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Cryogenics in ET: why and how

Et Tower (Vac and Cryo)

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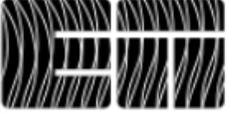


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- From 2^o to 3^o generation of GW detectors
- Einstein Telescope sensitivity: how to improve the LIGO/Virgo performances
- Thermal Noise and Cryogenics in GW experiment
- Payload, Cryostat and Cryopumps
- Hunting extra noise sources
- Conclusions



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Years After the Big Bang

400 thousand

0.1 billion

1 billion

4 billion

8 billion

~14 billion

The Big Bang

Recombination / CMB emitted

The Dark Ages

First Astronomical Objects Form

Present Day

1000

100

10

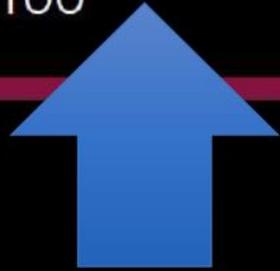
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1 + Redshift (z)

Z~2 (2G GWD)

Z=0,45 (GW170729)

ET Target

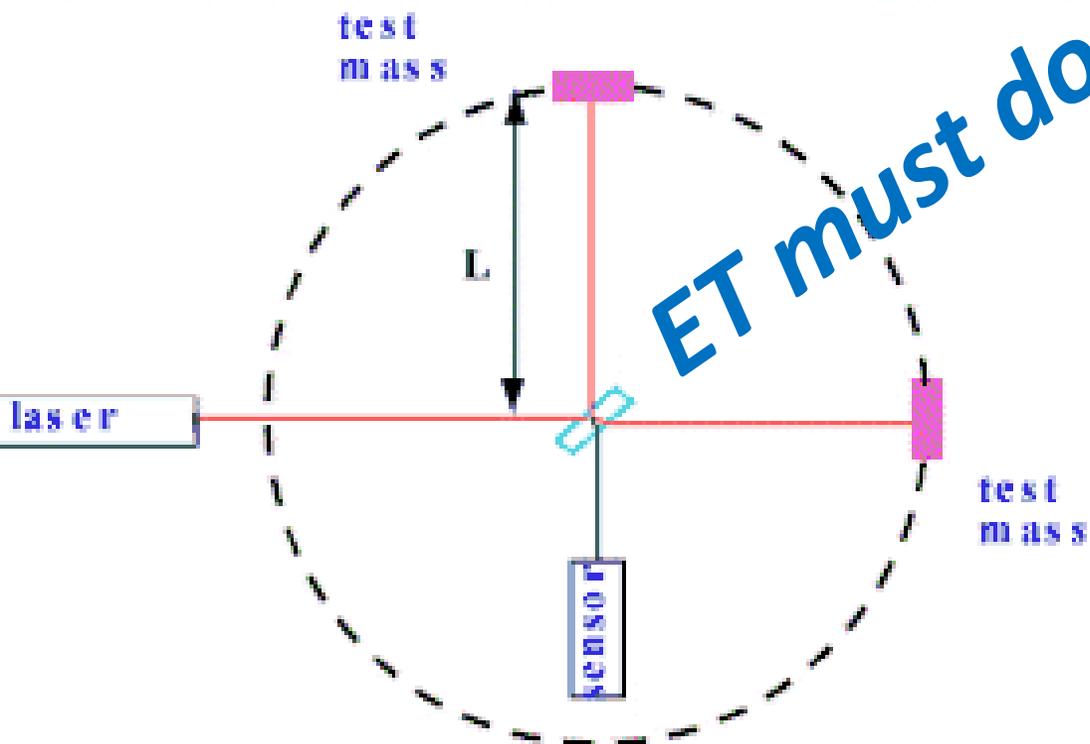


Actual performances of the GW detectors: the case of the first GW signal

GW150914 $h = \Delta L/L \sim 10^{-21}$ with $L = 4 \text{ km}$

Test mass (mirror) displacement $\sim 4 \times 10^{-18} \text{ m}$

(Atomic dimension $\sim 10^{-10} \text{ m}$ Nuclear dimension $\sim 10^{-15} \text{ m}$)



Einstein Telescope (ET)

