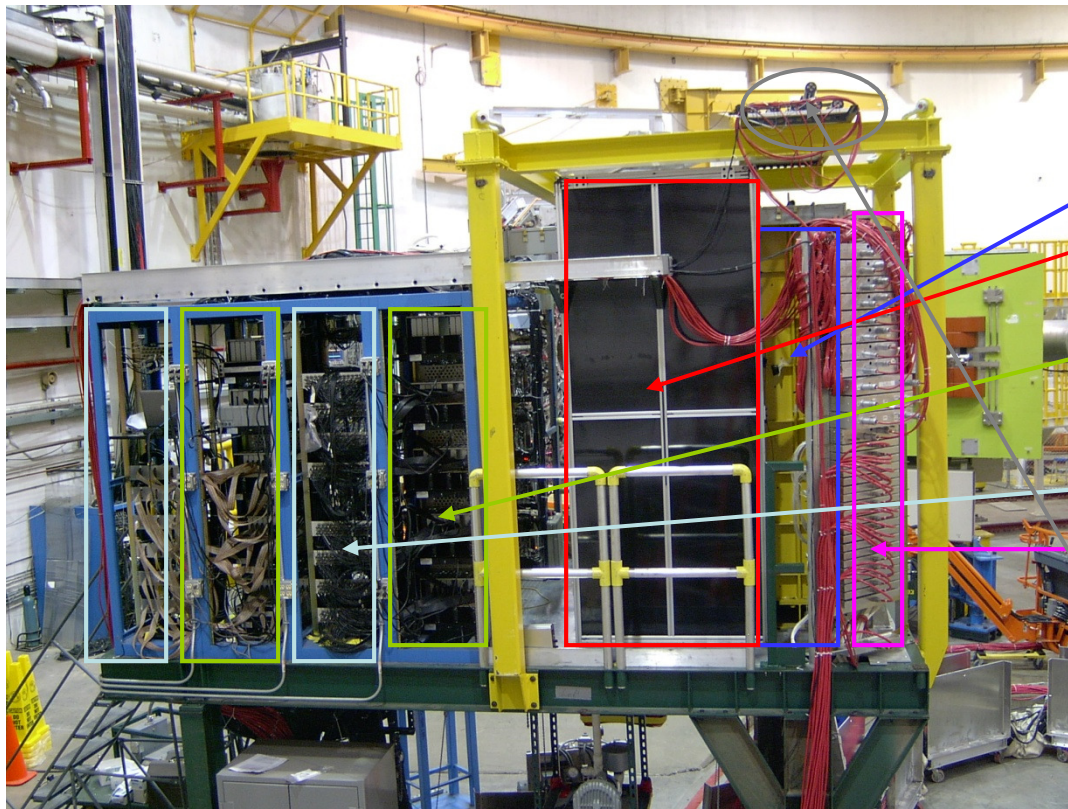


## BigCal

- Brief description of the detector
- Safety issues
- Status of annealing glass

# Calorimeter Platform



- Lead Glass 1744 blocks (4300kg)
- Black Box (PMs, bases, patch boards, temperature & door sensors)
- Front-End Electronics (incl. trigger)
- Booster Power Supplies
- Signal Patch Panels
- HV Patch Panels
- Light Box (monitoring system)
- Scintillators (for cosmics)
- Absorber (4" Al)

- Bottom part: 32 x 32 blocks (each 38 x 38mm) from Protvino

- Top part: 30 x 24 blocks (each 40 x 40 mm) from RCS

Same PMs, different bases (Protvino requires booster), patch boards, HV connectors

