

Exp #174

Analysis of Tevatron Vacuum Resilience to
Valved Turbo Pumps at B2

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I Procedure

In the Tevatron's cryostat vacuum system there are forty-eight 100 liter/sec turbomolecular pumps. These pumps are arranged two per numbered house. The purpose of this experiment was to turn off the pumps for one house and monitor the response of the vacuum. The pumps were not actually turned off but were valved out of the vacuum system by closing valves CV3U, CV3D and CV5U, CV5D (see fig. 1). The house selected was B2 due to its innocuous position and relative low quench occurrences. The vacuum was monitored via cold cathode gauges which operate in the range 10^{-3} to 10^{-8} torr. The typical operating cryostat vacuum of the Tevatron is on the order of 10^{-7} torr. Vacuum readings were recorded using the datalogger process running on the VAX. Using the datalogger it was possible to change the rate at which data was collected. In the plots that follow the change in resolution seen in the data for when the turbo pumps were valved out is a result of changing the reading rate of the datalogger from once every 4 minutes to once every half hour.

The cryostat vacuum valves were opened approximately 30 days into the experiment hence effectively turning back on the turbo pumps. Vacuum readings were then logged for when the pumps were working and the set of plots labeled 'B2xxx Turbo Pumps on' correspond to this data. Again the reading rate was once per half hour.

II Analysis

The data analyzed was for B2CC1, B2CC4U, B2CC5U and B2CC8U. At house B2 there is a total of eleven cold cathode gauges. The above listed gauges are spaced well enough to give a good cross section of the vacuum for the house. The raw data consists of cold cathode gauge readings in torr v.s. time in hours. The main objective was to do a least square fit to a line and to observe the slope of this line as an indication of the vacuum's response. Before the data was submitted to the fitting program it was first submitted to a program that ensured that all the gauge readings were within a user defined range. The range selected for this experiment was 10^{-8} to 2×10^{-6} torr. The fitting program calculated the parameters of the best fit line, namely the slope and y-intercept. This slope is what is displayed on each plot. Also calculated was the correlation coefficient. Using the total number of data points and the correlation coefficient a 'probability of zero correlation' was computed using a program found in Bevington¹. What this probability tells is if the data that gave rise to

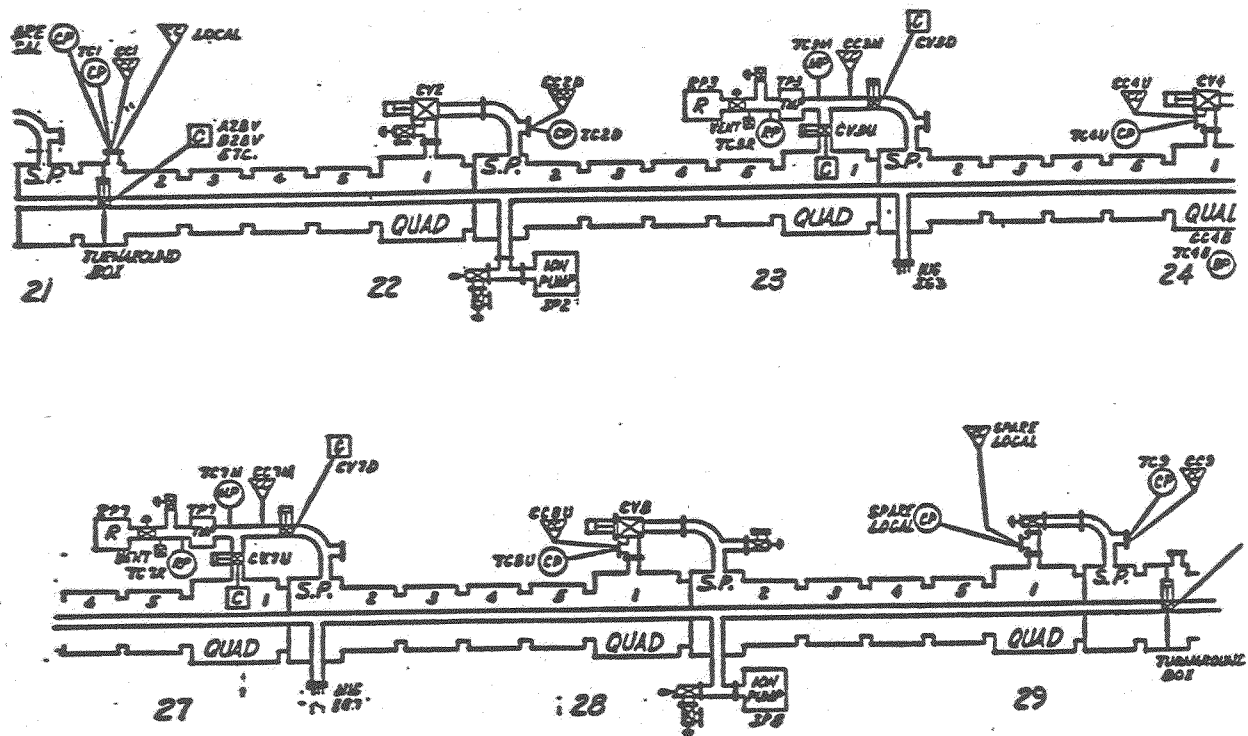
the given correlation coefficient is completely uncorrelated. A very small value for this probability implies strongly correlated data. The probabilities calculated for the vacuum data were on the order of 10^{-4} this indicates an extremely high correlation for the data meaning high confidence for the fit.