← $\geq 10\text{km}$ →

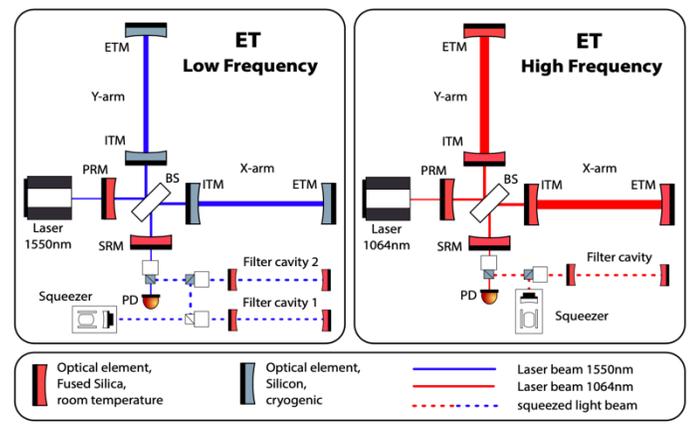
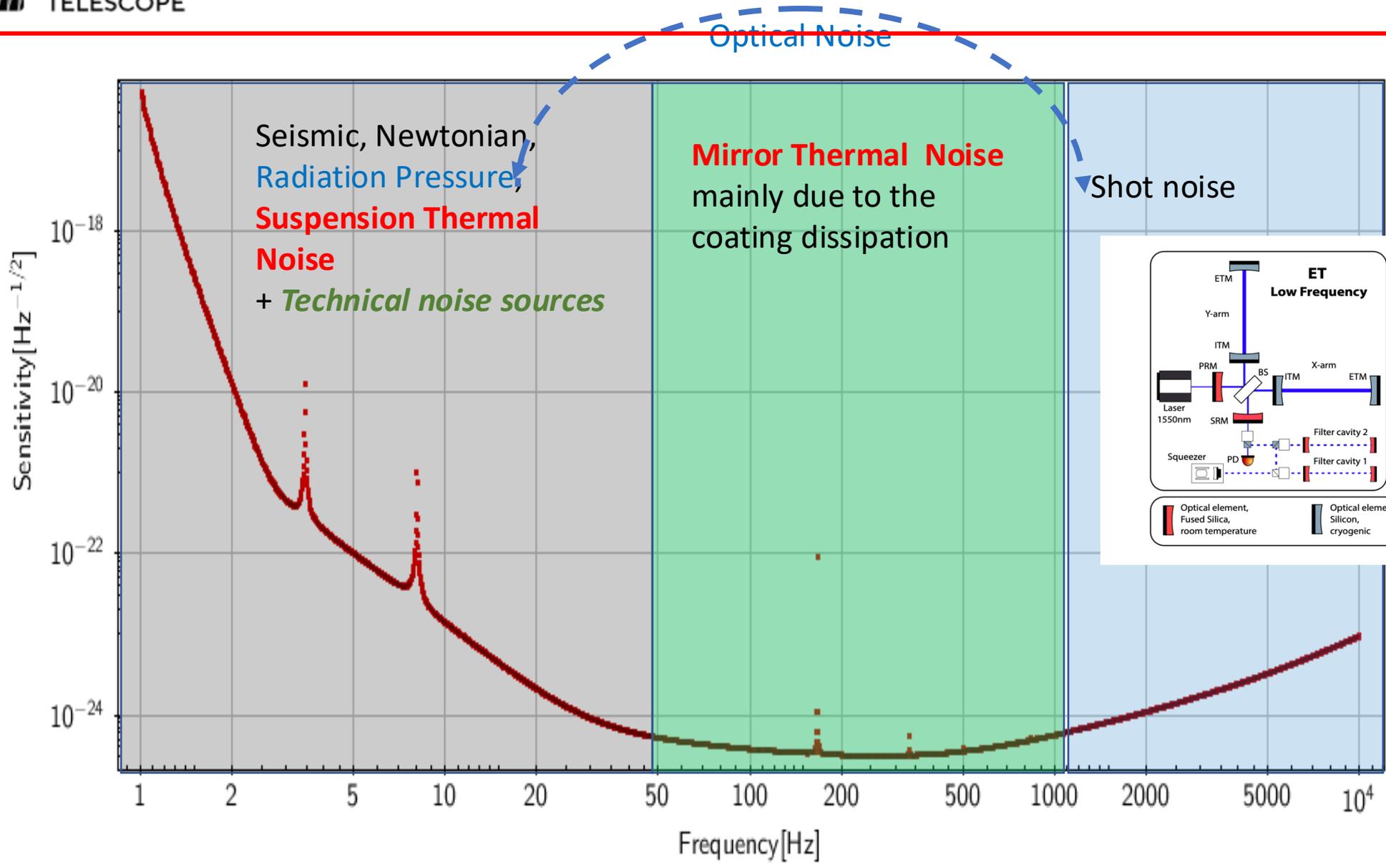
Corner halls
depth about
200m

ET pioneered the idea of a 3rd generation GW observatory:

- A new infrastructure capable to host future upgrades for decades without limiting the observation capabilities
- A sensitivity at least 10 times better than the (nominal) advanced detectors on a large fraction of the (detection) frequency band
- **A dramatic improvement in sensitivity in the low frequency (few Hz – 10Hz) range**
- **High reliability** and improved observation capability



T (xilophone concept) and the noise sources





Thermal Noise in a Nutshell

Thermal Noise is the fluctuation process affecting a physic observable (e.g. the position) of a macroscopic system that is in thermal equilibrium with the surrounding environment.

Fluctuation Dissipation Theorem

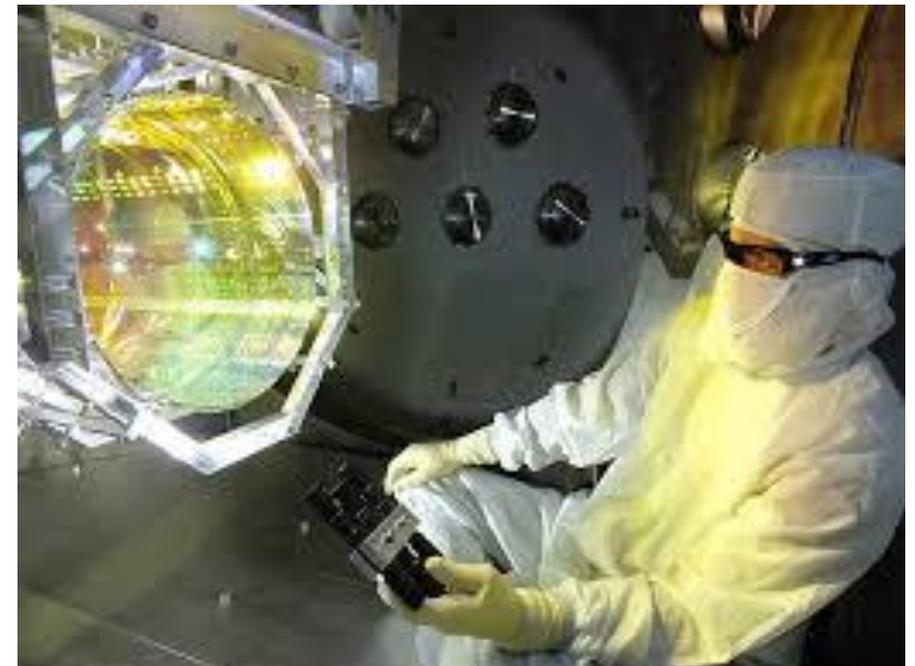
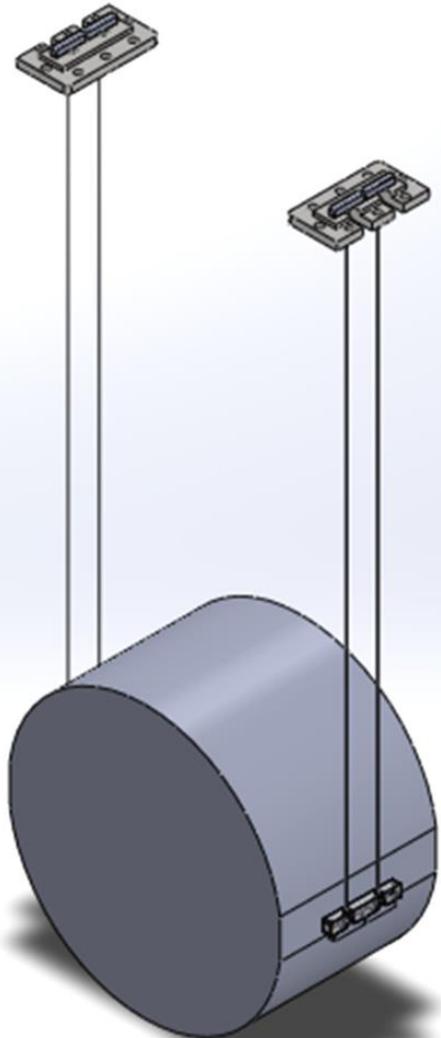
The relevance of this fluctuations is strictly correlated to