Total: 25,000lb

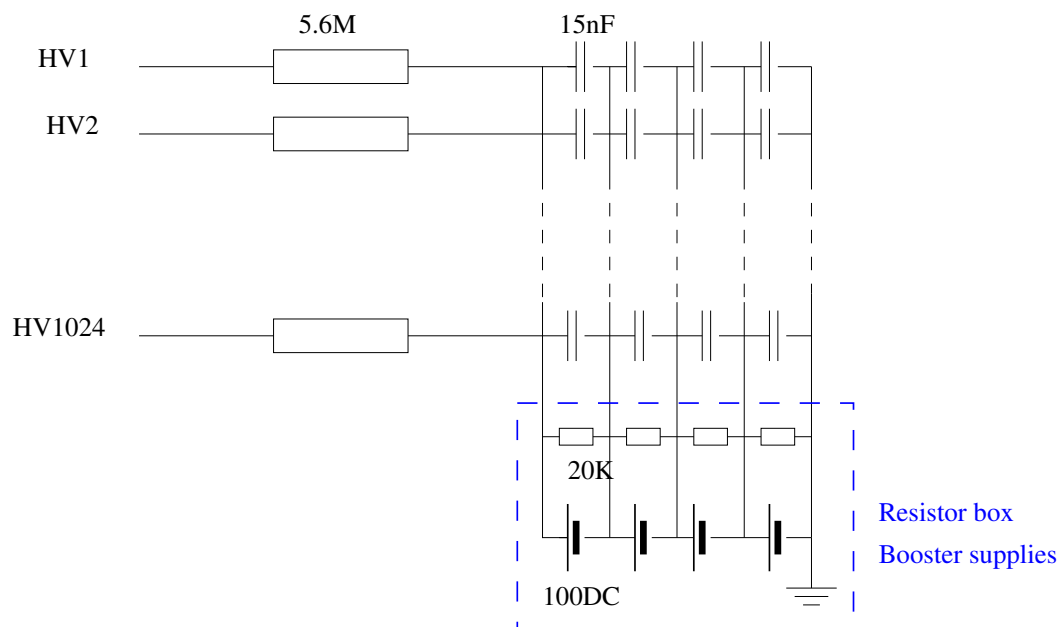
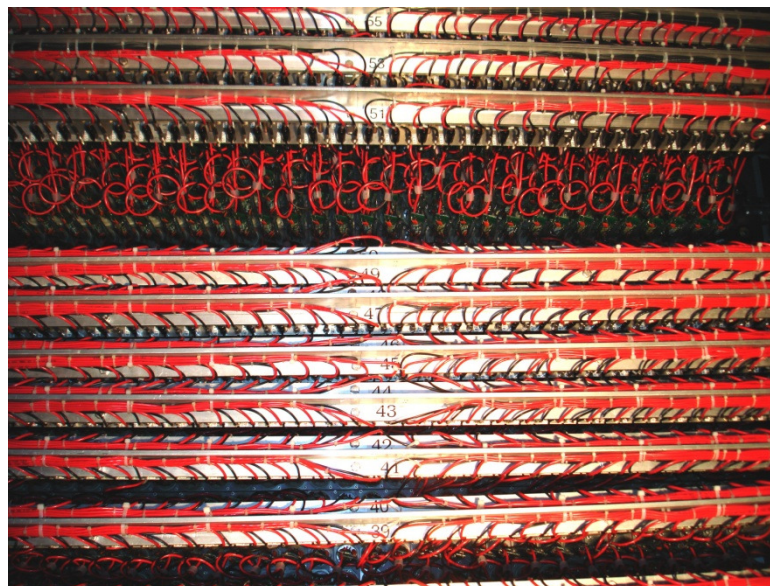
## Calorimeter Platform –Safety Issues

- One can walk on the platform without harness – there is stair to, and fence or detector parts and equipment all around the platform.
- Working outside of the platform to reach the HV patch panels, signal patch panels, or rear side of the electronics (normally not needed), is possible using a step ladder.
- **Before entering the black box all the HV chan. and booster supply must be turned OFF. Only experts are allowed to enter the black box.** The door is normally locked, there is a sign on the door, and a sensor connected to the HV interlock system.
- All HV chan. must be OFF before doing any work on the light box. Only experts can do this.
- There are 4 temperature sensors inside the black box adjusted to activate the interlock system above  $\sim 120^{\circ}\text{F}$ .

