

# ~ P T O L E M Y ~

## HV stabilization system

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# Motivations and goals

Tritium end point 18.6 keV → order of 20kV electric field to slow electrons down to ~100 eV (TES readout)

**Resolution  $\delta E \sim \delta V$ :** for  $\delta E \sim 50$  meV requires  $\delta V$  better than ~10 mV over 20 kV Stability  
 **$\delta V/V \sim 0.5 \times 10^{-6}$**

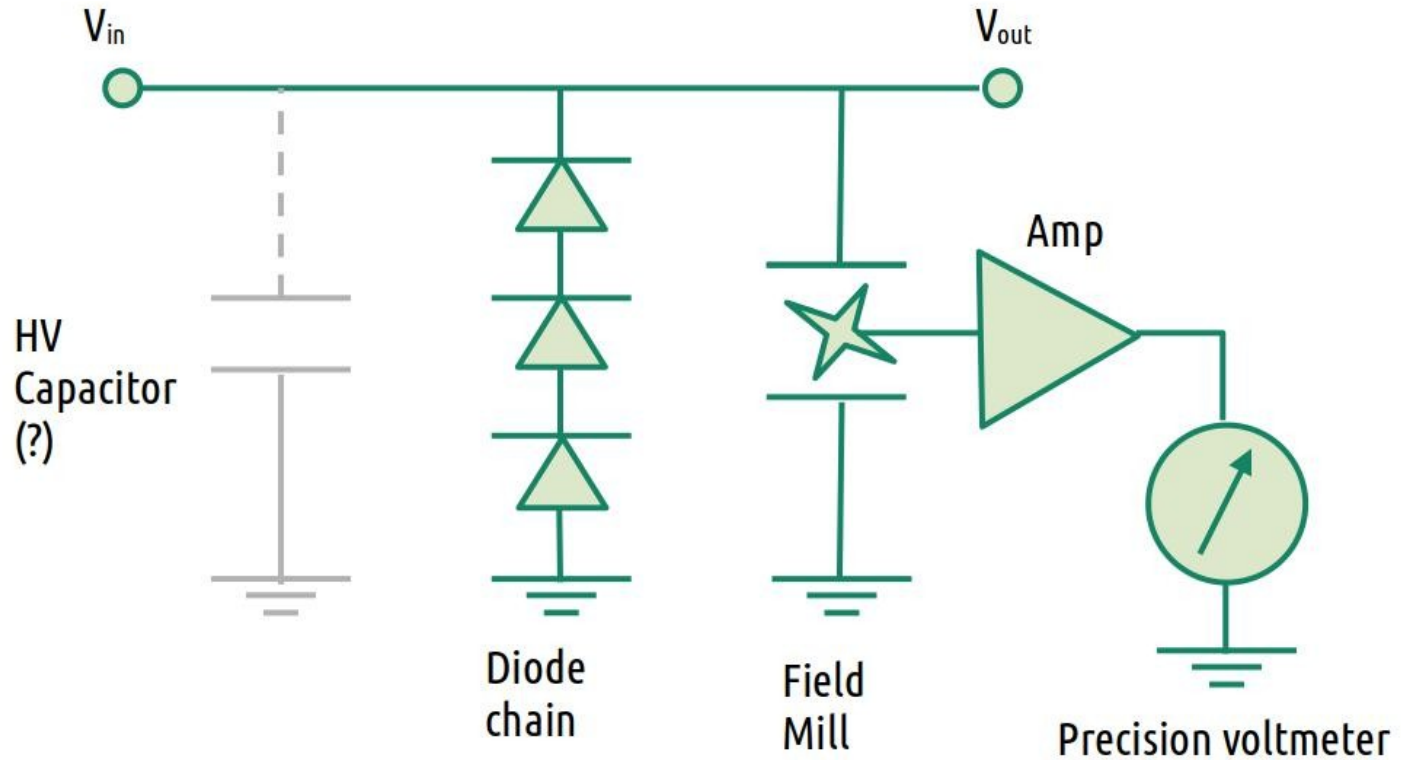
Strategies:

- HV capacitors
- high precision voltage reference diodes
- combination of the two (?)

Field (Voltage) readout:

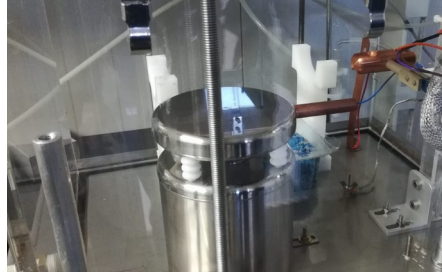
**Non invasive Field Mill technology**

# Setup scheme



# Basic experimental setup (old config)

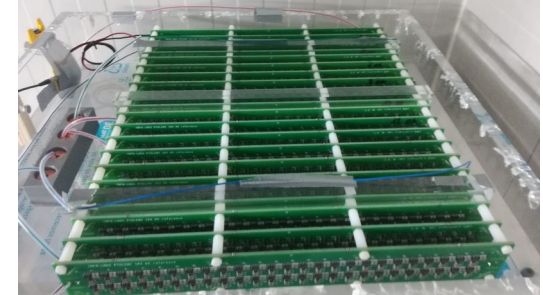
Field mill box



High precision voltmeter  
**Keysight®**



Diodes box



Power supply  
**Bertan®**

# Experimental Campaign

(over 95 long runs with THP sensors)

- **Campaign I: HdM with high voltage capacitors**  
→ low noise, air conditioning, N2 purging
- **Campaign II: Underground, DarkSide Area, capacitors**  
→ noisy, grounding issue, Hall C conditioning, N2 purging
- **Campaign III: Underground, Mosca-B area, capacitors**  
→ noisy, grounding issue, Hall C conditioning, N2 purging
- **Campaign IV: HdM, capacitors & diodes**  
→ moderate noise, new sensors added, air conditioning  
+ local fans, N2 purging
- **Campaign V: high precision stability, climatic chamber**

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## Ptolemy HV Run D

|              | Run | Type       | Date            | Location      | Heater | N2 flux | Capacitor |
|--------------|-----|------------|-----------------|---------------|--------|---------|-----------|
| Campaign I   | 1   | normal     |                 | HdM           | off    | off     | yes       |
|              | 2   | normal     |                 | HdM           | off    | off     | yes       |
|              | 3   | junk       |                 | HdM           |        |         | yes       |
|              | 4   | junk       |                 | HdM           |        |         | yes       |
|              | 5   | normal     |                 | HdM           | off    | off     | yes       |
|              | 6   | test       |                 | HdM           |        |         | yes       |
|              | 7   | normal     |                 | HdM           | on     | on      | yes       |
|              | 8   | test       | 15 feb 2021     | HdM           | on     | off     | yes       |
|              | 9   | junk       |                 | HdM           |        |         | yes       |
|              | 10  | normal     | 22 feb 2021     | HdM           | on     | on      | yes       |
|              | 11  | test       | 22 feb 2021     | HdM           | on     | on      | yes       |
|              | 12  | normal     | 23 feb 2021     | HdM           | on     | on      | yes       |
|              | 13  | normal     | 25 feb 2021     | HdM           | on     | on      | yes       |
|              | 14  | junk       |                 | HdM           |        |         | yes       |
|              | 15  | normal     |                 | HdM           |        |         | yes       |
|              | 16  | junk       | 27 feb 2021     | HdM           | on     | on      | yes       |
|              | 17  | junk       |                 | HdM           |        |         | yes       |
|              | 18  | normal     | 01 mar 2021     | HdM           | on     | on      | yes       |
|              | 19  | junk       |                 | HdM           |        |         | yes       |
|              | 20  | junk       |                 | HdM           |        |         | yes       |
|              | 21  | junk       |                 | HdM           |        |         | yes       |
|              | 22  | junk       |                 | HdM           |        |         | yes       |
|              | 23  | junk       |                 | HdM           |        |         | yes       |
|              | 24  | normal     | 03 mar 2021     | HdM           | on     | on      | yes       |
|              | 25  | normal     | 03 mar 2021     | HdM           | on     | on      | yes       |
|              | 26  | test       |                 | HdM           |        |         | yes       |
|              | 27  | normal     | 5 mar 2021      | HdM           | on     | on      | yes       |
|              | 28  | unknown    |                 | HdM           |        |         | yes       |
| Campaign II  | 29  | normal     | 18 mar 2021     | DS10 platform | off    | on      | yes       |
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|              | 31  | normal     | 19 mar 2021     | DS10 platform | off    | on      | yes       |
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|              | 38  | unknown    |                 | DS10 platform |        |         | yes       |
|              | 39  | unknown    |                 | DS10 platform |        |         | yes       |
| Campaign III | 40  | normal     |                 | DS10 platform | off    | on      | yes       |
|              | 41  | unknown    |                 | DS10 platform |        |         | yes       |
|              | 42  | normal     | 10 may 2021     | Mosca-B       | off    | on      | yes       |
|              | 43  | normal     | 07 jun 2021     | Mosca-B       | off    | on      | yes       |
|              | 44  | junk       |                 | Mosca-B       |        |         | yes       |
| Campaign IV  | 45  | normal     | 07 jun 2021     | Mosca-B       |        |         | yes       |
|              | 46  | test       |                 | HdM           |        |         | yes       |
|              | 47  | normal     | 20 jul 2021 (?) | HdM           | on     | on      | yes       |
|              | 48  | normal     | 27 oct 2021     | HdM           | on     | on      | yes       |
|              | 49  | normal     |                 | HdM           | on     | on      | yes       |
|              | 50  | normal     |                 | HdM           | n.a.   | n.a.    | yes       |
|              | 51  | normal     |                 | HdM           | n.a.   | n.a.    | yes       |
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|              | 58  | test       |                 | HdM           |        |         | yes       |
|              | 59  | test       |                 | HdM           |        |         | yes       |
|              | 60  | test       |                 | HdM           |        |         | yes       |