One interesting result of the data reduction is that the slopes of the fitted lines for the data when the pumps were off are negative whereas those for pumps on are positive. This leads one to infer that the vacuum gets better when the pumps are valved out of the system.

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figure 1



SR - SPOOL PIECE

▽ - COLD CATHODE

⊙ - PUMP CP - CYSTAT PRESSURE
 MP - MANIFOLD
 RP - ROUGHING
 BP - BORE

⊞ - ELECTROPNEUMATIC GATE VALVE

⊞ - MANUAL VALVE

⊞ - ALL METAL MANUAL VALVE

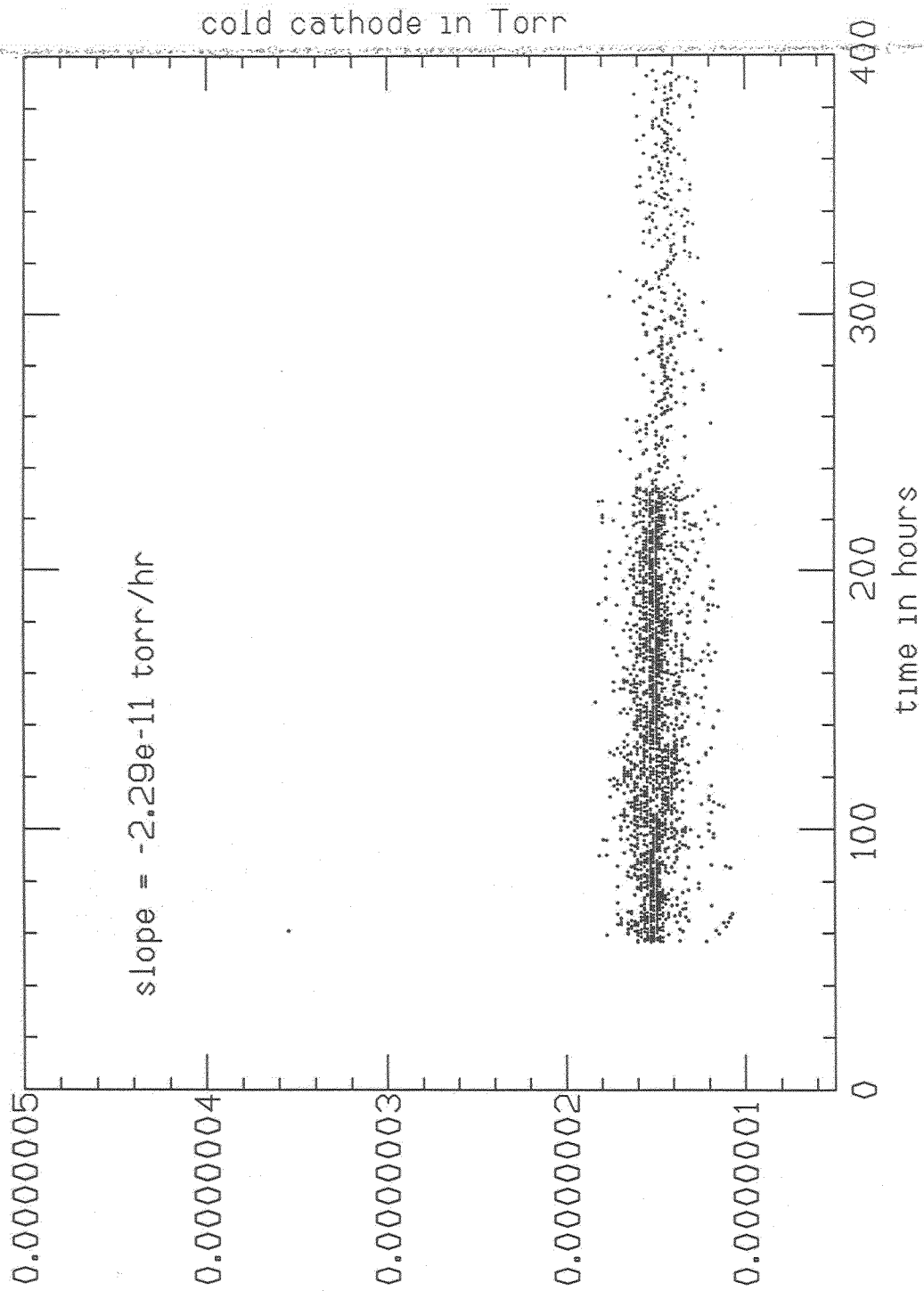
⊞ - ELEC. RT. ANGLE VALVE

