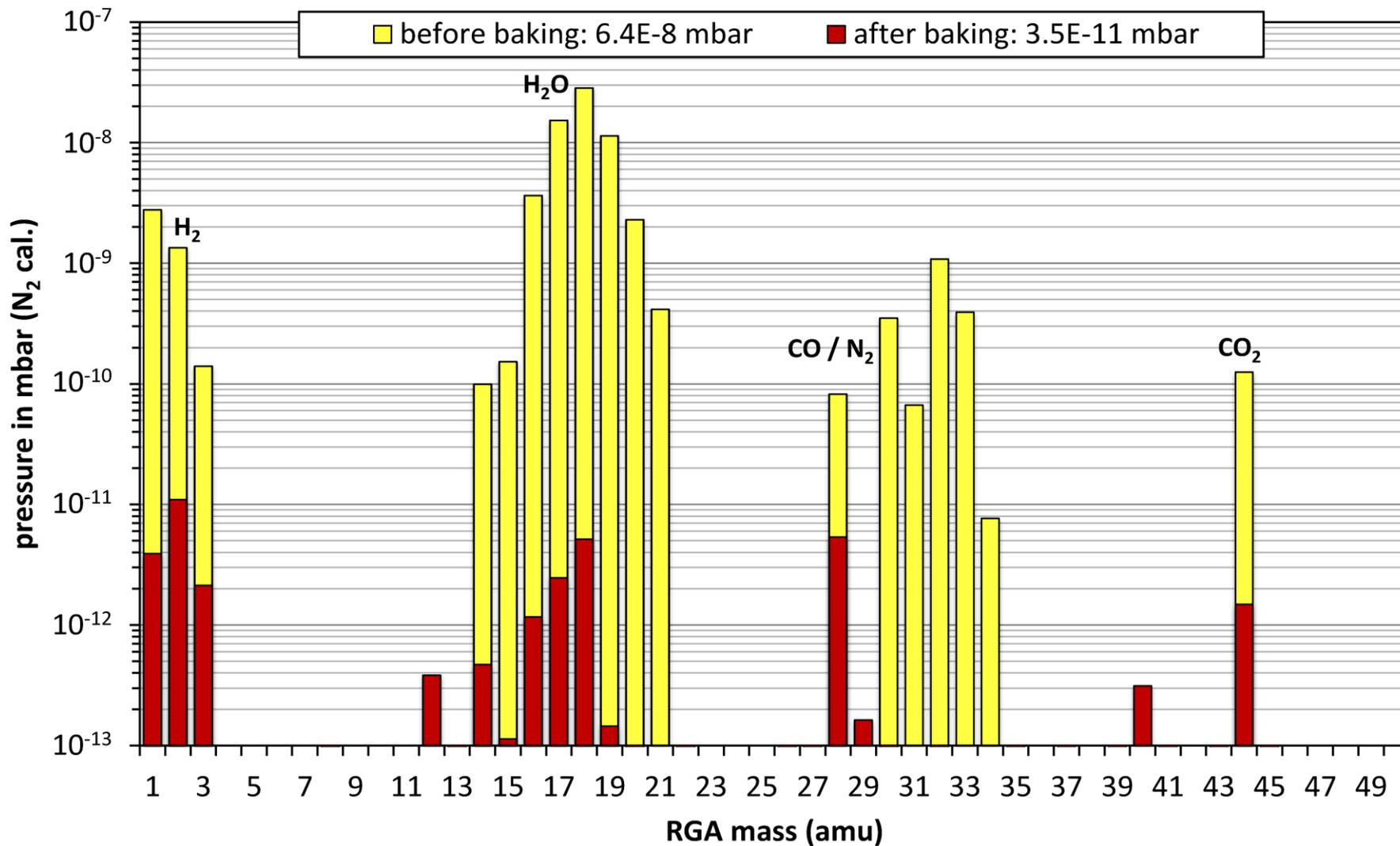


Baking of the Main Spectrometer

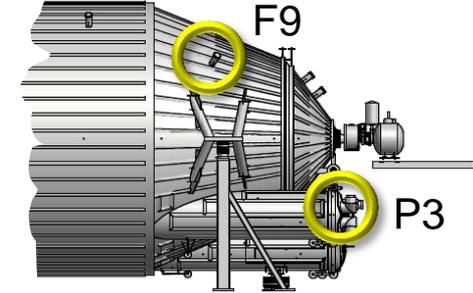
- Duration of baking: 4 weeks
- 24/7 shifts
- Max. temperature: 300°C
- Heating rate: 1°C – 5°C/h
- Thermal expansion during bake-out: ~ 10 cm



Vacuum status after bake-out

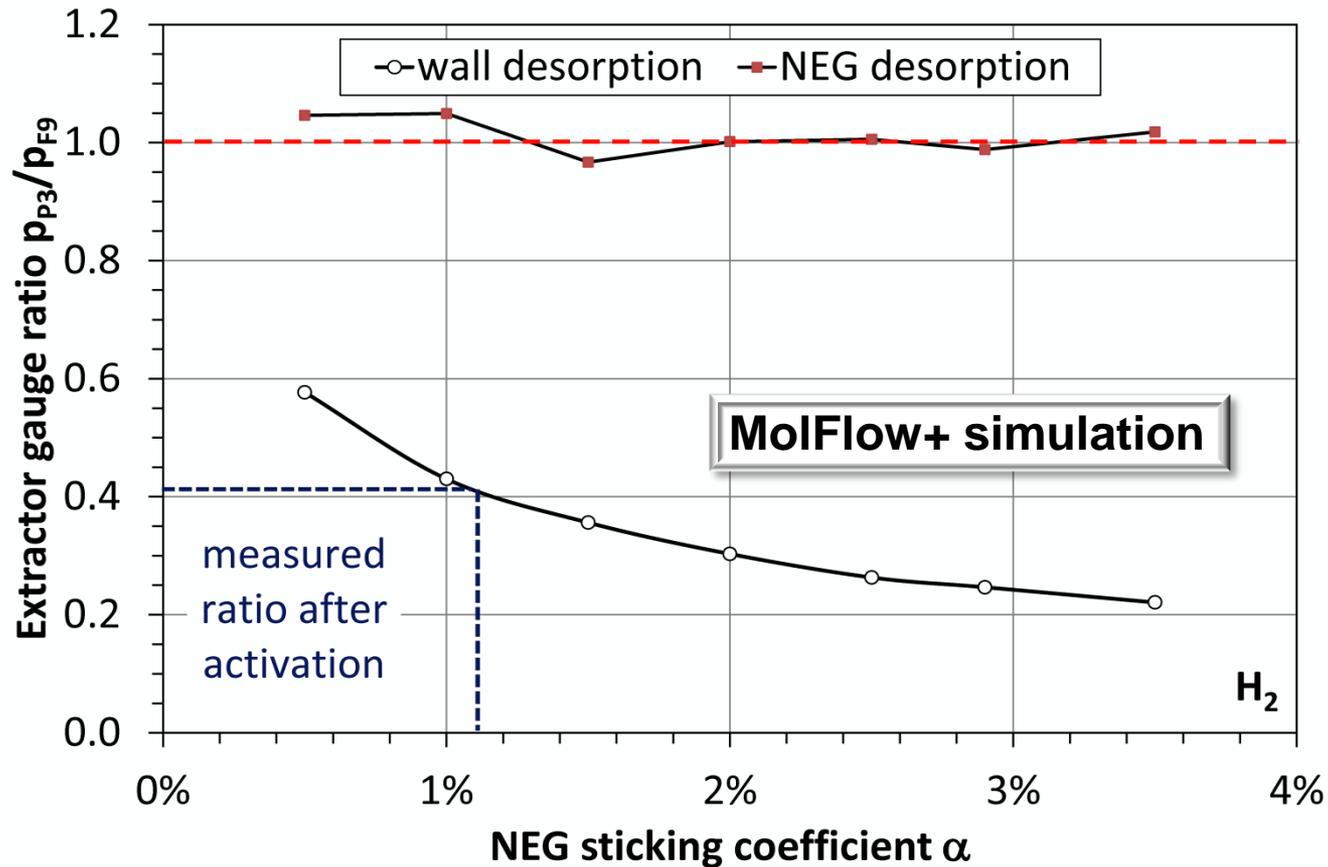


NEG activation



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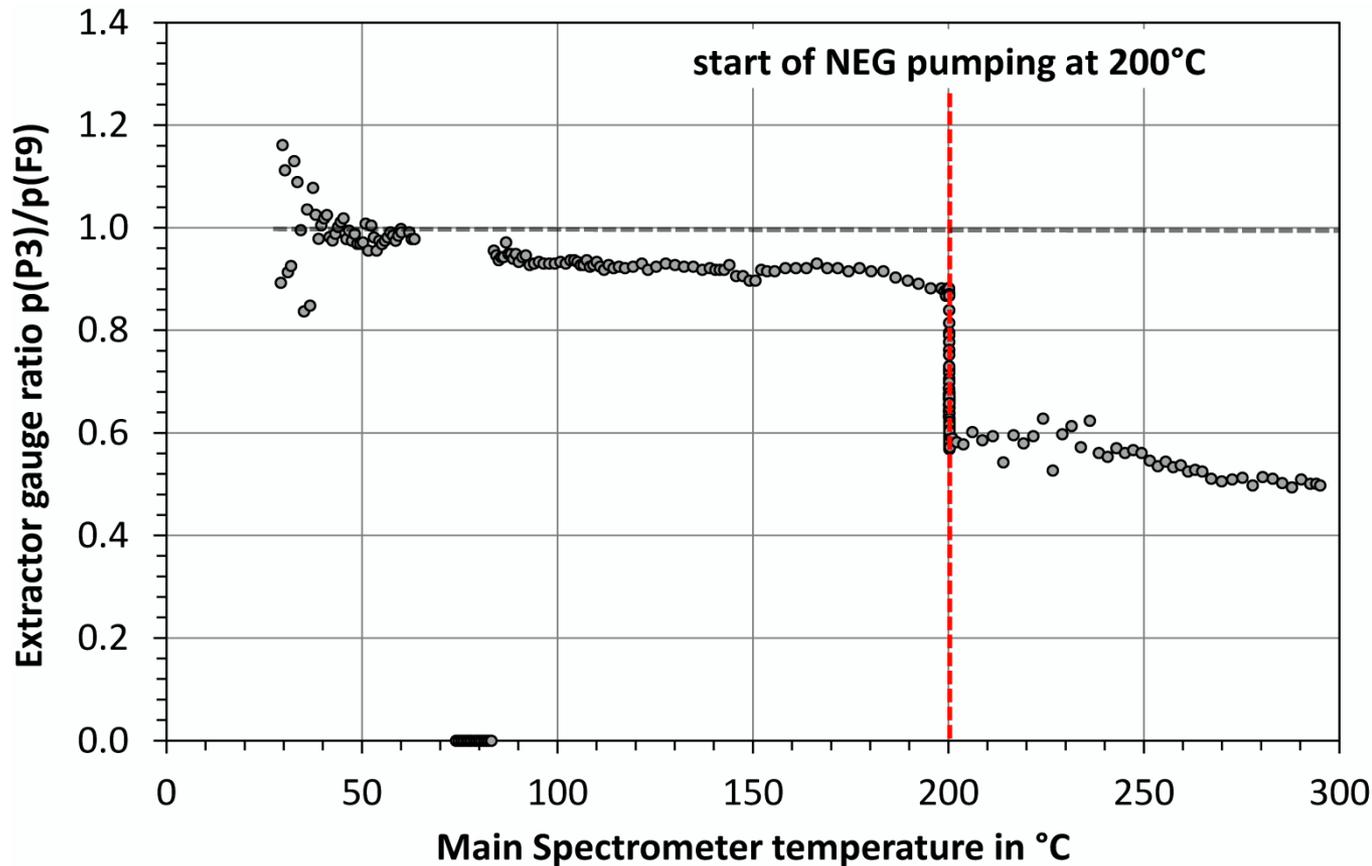
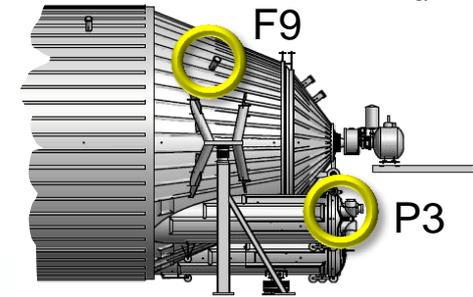
- pressure ratio between vessel and pump port



NEG activation

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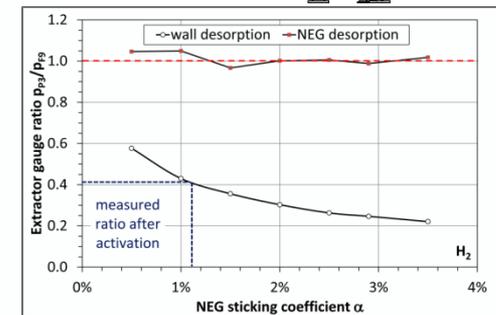
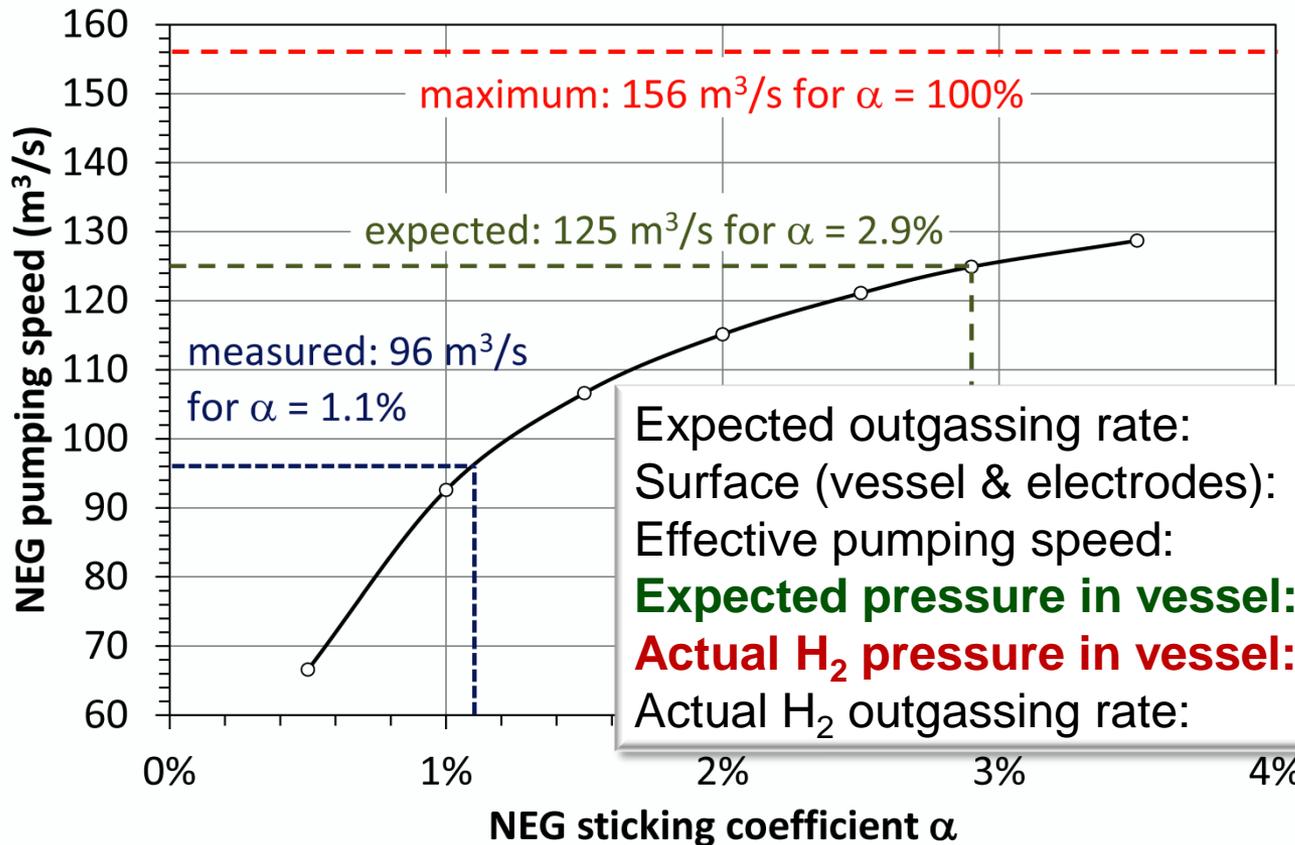
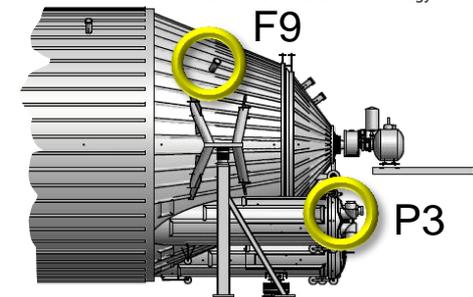
- pressure ratio between vessel and pump port
- first indication for NEG pumping at 200°C



