



# *Intermittent glow of humid air induced by incident UV-photons.*

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# OUTLINE

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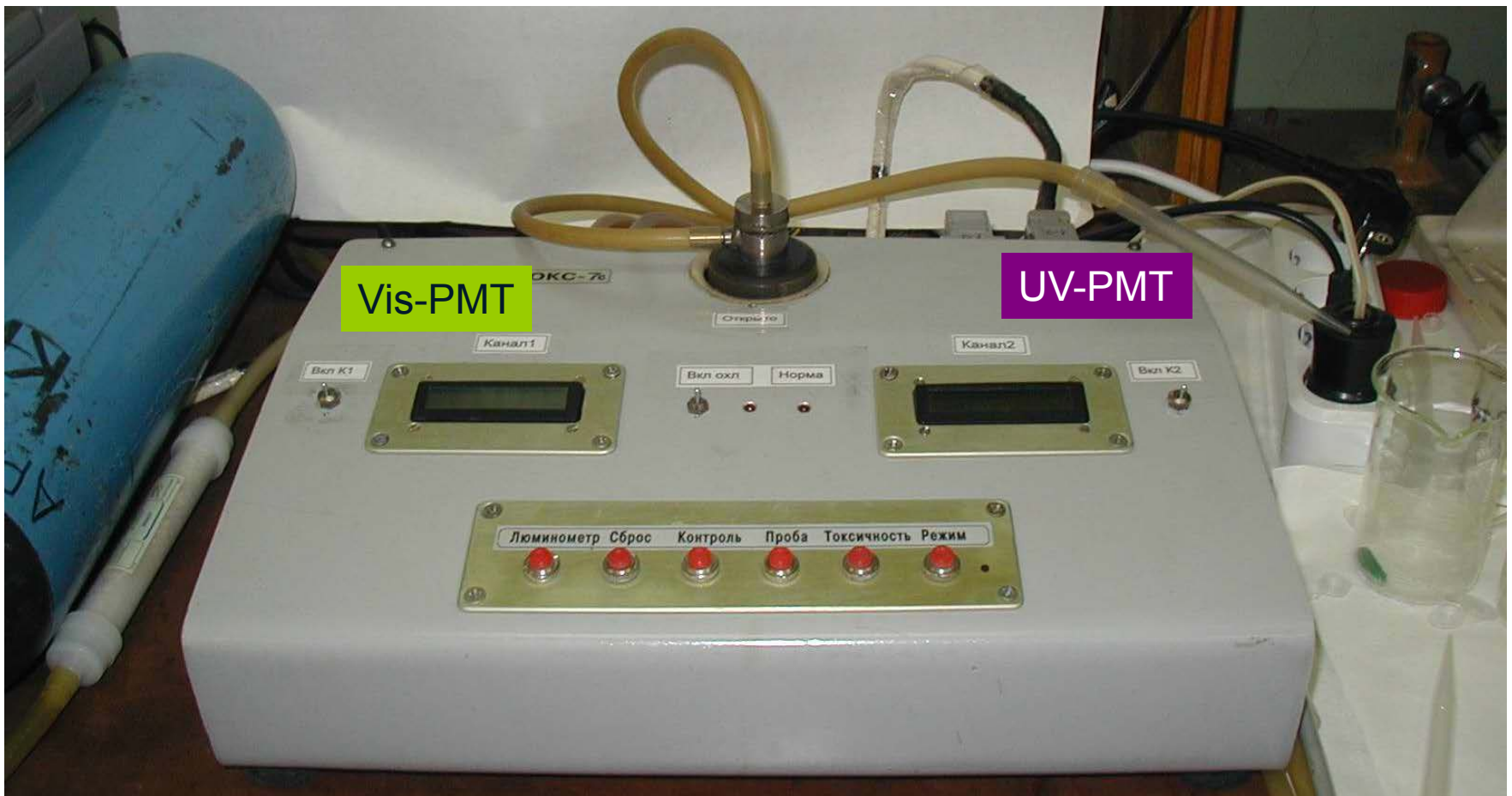
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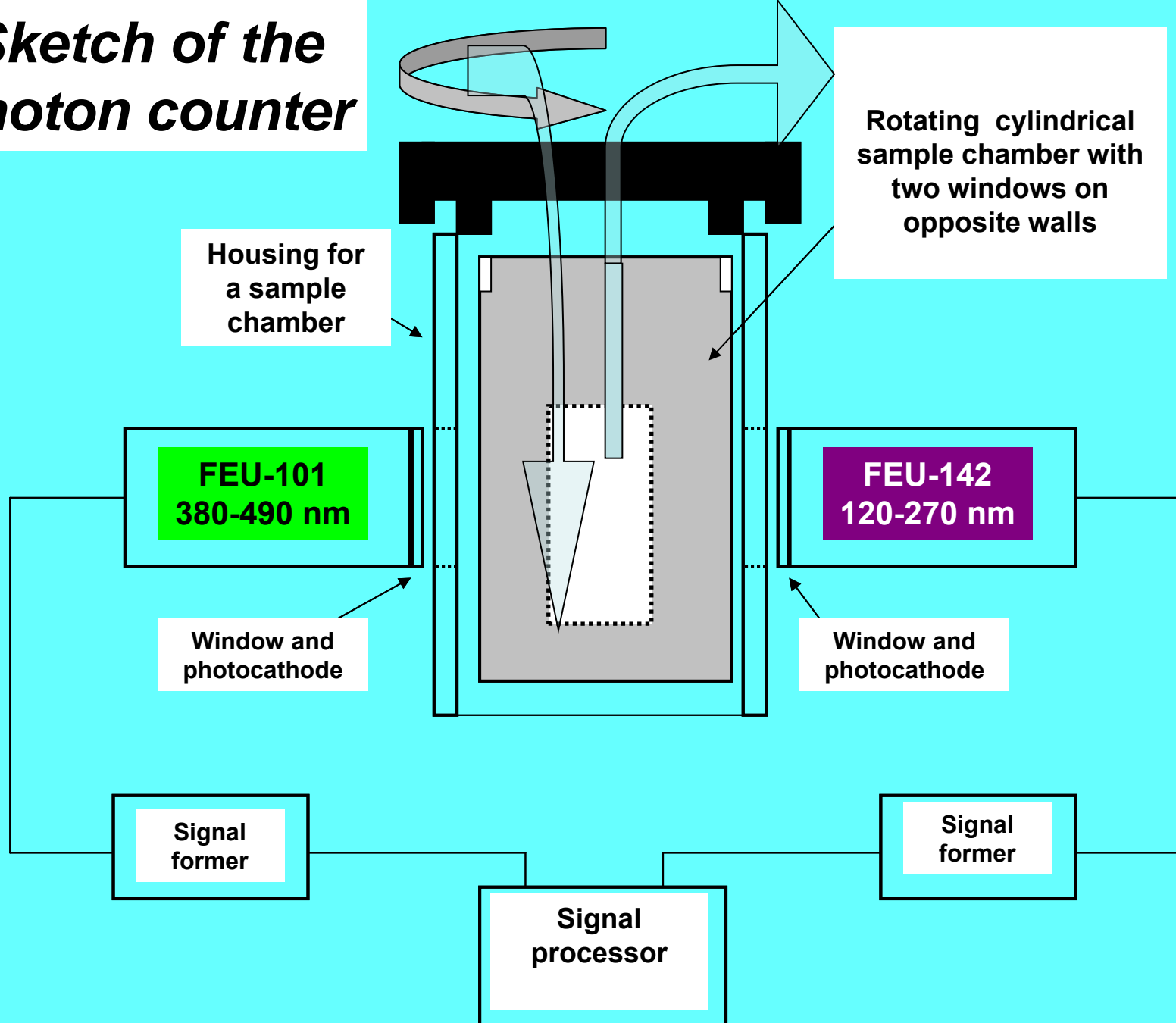
UV-PMT