--the dissipation process acting on the system $\gamma(\omega)$

--the system temperature T

Power Spectral Density
of
the Noise Thermal Force

$$S_{ff}(\omega) = 4 k_B T \gamma(\omega)$$



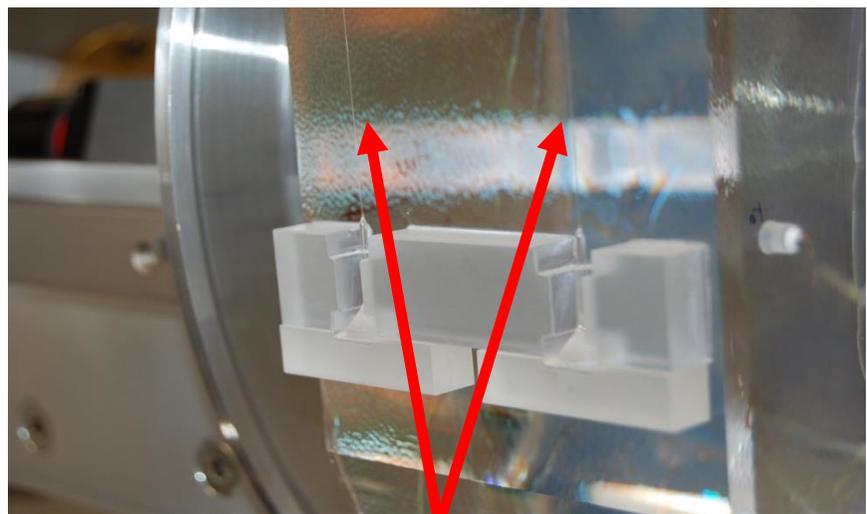


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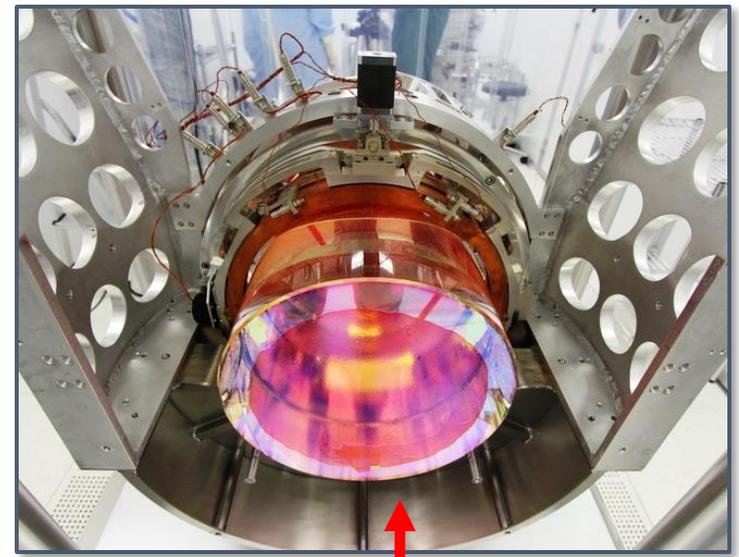
Beating Thermal Noise @ T=300 K: 2^o generation of GW detectors LIGO and Virgo

Strategy : Reduction of the mechanical dissipation by an appropriate material choice

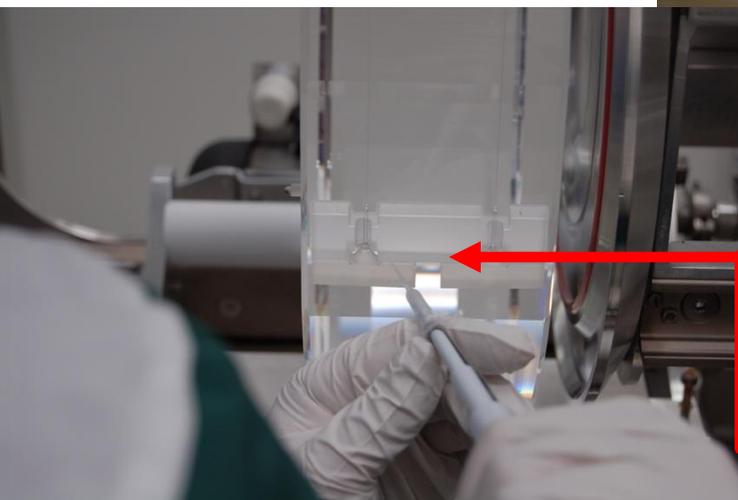
Monolithic system:
SiO₂ Mirror
suspended with fiber
made of the same
material