## HV subsystem at detector

### RCS part:

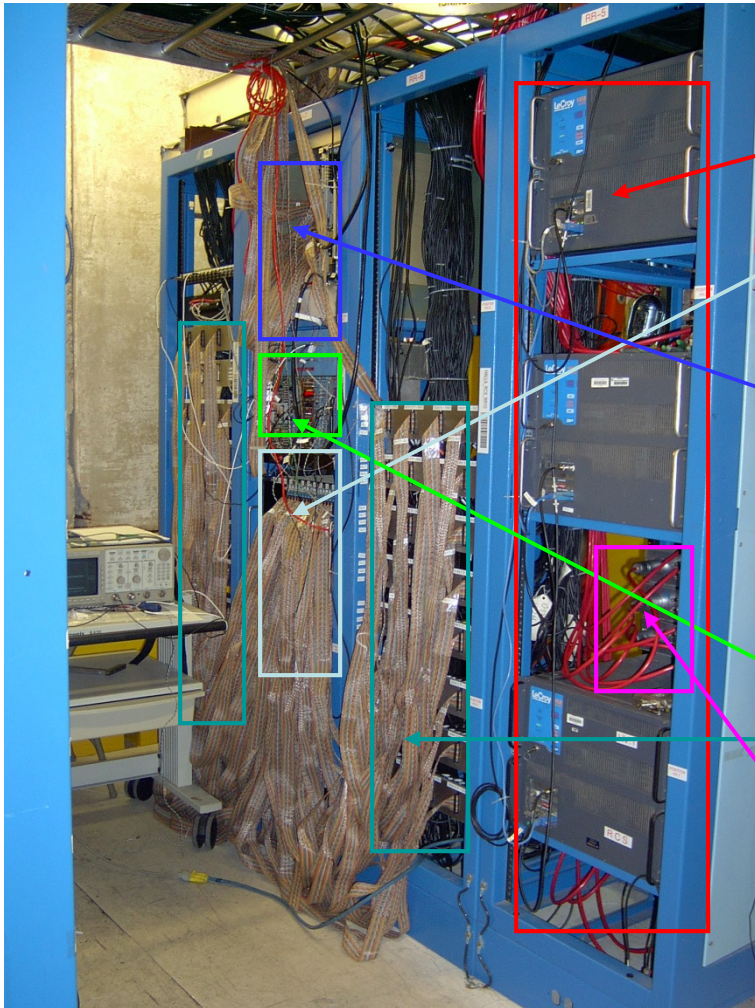
- High power ( $\sim 1$  Watt/ channel), still no need to cool: temperature increases by  $10^{\circ}\text{C}$  when turning ON all HV chan.
- Amplifying signals 4.2 times results in much lower HV as compared to previous operation in Hall A  $\rightarrow$  Lower power and longer life.



### Protvino part:

- Booster supply reduces the current on the bases by a factor of 3-4 (4 units each at  $-100\text{V}/200\text{mA}$ ), but all channels are interconnected:
- **TURN OFF ALL HV CHANNELS AND BOOSTER BEFORE WORKING ON ANY PROTVINO HV CHANNEL.**
- After Gep safety review, upgraded cabling and connections and interlocked 400V to opening the “black box”.

# Electronics/HV



## In the bunker (Electronics Platform):

LeCroy HV Supplies (6 crates 1104+48 spare chan.),  
**interlocked from BigCal sensors**

Two Fastbus Crates with 29 ADCs (1782+74 chan.) and 4  
TDCs (262+122 chan.), **covered on the back** (each ~  
+75/-80A for +5V/-5.2V)

Two VME crates: TS and scalers; and slow control  
system and remote resets

Two CAMAC crates with 17 discr. (262+10 chan.) and  
modules for the slow control system (each ~ +18/-20A for  
+6/-6V)

