# **MIPP Update**

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- Cryo-target
- Statistics
- Detector and beam

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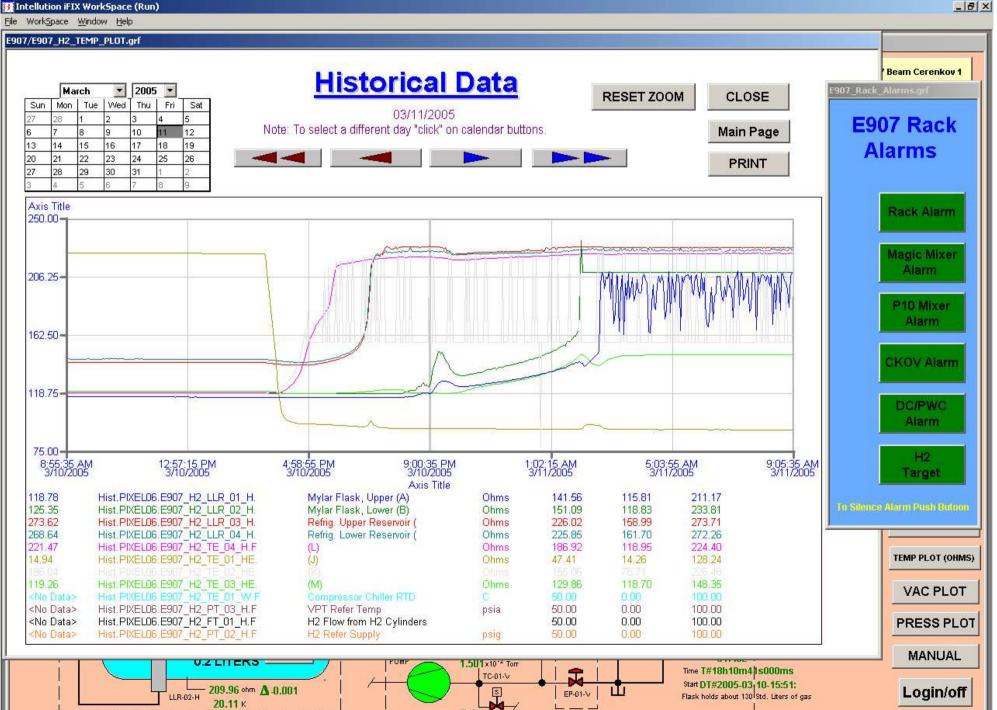
# Cryo-target vacuum woes - solved

- The MIPP cryo-target was run cold with  $LH_2$  from 4 March to 7 March.
  - Evidence of a vacuum leak was seen in several indicators (heater power and vacuum quality during cool-down were most notable)
- The existence of a vacuum leak was confirmed on monday, 3/7
  - Vacuum spoiled a little when target flask was emptied (i.e. warmed up).
- The target system was warmed up and data on the empty target was taken.
  - Vacuum spoiled a lot when the refrigerator was warmed up.
  - The leak was on a flexible line between the roughing pump and the refrigerator. Only very little frozen air was on the target flask.
- The leak was fixed and a bad pump (still pumping, but lot of noise, vibration) was replaced.
- The target was cooled down again on thursday afternoon, was working well since then and did not show any sign of trouble when it was emptied this morning. We will keep the target cold, alternate full and empty runs.