NEG activation

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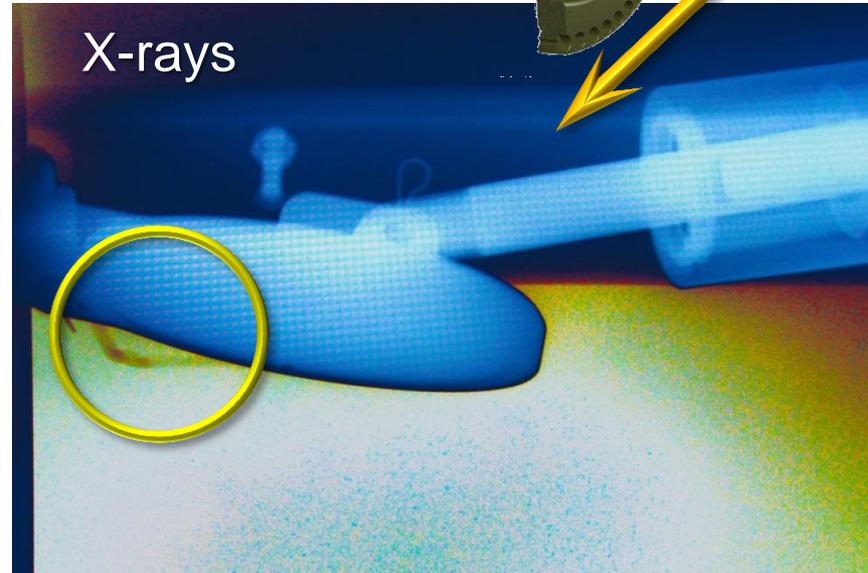
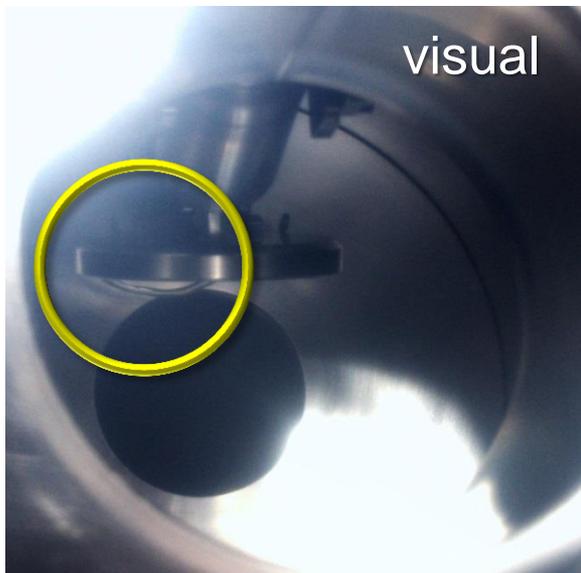
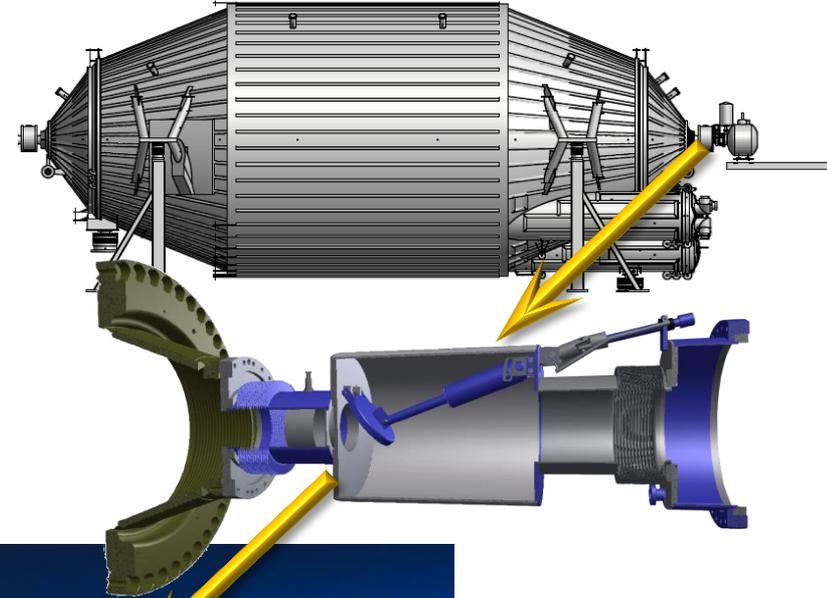
- pressure ratio between vessel and pump port
- after baking: $p_{P3}/p_{F9} = 0.41 \rightarrow S_{NEG} \approx 290 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$



Expected outgassing rate:	$10^{-12} \text{ mbar} \cdot \ell/\text{s} \cdot \text{cm}^2$
Surface (vessel & electrodes):	1240 m^2
Effective pumping speed:	$375 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$
Expected pressure in vessel:	$3.3 \cdot 10^{-11} \text{ mbar}$
Actual H₂ pressure in vessel:	$5.7 \cdot 10^{-11} \text{ mbar}$
Actual H ₂ outgassing rate:	$1.4 \cdot 10^{-12} \text{ mbar} \cdot \ell/\text{s} \cdot \text{cm}^2$

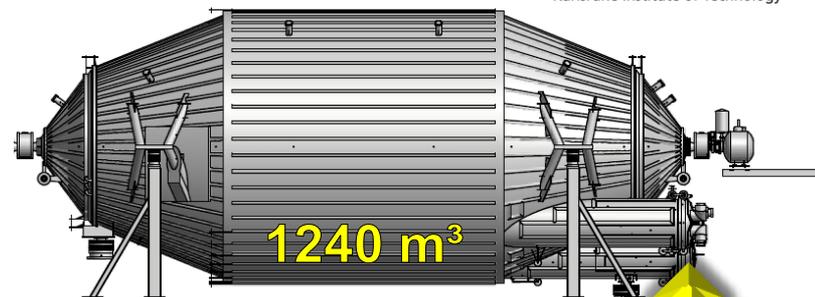
Coupling of Spectrometer and Detector

- Detector de-coupled during bake-out
- Requires valve inside magnet bore
- O-ring partly slipped out during baking
- **Challenge:** attach detector without saturation of the activated NEG-pump



Coupling of Spectrometer and Detector

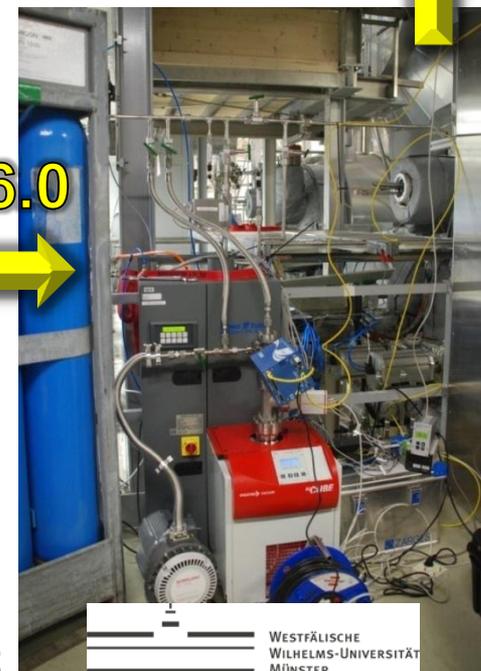
- **Solution:** replacing the O-ring under inert gas atmosphere (Ar)
- Gas quality N9.0 required to prevent contamination of NEG



Ar 9.0

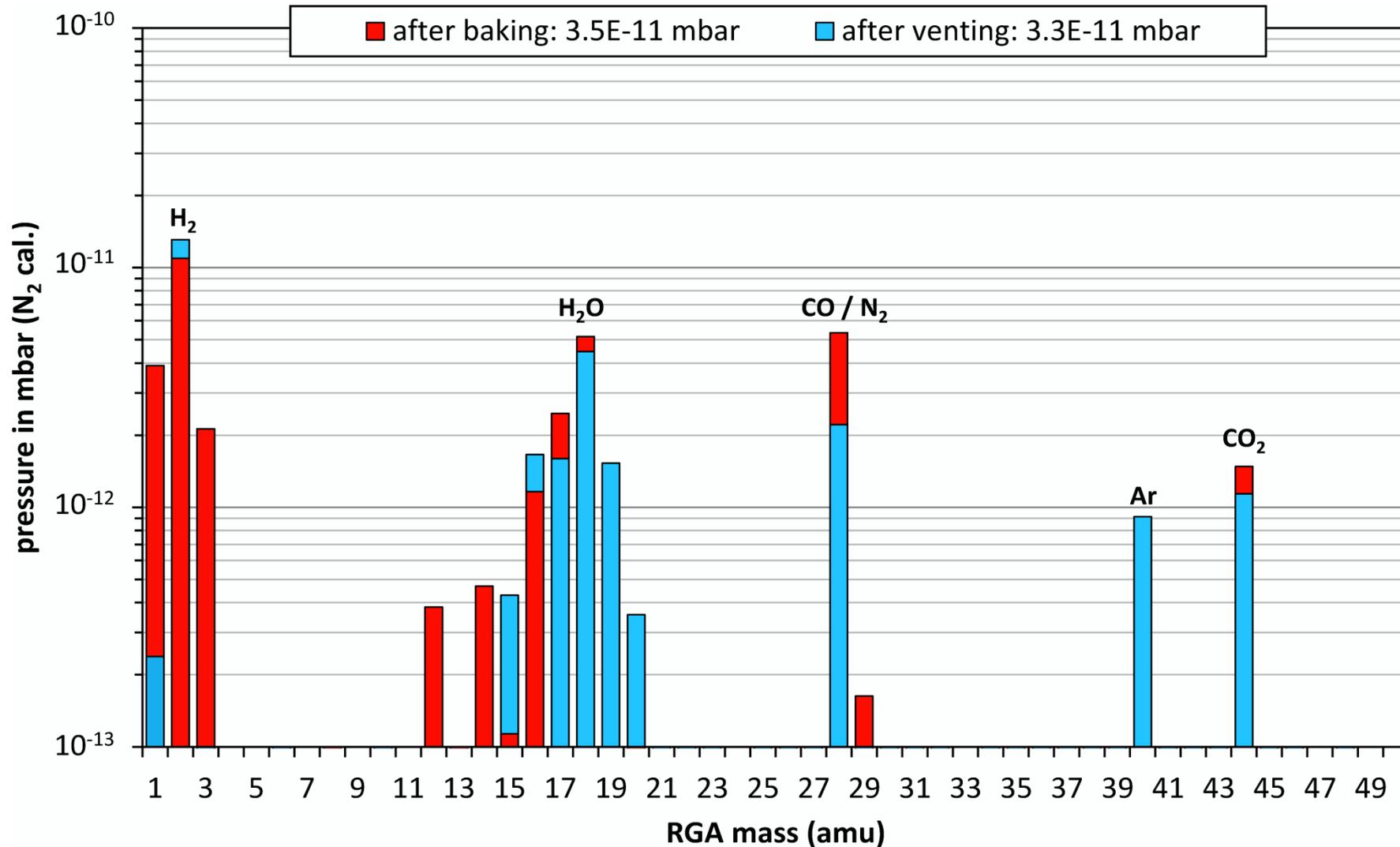


144 bottles Argon N6.0

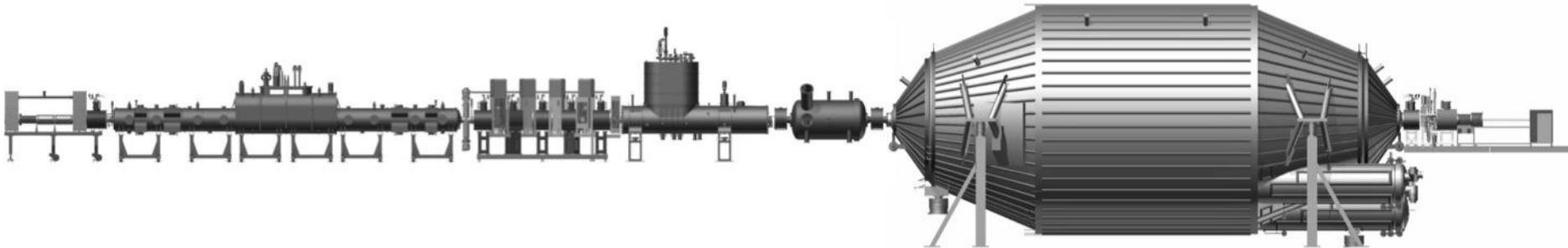


- ☑ O-ring exchanged in Ar atmosphere
- ☑ beam-line valve now leak tight
- ☑ detector section attached

Vacuum status after venting with argon

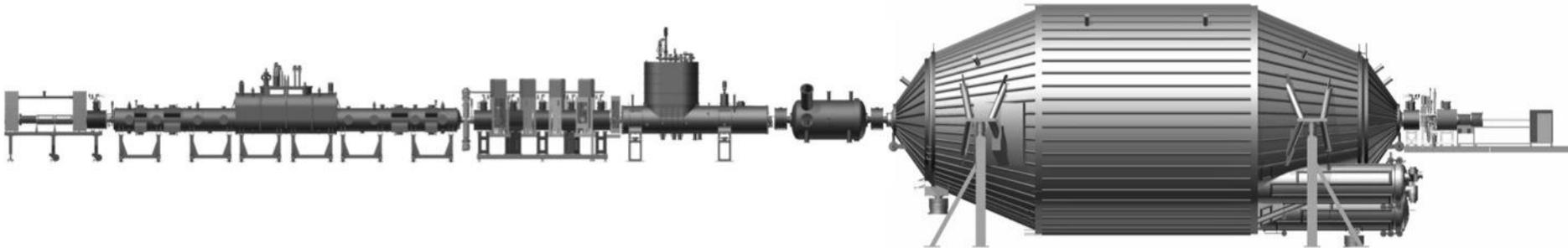


KATRIN Schedule



- spectrometer upgrade for low background (0.01 cps) Q1/2015
- tritium retention units DPS and CPS functional Q2/2015
- tritium source WGTS final mounting completed mid-2015
- spectrometer upgrade completed Q3/2015
- all source elements & tritium loops integrated Q4/2015
- first tritium in source, ramp up to nominal ρd Q1-Q2/2016
- **first tritium data with entire beam line mid-2016**

Conclusions



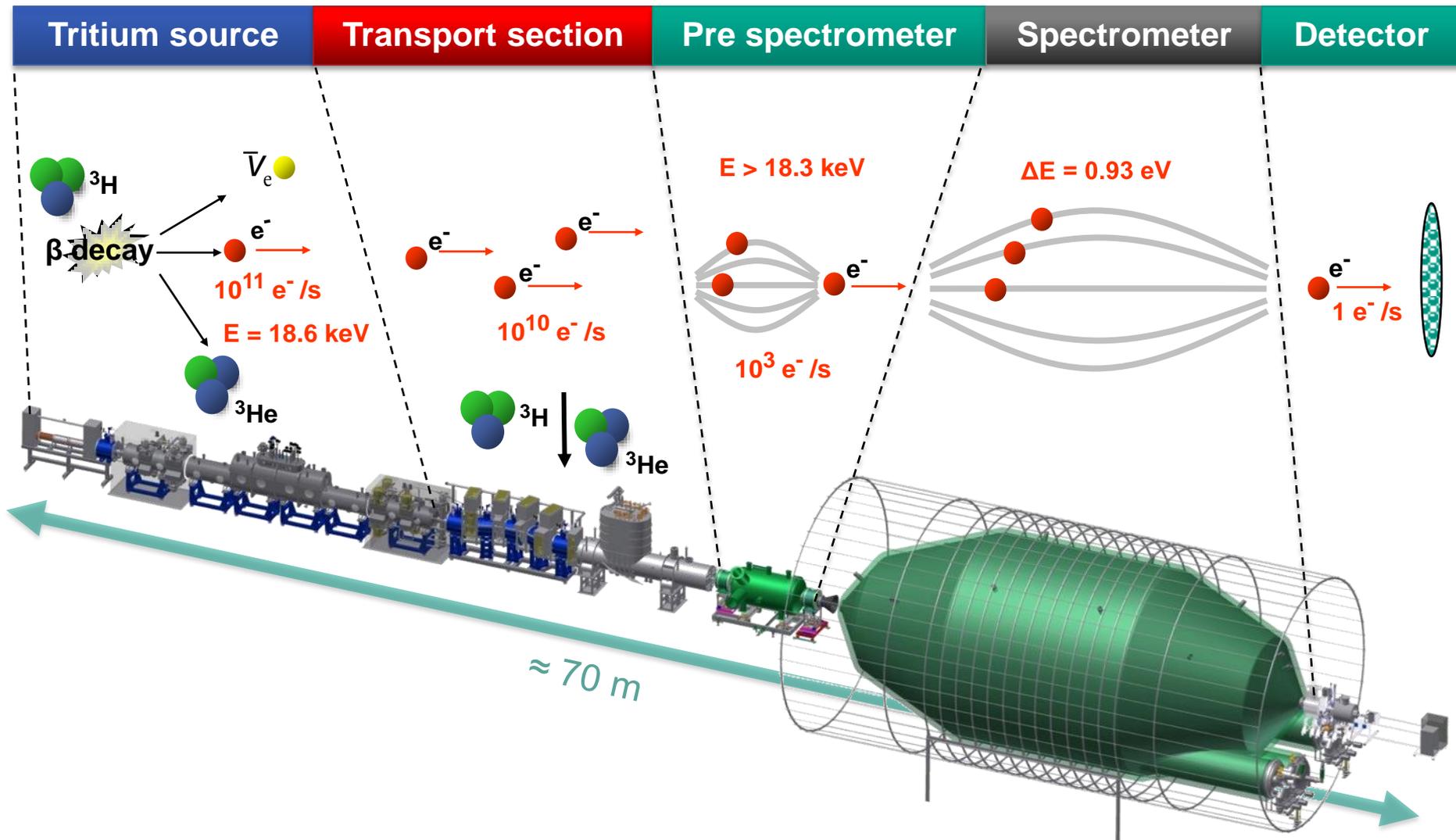
- Source and Transport Section still under construction
- Spectrometer and Detector Section commissioned
- Various smaller experiments investigate specific questions
 - TMPs in magnetic fields
 - Tritium compatibility of TMPs
 - Outgassing rates
 - ...