**Single photon counter «Biotox-7c» is equipped with two PMTs:**

**UV-sensitive FEU-142: range 112-365 nm, max. sensitivity 250-260 nm, 1700 V operation potential;**

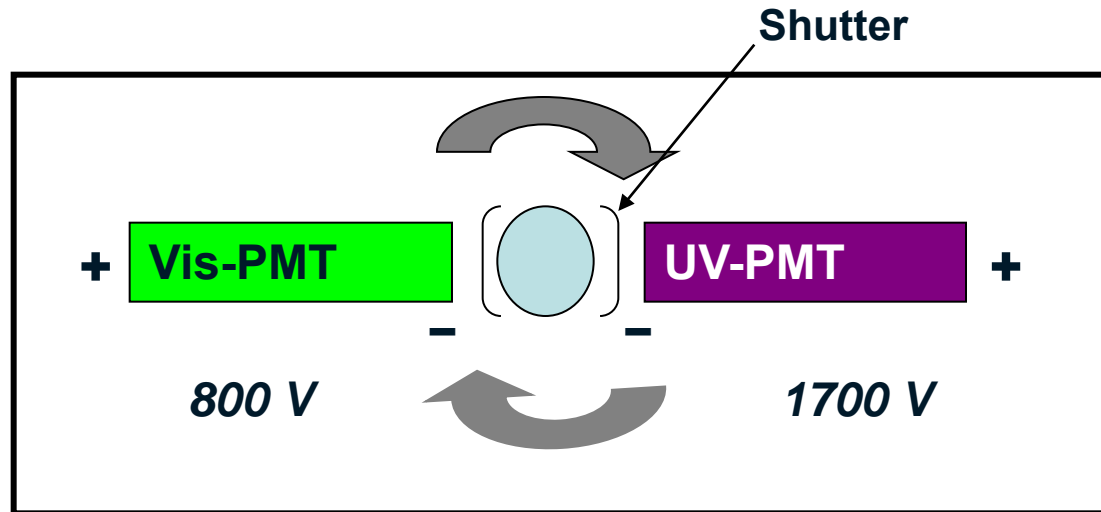
**Vis-sensitive FEU-101: range 300-650 nm, max. sensitivity 380-490 nm, 800 V operation potential.**

# Sketch of the photon counter



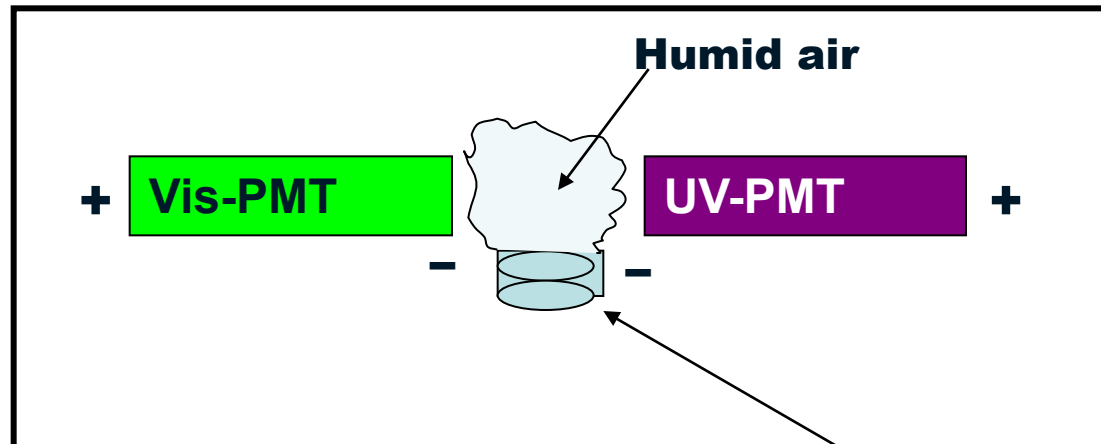
# Diagram of the device and of a typical experiment