# Measures and Analysis

## HV readout (Field mill or direct)

- Keysight voltmeter 6.5 digits
- Keysight voltmeter 7.5 digits
- LeCroy 12 bit oscilloscope

## Sensor readout

T1: Field mill plexiglass box

T2: Field mill plexiglass box

T3: Motor cage (recent)

T4: diode chip

P1: Field mill plexiglass box

P2: Motor cage

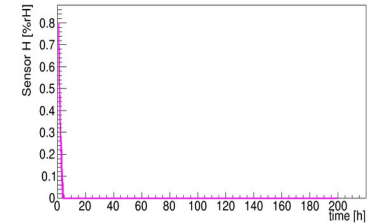
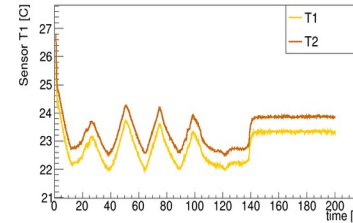
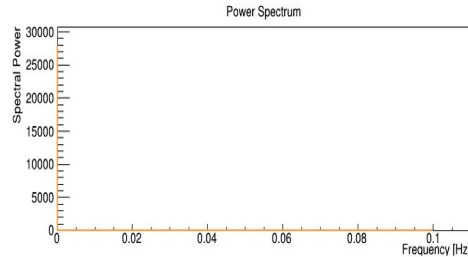
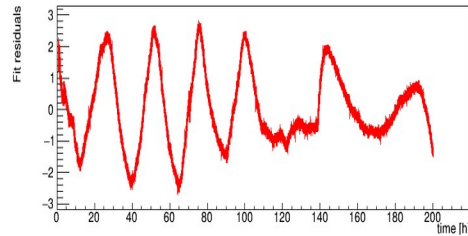
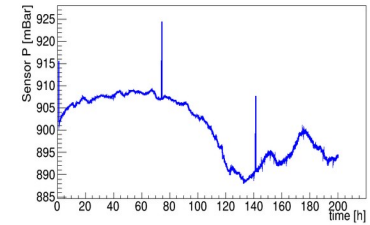
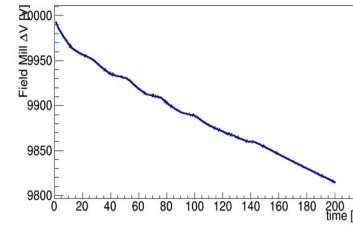
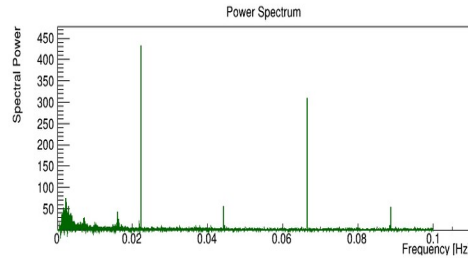
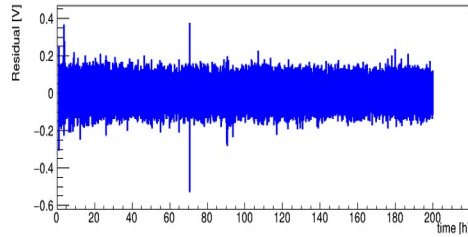
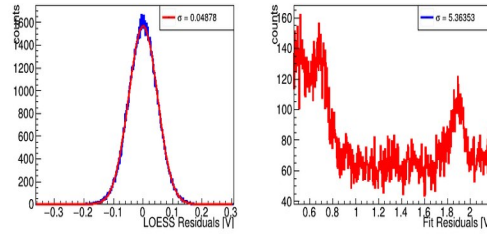
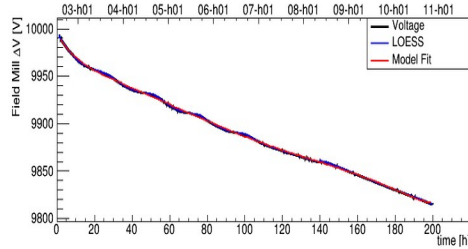
H: Field mill plexiglass box

## Analysis

- Residuals WRT local regression smoothing (model independent)
- Residuals WRT polynomial fit
- Sensors' correlation
- Fast fourier transform
- Digital filtering

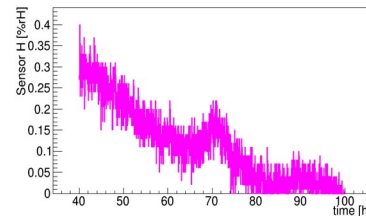
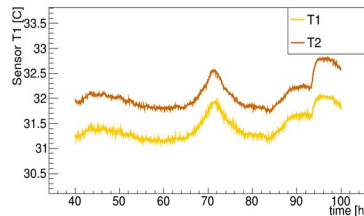
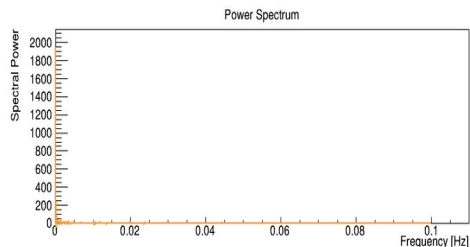
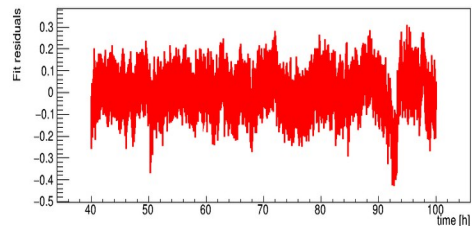
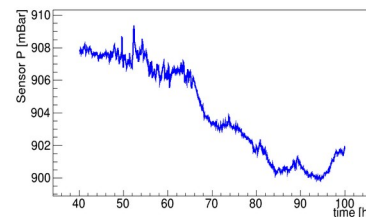
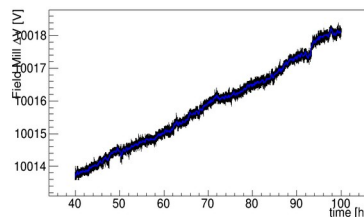
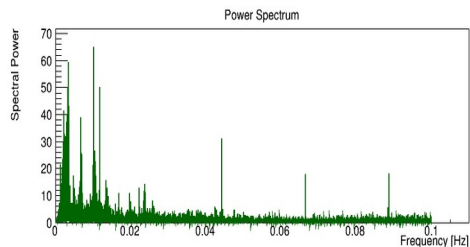
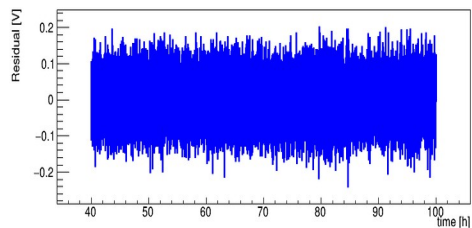
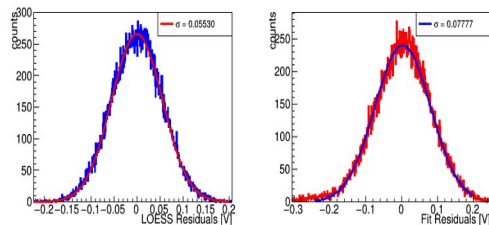
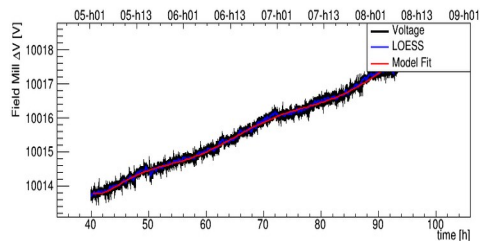
# Capacitor (700 $\mu\text{F}$ ) only measurement

- decay issue
- strong dependence upon temperature
- 0.02 Hz oscillation (largely investigated)
- spikes (unknown origin)