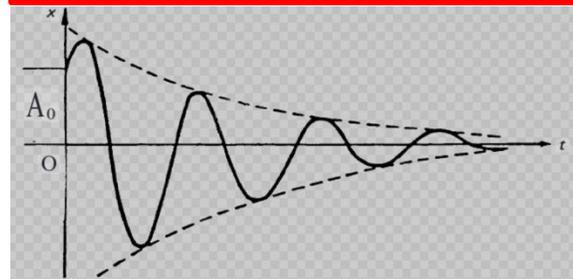
Thin Silica fibers



40 kg Mirror suspended by means of 4 circular glass fibers, each 400 μm thick



Silica Bonding procedure to build a monolithic system



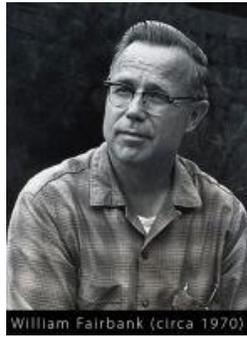
The suspended mirror is a pendulum with a $\tau > 1$ year !!!

ET must do better → From 300 K to Cryogenic Temperature



The Fairbank's theorem and Hamilton lemma

Bill Fairbank theorem:



<< Any experiment is better, if it is done at low temperature >>

These measurements require techniques of extreme sensitivity, low noise and great mechanical and electrical stability.

Two types of advantages emerge from cooling at very low temperature, one based on macroscopic quantum effect, namely superconductivity and superfluidity, and the other based on the general reduction of the kT thermal noise, thermal expansion, thermal electromotive force, creep, etc...

Bill Hamilton addendum:

<< Any experiment will be harder, if it is done at low temperature >>

The Use of Low-Temperature Technology in Gravitational Experiments.

W. M. FAIRBANK
Stanford University - Stanford, Cal.

1. - Introduction.

One of the challenging problems of experimental gravitational physics is the very small size of the gravitational effects one wishes to measure. For example, the force of gravity of the entire Earth on an electron or positron is equal to the electrical force on it due to a single elementary charge situated at a distance of 5 meters from the electron or positron. The rotation with respect to the fixed stars of the axis of a perfect gyroscope in a polar Earth orbit when oriented perpendicular to the Earth's axis is predicted to be only 0.65 seconds of arc per year. The amplitude of vibration of a 5 ton aluminum bar 10 feet long excited by a spherically symmetric gravity wave emitted at the center of our Galaxy with energy, mc^2 , of one solar mass 10^{34} erg, is predicted to be 10^{-14} cm. Furthermore, some gravitational experiments of great interest, such as a test of the equivalence principle, involve a search for minute deviations from null. A test of the equivalence principle at the level of weak interactions requires a check on the differences between gravitational and inertial mass to 1 part in 10^{14} .

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2. - Macroscopic quantum phenomena.

Several properties of superconductors are useful in measurements on gravity, but I want to begin by pointing out in particular the importance of macroscopic quantization. In 1948 LONDON [1] put forward his profound conjecture

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Contribution to the Proceedings of the "LVI" International School "Enrico Fermi" of the Italian Physica Society on "Experimental Gravitation" held in Varenna (1972). Bruno Bertotti editor





Low Temperature is back!

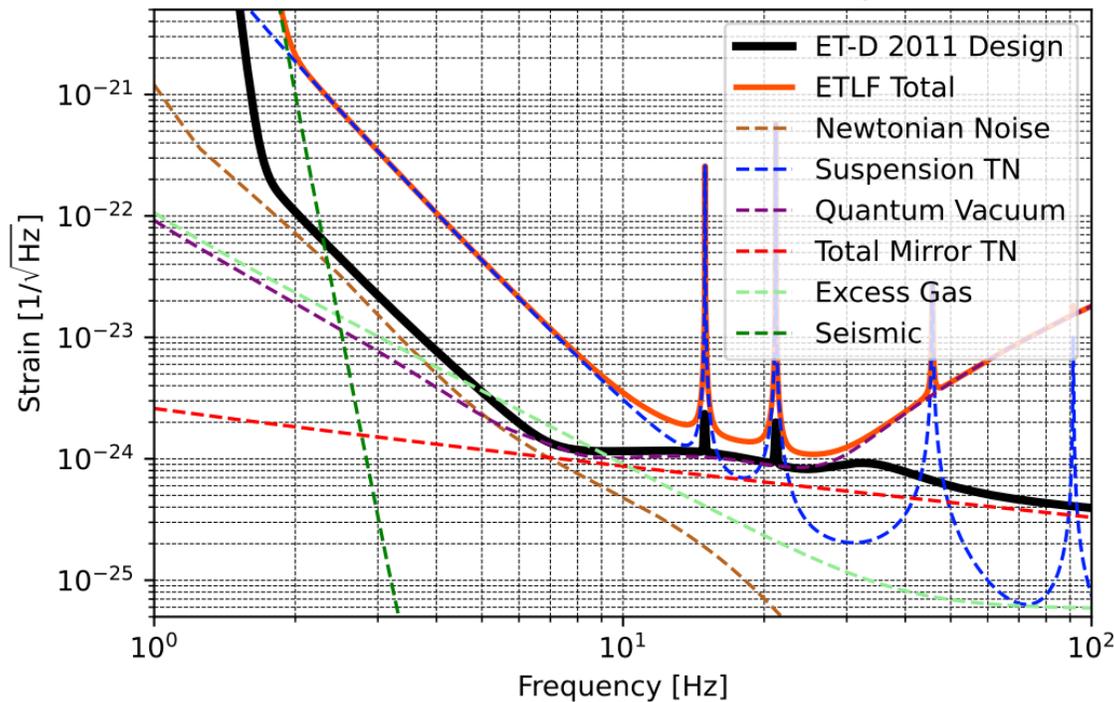
(following Fairbank's theorem and... Hamilton's lemma)