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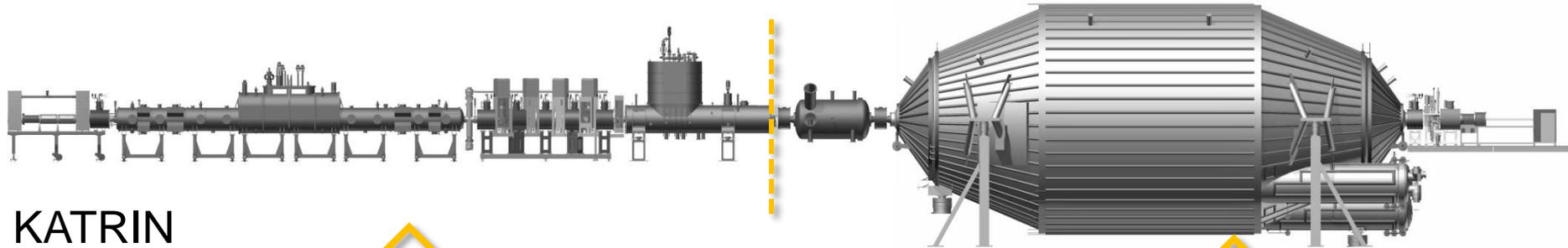


Backup slides

The KATRIN Setup - Overview



KATRIN experiment – overview



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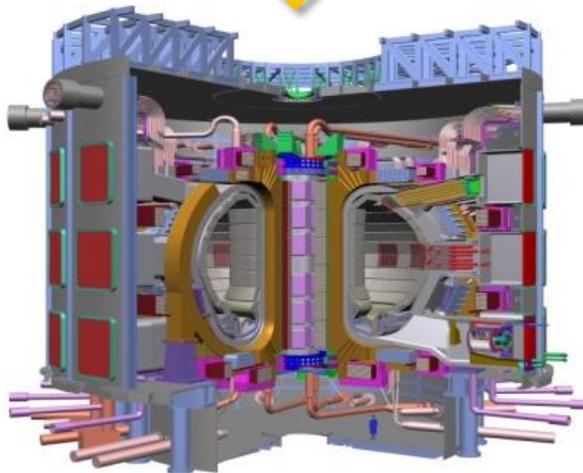


large tritium throughput

~ **10 kg/a**



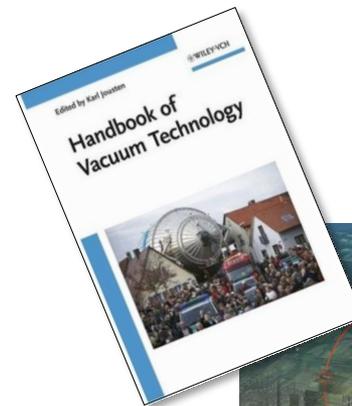
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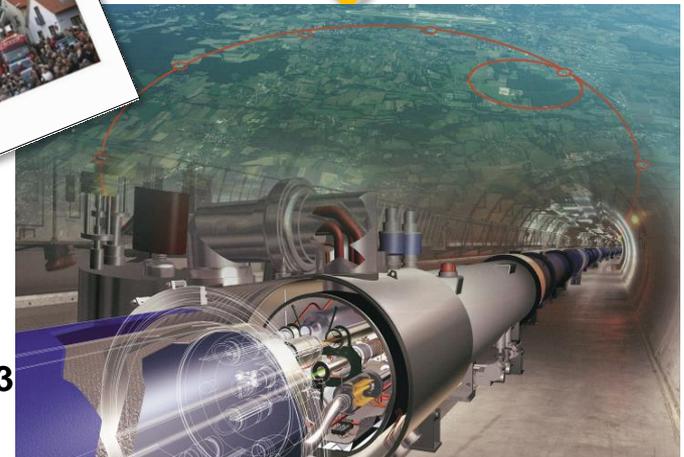
1240 m³



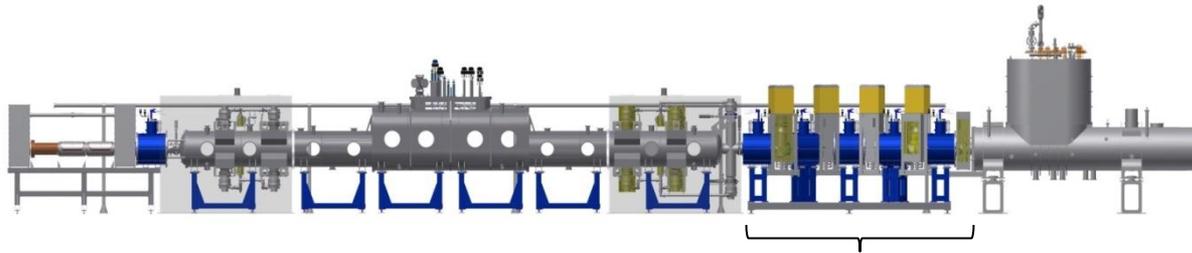
one of largest UHV-
recipient ($<10^{-11}$ mbar)



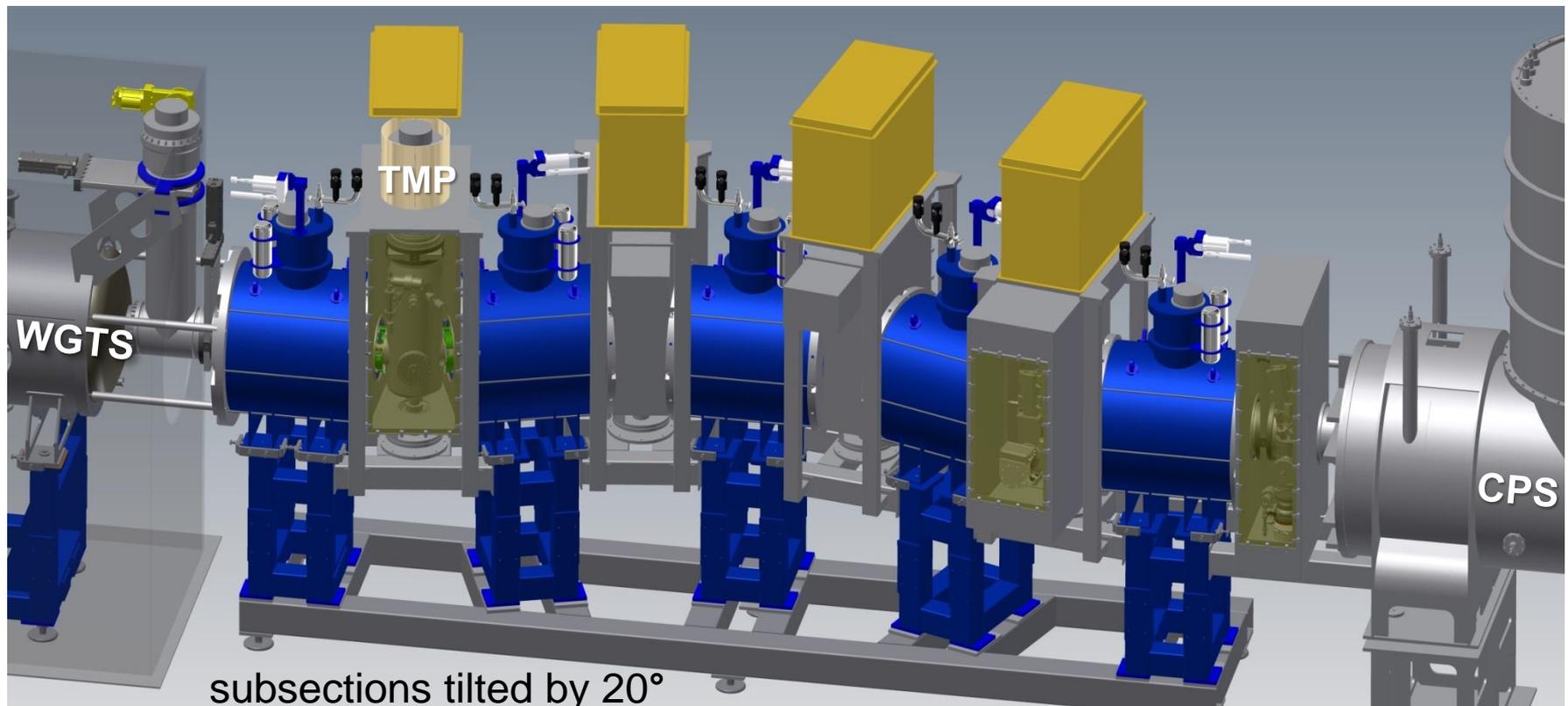
LHC
154 m³



DPS 2-F – differential pumping section

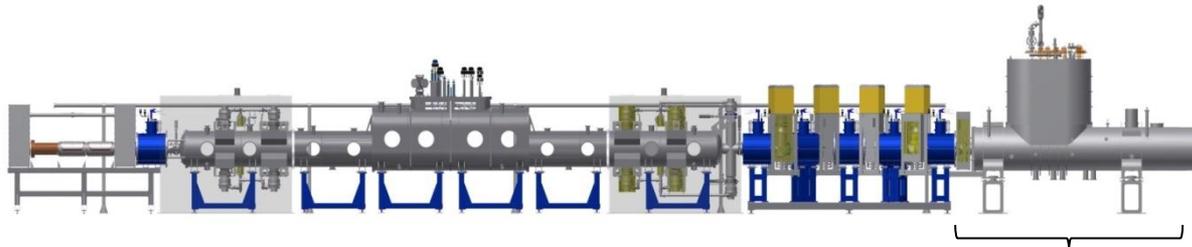


- **DPS:** active differential pumping by 4 main TMPs - retention factor 10^5



subsections tilted by 20°

CPS – cryogenic pumping section



■ CPS: passive cryotrap

cryogenic pumping

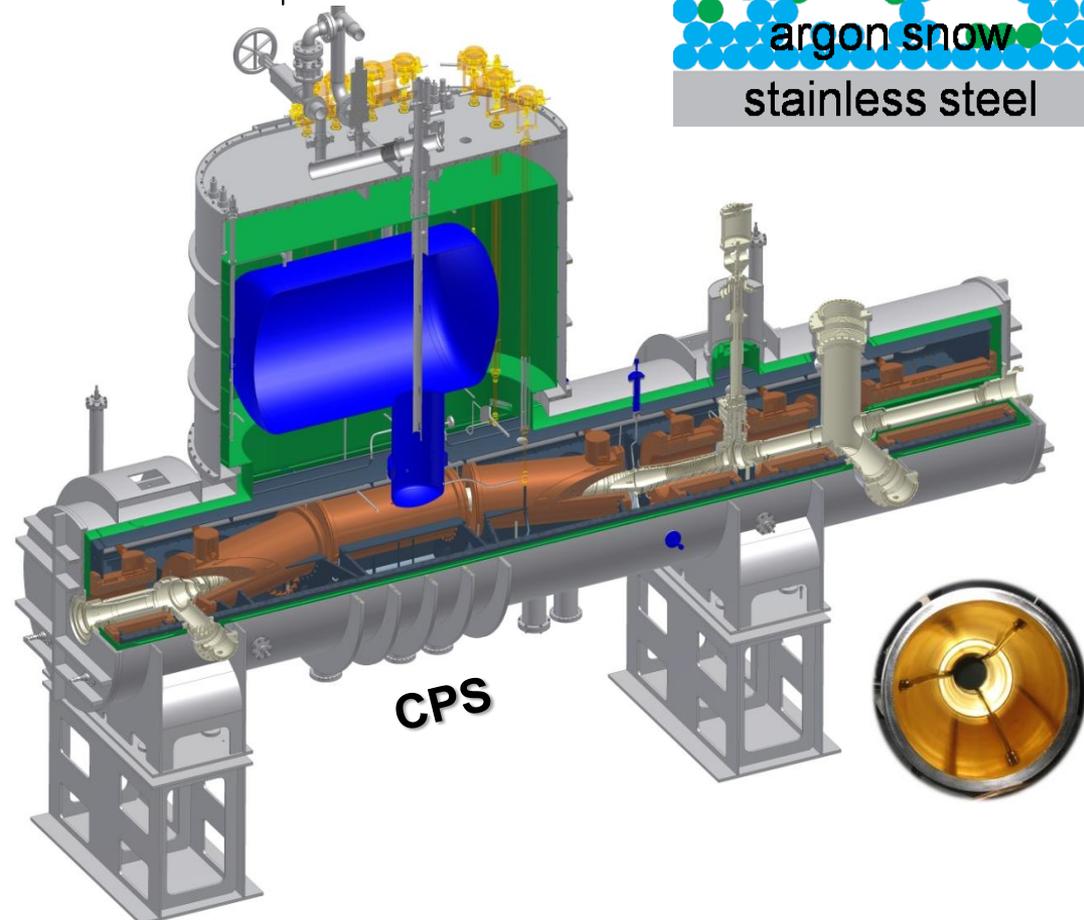
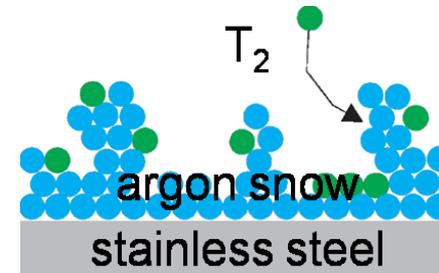
- 3 K beam tubes with Ar frost
- tritium retention factor $> 10^7$

adiabatic guiding of electrons

- 7 s.c. solenoids ($B = 5.6$ T)

Port instrumentation

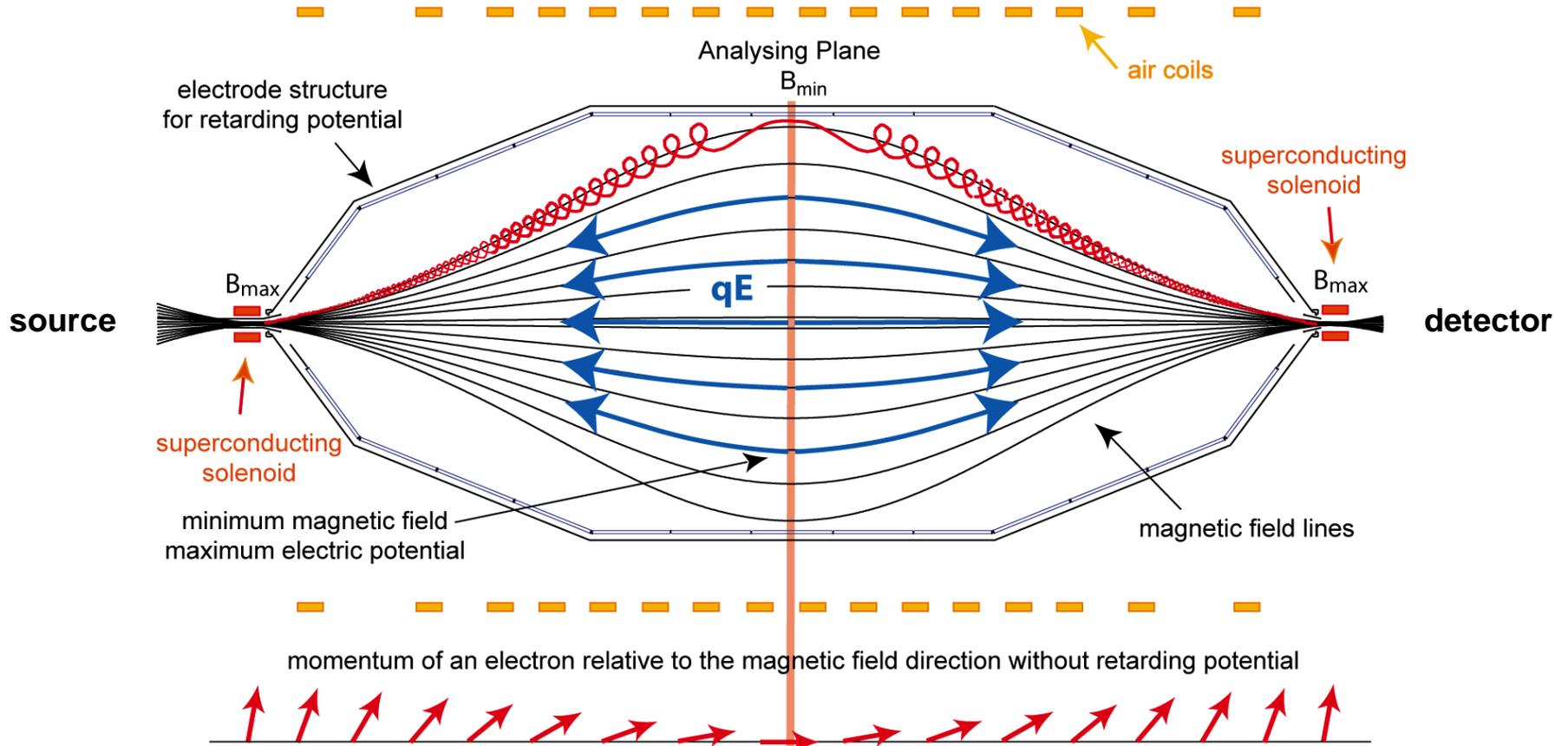
- vertical access port for condensed ^{83m}Kr source
- horizontal port for monitoring



The MAC-E Filter

A. Picard et al., NIM B 63 (1992)

Magnetic Adiabatic Collimation
with Electrostatic Filter



- **collimation:** $\mu = E_{\perp} / B = \text{const}, \rightarrow E_{\perp} \rightarrow E_{\parallel} \text{ for } B = 6 \text{ T} \rightarrow 3 \text{ mT}$
- **energy analysis:** transmission condition: $E_{\parallel} > eU_0$ (retarding potential)
- **energy resolution:** $\Delta E = E \cdot B_{\text{min}} / B_{\text{max}} = 18.6 \text{ keV} \cdot 0.3 \text{ mT} / 6 \text{ T} = 0.93 \text{ eV}$