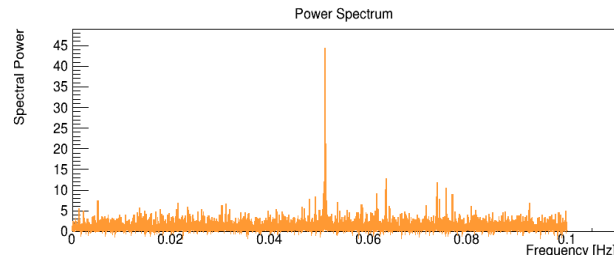
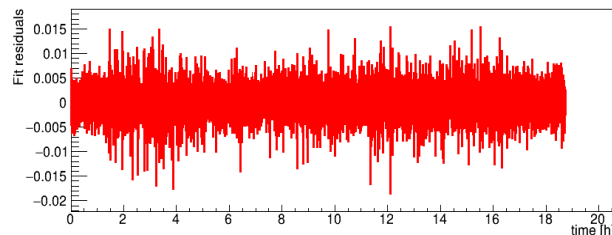
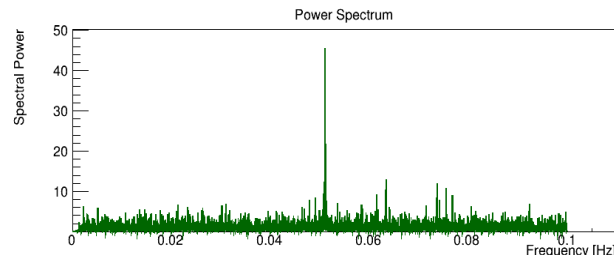
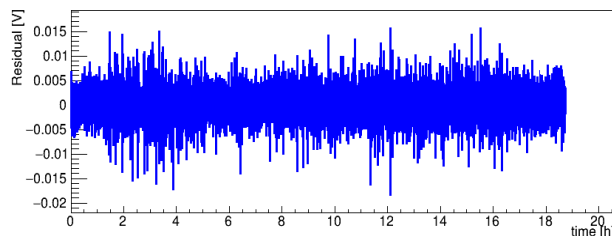
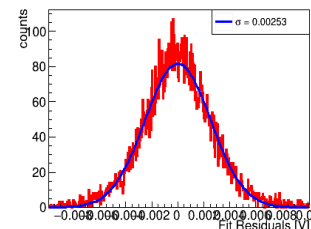
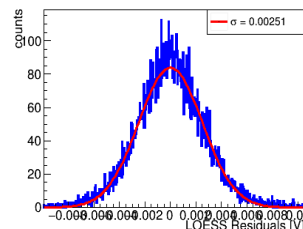
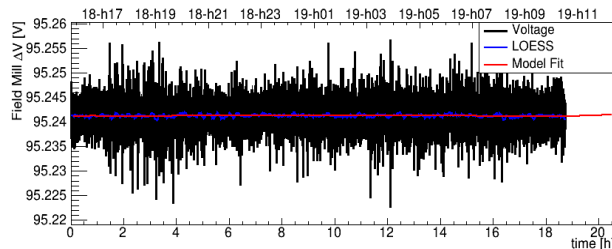
# Capacitor + diodes

- trend driven by environmental parameters
- 50 mV resolution dominated by FM measurement
- spurious frequencies





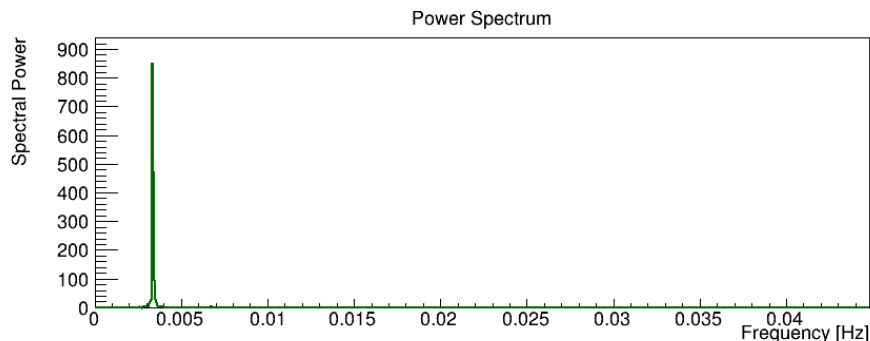
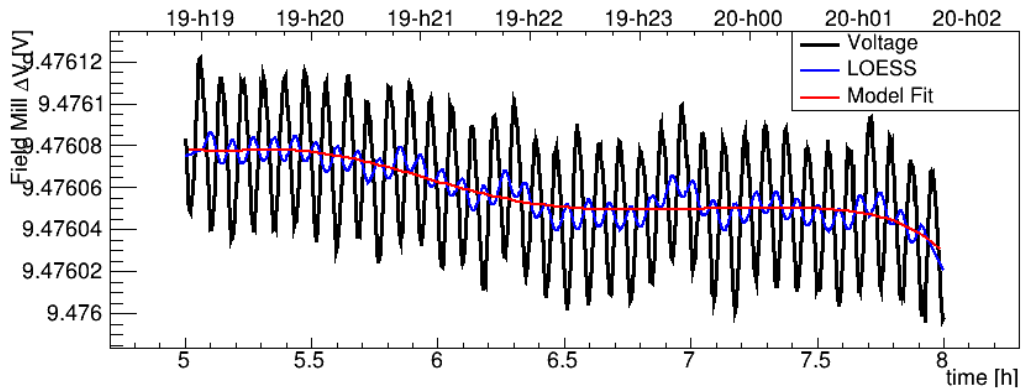
# Field mill frequency-induced



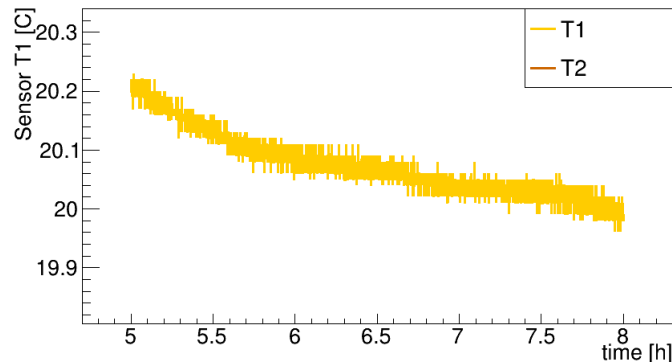
Long range oscillations seems not to depend on FM frequency instability

$$\delta f/f \sim 2.5 \cdot 10^{-7}$$

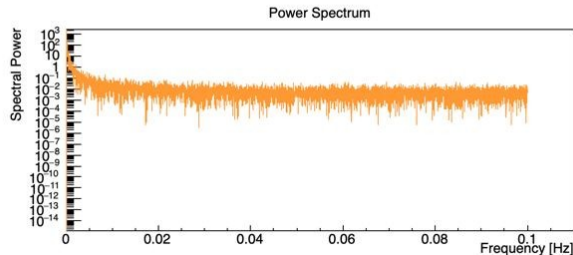
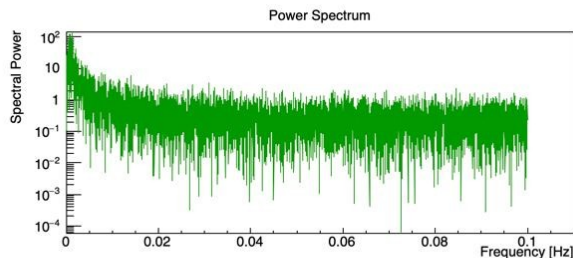
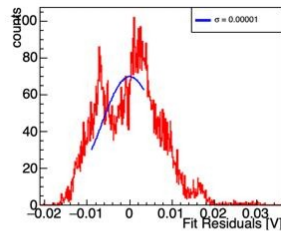
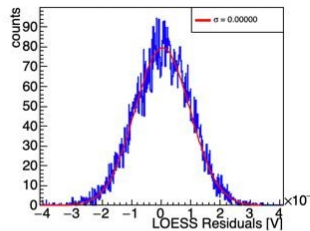
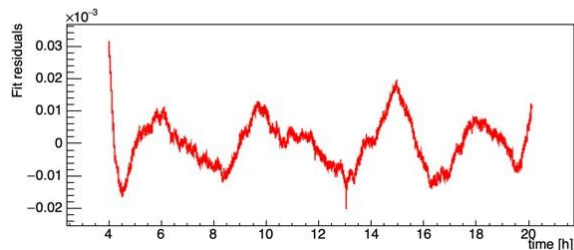
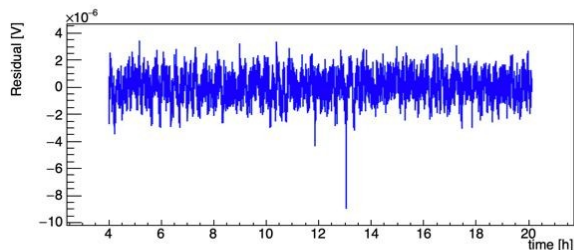
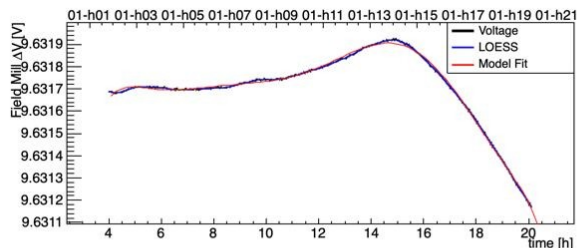
# Oscillation investigation: battery 9V



-- 3 mHz (5' period) frequency  
originated by the voltmeter  
self-calibration.  
-- correlation with  
temperature  
 $\sim \delta V/V \sim 10^{-5}$