Low dissipation materials for suspension and cryogenics should reduce the Suspension Thermal Noise contribution lower or equal to that of the Newtonian Noise

On ET-LF we should move from SiO_2 to Silicon or Sapphire

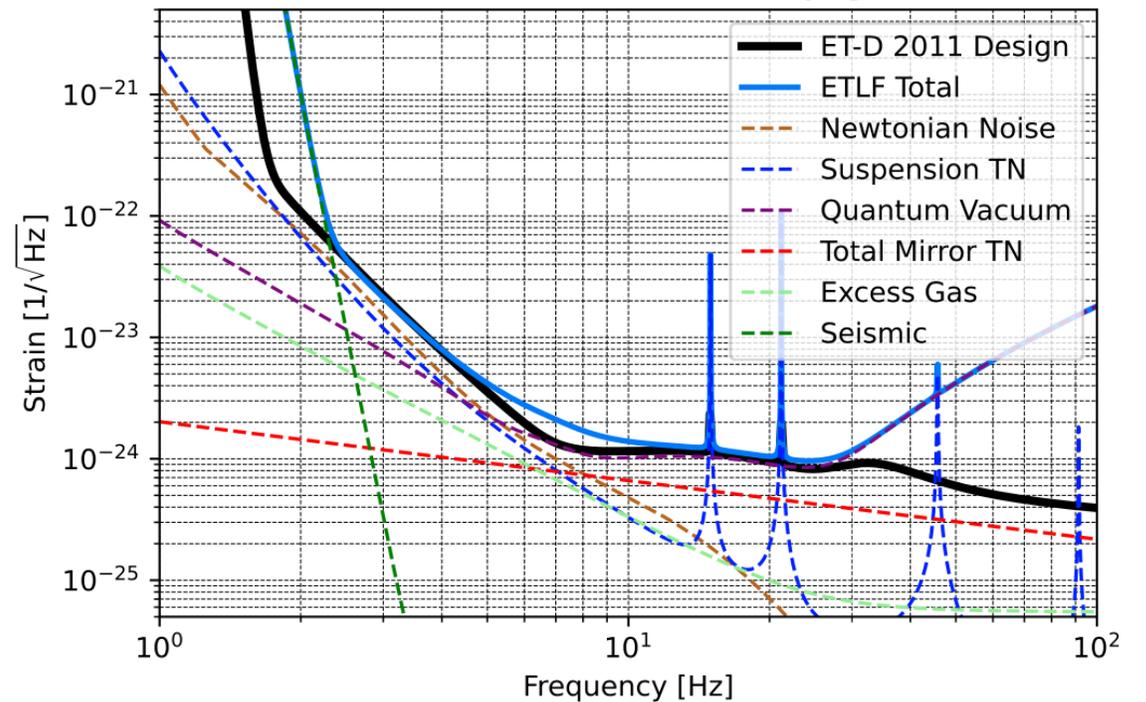
Room-Temperature ET-LF

ETLF noise contributions - Room Temperature



Cryogenic ET-LF

ETLF noise contributions - Cryogenic





ET-LF Requirements

The mirror is part of a so called **payload** (*last stage of the mirror suspension*) that will be hosted in a special cryostat connected to the UHV pipes km's long.

- It is suspended to the susperattenuator (long chain of pendula dumping the seismic vibrations)
 - Its position and orientation is controlled to keep the interferometer properly locked
 - Its temperature must be stable and in a range of $\sim 10 - 20$ K
 - No contamination (and frost!)
 - No extra noise (magnetic, Newtonian, Boiling.....)

➤ Heat transfer via Thermal Radiation helps just during the cooling down . Then it does help tto

$$\text{much } \frac{dQ}{dt} \propto T^3 \Delta T$$

➤ In the stationary status @10 -20 K we **must** rely on heat extration via solid conduction