2013: Spectrometer Commissioning

■ Vacuum conditioning for the MAC-E-filter test measurements

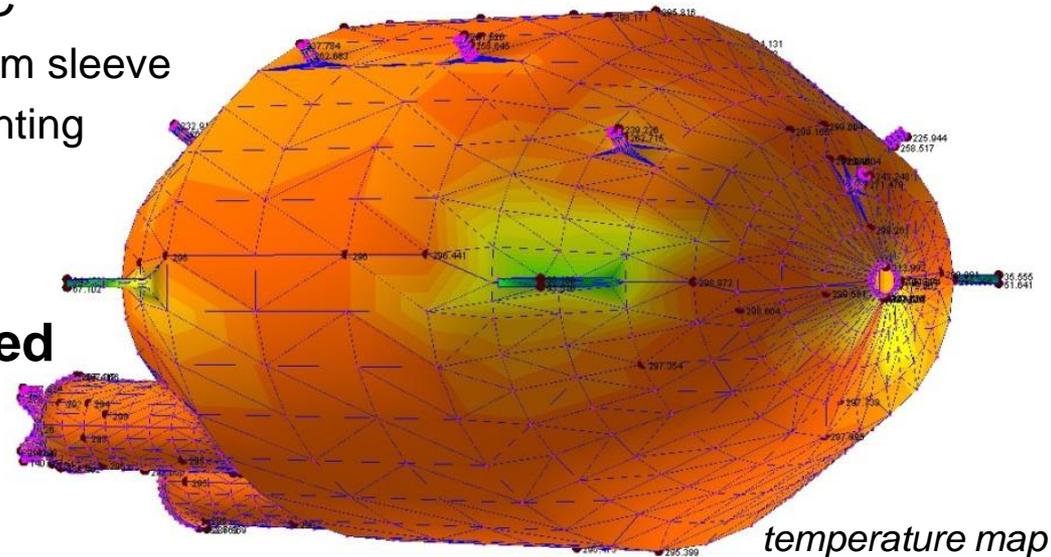
- Plan: baking of the M.S. at 350°C (cleaning and activation of NEG)
- Goal: reach UHV conditions with $p \approx 10^{-11}$ mbar
- Bake-out in January 2013

■ Problems during bake-out (partly solved)

- Short circuit between current leads to electrodes @ 200°C – 300°C
 - Reduced baking temperature (300°C) to avoid further damage
- Leakage in CF flange at 50°C
 - Differentially pumped vacuum sleeve
 - Another leakage after Ar venting
- Leakage in beam-line valve
 - Ar venting for repair

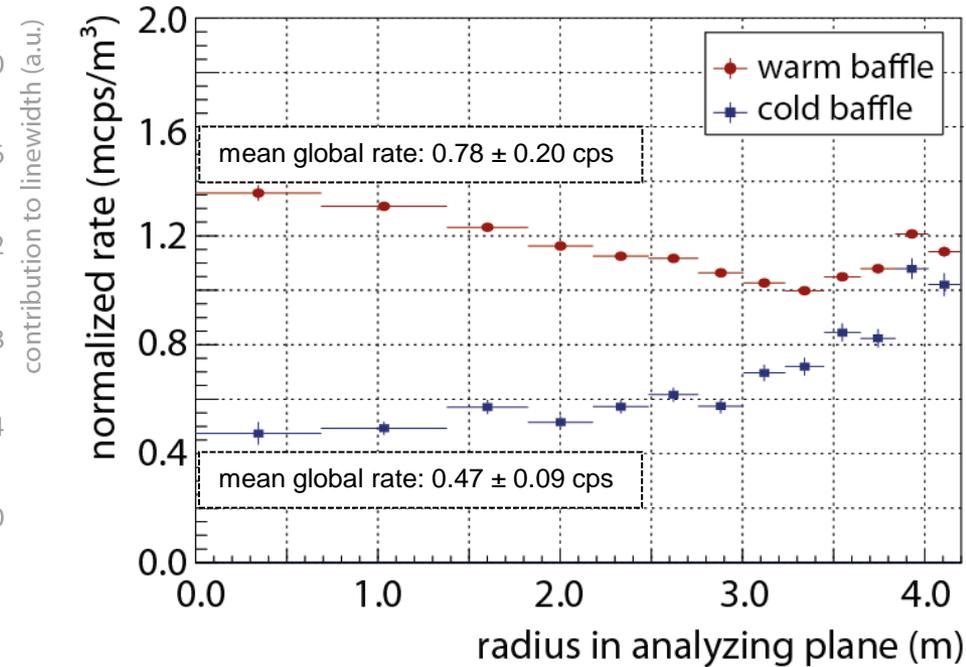
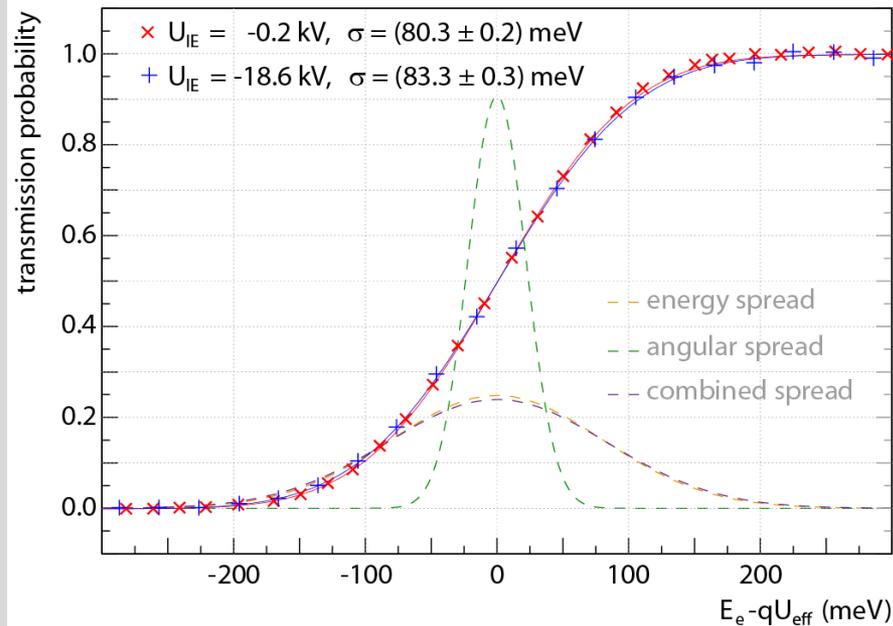
■ Detector and e-gun connected

■ Start of MAC-E-filter tests



detailed transmission and background studies

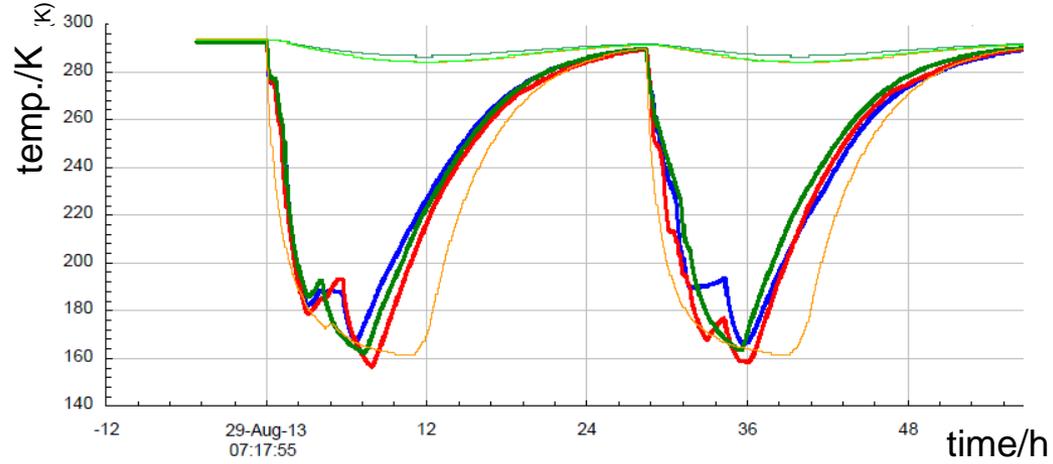
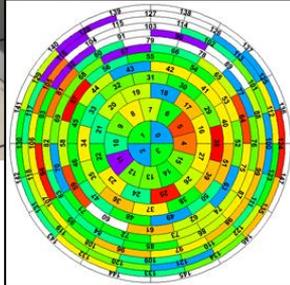
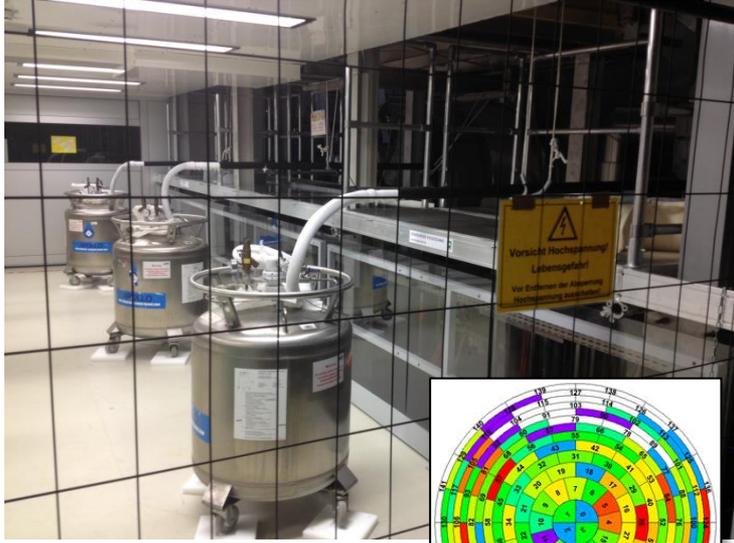
- sharpest transmission function ever measured with MAC-E filter
- background from $^{219}\text{Rn}/^{220}\text{Rn}$ emanation eliminated



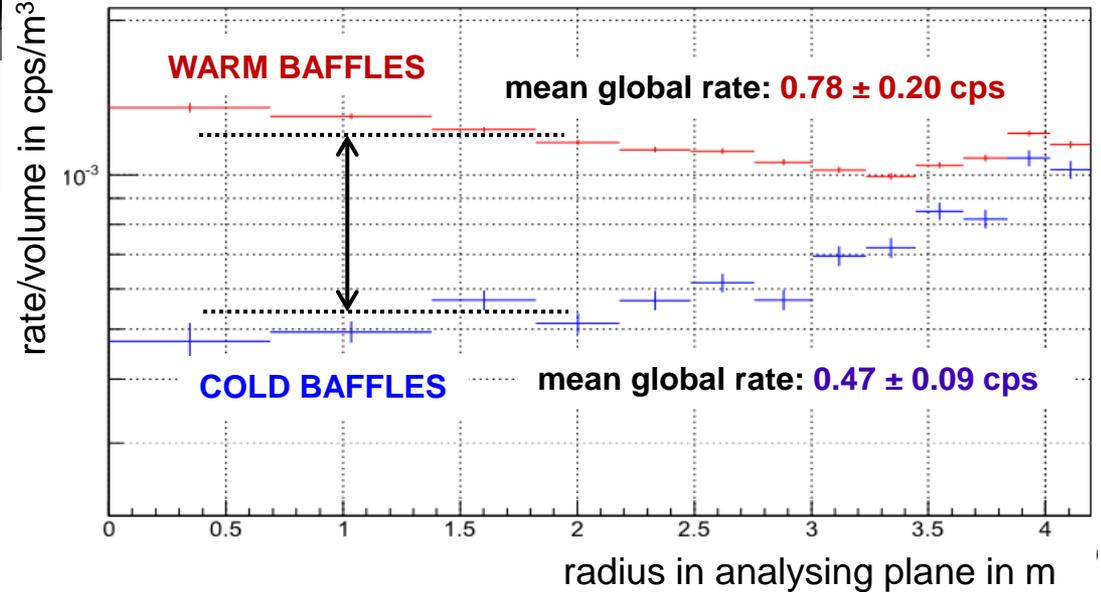
- will be improved during 2014 commissioning runs

Results on the Radon Induced Background

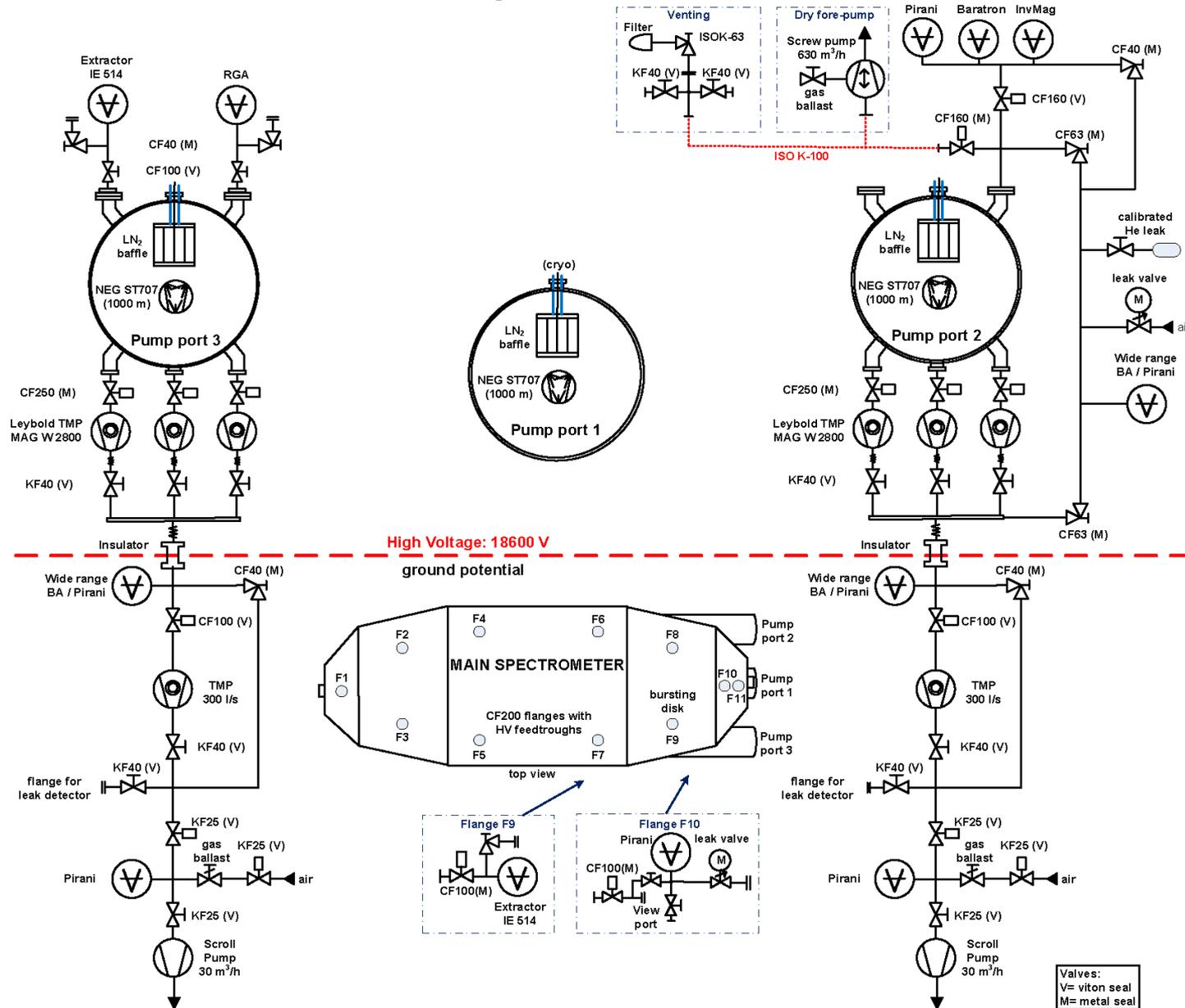
Measurements with cold baffles and high voltage



- Two short measurements
- Background strongly reduced
- Proof of principle: baffles work as expected
- Long-term performance will be tested in 2014/2015

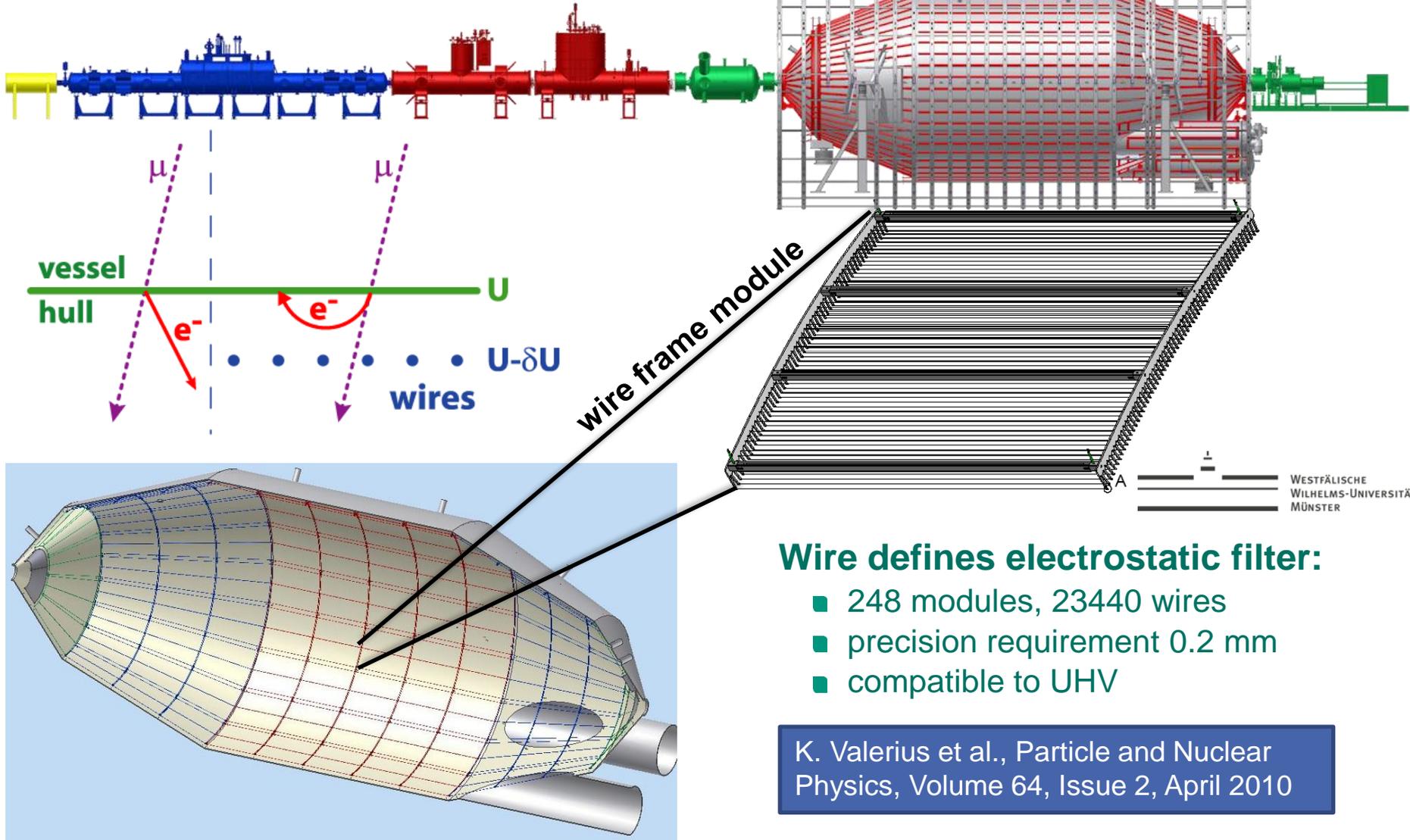


Vacuum scheme of the Main Spectrometer



KATRIN Main Spectrometer

Spectrometer itself is a source of background



Wire defines electrostatic filter:

- 248 modules, 23440 wires
- precision requirement 0.2 mm
- compatible to UHV

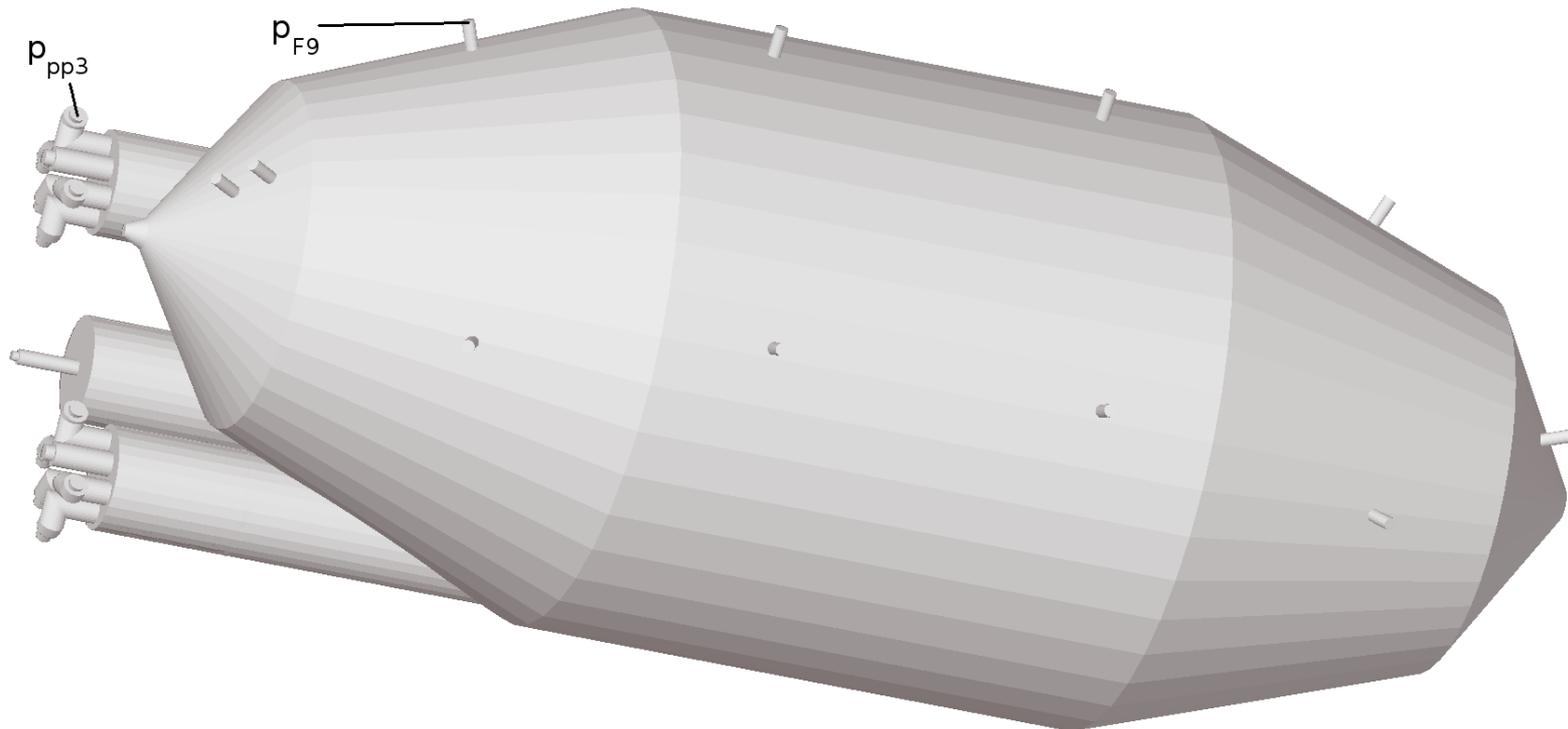
K. Valerius et al., Particle and Nuclear Physics, Volume 64, Issue 2, April 2010

KATRIN Main Spectrometer

Component	Material	Temp.	Surface
Main Spectrometer vacuum vessel	316LN	20°C	690.0 m ²
Wires (23440 wires with a total length of 42400 m)	316L	20°C	33.6 m ²
Electrode frames (248 modules)	316L	20°C	436.8 m ²
Electrode rail system	316LN	20°C	58.0 m ²
Feedthrough flanges	316LN	20°C	2.0 m ²
Small components (frame NEG-pumps, etc.)	316L	20°C	1.5 m ²
Σ stainless steel	316L(N)	20°C	1221.9 m²
Σ ceramic insulators	Al₂O₃	20°C	5.8 m²
Σ anti-penning electrodes	Ti	20°C	11.0 m²
Σ ground electrodes	Al	20°C	1.3 m²
Σ surfaces at room temperature		20°C	1240 m²
Σ cryogenic baffles	Cu	77 K	31 m²
Σ NEG-strips	St707	20°C	180 m²
Volume Main Spectrometer			1240 m³

Simulations of the Main Spectrometer

- simplified model of the main spectrometer created (optimized discretization for Molflow)
- simulate pressure ratio p_{P3} / p_{F9} of pressure gauges



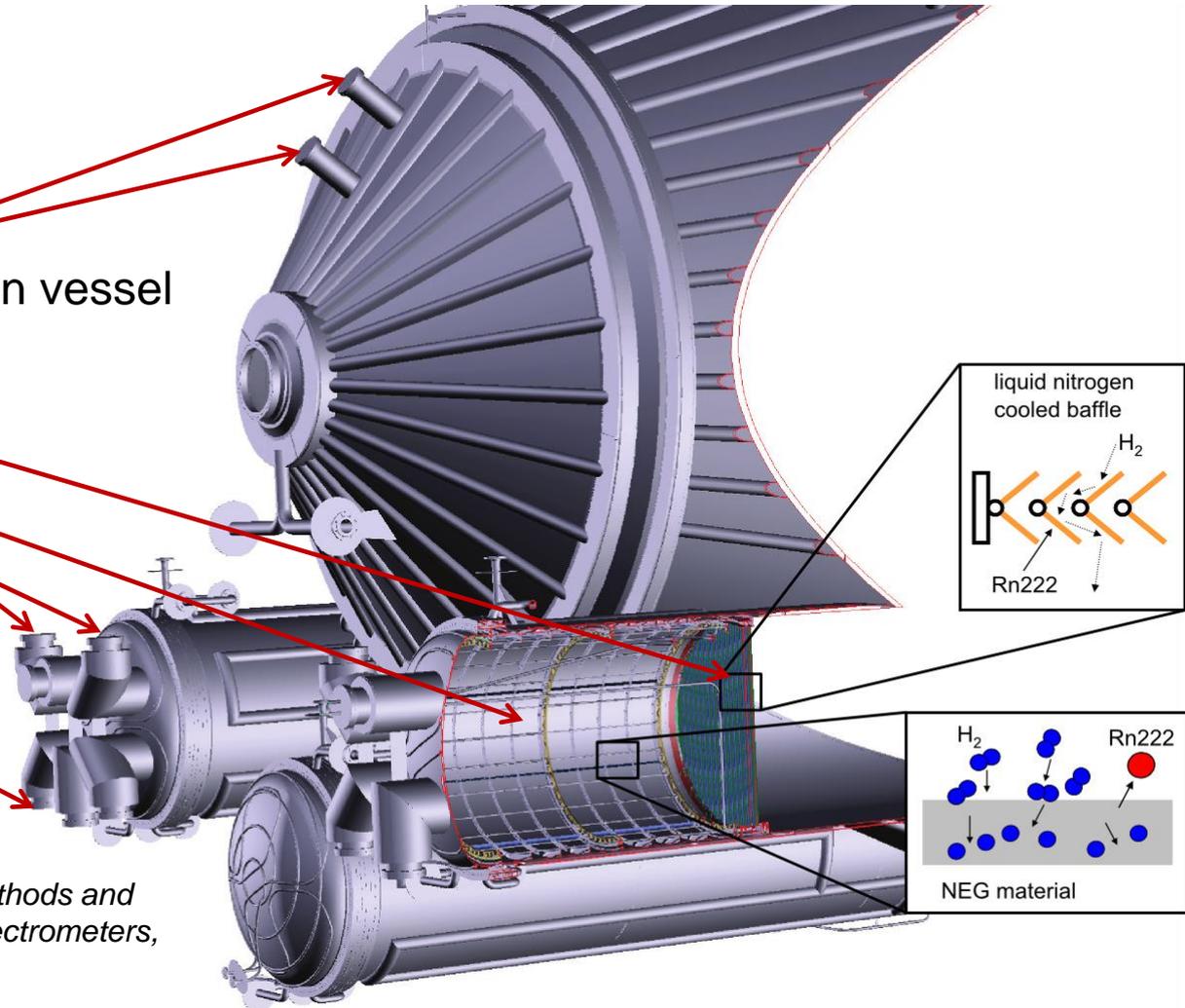
Simulations of the Main Spectrometer

- **three possible gas sources for hydrogen and radon:**
 - complete stainless steel tank
 - NEG strips in pump ports
 - diagonal virtual area in one pump port (cross section between port and vessel) for determination of pumping speeds
- **three possible pump variations:**
 - NEG pumps hydrogen with α_{NEG} between 0.5% and 3.5% (2.9% expected)
 - TMPs for hydrogen or radon with their respective α_{TMP}
 - baffles with α_{baffle} between 0% and 100% for radon
- **aims:**
 - find correlations between α_{baffle} , α_{NEG} and pressure ratios
 - simulation of effective pumping speed of NEG, TMPs and baffles
 - comparison with experimental ratios → effective pumping speed
 - simulate radon suppression factor

Simulation of the Main Spectrometer (MoIFlow+)

■ main components:

- CF 200 ports on main vessel
- Baffles
- NEG strips
- Vacuum gauges
- TMPs

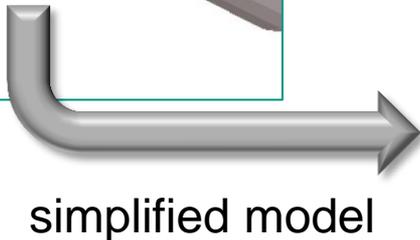
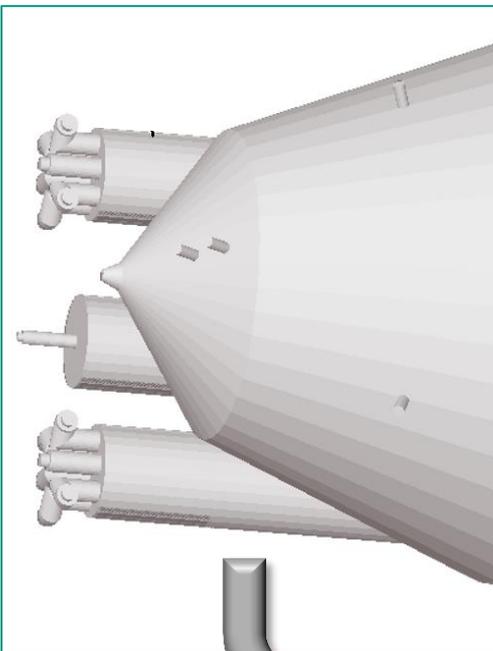


Source:

S. Görhardt: *Background Reduction Methods and Vacuum Technology at the KATRIN spectrometers*, PhD thesis, Karlsruhe 2014

Simulation of an effective pumping speed

- Simulate pump as surface with an **adsorption probability** α
- Determine **pumping probability**: $w = N_{ads}/N_{des}$
- Calculate the **effective pumping speed**: $S(M) = 1/4 \bar{c}_M \cdot A_{port} \cdot w$



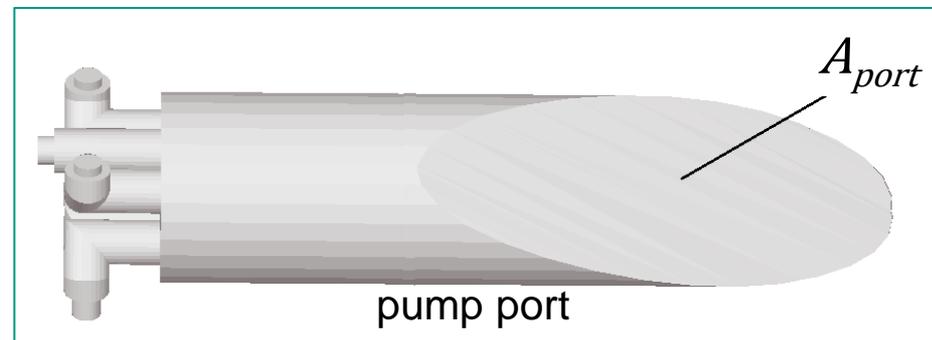
\bar{c} : mean molecular speed for mass M

$$\bar{c} = \sqrt{\frac{8k_B T}{\pi M}}$$

A_{port} : desorption area (virtual area)