# Battery with conditioning off

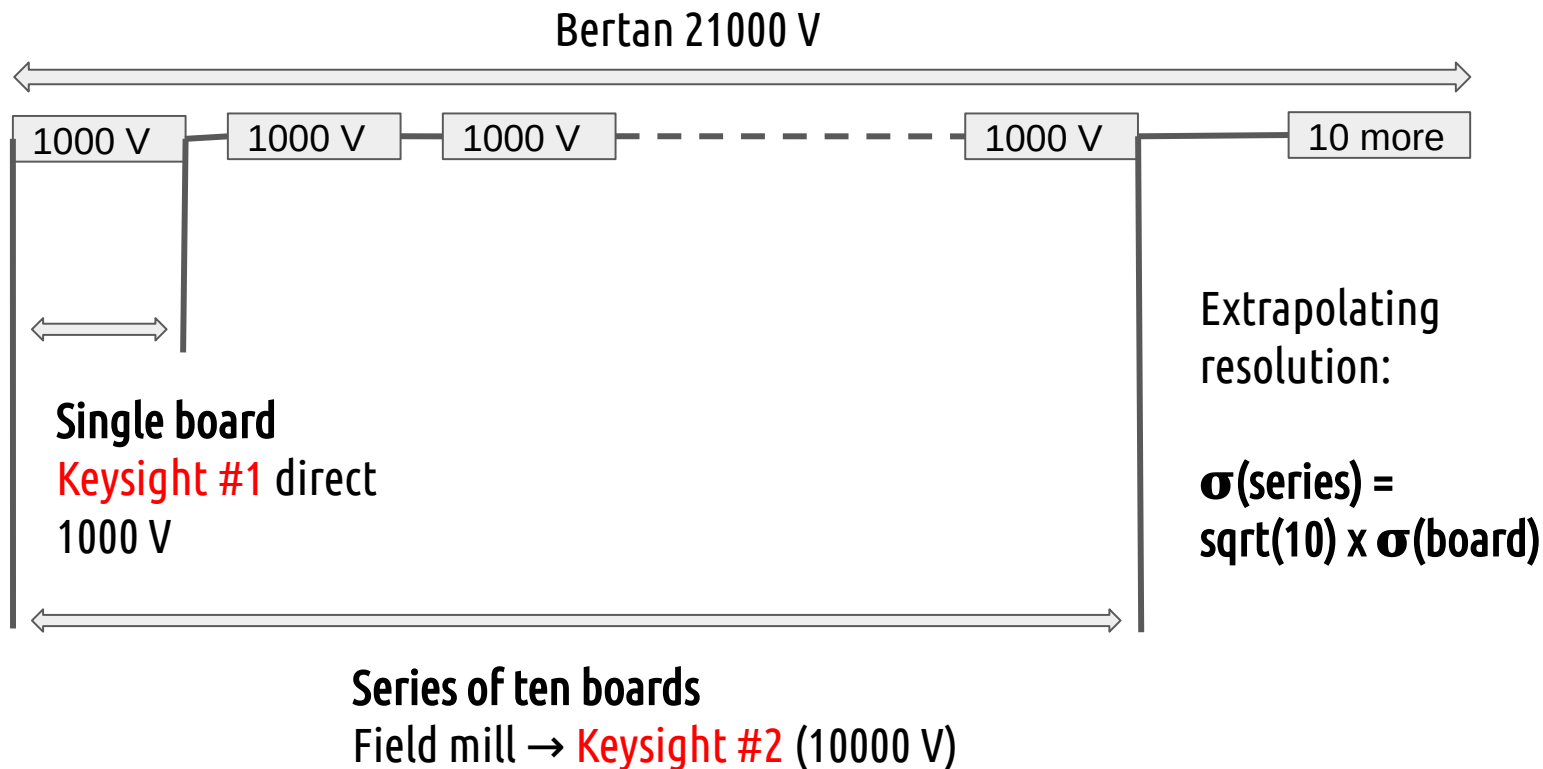


– 5' sinusoidal oscillation absent

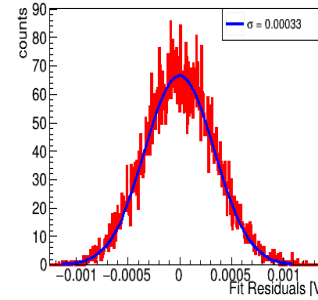
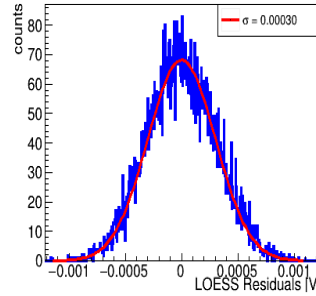
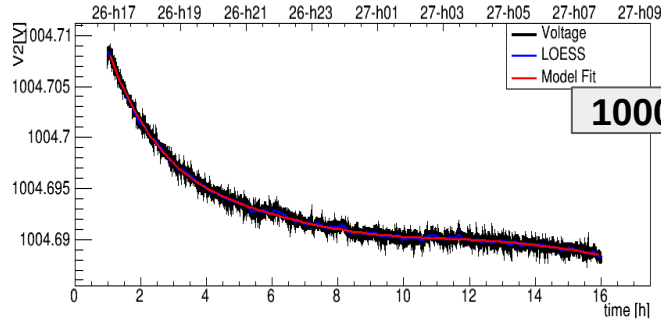
– the self-calibration of the Keysight is enhanced by the conditioning (???)

**Thermal stabilization required requested!**

# Investigating the diode intrinsic stability

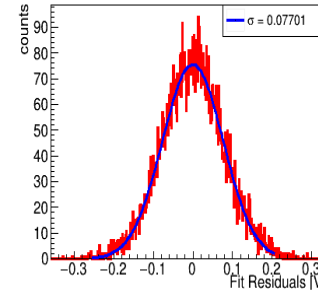
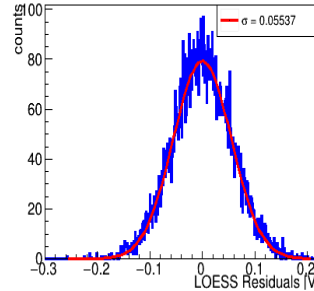
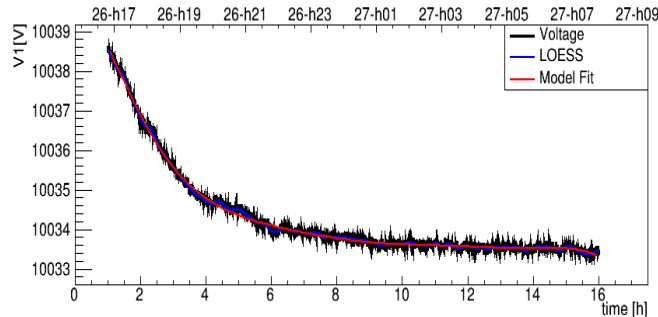


# Intrinsic diode resolution



Single board

$\sigma = 0.3 \text{ mV}$   
(over 1000 V)



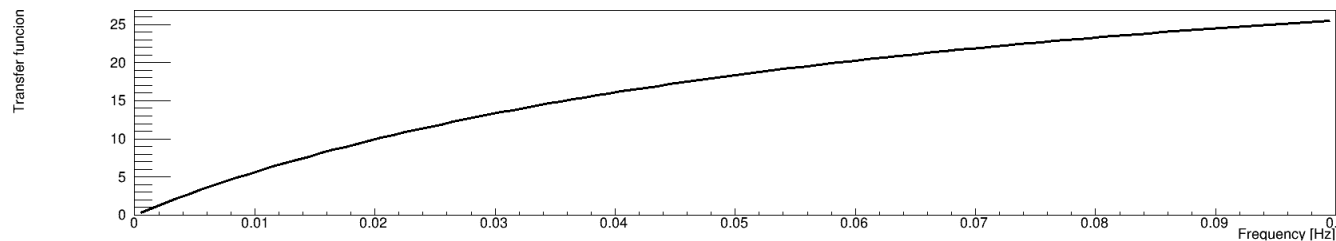
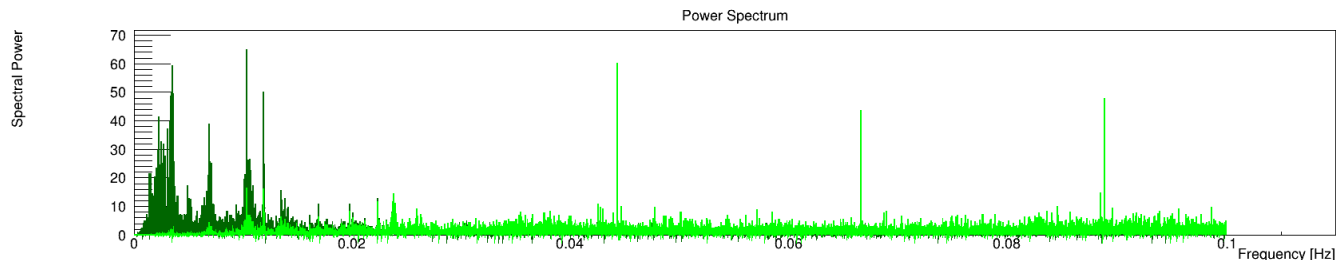
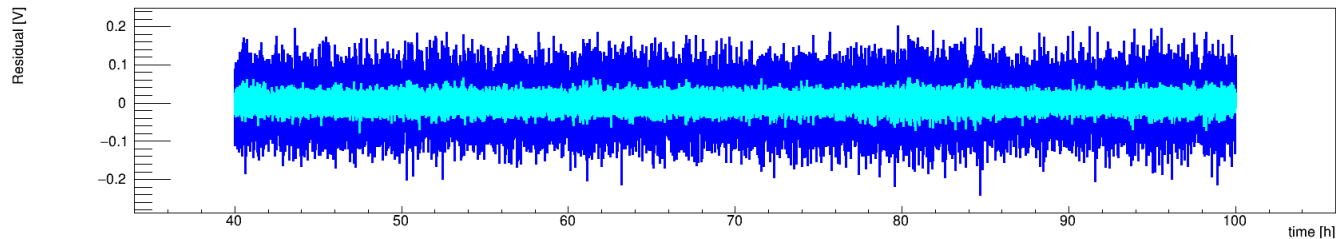
10 board series