⊞ - MANUAL RT. ANGLE VALVE

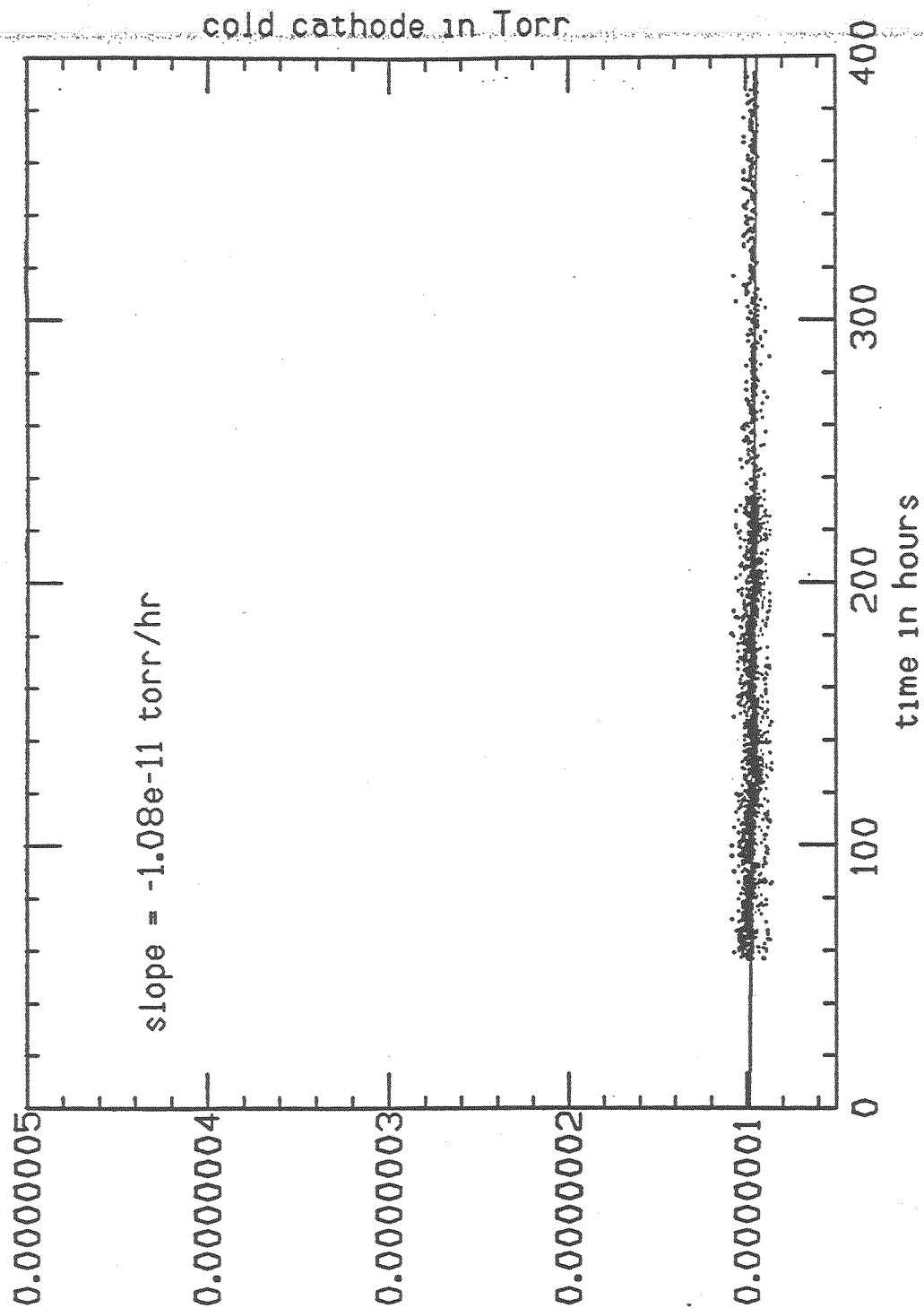
⊞ - CLAPPER SIDE

NIG - NUDE ION GAUGE

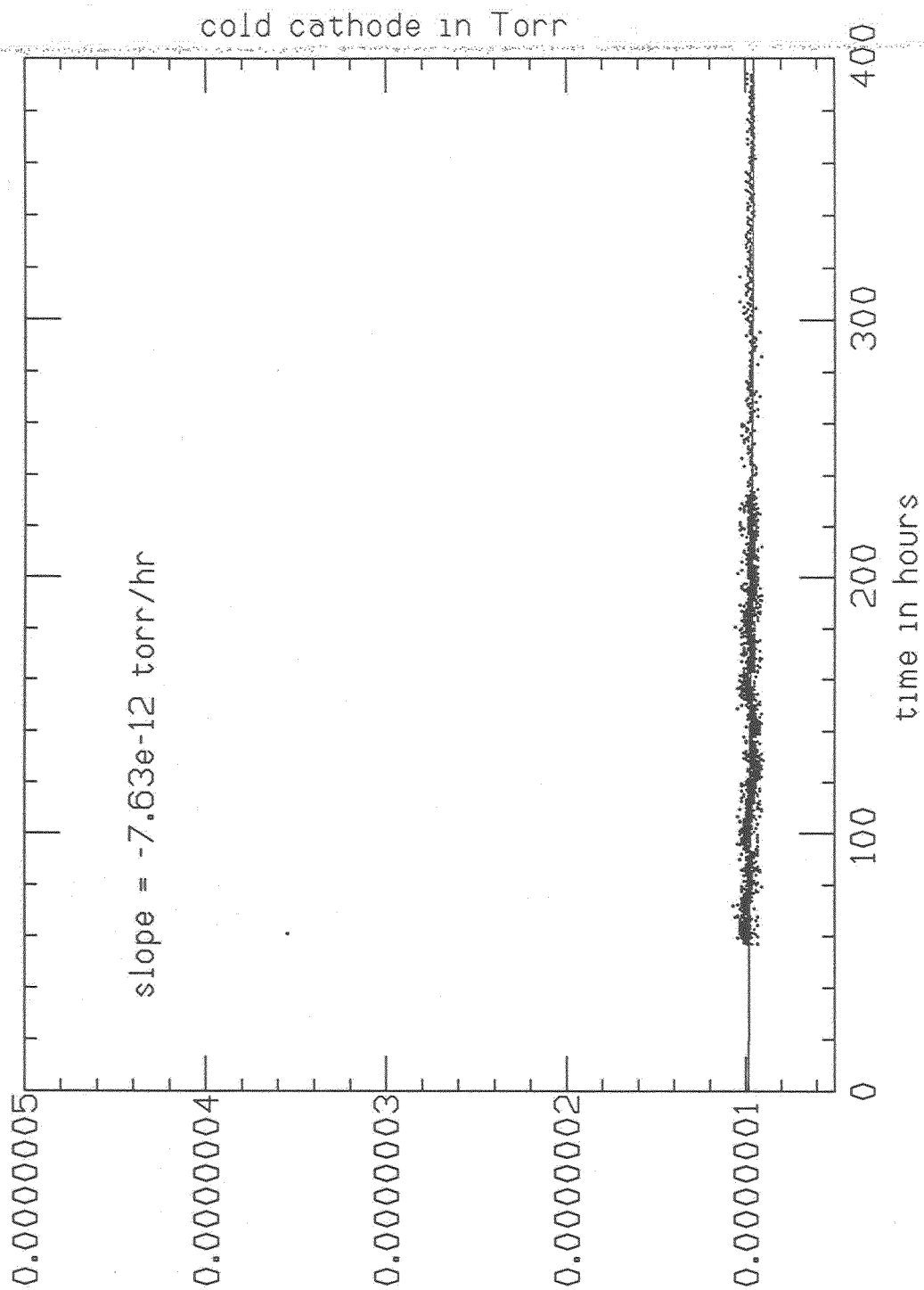
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