One NIM crate: coin. trigger and gates

Signal Patch Panels

HV patch panels

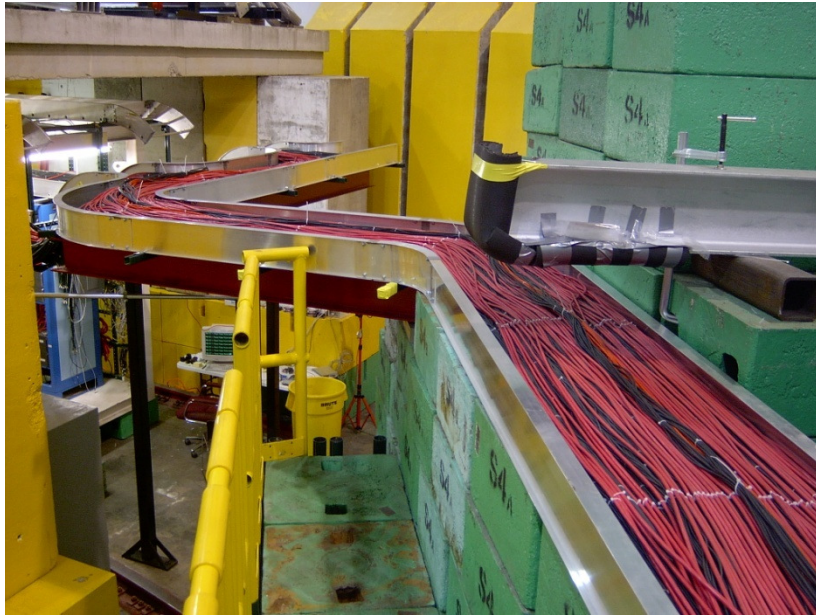
## Second floor counting house (G0 electronics):

CAEN HV supplies (11 crates 640+64 chan.) **interlocked  
from BigCal sensors**

## Counting house (SOS HV supplies):

Two CAEN modules (10+22chan.) used for the  
scintillators, **not interlocked**

# Cables



1782 + 82 signal cables (100m) for ADC

262 + 18 signal cables (50m) for TDC

48 HV cables (100m, 24 chan. each) for LeCroy HV

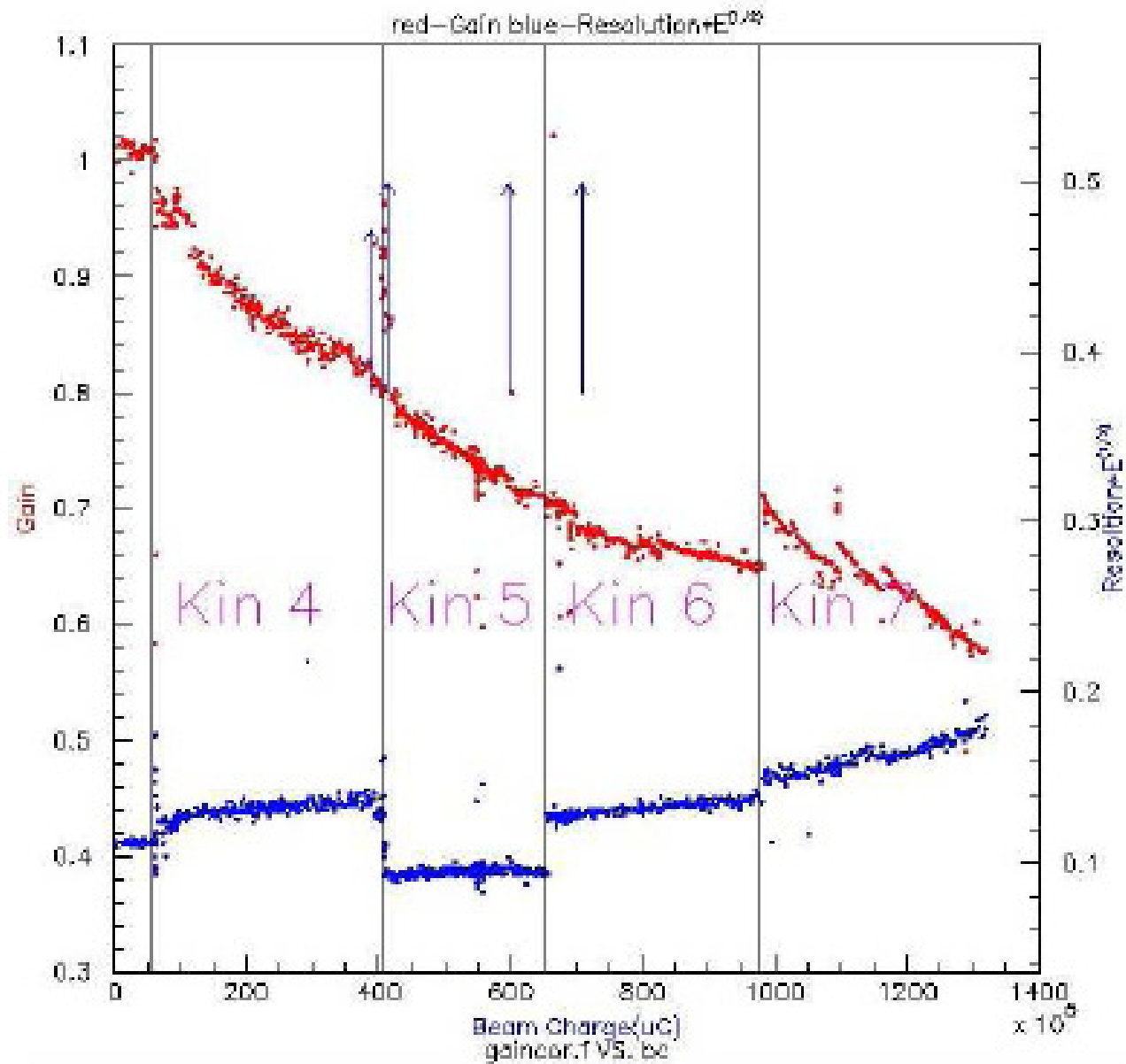
40 + 2 HV cables (40m, 16 chan. each) for CAEN HV