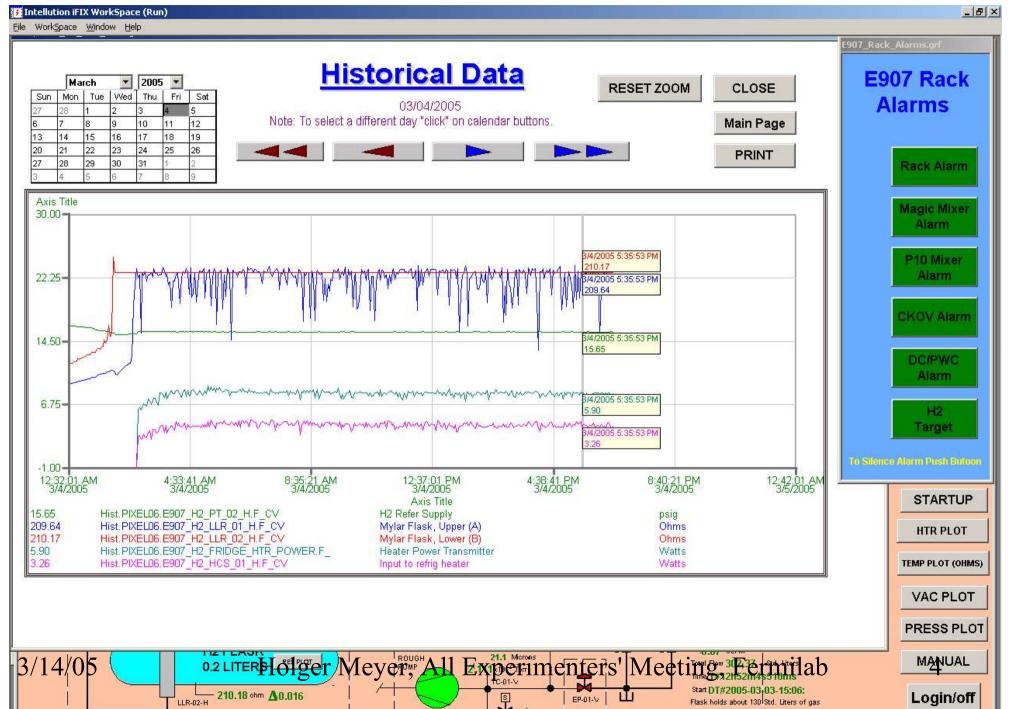
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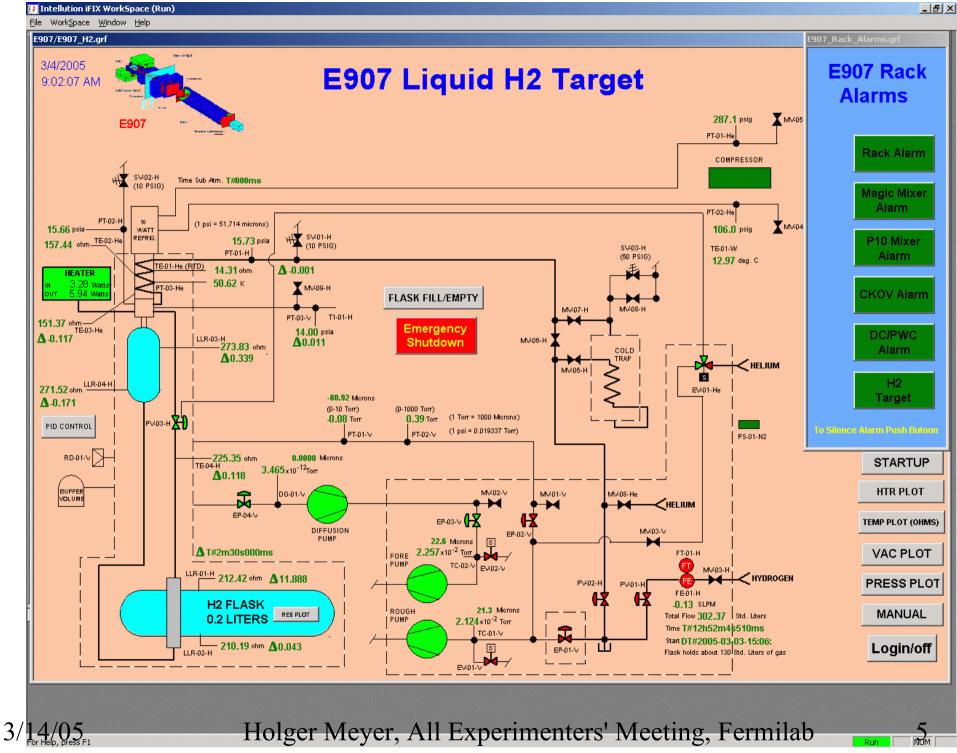
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## **MIPP Statistics**

- Data on full (59 hours this week) /empty (36 hours this week) cryo-target ( $H_2$ ) at +50GeV/c:
  - This is ca. 9.5 spills per minute while taking data
  - 43k spills (2.7k empty) on  $H_2$  total, 23.7k spills (1.7k empty) this week
  - 12.2k spills (0.8k empty) on empty target this week
  - 520k interactions on  $H_2$ , 183k on empty target total
    - Evenly split among incident  $\pi$ , K, p

# MIPP detector & beam status

- Overall the detector was working well.
- TPC had problems initiallizing a few times.
- TPC gating grid noise was studied. This may lead to better dE/dx resolution if we can lower thresholds.
- Beam was good. The cryo-target needs smaller beam spot than the solid targets.
  - Beam studies for beam size on target, backgrounds, swic/target/beam-veto alignment.

# **MIPP** summary

- Cryo-target was fixed last week and is now working reliably.
- The detector was performing well.
- Beam was good.