Top view



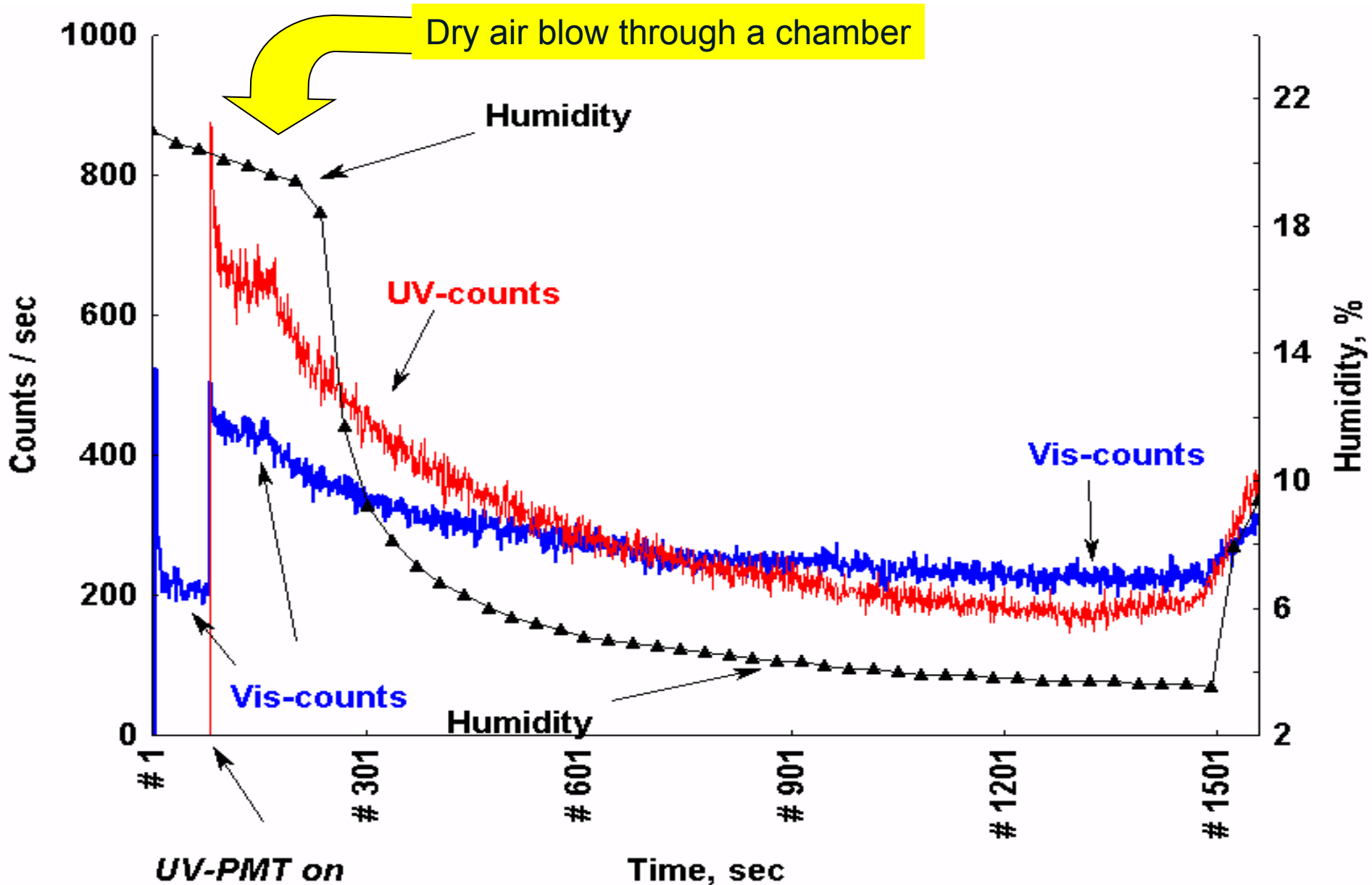
cathodes are grounded

Side view

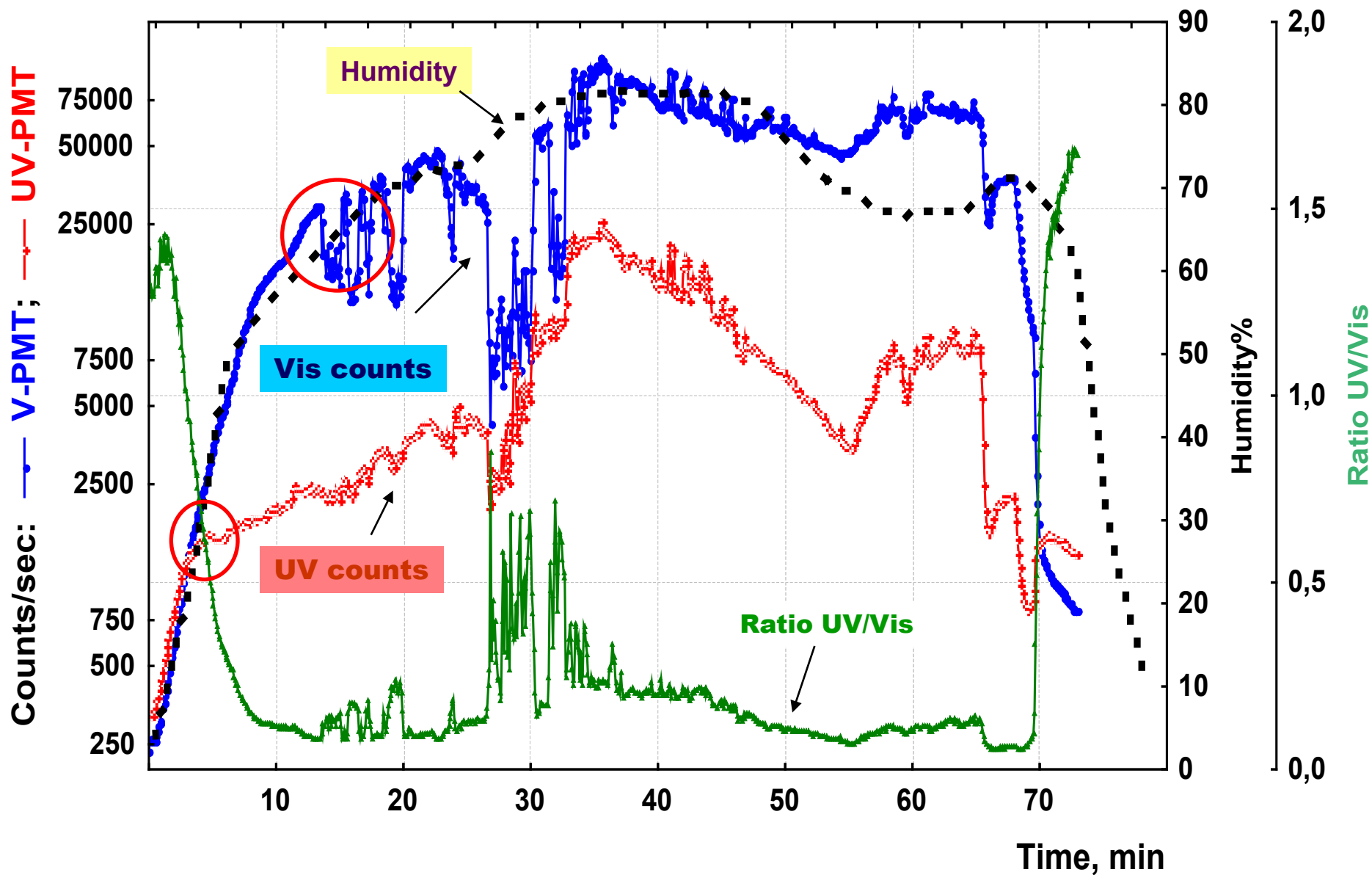


Evaporating water

***Effect of air humidity in a sample chamber upon Vis- and UV-photons counts provided by existence of an optical contact between UV- and Vis-PMTs.***