Cables wrapped on the floor and below stairs.

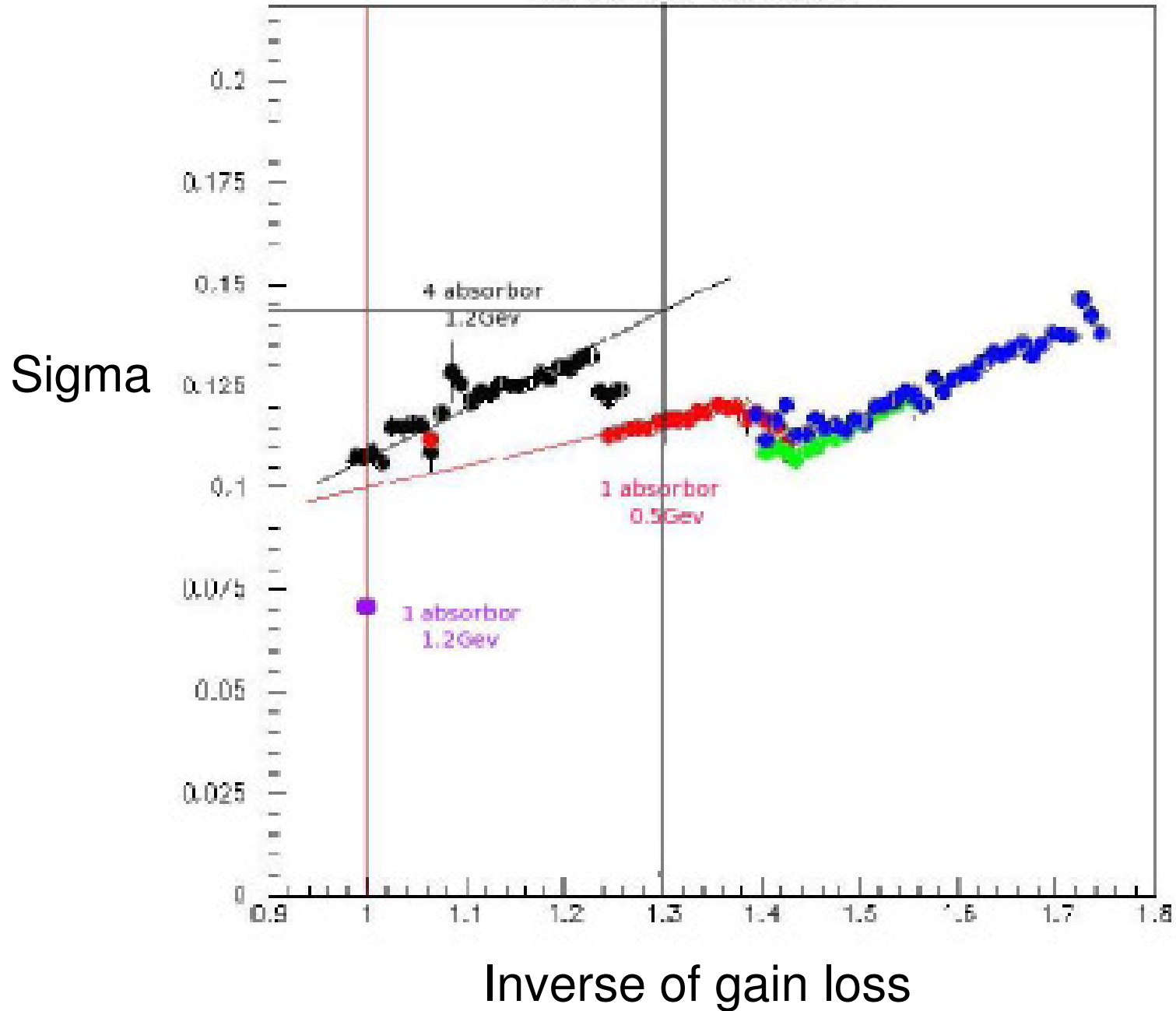
All cables on carts at BigCal side, **NO NEED TO DISCONNECT WHEN MOVING DETECTOR.** 30-60 min. for repositioning.