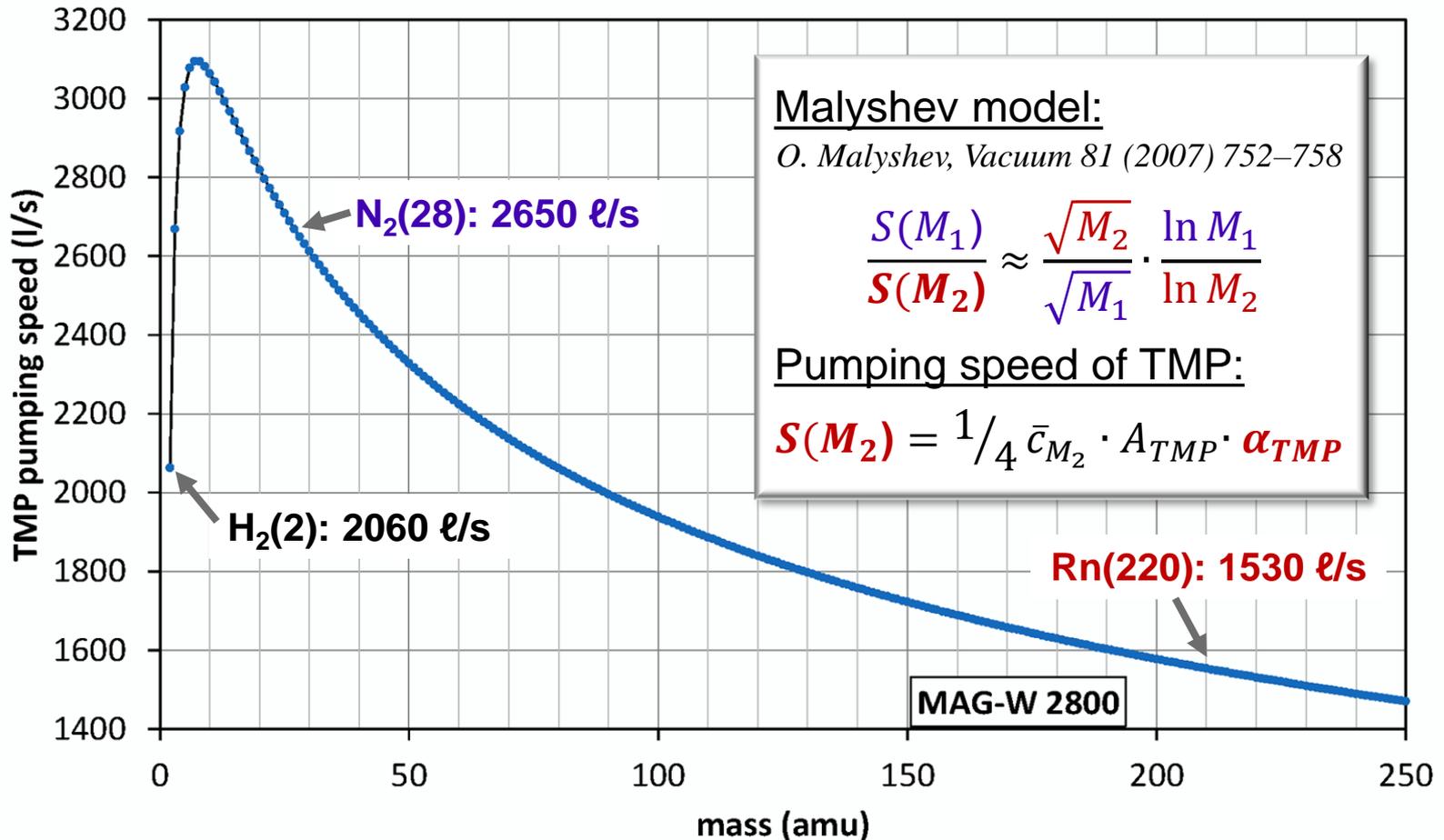
N_{ads} : number of adsorptions in pump

N_{des} : total desorption number

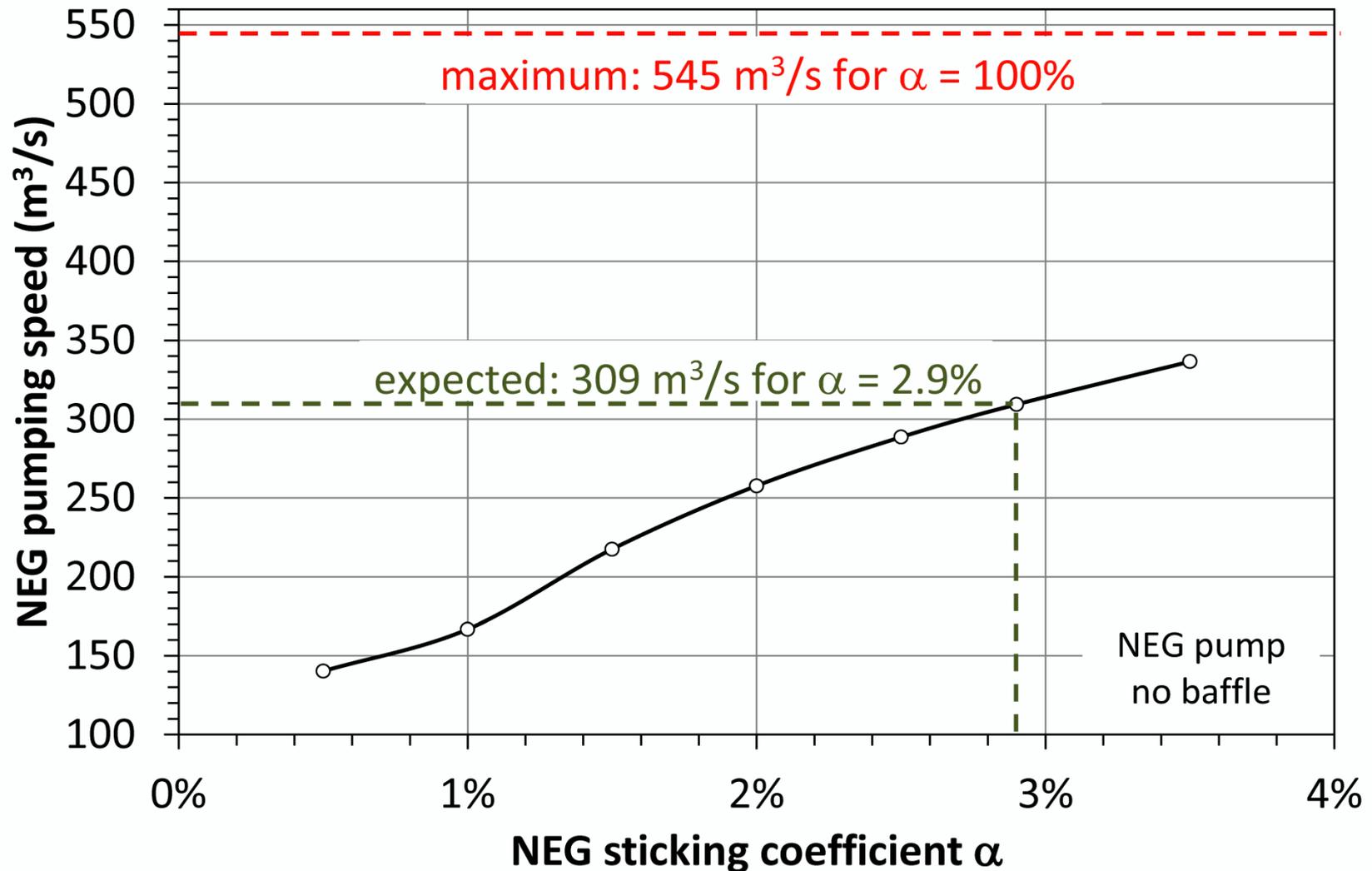


TMP simulation

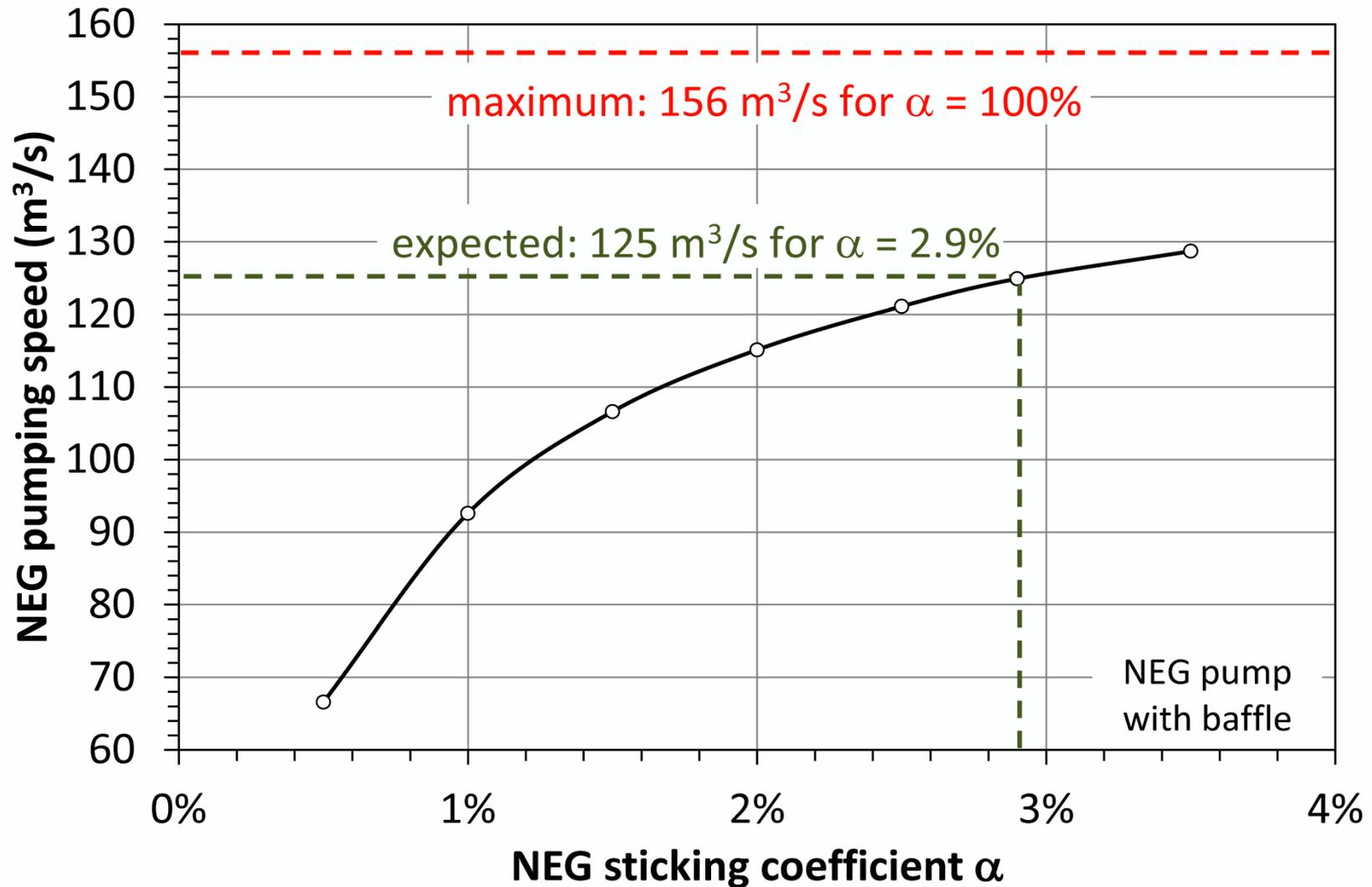
- Determine pumping speed of TMP for **mass of gas particle** (Malyshev model)
- Simulate **pumping probability** $w = N_{ads}/N_{des}$
- **Effective pumping speed:** $S(M_2) = 1/4 \bar{c}_{M_2} \cdot A_{port} \cdot w$



NEG-pump simulation (without baffle)

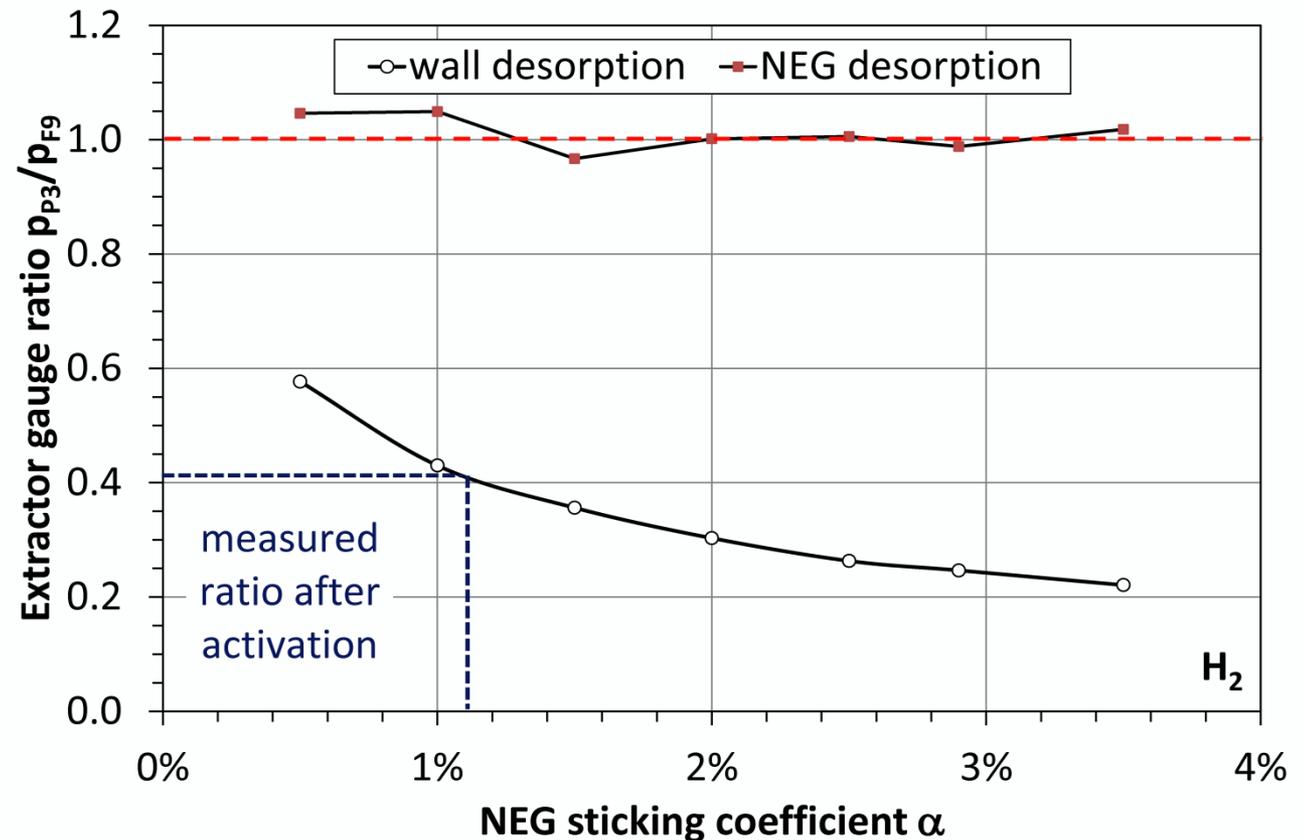
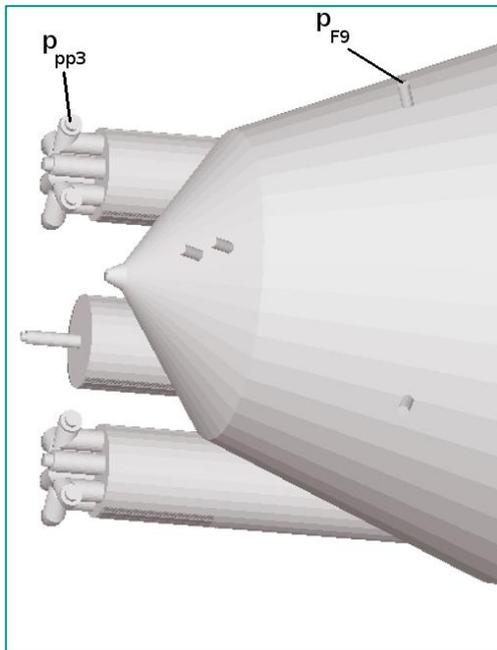


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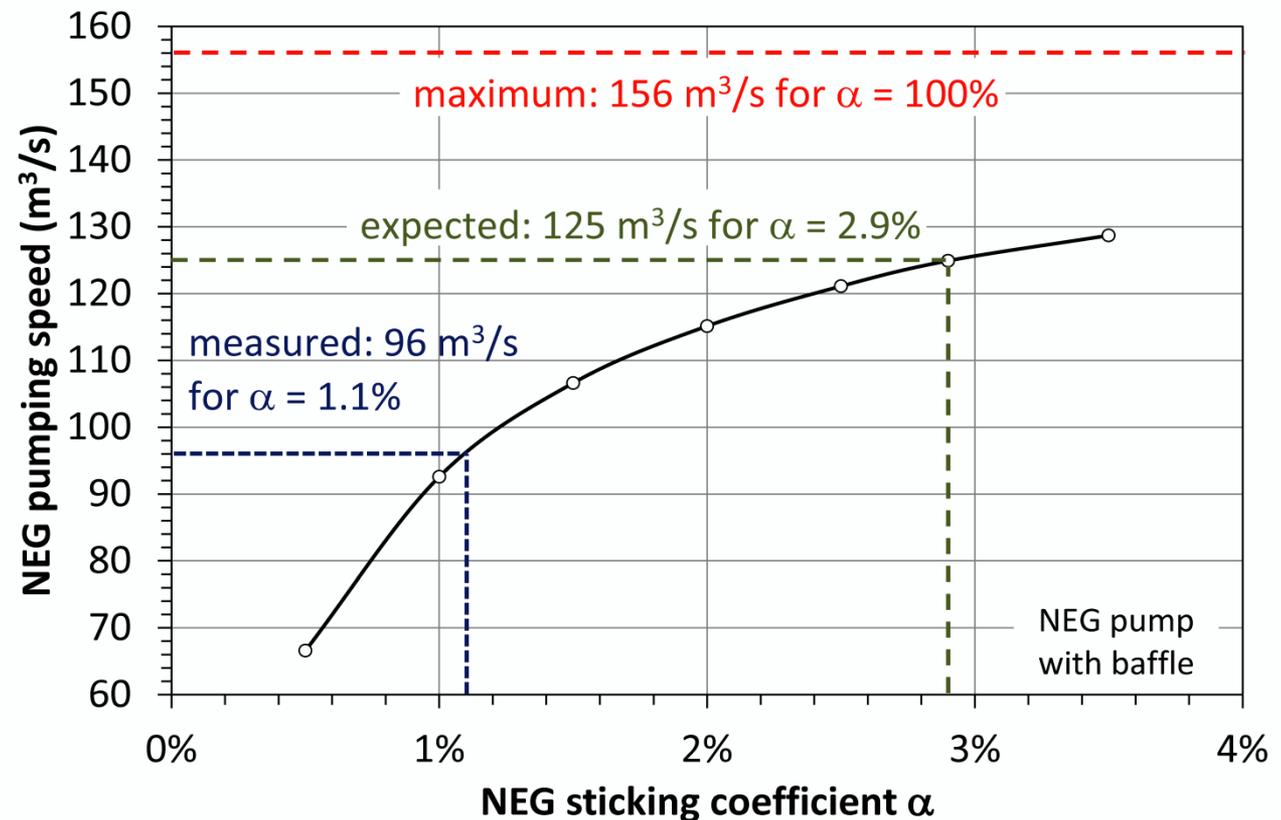
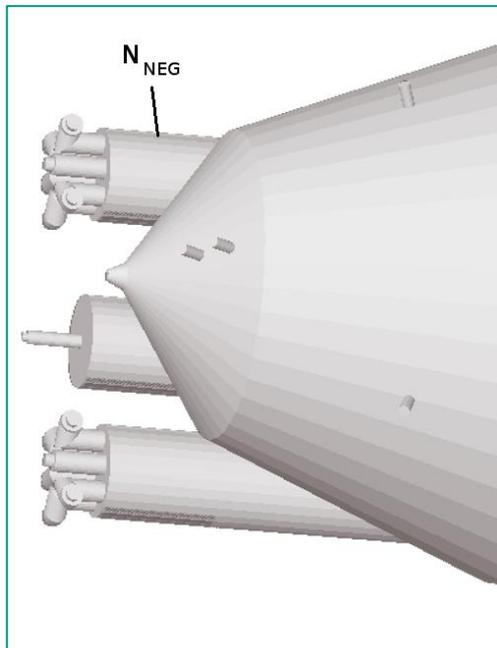
Simulation results for the NEGAs as primary pumps

- ratio of hit numbers in vacuum gauges \approx ratio of pressures: p_{PP3} / p_{F9}
- gas: hydrogen