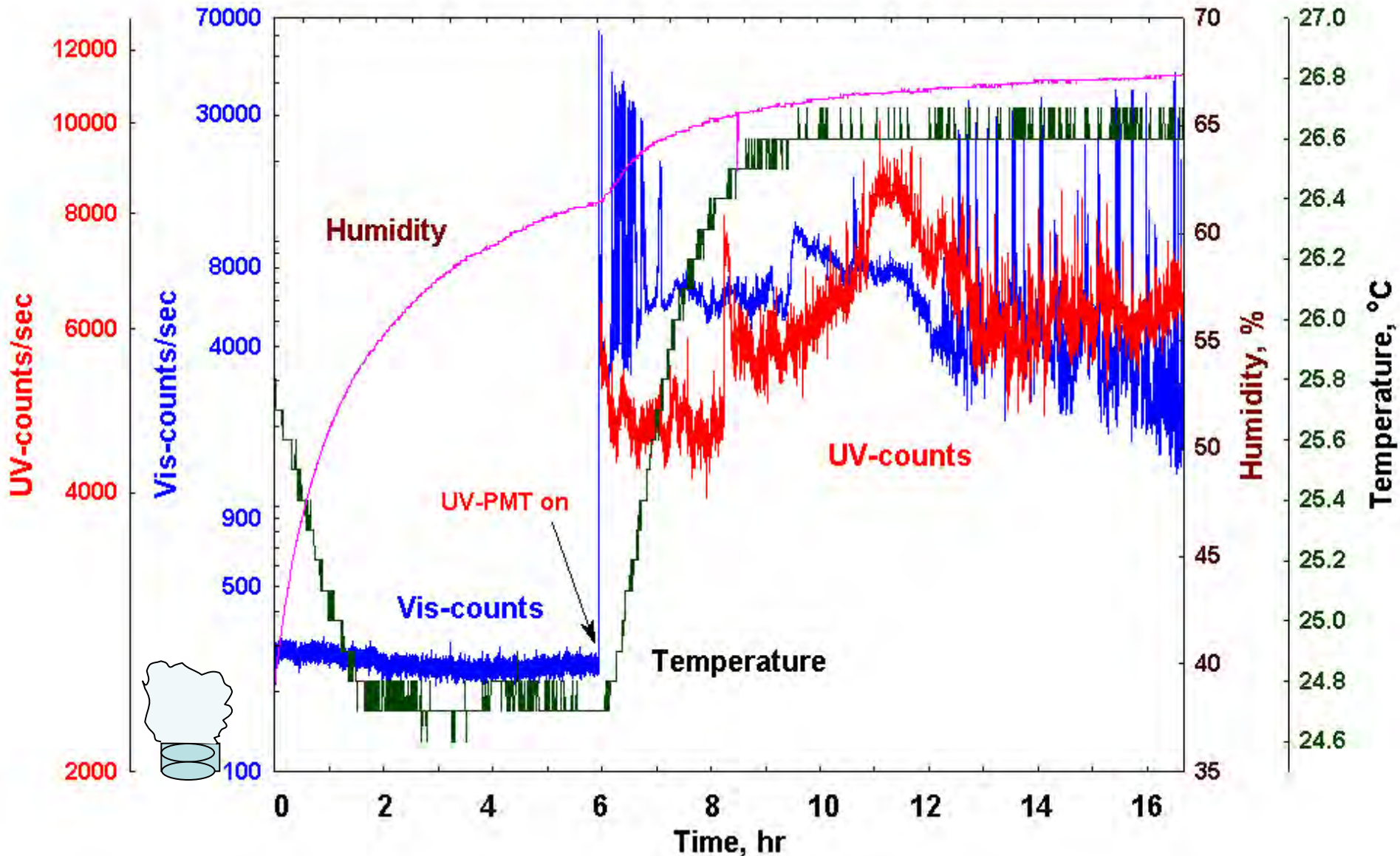


***Dependence of photon count rate of UV- and Vis-PMT and of the ratio UV / Vis count rate upon air humidity.***



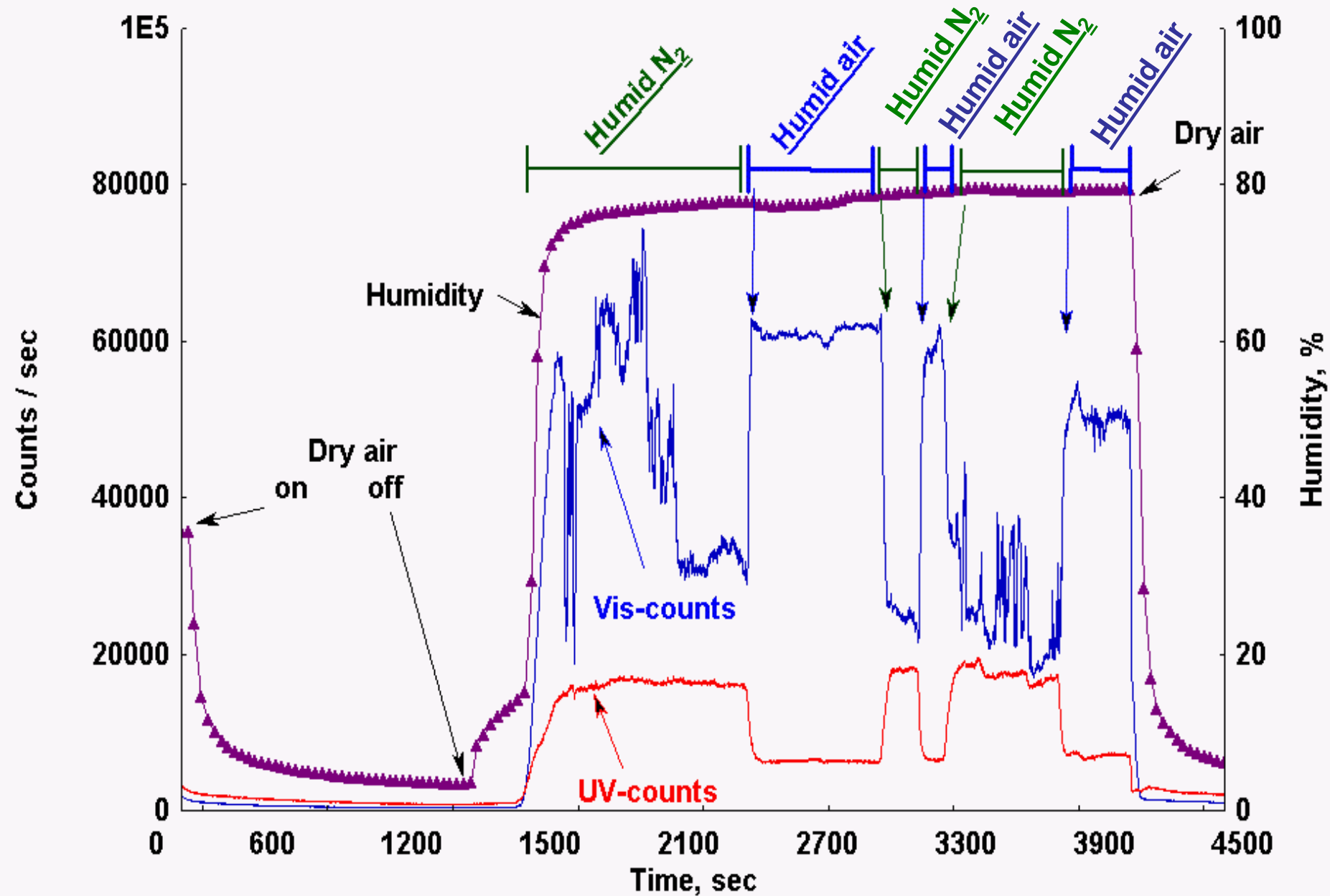


**No effect of air humidity on Vis-photon counts was registered if UV-PMT is turned off. As UV-PMT is switched on, Vis-photons count rate increases and starts to oscillate; temperature in the chamber rises.**

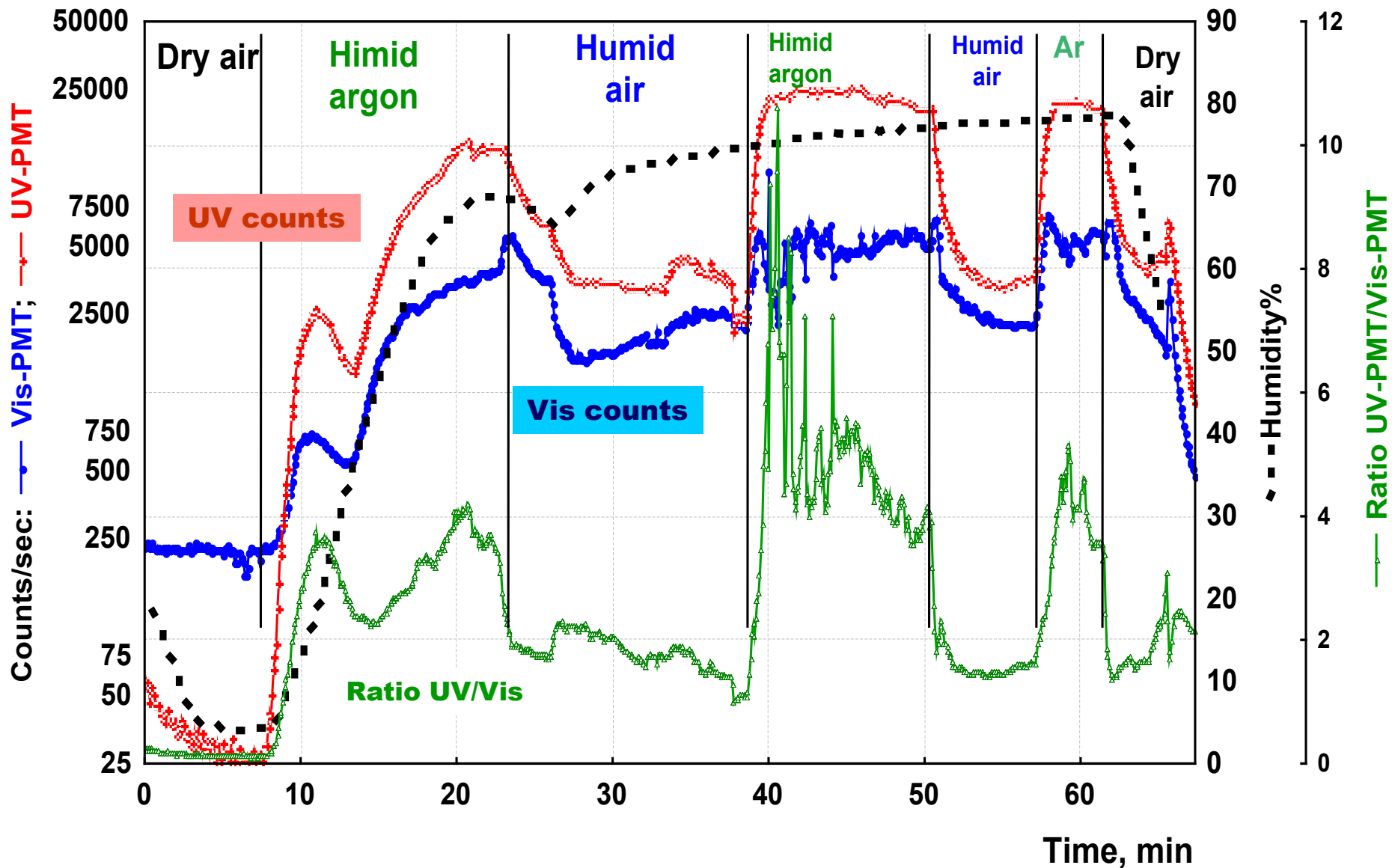




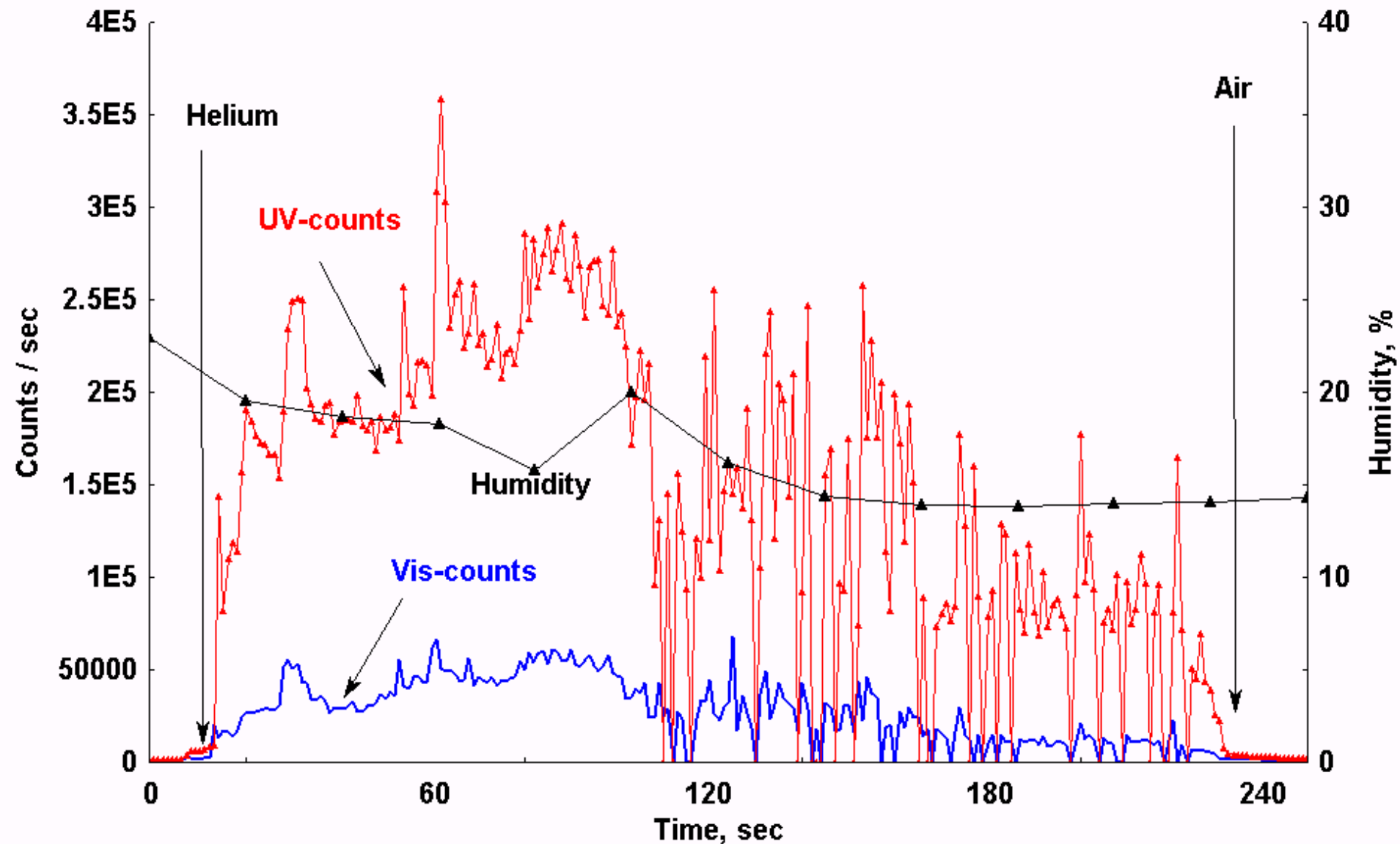
**Chamber purging with air enriched with NITROGEN results in elevation of UV-photon count rate and drop in Vis-photon count rate**