$\sigma = 50 \text{ mV}$

$\sigma(\text{intrinsic}) = \sqrt{10} \times 0.3 \sim 1 \text{ mV}$  ( $\ll 50 \text{ mV} !!!$ )

The intrinsic resolution is way better than the present measurement method!!!

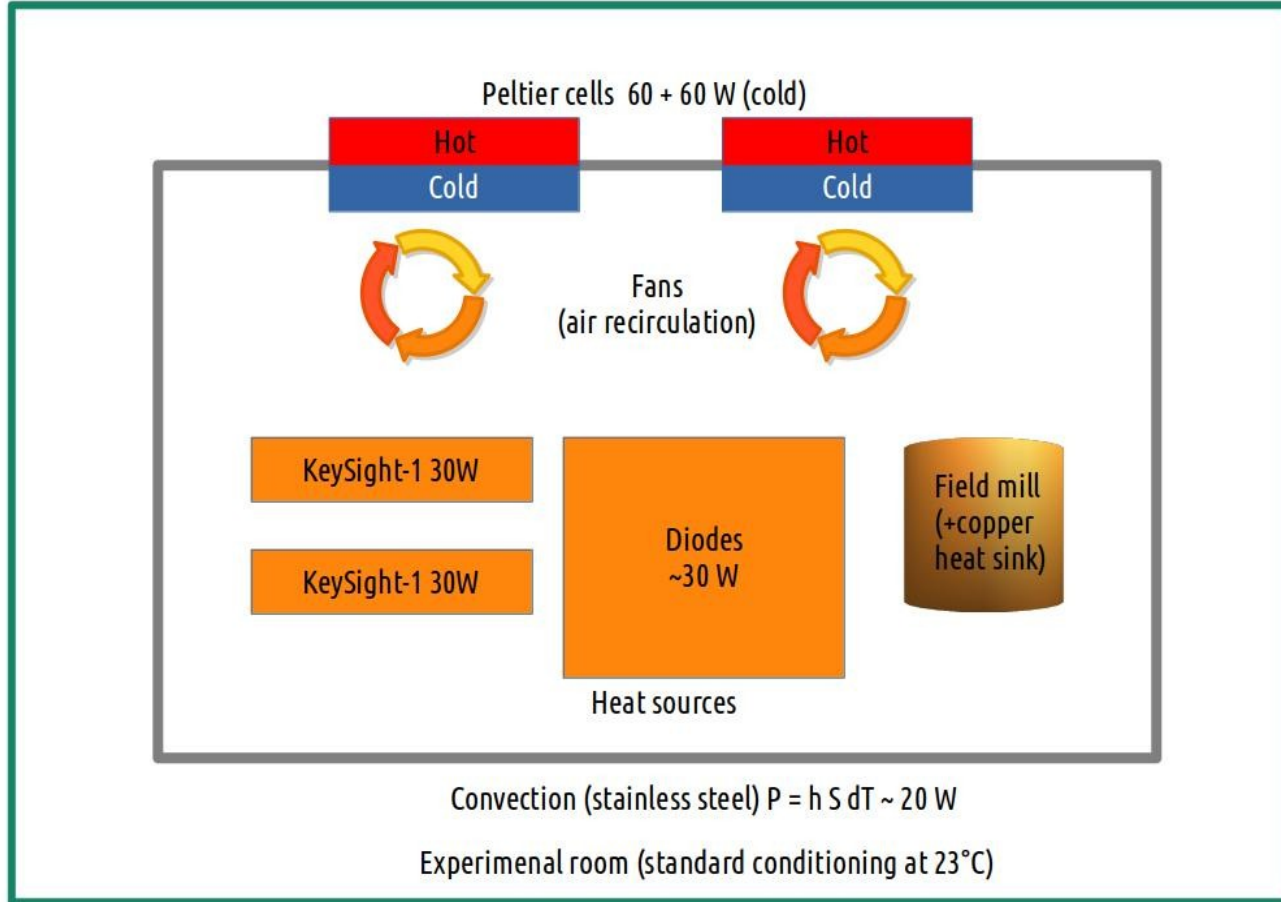
# FTT and digital filtering



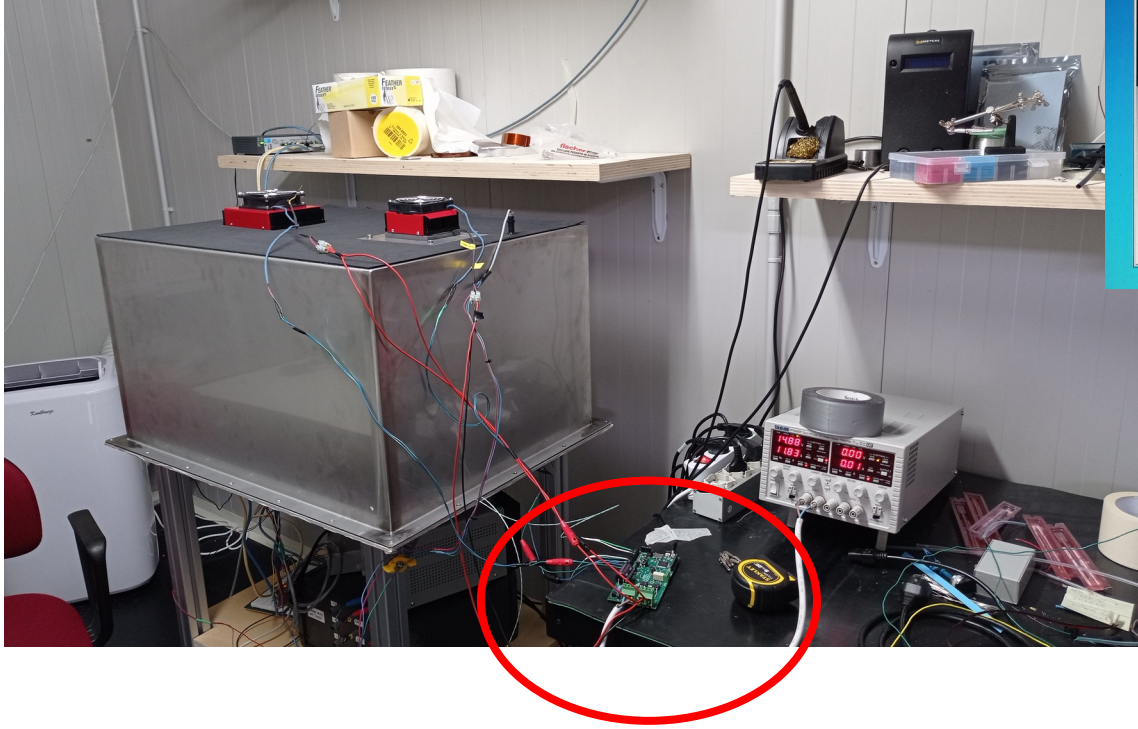
RC high pass  
digital filtering

A big  
component of  
the noise comes  
from the  
Keysight

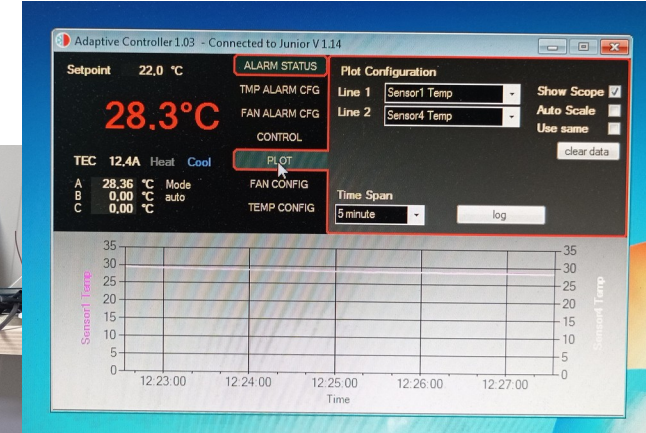
# Thermal stabilisation: climatic chamber (< 0.1 °C)