➤ **but.....we can not add extra mechanical**

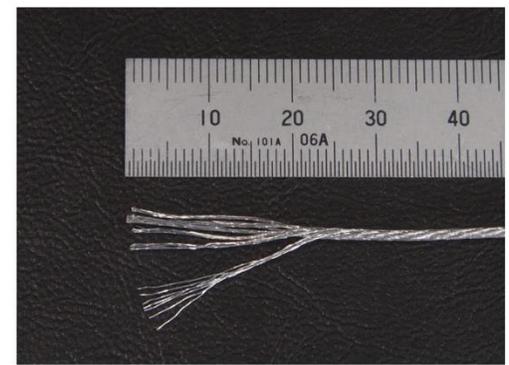
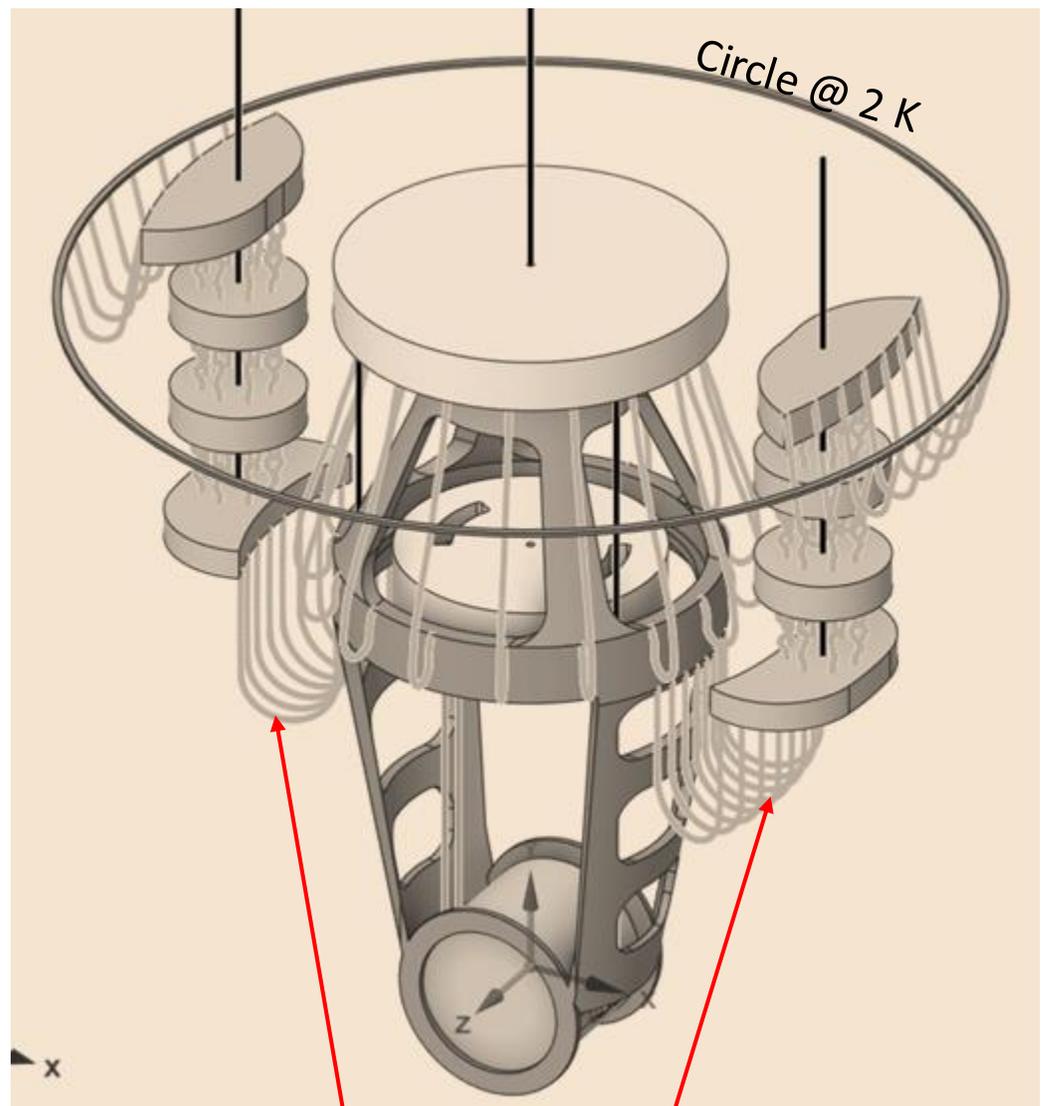


Solution:

Heat extracted via the 4 wire suspensions

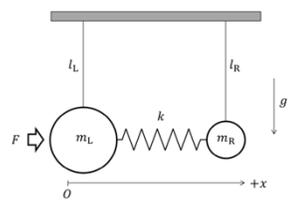
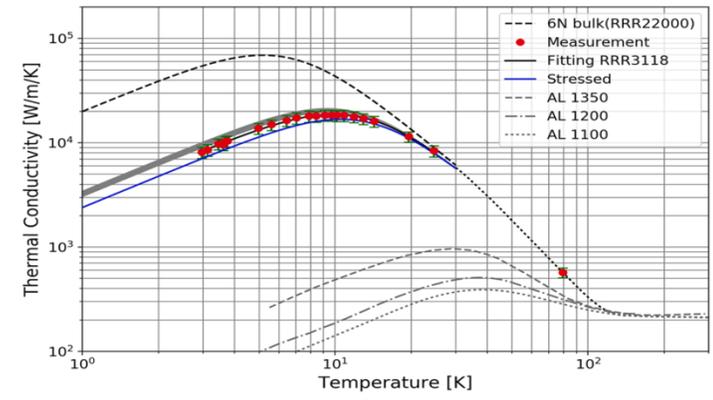


Baseline design of the Cryo Payload

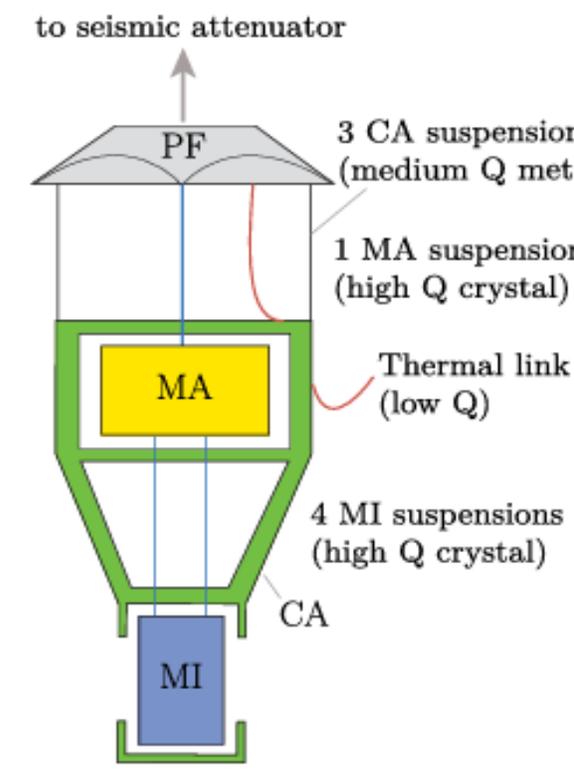


High performance thermal link with small spring constant for cryogenic applications

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Smaller spring constant to reduce overall vibration transfer.