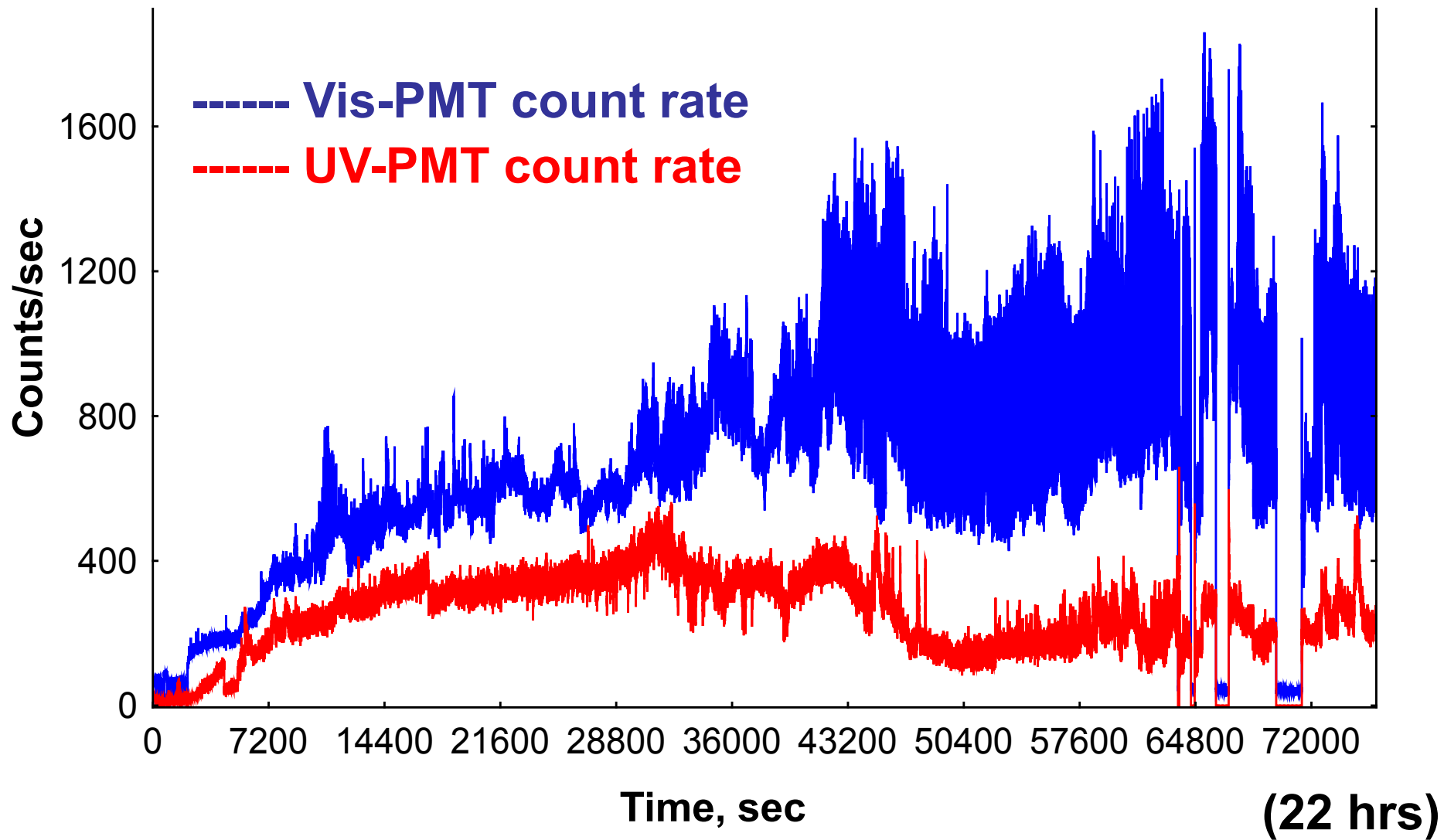
# Chamber is purged with air enriched with ARGON: UV-photon count rate exceeds Vis-photon count rate



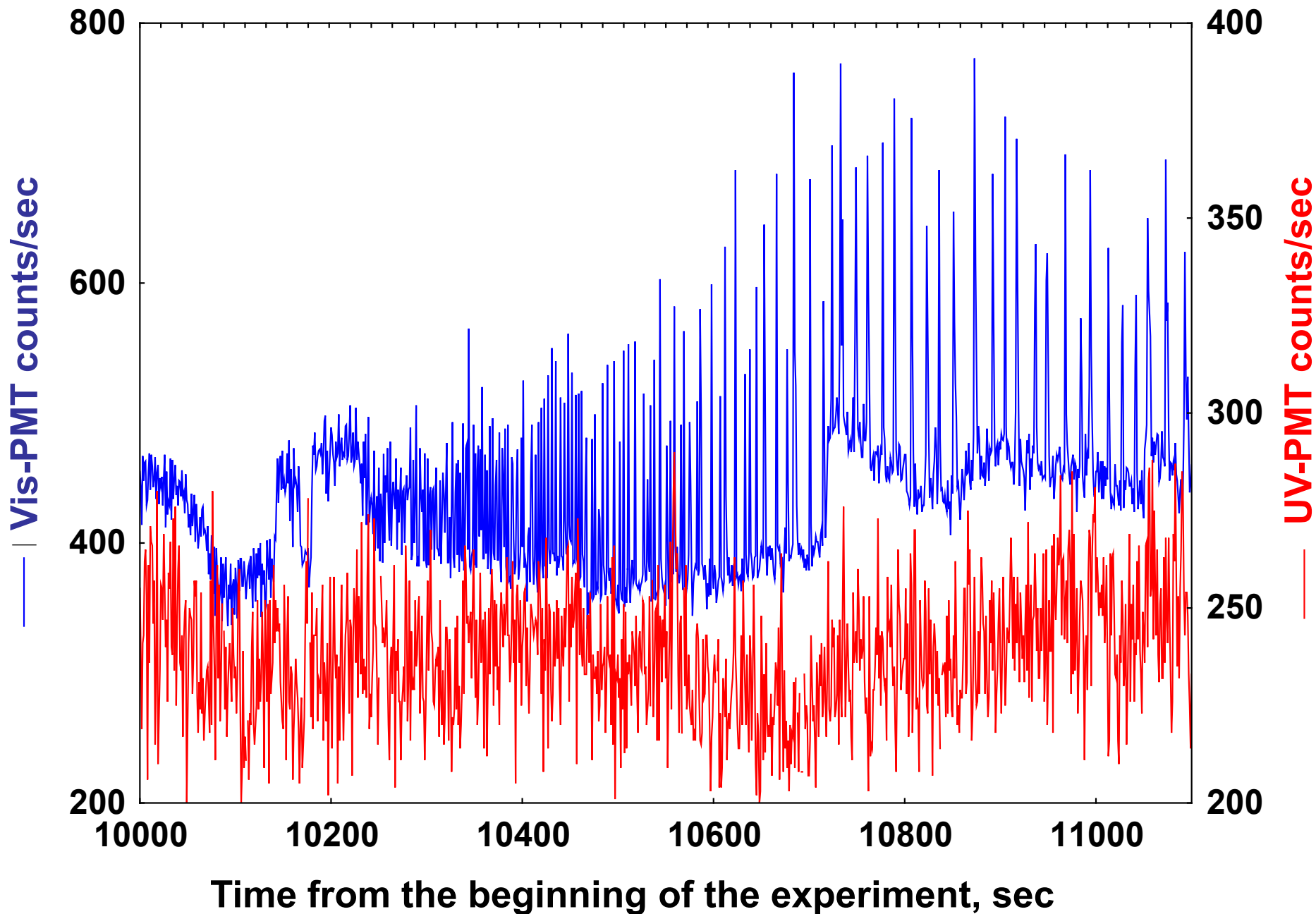
***Chamber is purged with air enriched with HELIUM:  
great elevation of UV-photon count and immense high  
frequency oscillations***