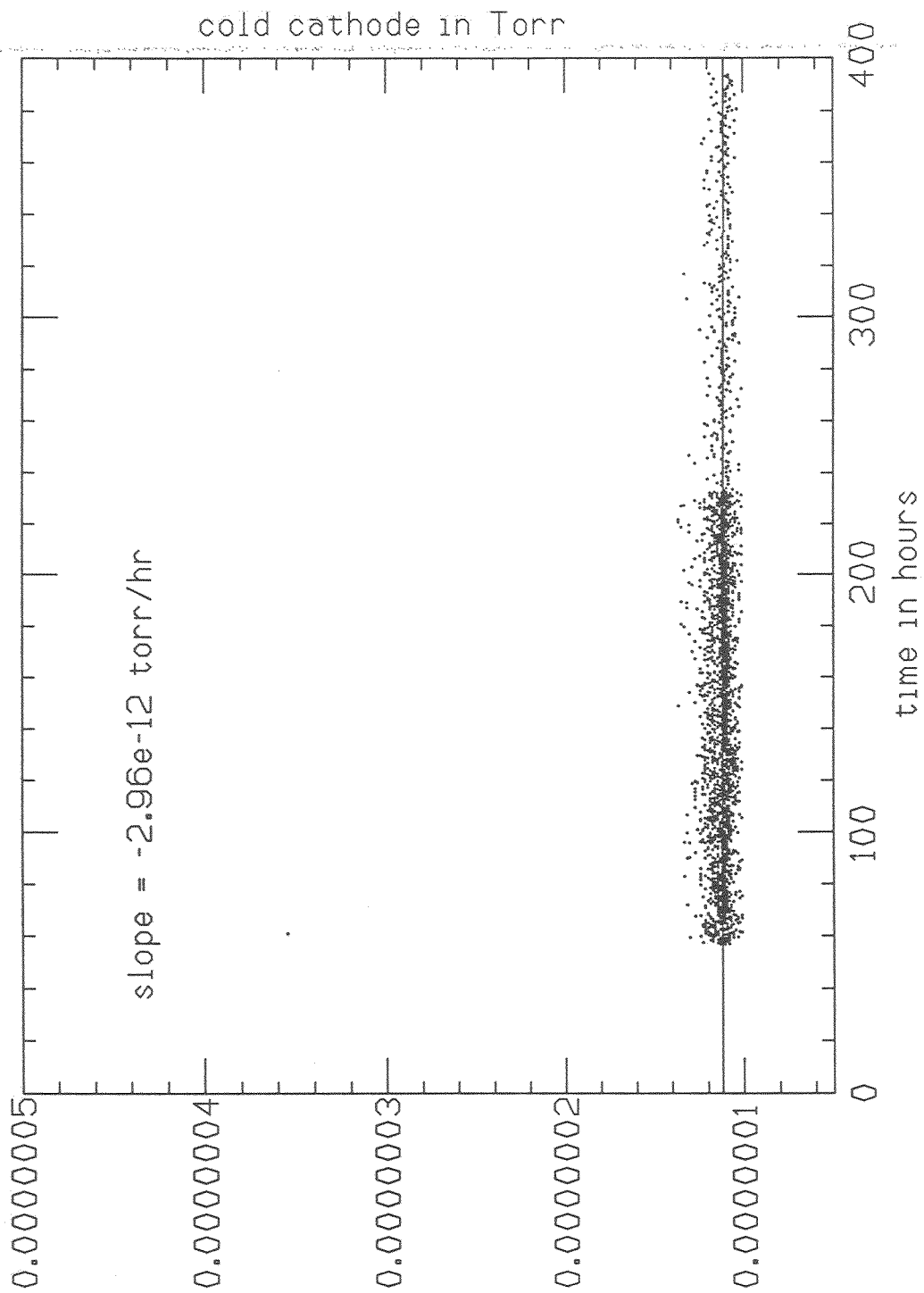
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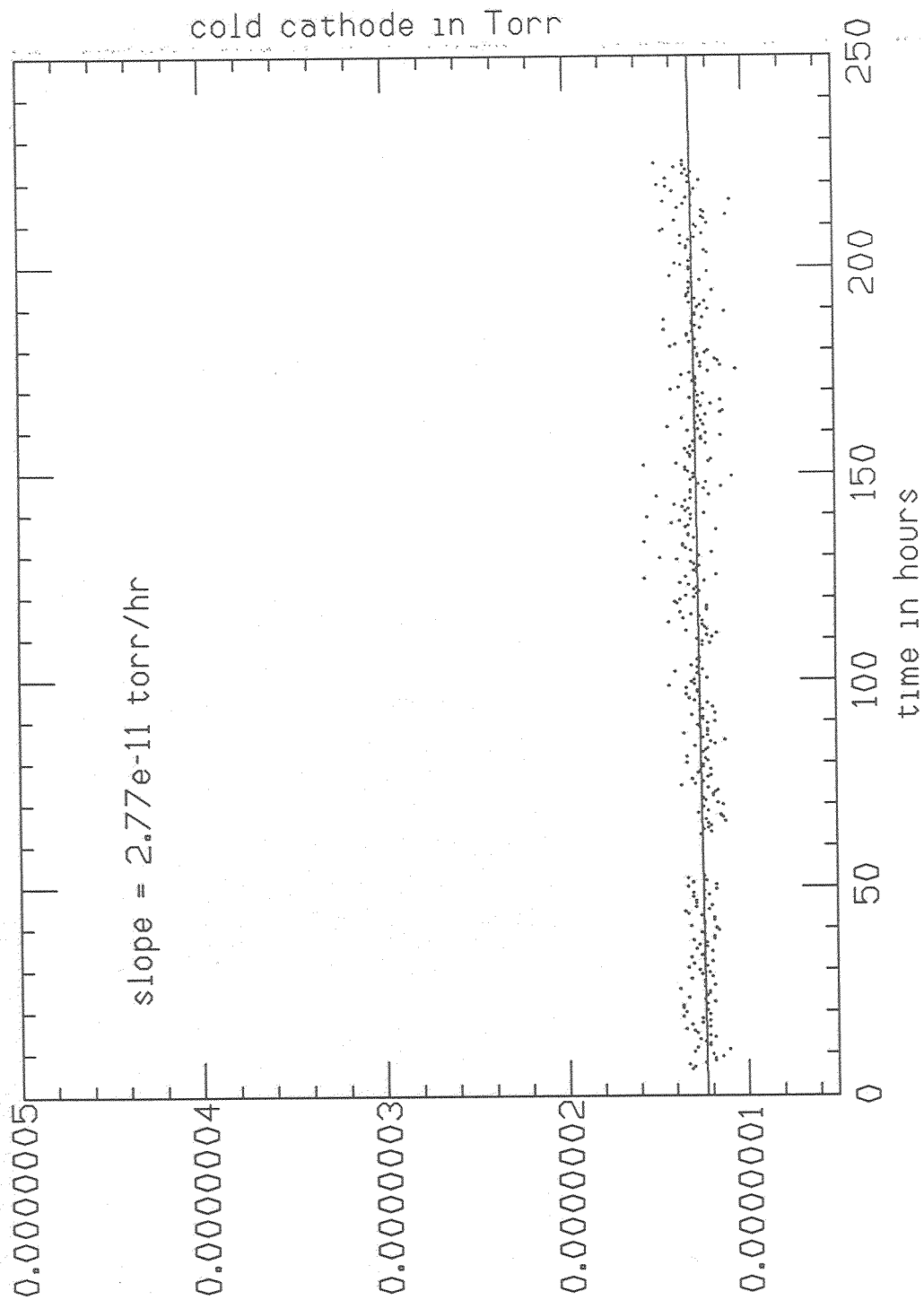
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B2CC8U