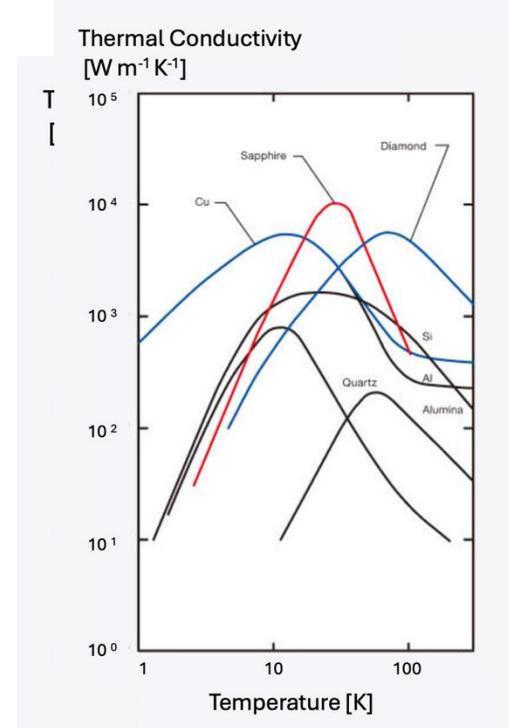
- PF → Platform
- MA → Marionette
- TL → Thermal links
- CA → Cage
- MI → Mirror



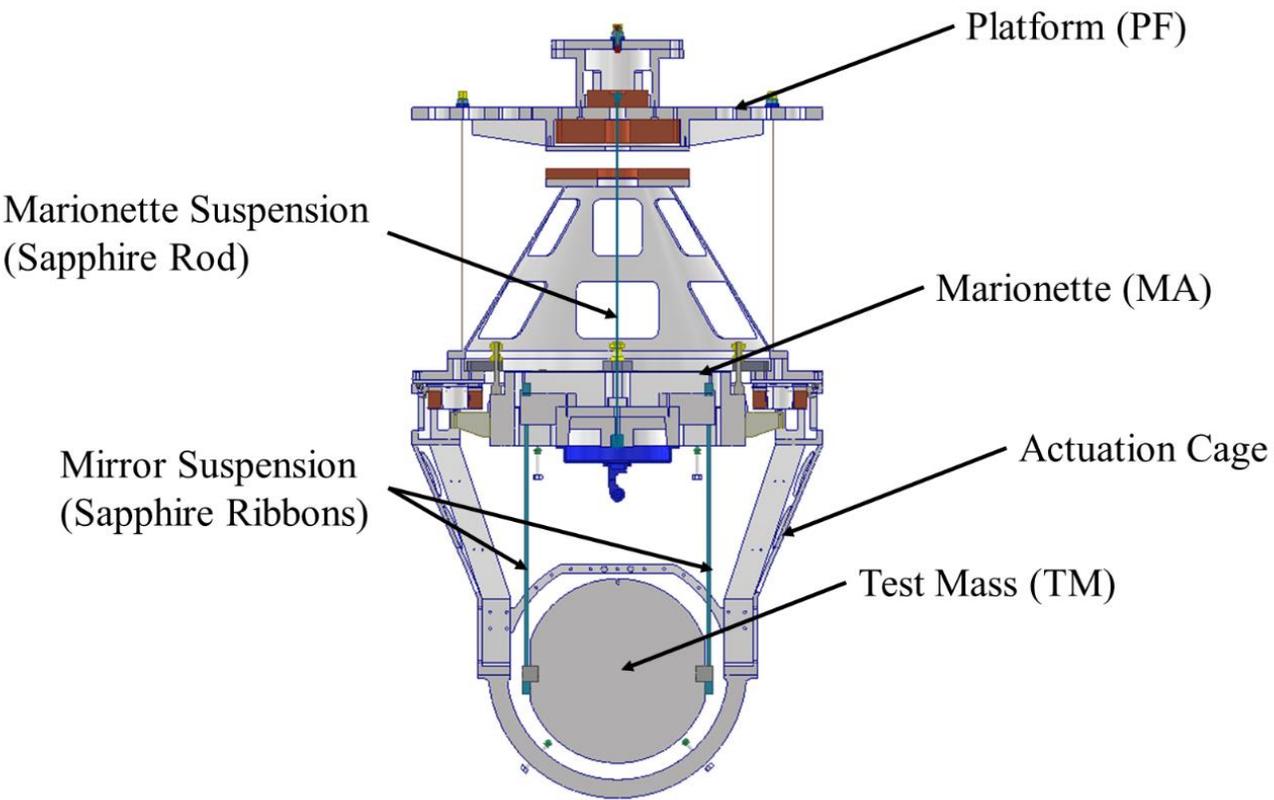
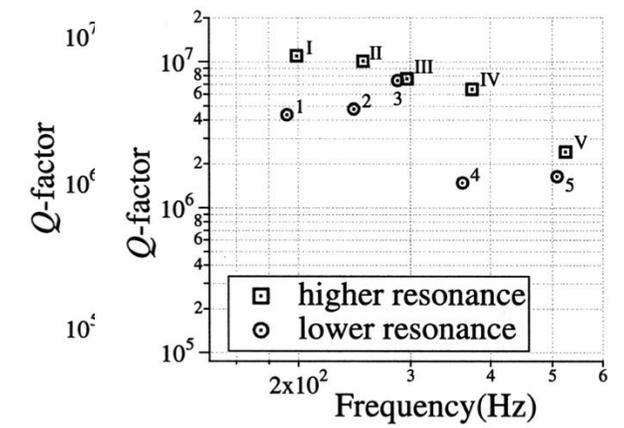
The role of the crystals in ET-LF payload

Heat extracted via the 4 wire suspensions:
Cristals made of Silicon or Sapphire

Excellent thermal conductivity
High Strength,
High Quality factor,



Mechanical tests
in Rome
on Sapphire



Innermost shield of the cryostat @ 2 K

Consumers at 2 K

- Cryo payloads (0.5 W each)
- Innermost shields (2 W each)