# Climatic chamber



controller



**Action:** pulse-width modulation (Peltier current)

**Mode:**

- thermostat
- PID (manual)
- PID (auto)



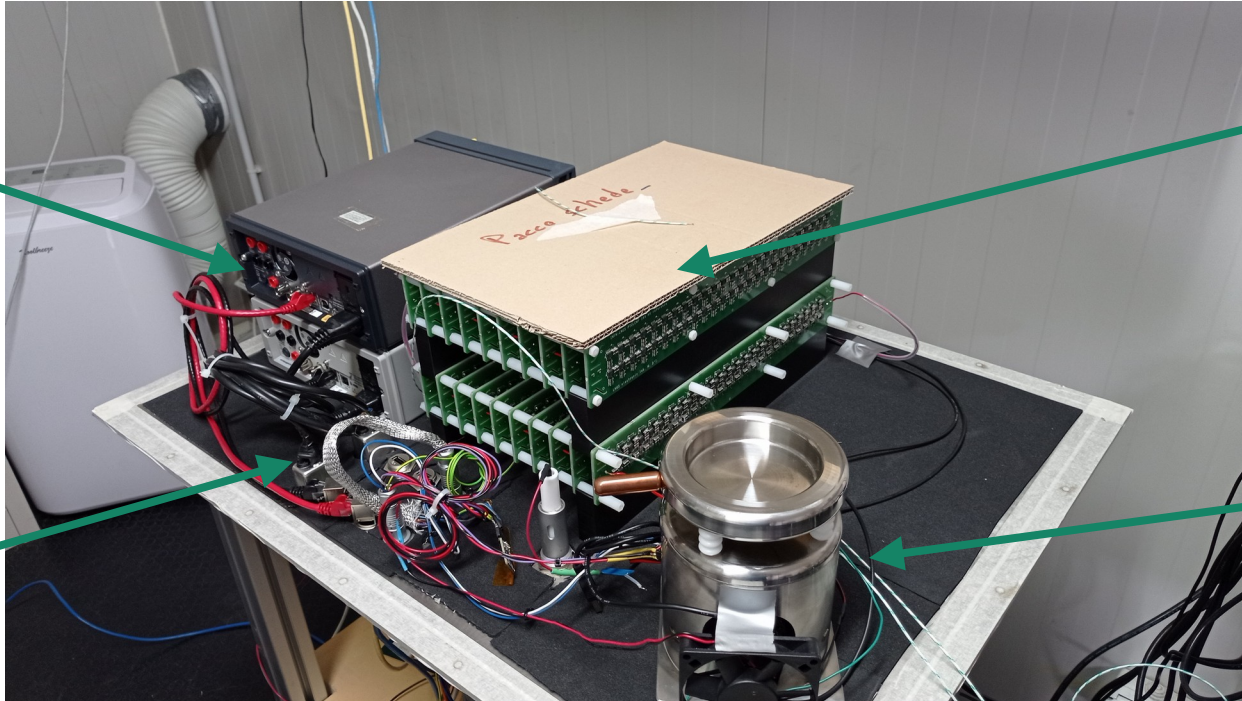
# Inside the box: new set-up

KeySight  
1-2

Feedthrough  
connections

Diode  
Chain  
10k +10k

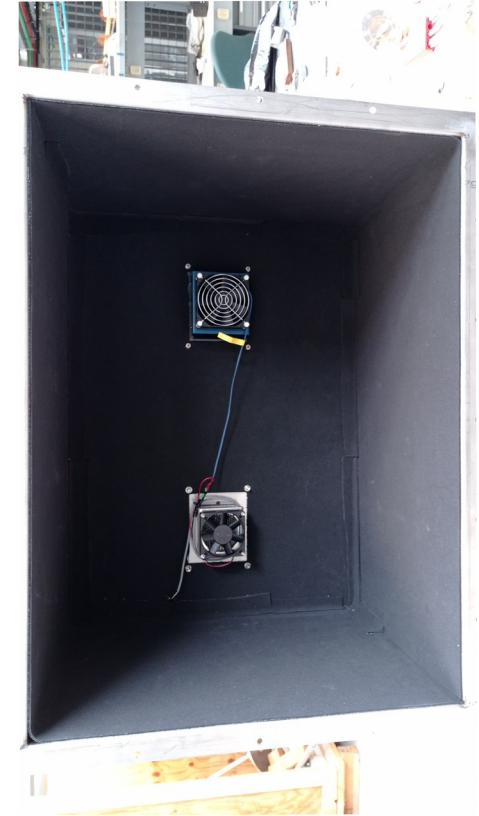
Field  
Mill



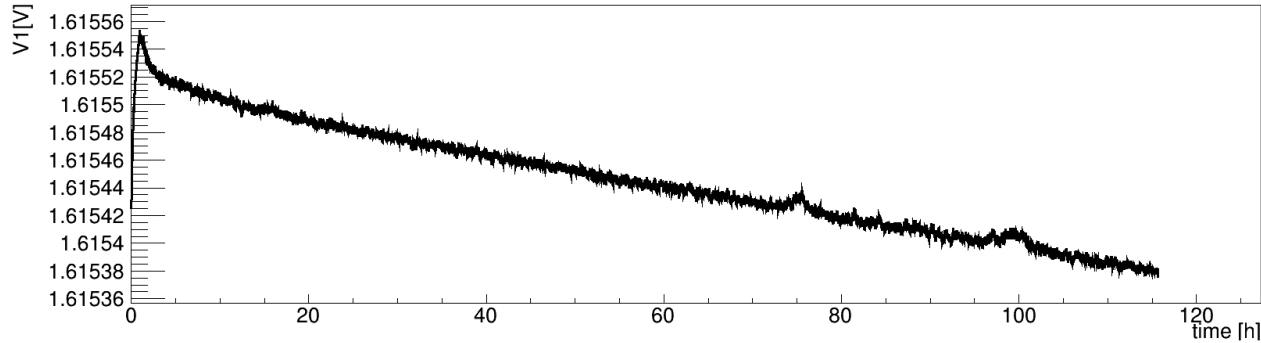
# Inside the box: new set-up

Neoprene jacket installation

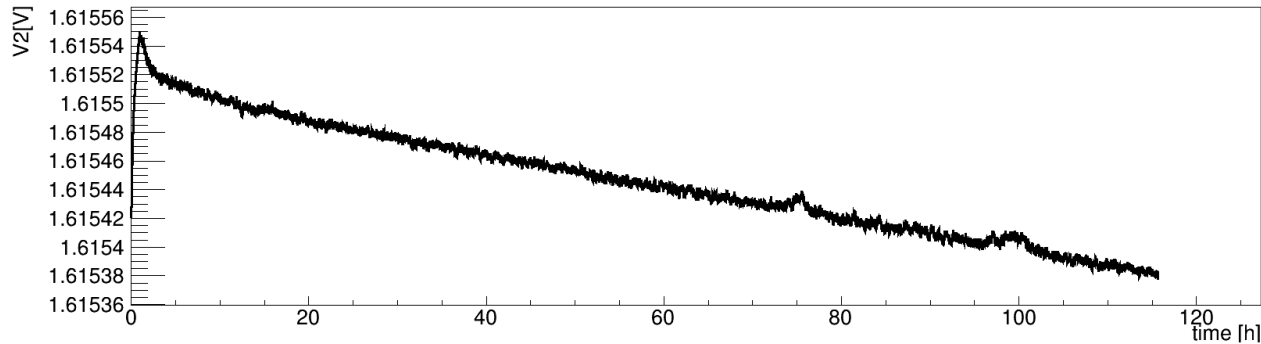
Climatic chamber commissioning at  
LNGS (Sep 2022)