# Gain and Resolution during last experiment

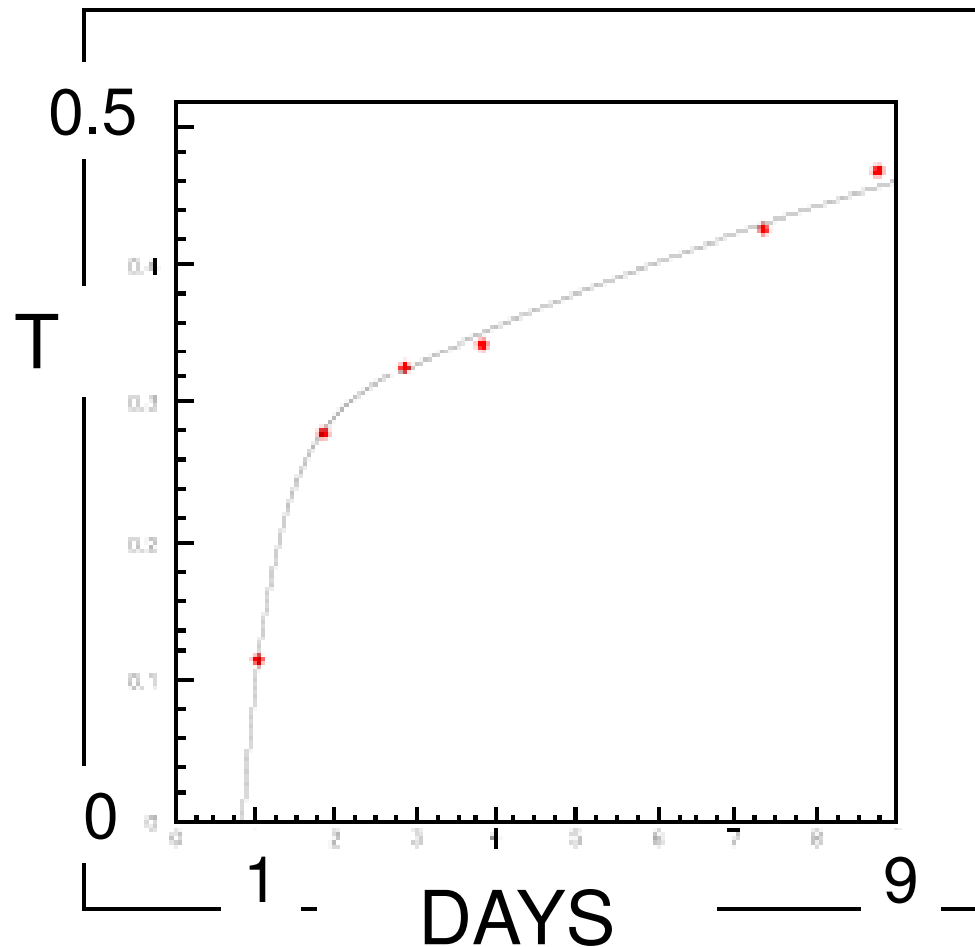


# Gain and Resolution during last experiment





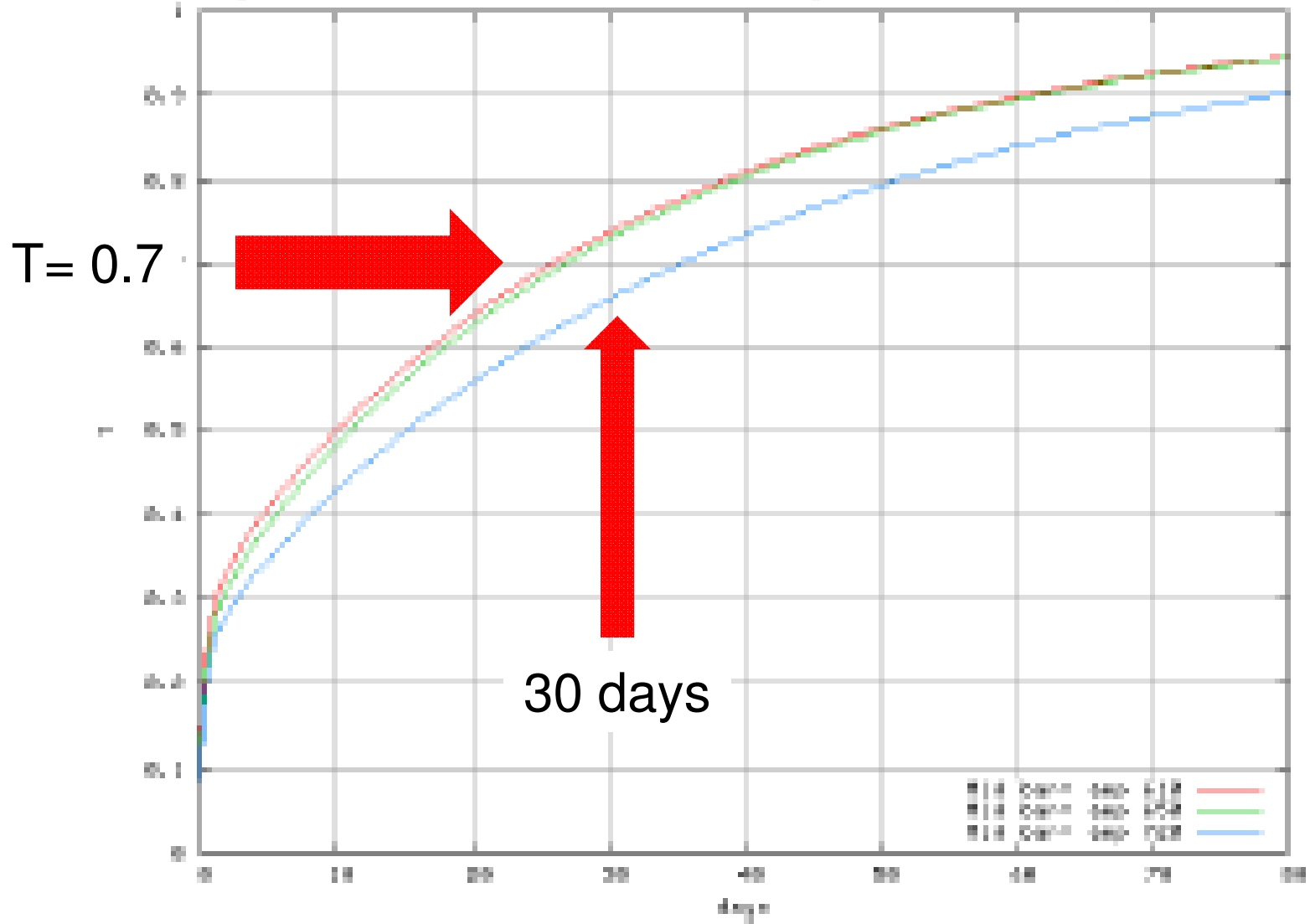
# Measurements of Transparency



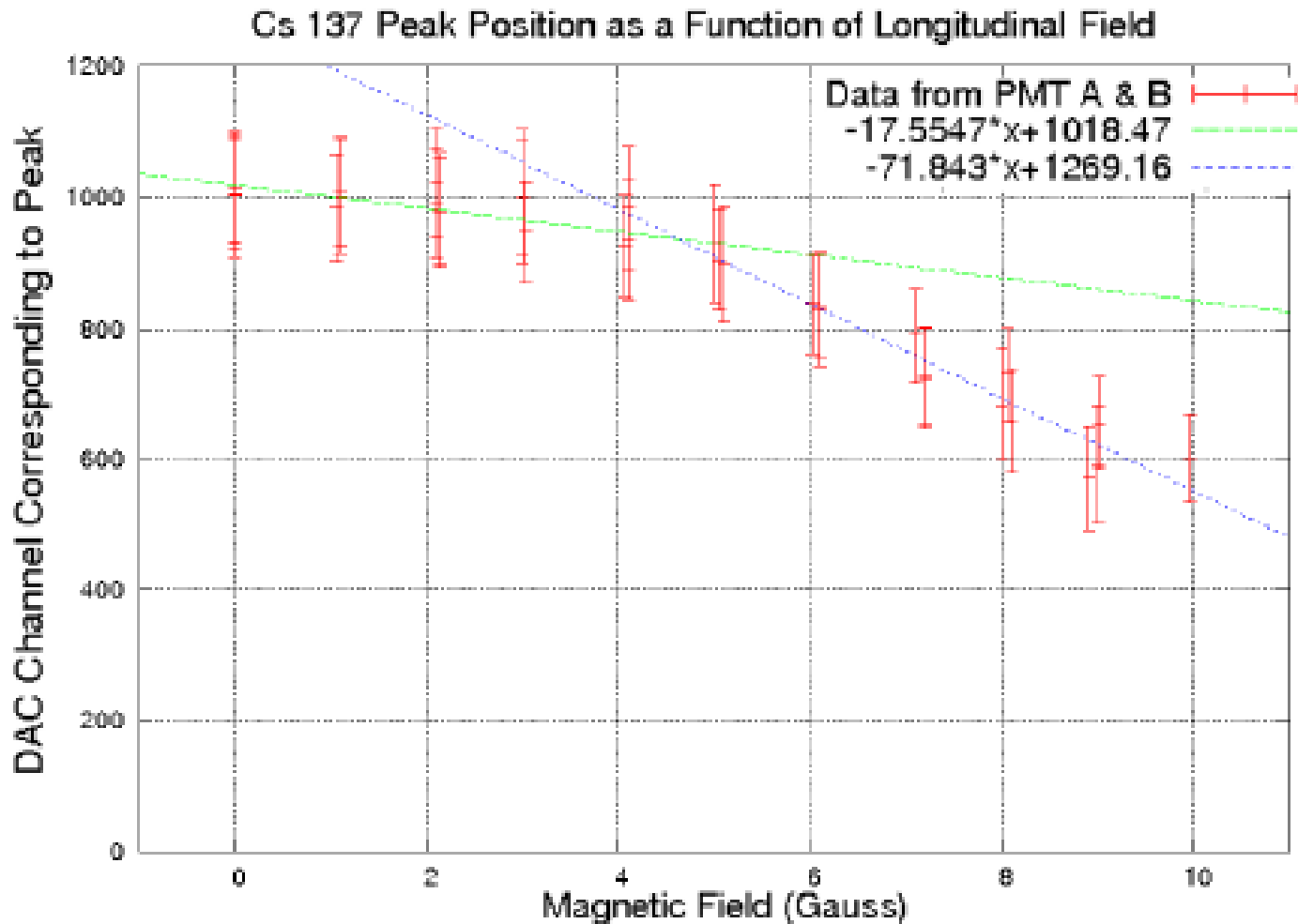
As a test annealed one block and measured how the transparency improved.

Fit the data to estimate how long to cure the glass.

# Expected Transparency



# Test with BigCal PMTs in magnetic field



## Test with BigCal PMTs in magnetic field

	Big Cal Point	Gain Shift Due to B Field (%)	Corresponding HV Shift (%)
	B	32.38	4.38
80°	D	34.64	4.68
	F	41.55	5.62
	B	41.55	5.62
0°	D	34.63	4.68
	F	32.38	4.38
	B	21.31	2.88
WACS	D	4.1	0.55
	F	0.34	0.05

## STATUS AND CONCLUSIONS

- BigCalorimeter worked well during recent Hall C experiments
- Annealing of lead glass has begun and expect to reach about 70-80% of maximum transparency. Expect energy resolution to be about  $8\%/\sqrt{E}$  .