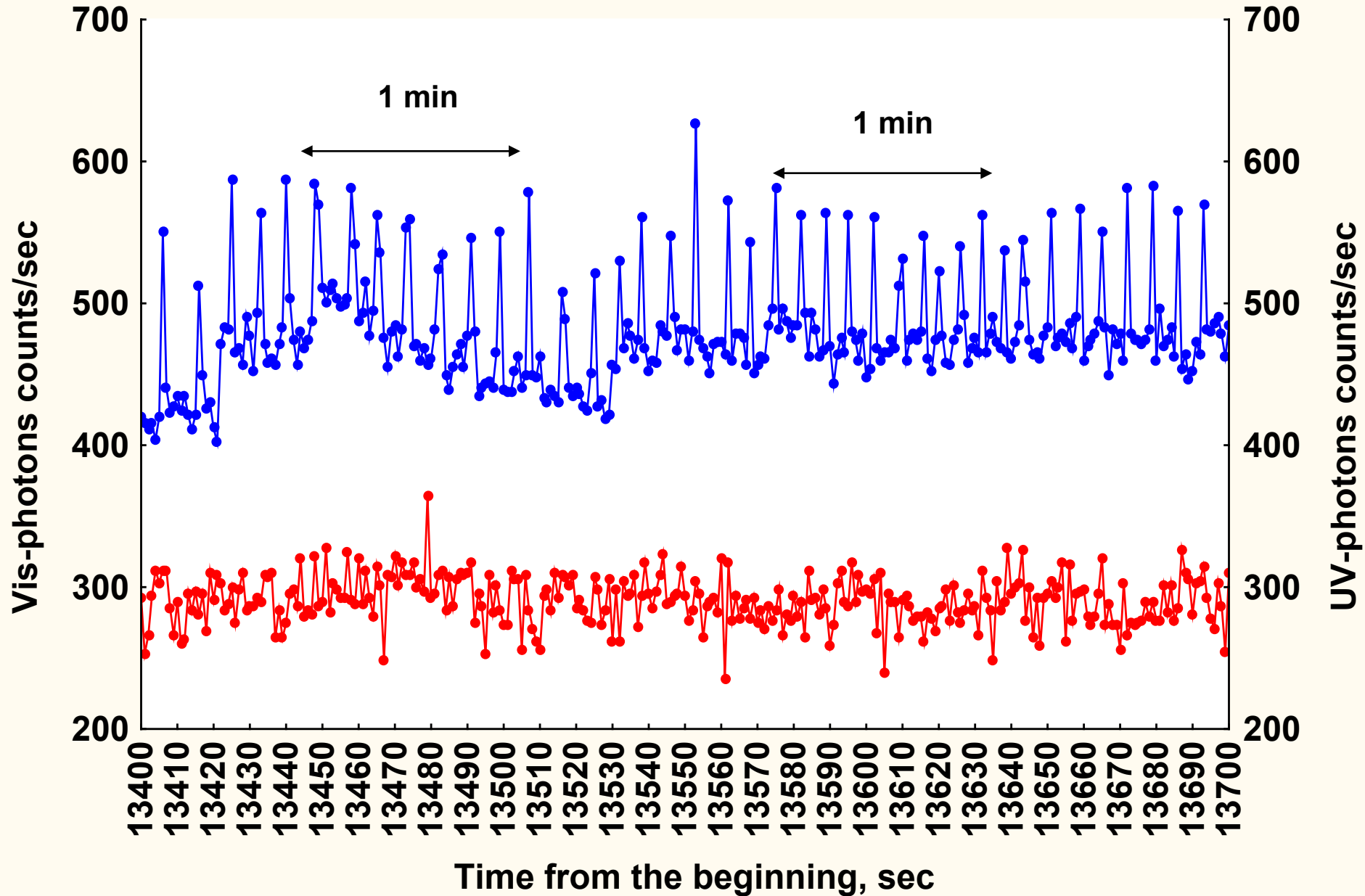
# Development of oscillations of photon emission in a long-term experiment at constant high humidity of air in a chamber.



# Emergence of quasi-regular oscillations of photon count rate



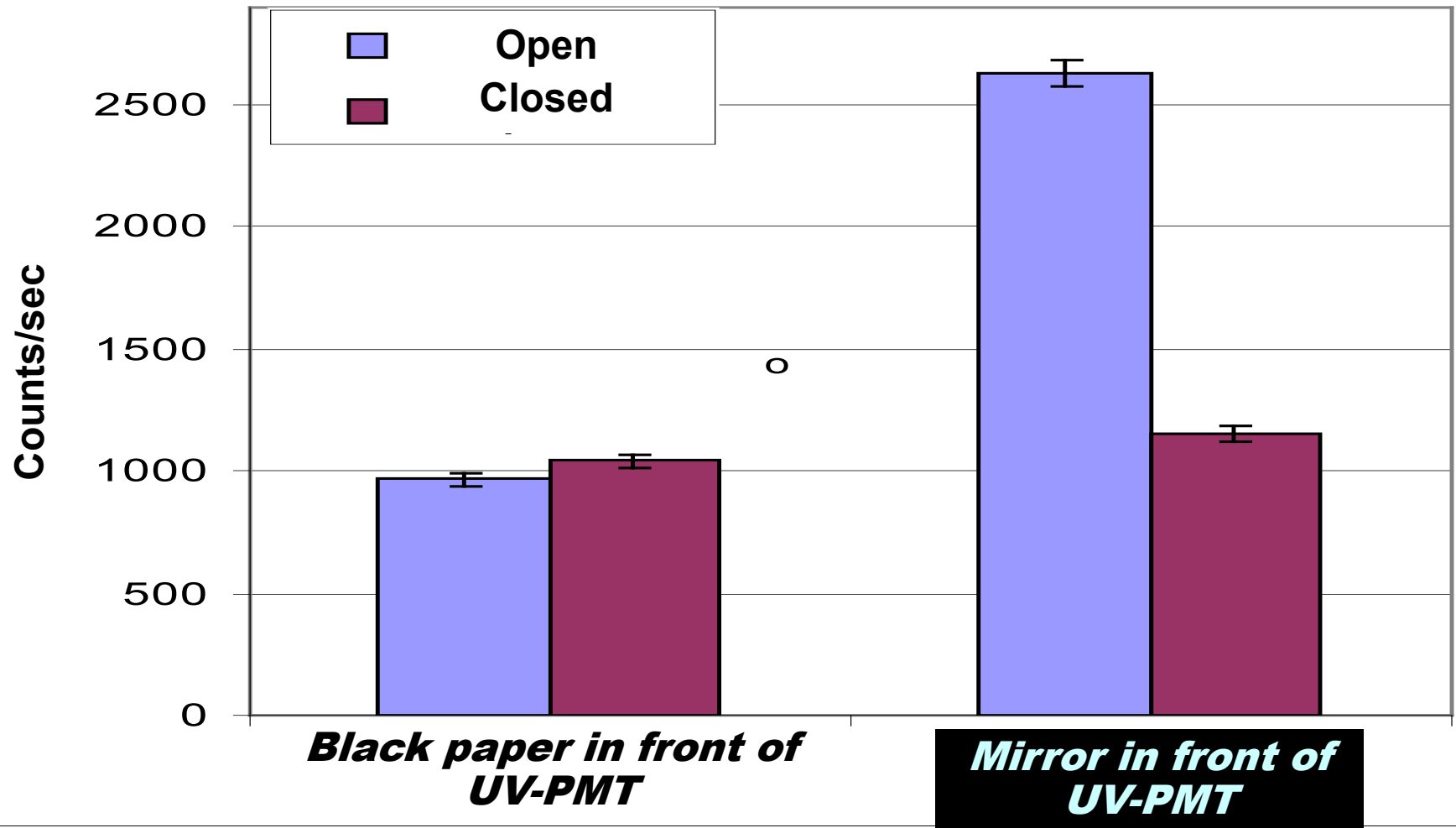
***One of the periods of regular oscillations (waves) of Vis-photon count rate (3,5 hours after the beginning of the experiment, Humidity > 60%)***