# Preliminary test 1: Battery 1.6 V

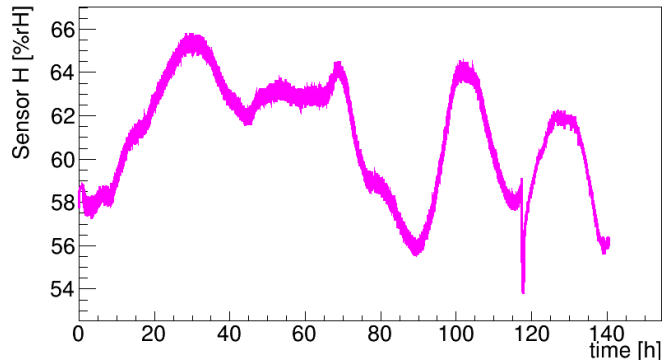
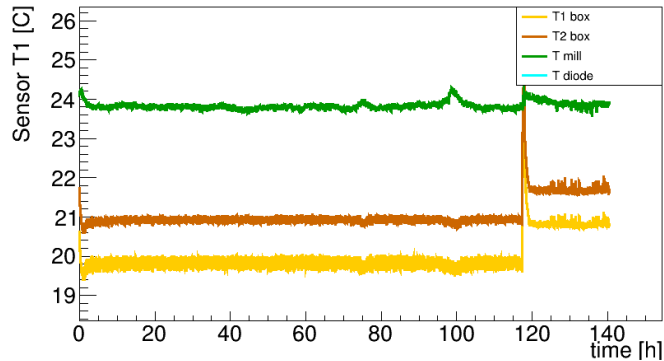
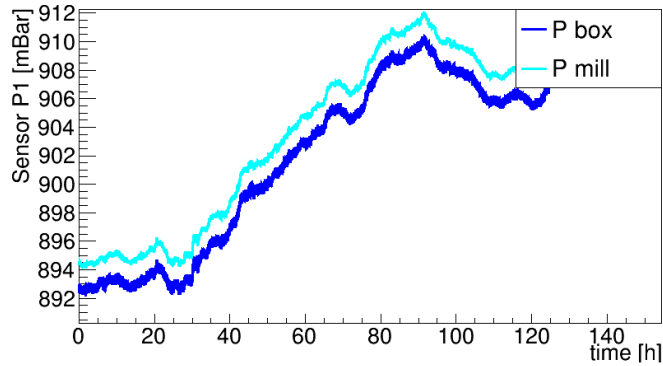
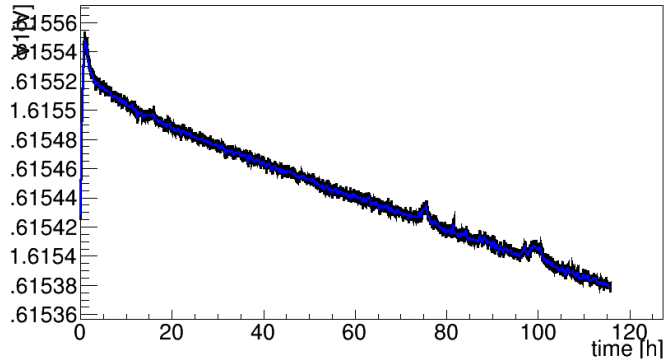


KeySight #1  
Precision 6.5 digits



KeySight #1  
Precision 7.5 digits

# KeySight #1: V1



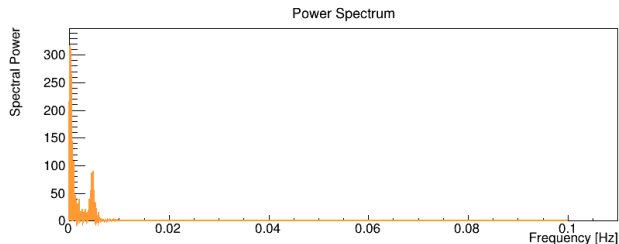
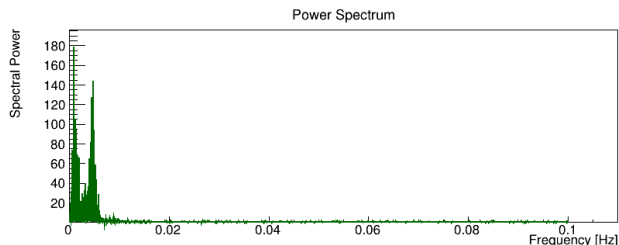
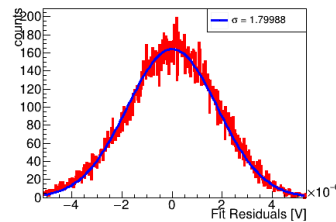
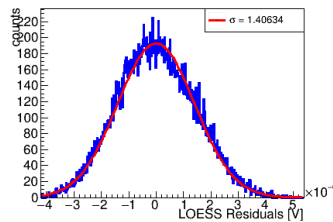
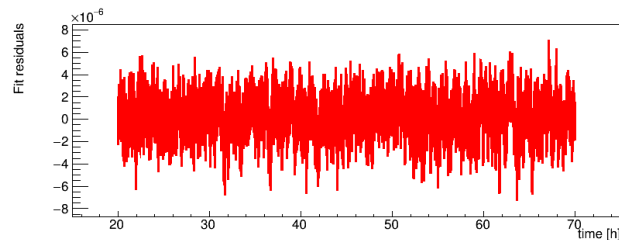
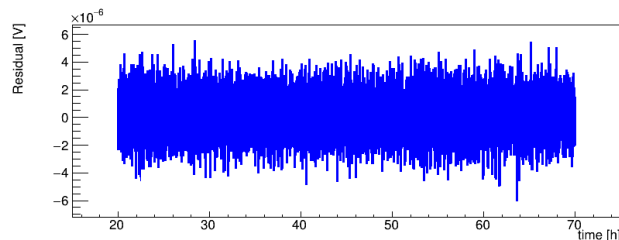
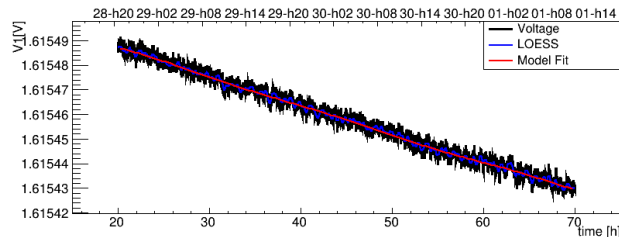
- thermostat mode

- stability within 0.1°C

- correlation with temperature variation

- no evident correlation with P and rH

# V1 Selection (stable subset)

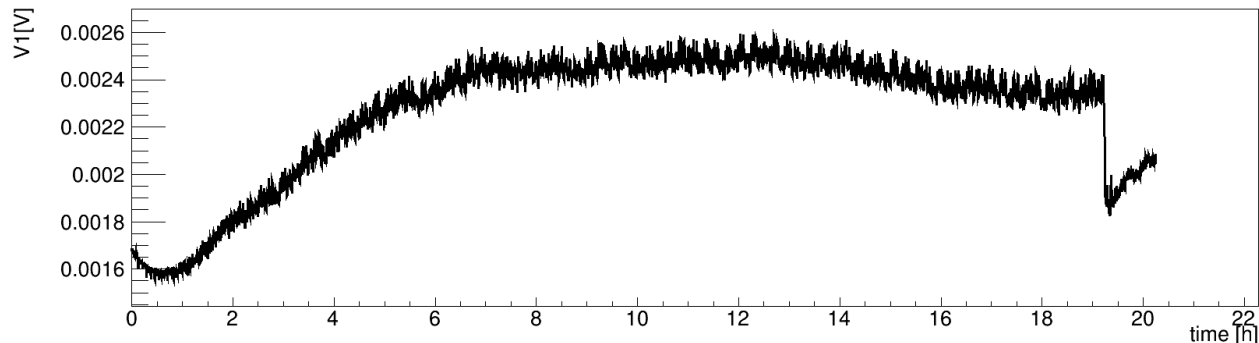


- Both V1 and V2 stable at  $\delta \sim 7 \times 10^{-7}$

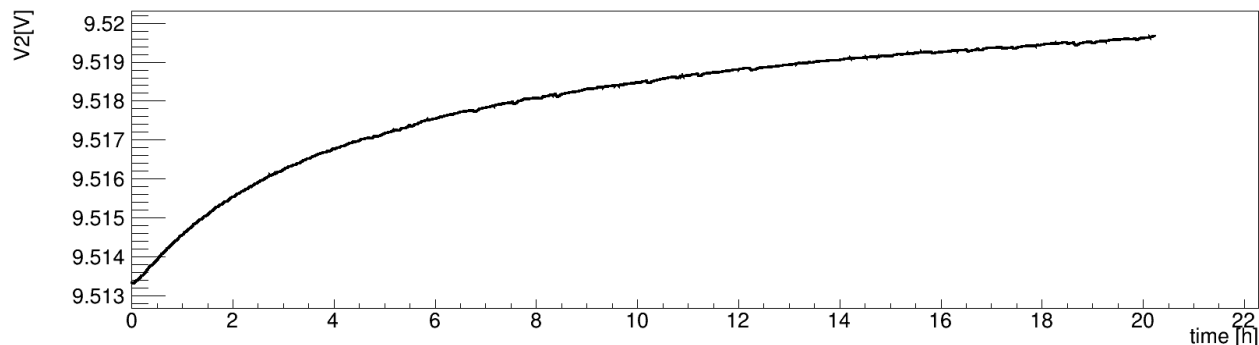
( $\rightarrow 13$  meV at 18.6 kV)