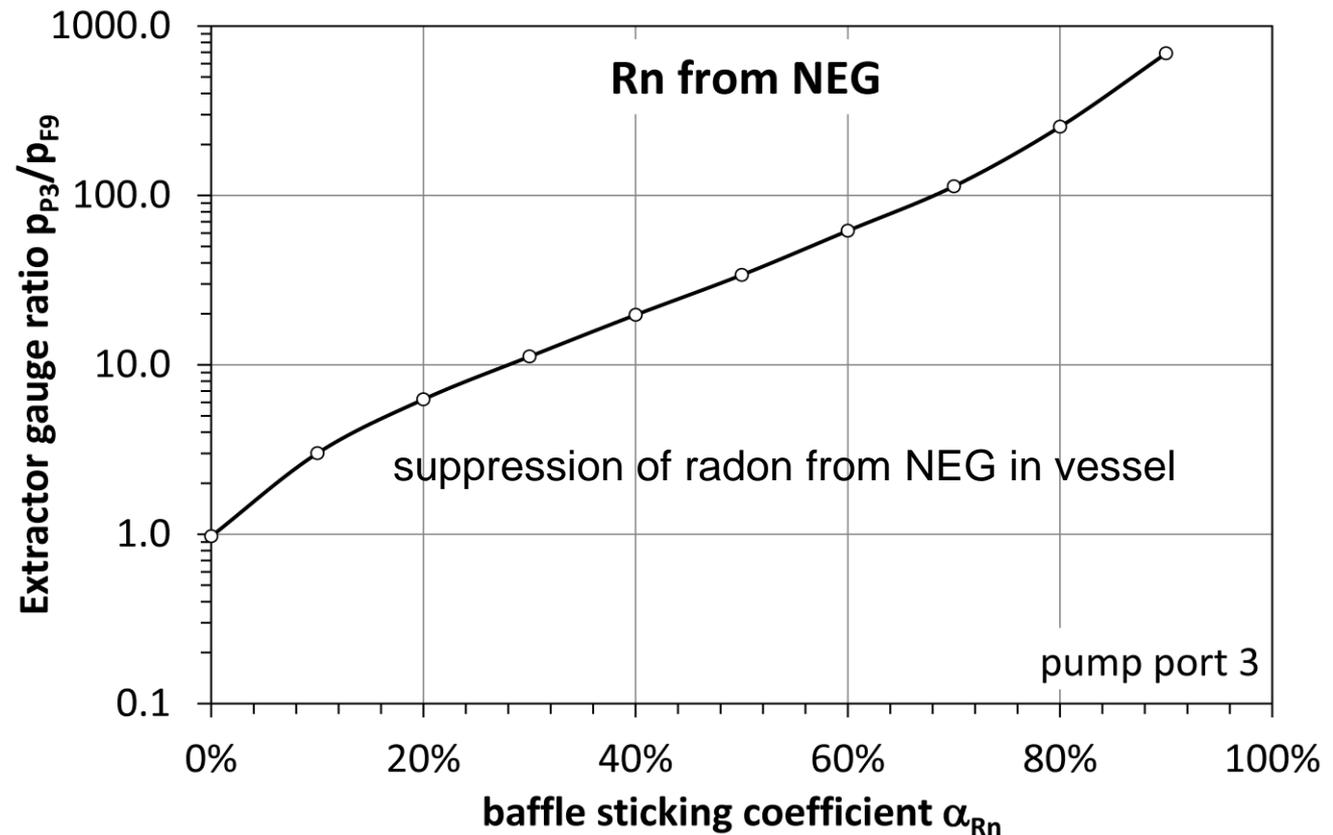
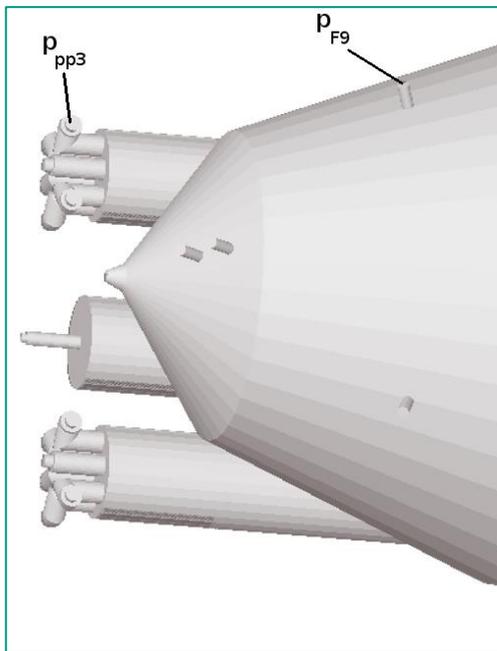
Simulation results for the NEGAs as primary pumps

- calculation of the NEG pumping speed: $S = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \bar{c} \cdot A \cdot \frac{N_{\text{NEG}}}{N_{\text{des}}}$
- gas: hydrogen



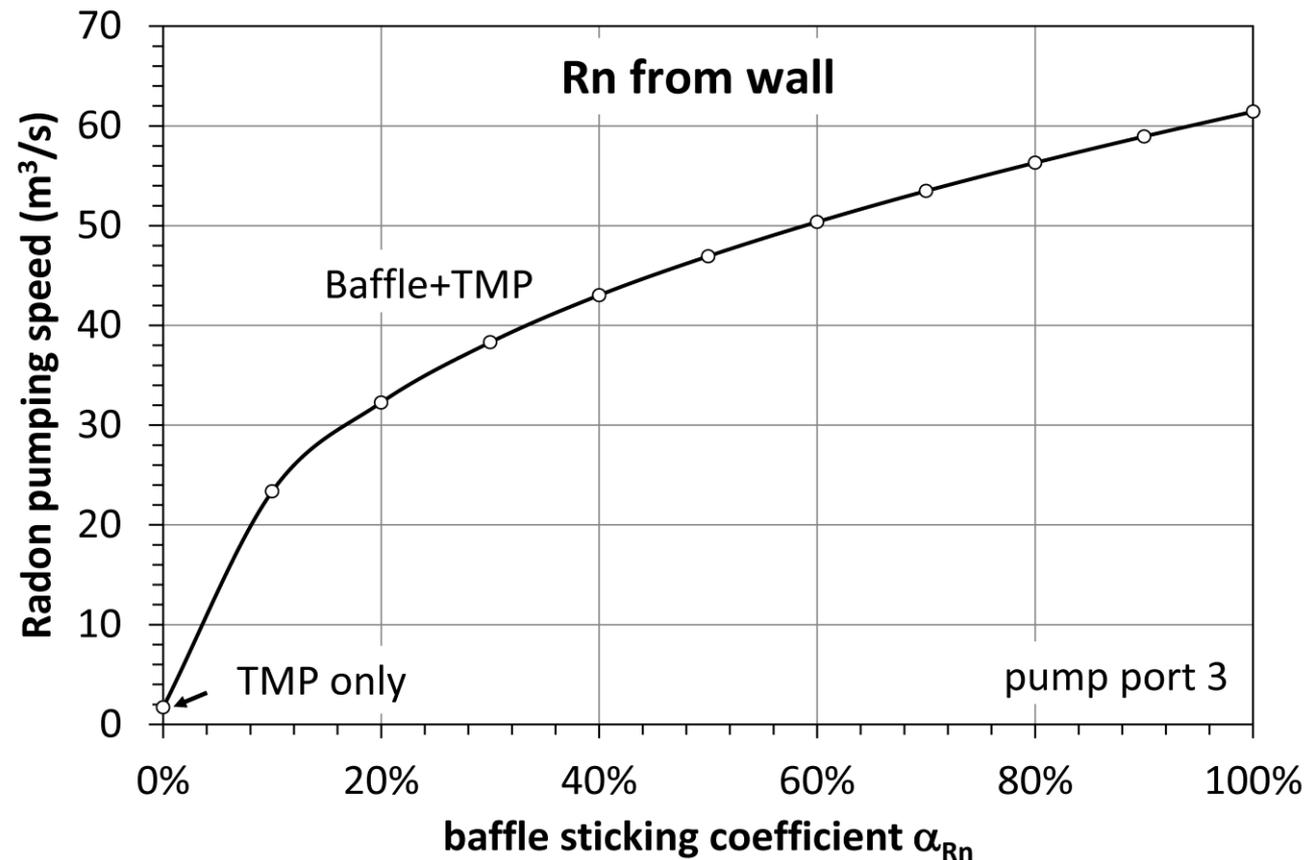
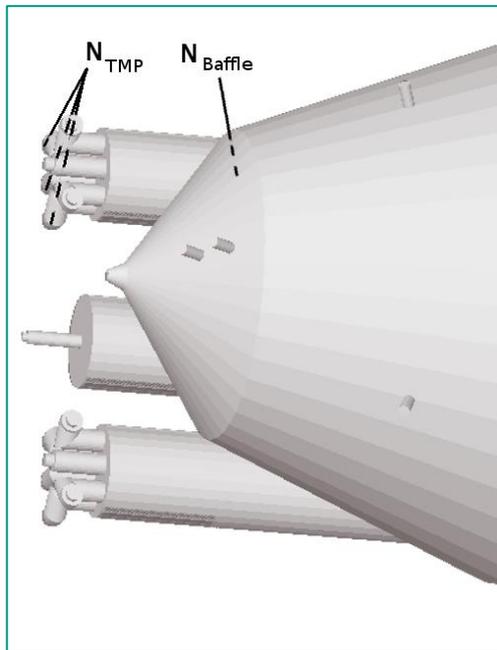
Simulation results for the TMPs as primary pumps

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- gas: radon

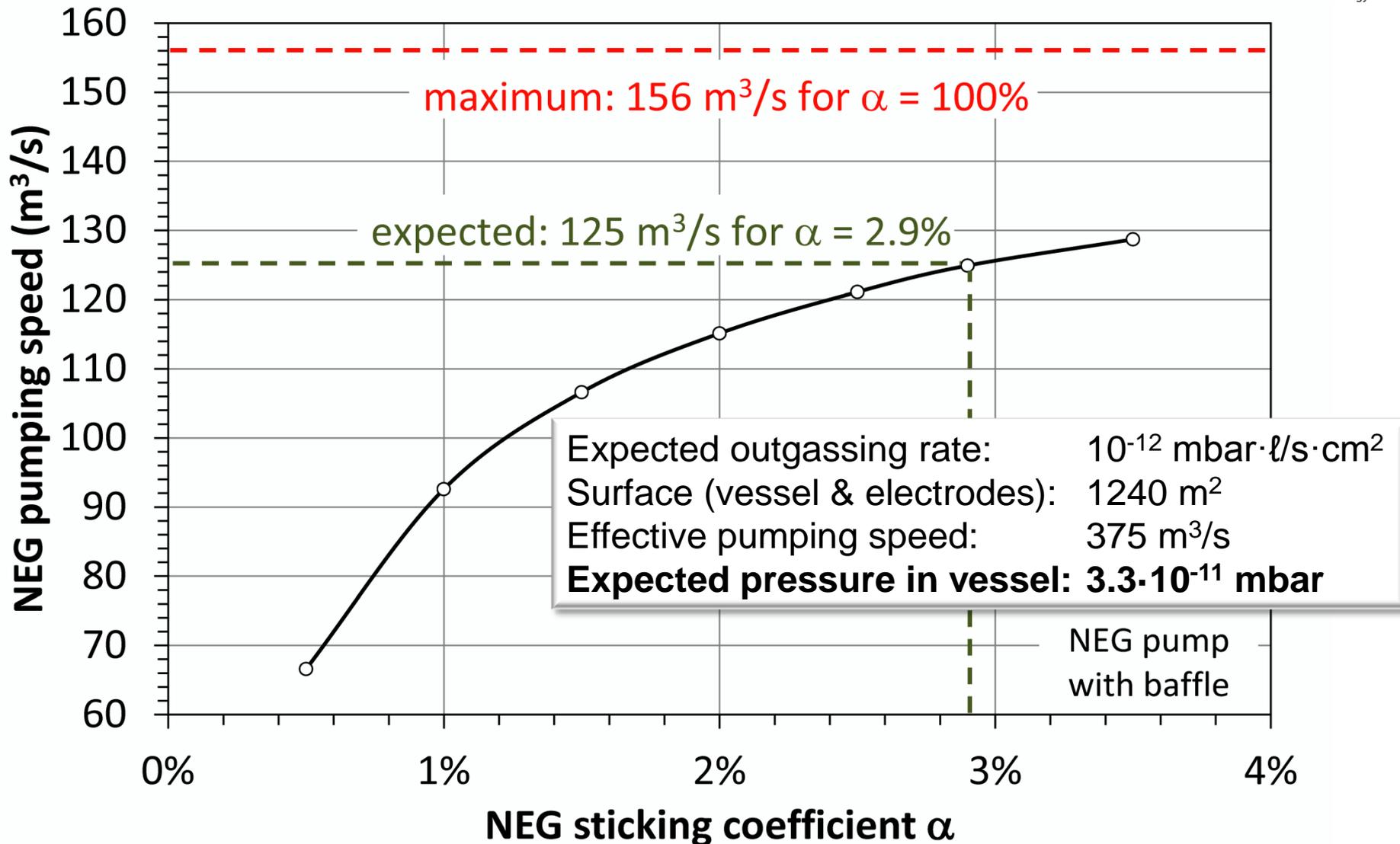


Simulation results for the TMPs as primary pumps

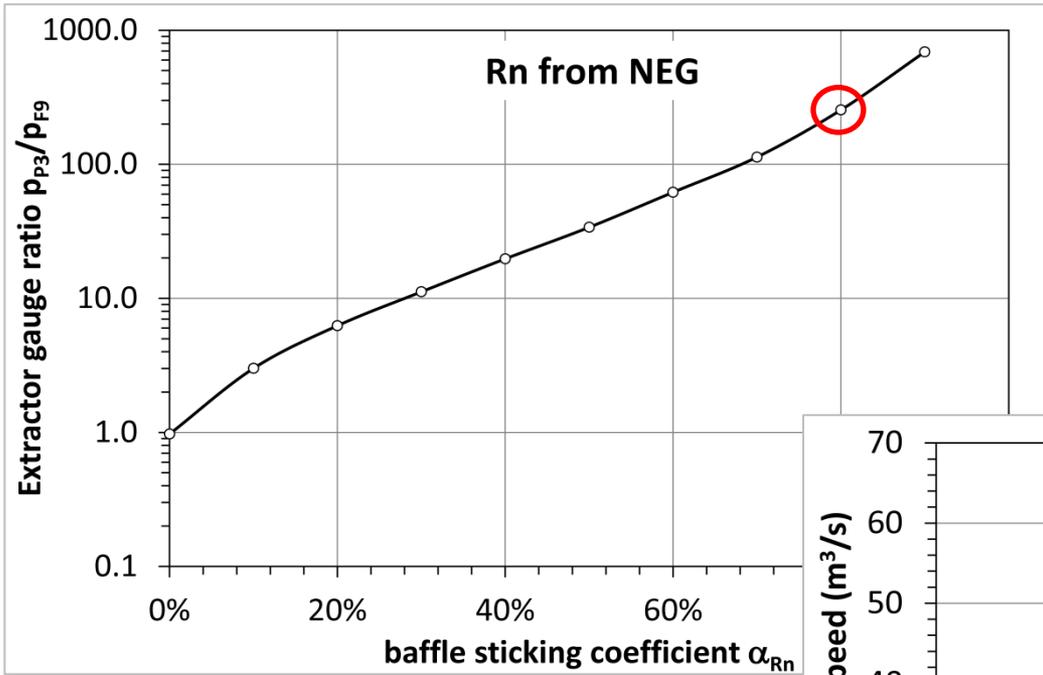
- calculation of the pumping speed (TMP + Baffle): $S = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \bar{c} \cdot A \cdot \frac{N_{\text{TMP}} + N_{\text{Baffle}}}{N_{\text{des}}}$
- gas: radon



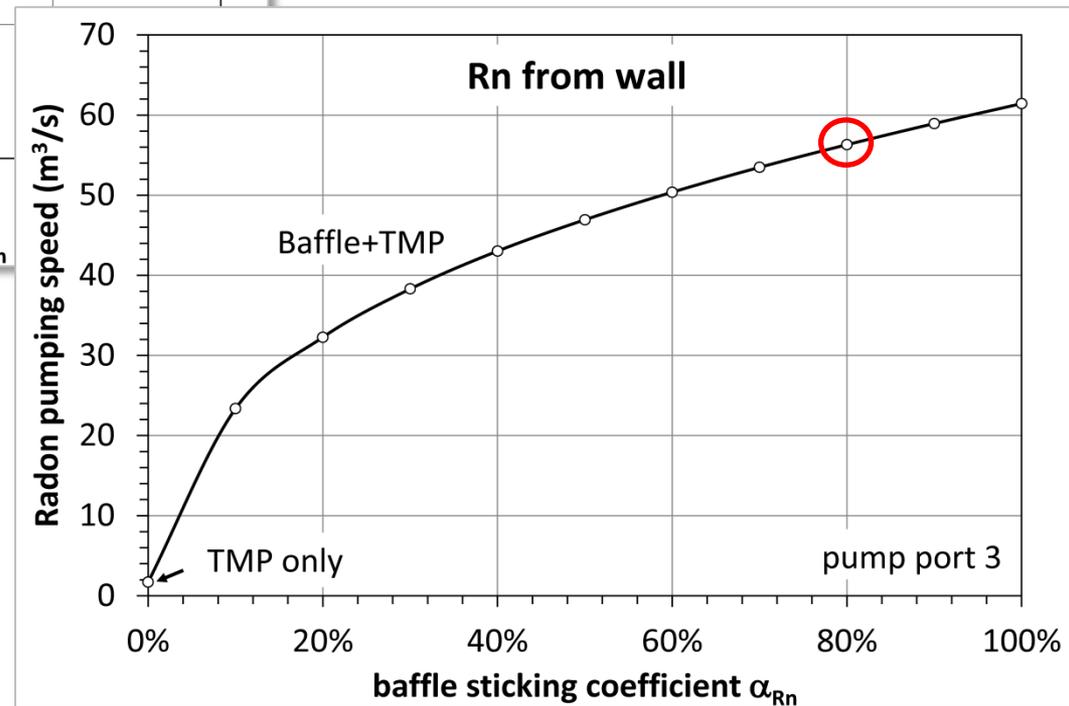
NEG simulation with baffle (MolFlow+)