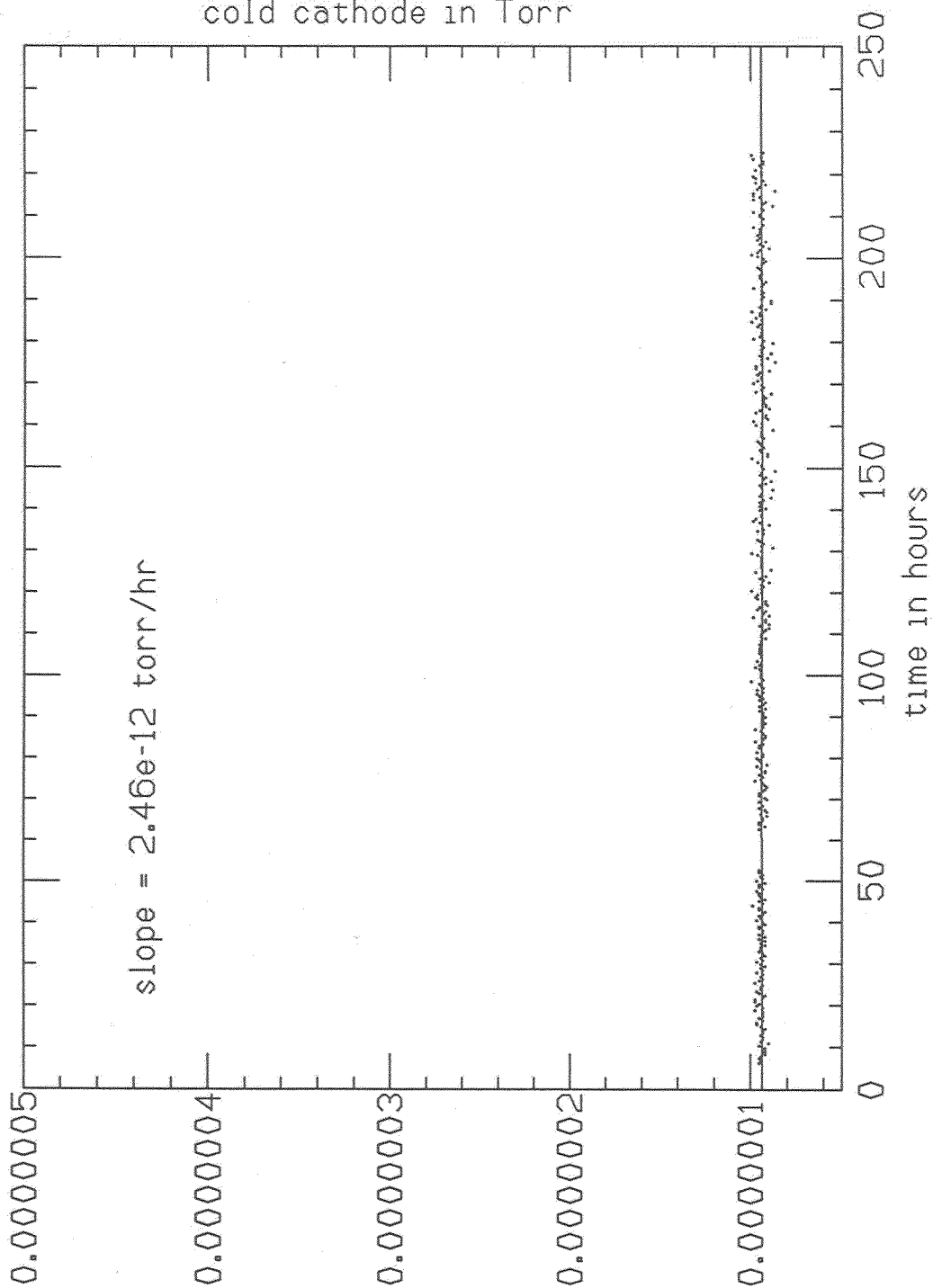
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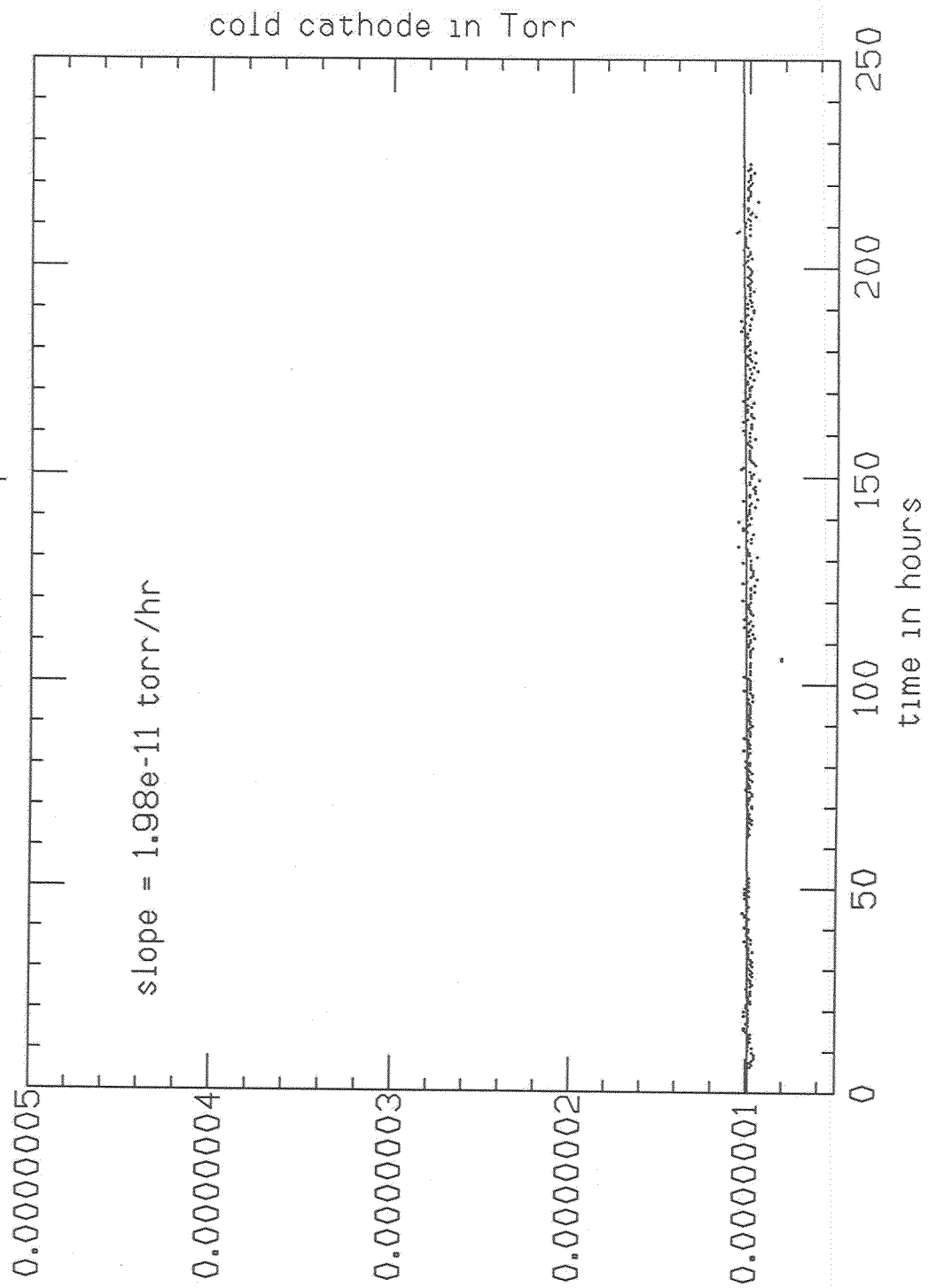
B2CC4U Turbo Pumps on

slope = 2.46×10^{-12} torr/hr

cold cathode in Torr



B2CC5D Turbo Pumps on



B2CC8U Turbo Pumps on

slope = 7.34×10^{-12} torr/hr

cold cathode in Torr