- 5' min spurious frequency still present, but less significant

# Preliminary test 1: Battery 9 V + (null) field mill

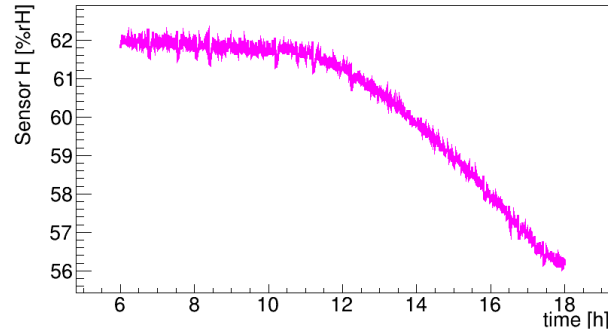
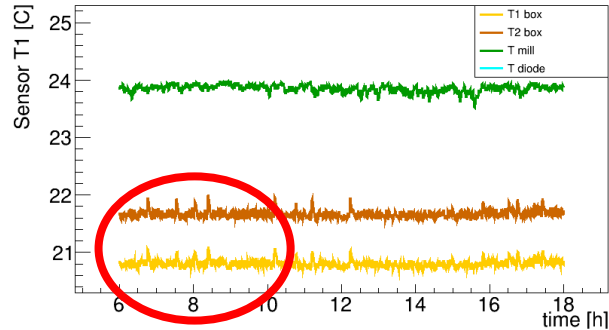
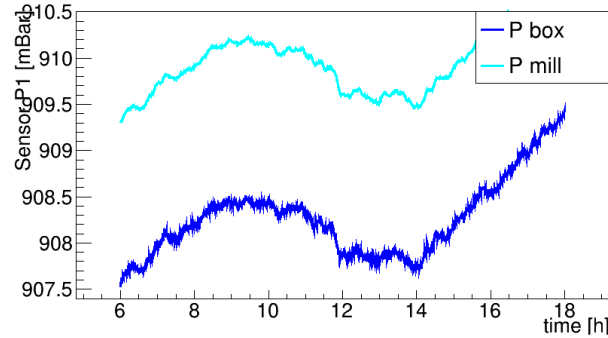
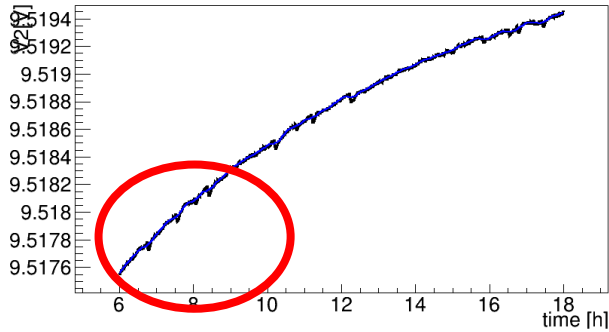


KeySight #2  
(Null) field mill



KeySight #1  
Battery 9V

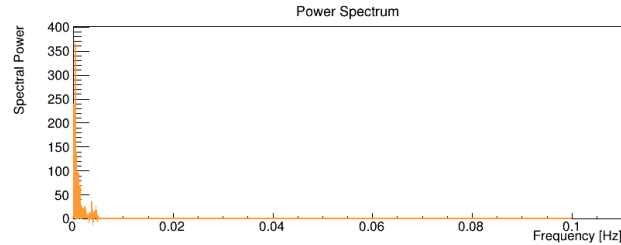
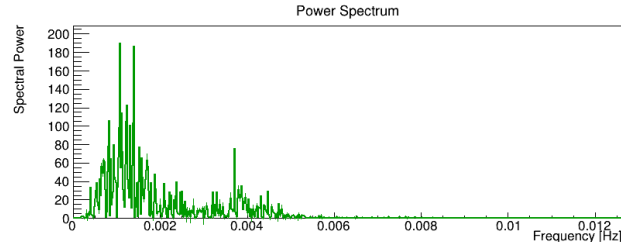
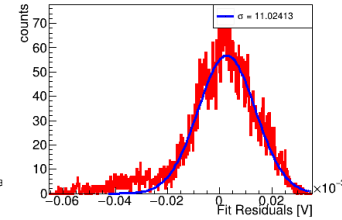
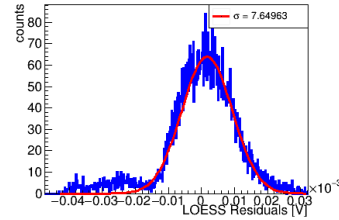
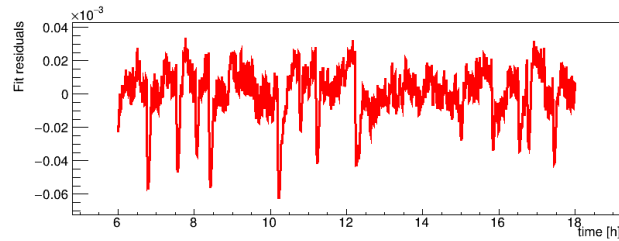
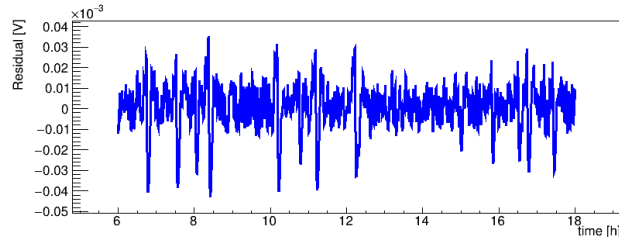
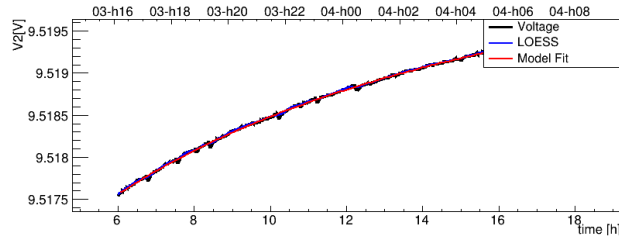
# Environmental parameter correlation



-- Correlation with very small temperature spikes ( $\sim 0.1$ -- $0.3$  °C)

- PID instead of thermostat needed

# Battery 9V selection

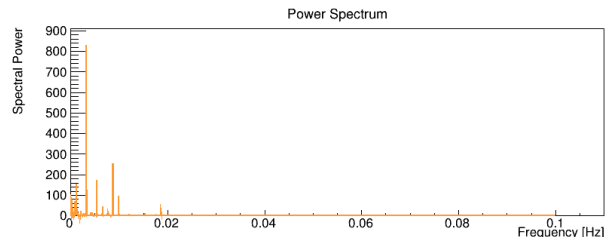
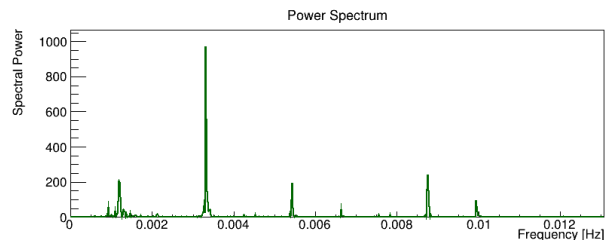
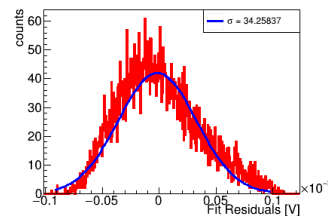
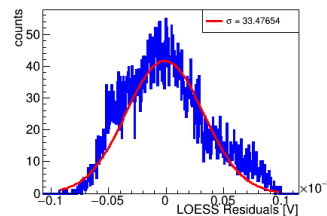
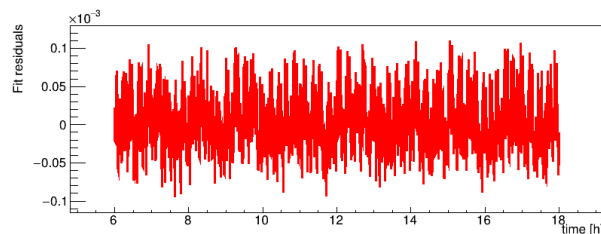
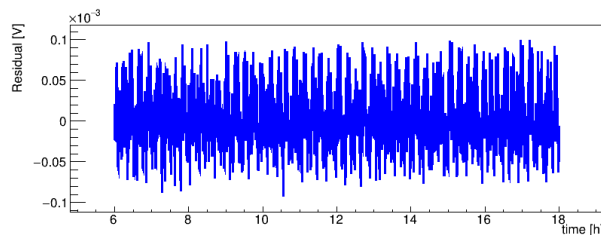
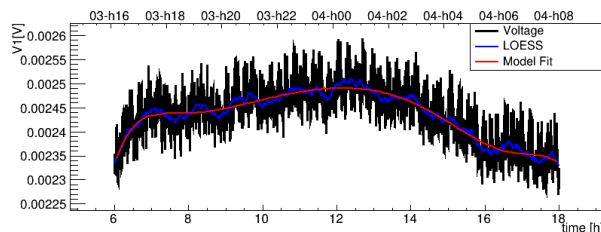


-- unless the temperature correlated spikes the resolution is comparable to first test ( $\sim 7 \mu\text{V}$  over 9.4 V)

- 3 mHz frequency



# Field mill selection



-- Noise dominated  
by 3 mHz (5')  
recalibration cycle

--  $\sigma \sim 30$  mV  
(largely affecting  
the amplified  
signal)

--to be investigated  
(with Keysight  
company)

# Conclusions and Perspectives

- present resolution of the diode  $\sim 50$  mV, limited by the measurement method (factor 5 from the goal)
- The intrinsic resolution of the diodes at 20 kV is  $\sim 1.4$  mV (well below the requirement)
- Key requirements for reaching the goal (**climatic chamber**):
  - environmental parameter stabilization ( $dT \sim 0.1^\circ\text{C}$  or better , stable pressure and humidity 0% ( $\text{N}_2$ ))  $\rightarrow$  to be improved with PID controller
  - Precision voltmeter self-calibration control investigation
- Next runs: HV on (5kV, 10kV, 20kV with  $\text{N}_2$ )

**Thank you very much!**