Baffle simulation for Radon (MolFlow+)

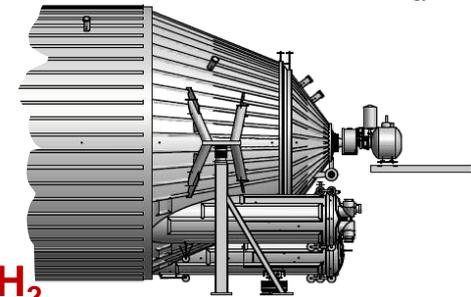


- $\alpha_{Rn} \sim 80\%$ estimated from Pre-Spectrometer results
- **Suppression factor** for radon emanating from NEG: **~ 250**

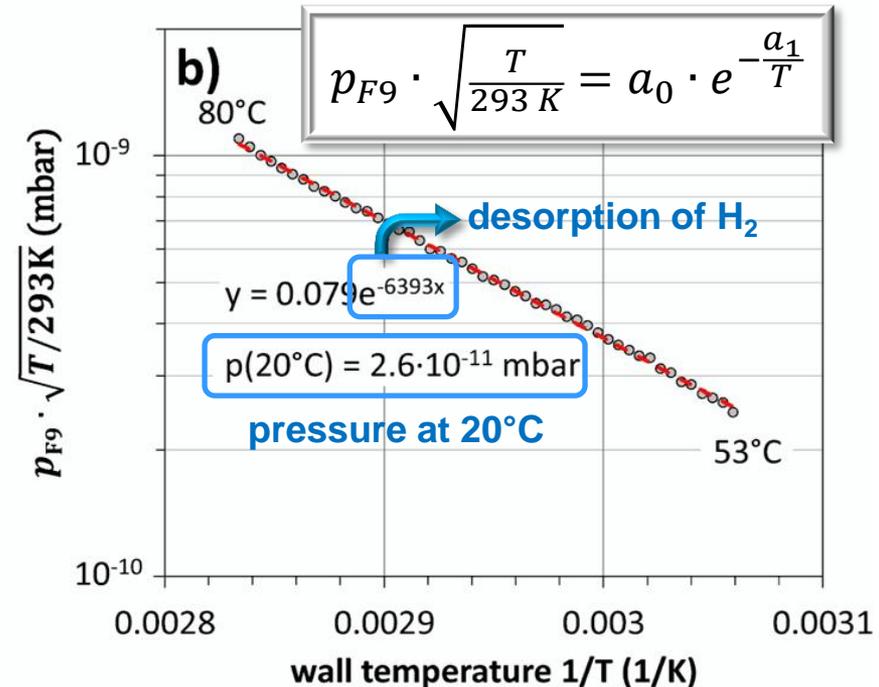
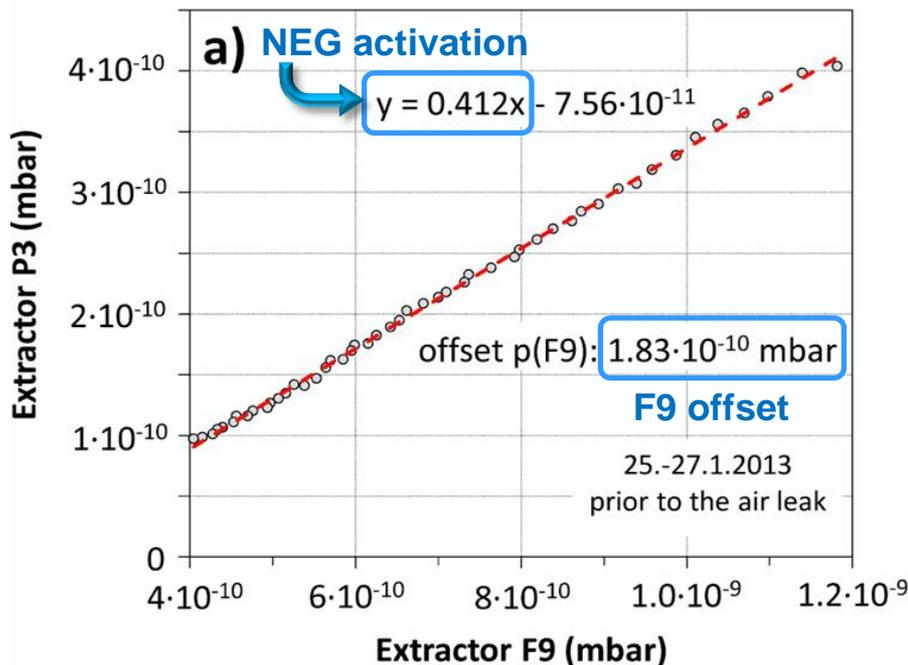


- Effective pumping speed for **6 TMPs: 3400 ℓ/s**
- Effective pumping speed for **3 baffles: $\sim 170\ 000 \ell/s$**

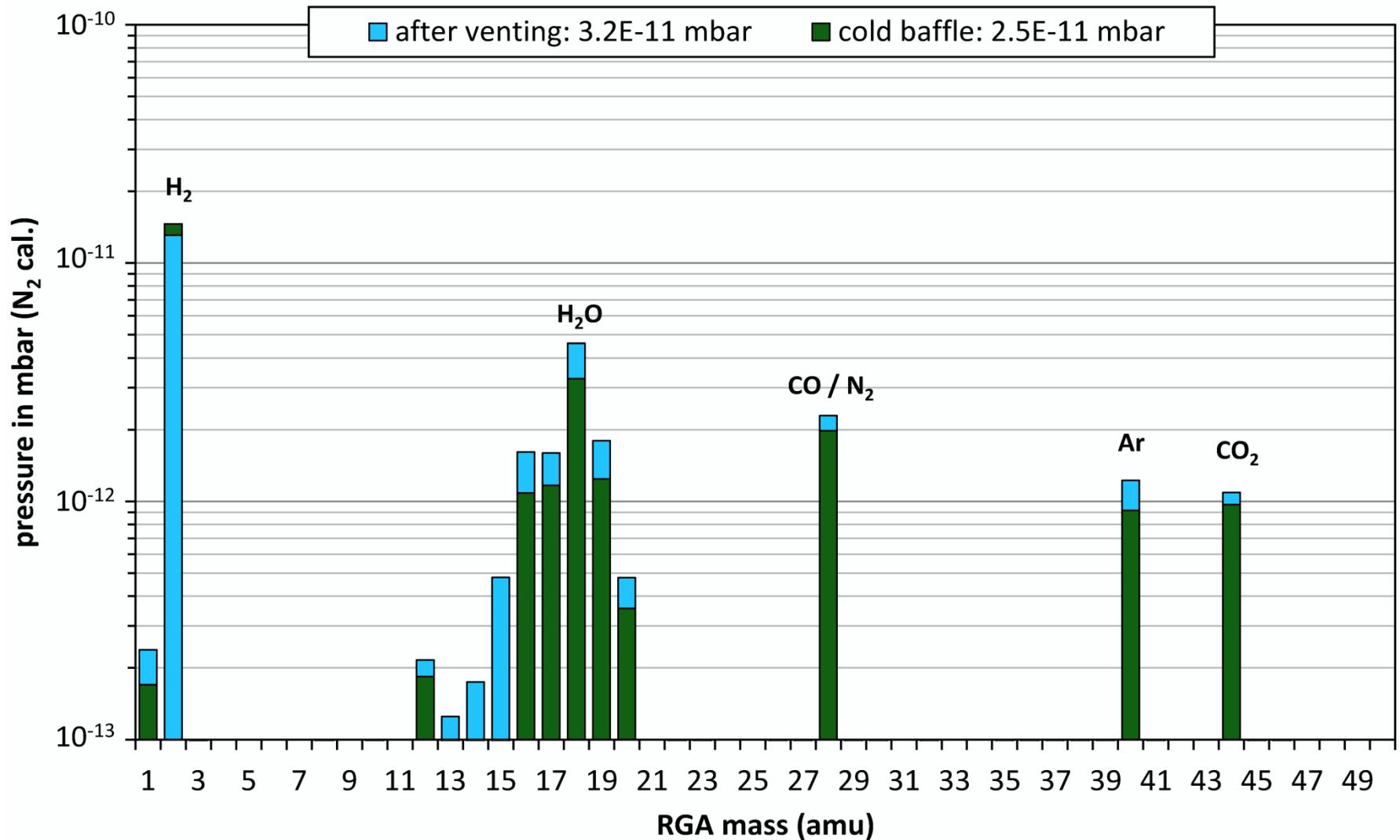
Hydrogen outgassing and pressure at 20°C



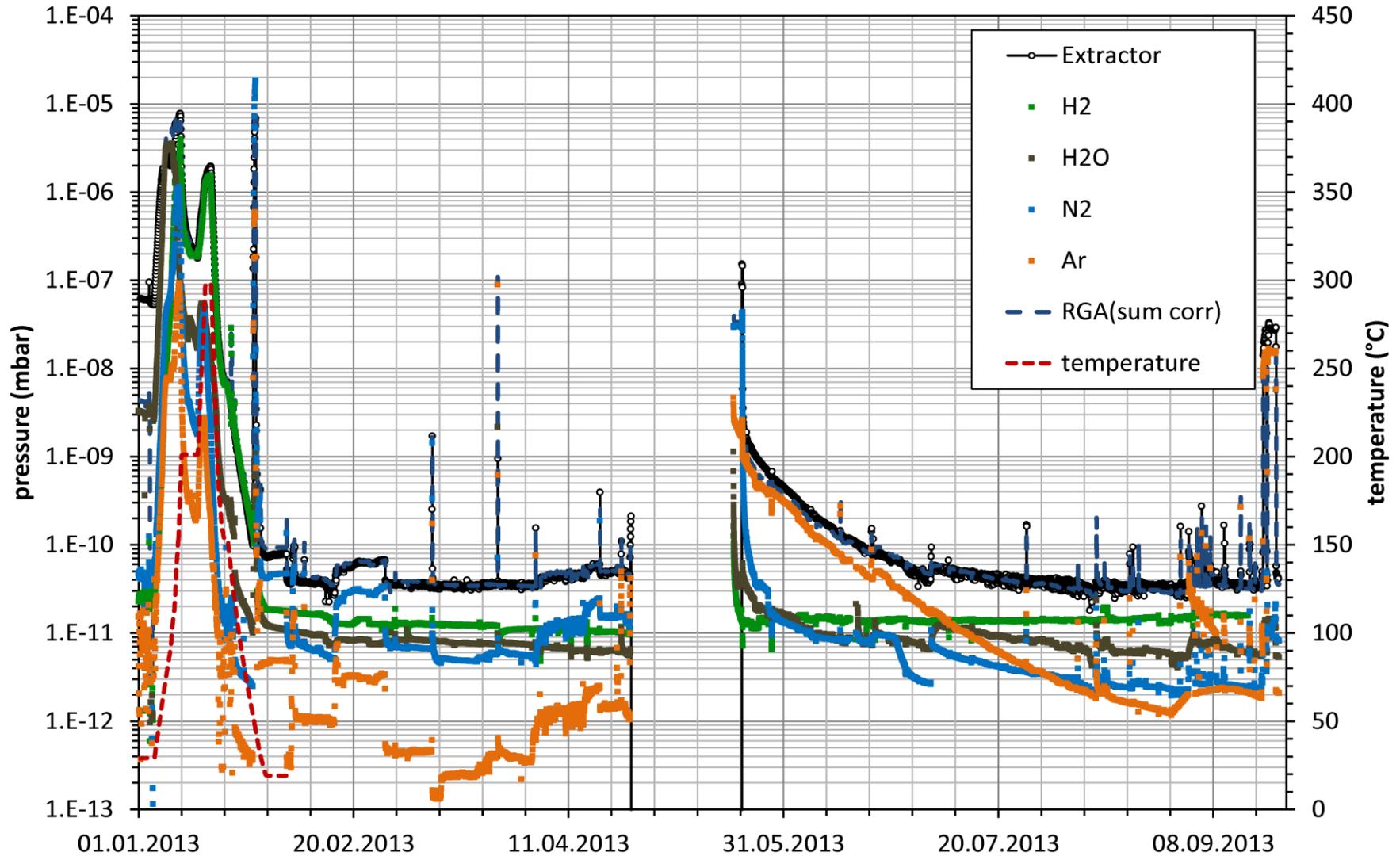
- Fit of p_{P3} versus p_{F9}
 - **NEG pumping speed** from p_{P3}/p_{F9} : **290 m³/s** ($\alpha = 1.1\%$)
 - **Offset** of Extractor gauge F9: **$1.8 \cdot 10^{-10}$ mbar**
- Fit of $p_{F9} \cdot \sqrt{T/293K}$ versus $1/T$
 - **Desorption enthalpy** of H₂ on st. steel: **53 kJ/mol = 0.55 eV/H₂**
 - Extrapolated **pressure at 20°C**: **$2.6 \cdot 10^{-11}$ mbar** (gas corr. H₂: **$5.7 \cdot 10^{-11}$ mbar**)
- **Outgassing rate** $j_{H_2} = p(20^\circ C) \cdot S_{eff}/A = 1.4 \cdot 10^{-12}$ mbar·ℓ/s·cm²



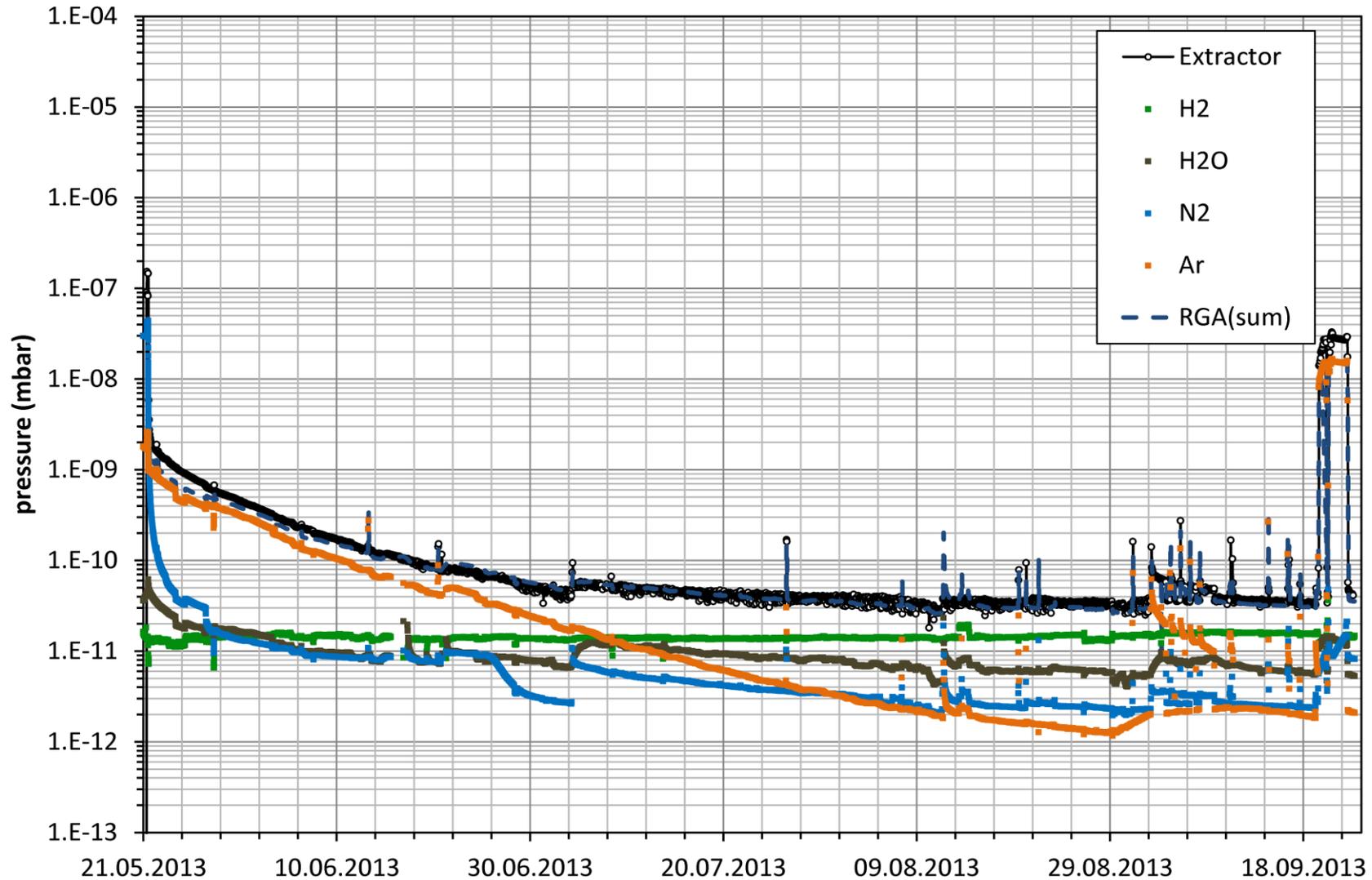
Vacuum status with cold baffles



RGA spectrum (all)



RGA spectrum after venting



KATRIN Main Detector

- Si-PIN diode
- detection of transmitted β 's (mHz to kHz)
- **low background for T_2 endpoint investigation**
- high energy resolution:
 $\Delta E = 1.48(1)$ keV (FWHM) at 18.6 keV
- 12 rings with 30° segmentation + 4-fold center = 148 pixels
 - minimize bg, investigate systematic effects
 - compensate field inhomogeneities of spectrometer's analyzing plane.