**Installation of a glass mirror in front of the UV-PMT face results in the rise of photon count rate.**

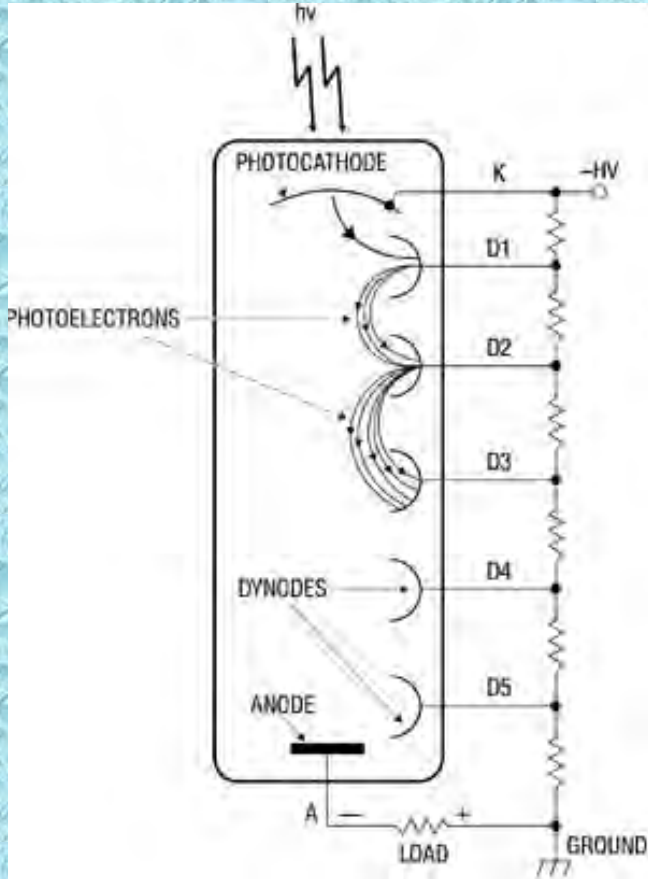
**When UV-PMT faces the screen made of black paper its photon count rate diminishes.**

*UV-PMT window is:*

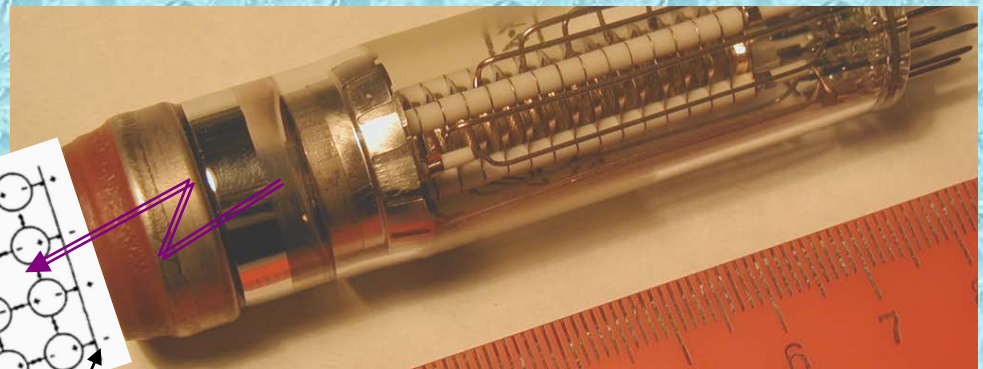




# Possible reasons of photon emission from UV-PMT face



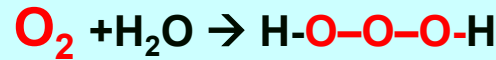
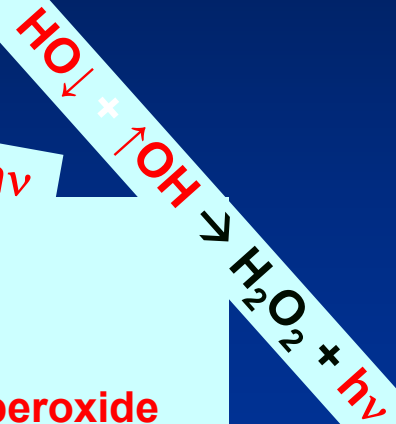
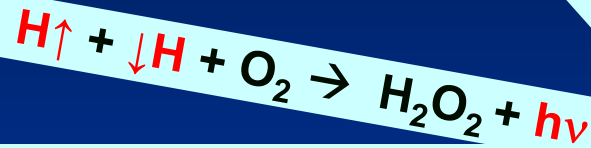
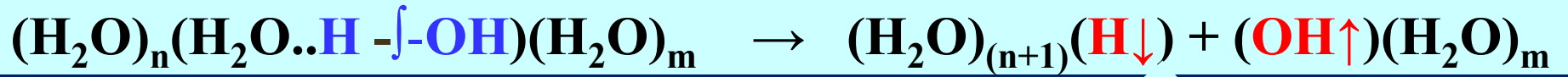
- *Luminescence originates in PMTs body during their functioning*
- *Incident photons may escape from PMT body back to the chamber*
- *FEU-142 window is made of  $MgF_2$  – a hygroscopic crystal*
- *Water film should arise on the surface of the window in humid atmosphere*



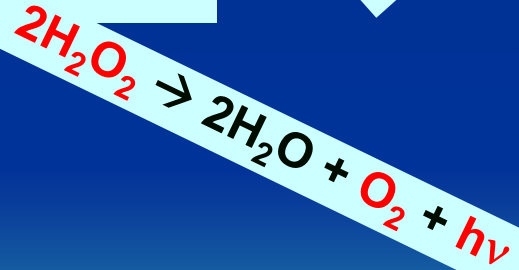
Water film

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# Absorption of UV-photons in water films results in explosive development of FREE RADICAL reactions



$\text{H}_2\text{O}_3$  и  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_4$  – «explosives», sources of ozone and peroxide radicals



# WHERE can it WORK?

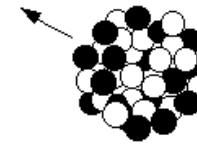
Natural Radioactivity in your body

Nuclide	Total Mass of Nuclide Found in the Body	Total Activity of Nuclide Found in the Body	Daily Intake of Nuclides
Uranium	90 µg	30 pCi (1.1 Bq)	1.9 µg
Thorium	30 µg	3 pCi (0.11 Bq)	3 µg
Potassium 40	17 mg	120 nCi (4.4 kBq)	0.39 mg
Radium	31 pg	30 pCi (1.1 Bq)	2.3 pg
Carbon 14	95 µg	0.4 µCi (15 kBq)	1.8 µg
Tritium	0.06 pg	0.6 nCi (23 Bq)	0.003 pg
Polonium	0.2 pg	1 nCi (37 Bq)	~0.6 µg

## Beta Particle Radiation



Daughter Nucleus  
Calcium-40

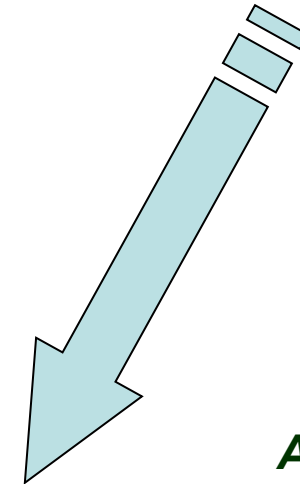


Parent Nucleus  
Potassium-40

Lifetime –  $1,3 \times 10^9$  years

Antineutrino

Beta particle  
Decay energy – 1.35 MeV



**Aromatherapy**

**Wood therapy**

**... etc.**

**Cherenkov radiation:  
coherent radiation in  
UV-range**



**Halo (speleo) - therapy**

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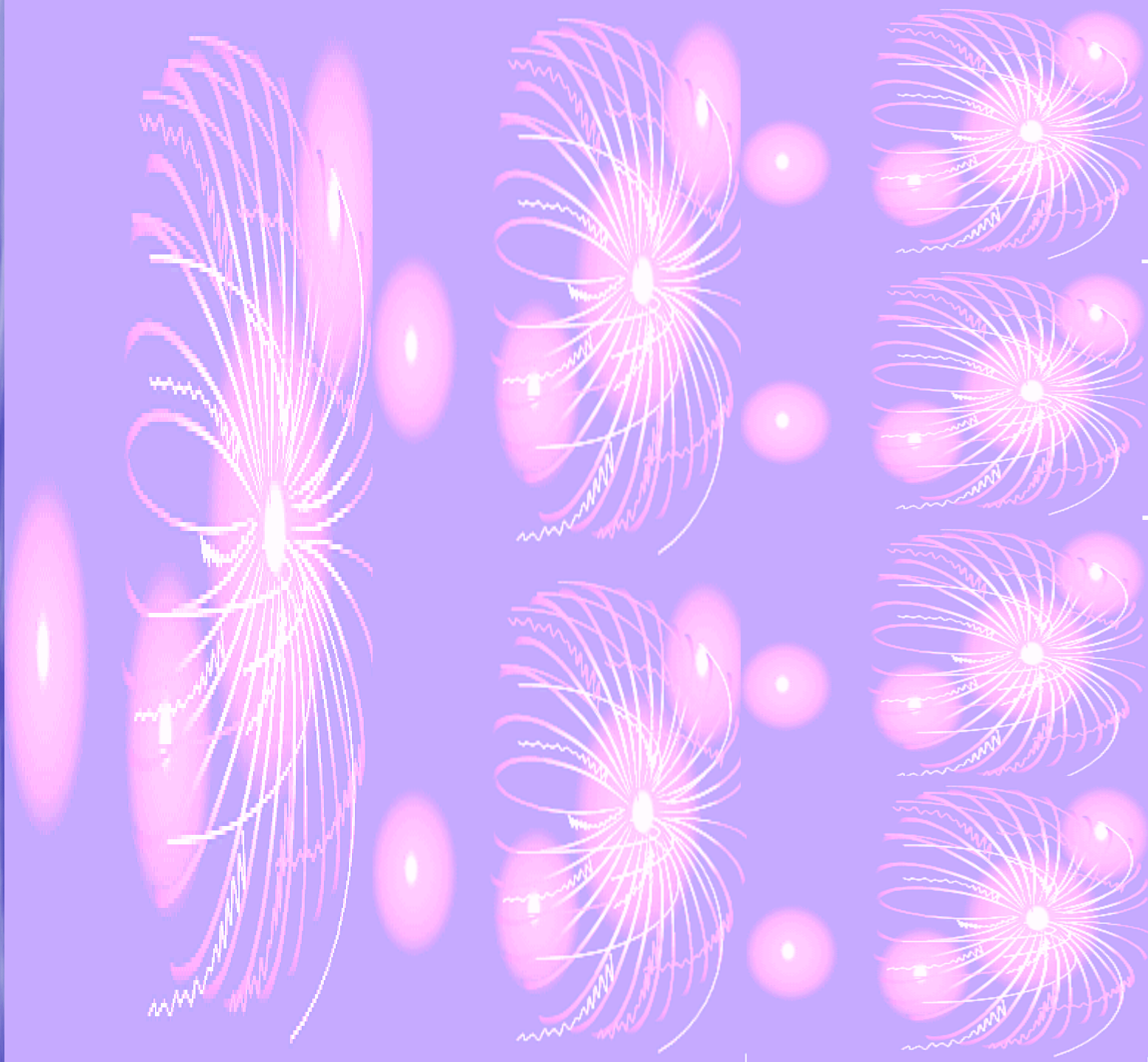
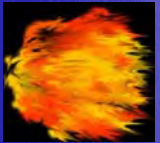
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***Excited humid air is capable to change properties of water contacting it***

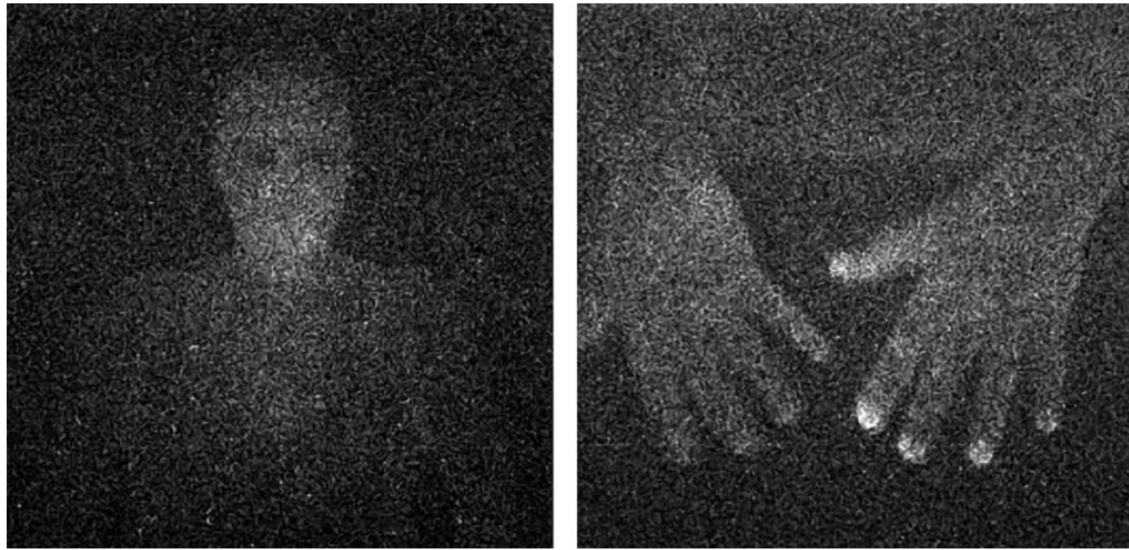




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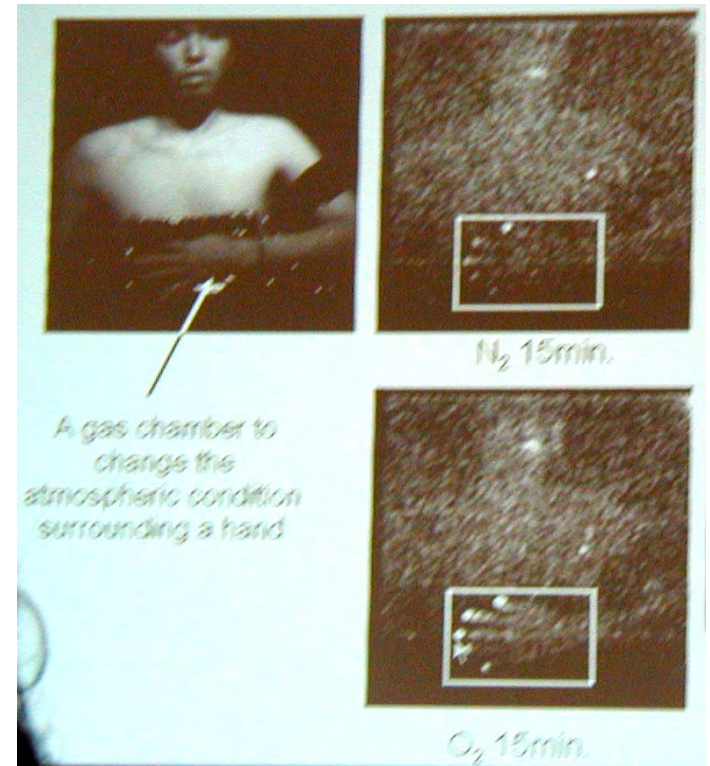


# Photon emission from living organisms (“biophotons”, “mitogenetic radiation”)



E.P.A. Van Wijk et al.

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**Why nails and teeth are the most intense “biophoton” emitters?**