- $\Delta T_{\text{shield,global}} < 100$ mK
- He-II-channels:
 $\Delta T_{\text{global}} < 50$ mK [K]

Diameter ~ 3.0 m
 Height ~ 3.8 m
 Total weight ~ 300 kg
 Material Al (1xxx series)
 Panel thickness 0.5 mm
 $W_{\text{total}} = 2.0$ W

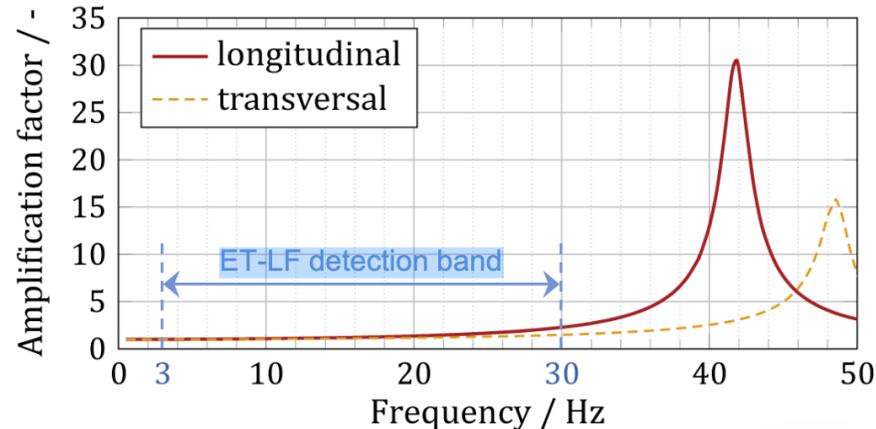
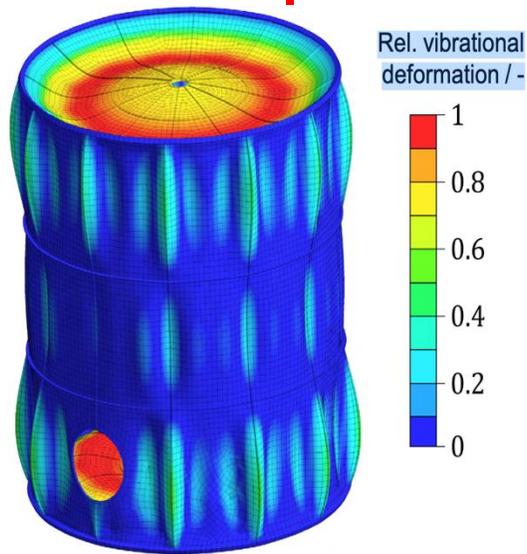
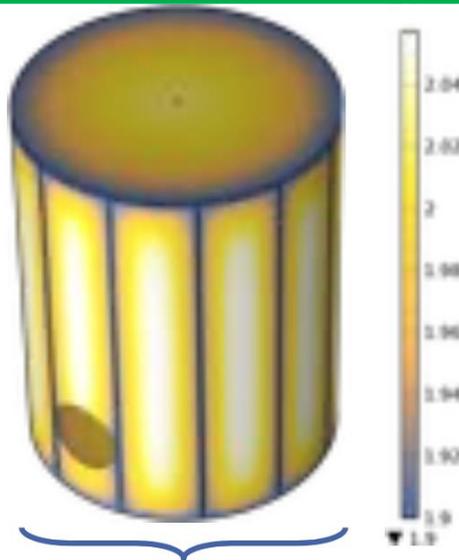
He II path:

- Circular at the top and bottom
- Vertical on the lateral surface
- He II two fluids model (Landau)

$$\vec{v}_{\text{nor}} + \vec{v}_{\text{super}} = 0$$

He II Vertical channels He II to minimize

N. coupling along the optical axis

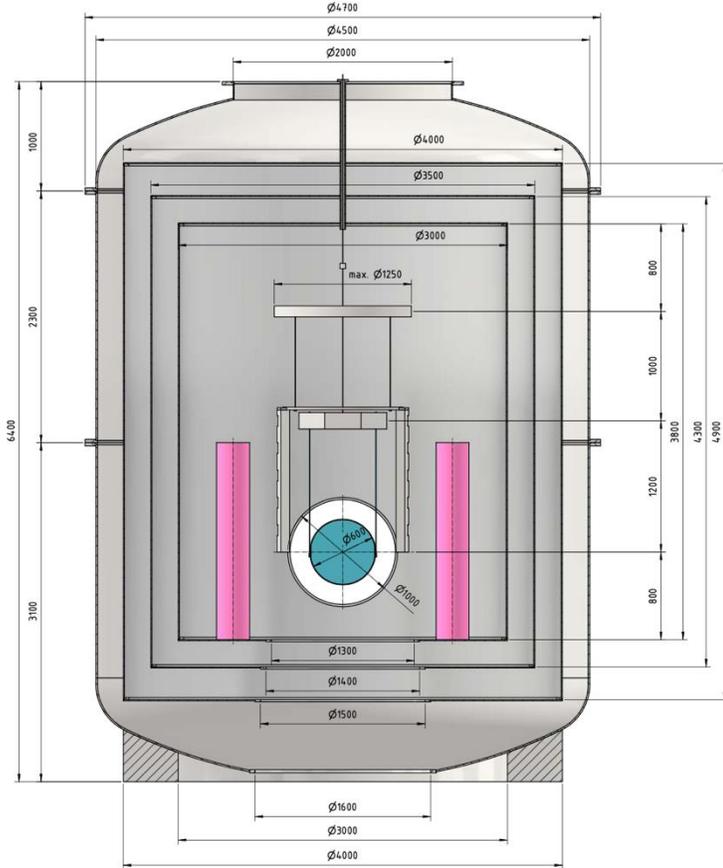




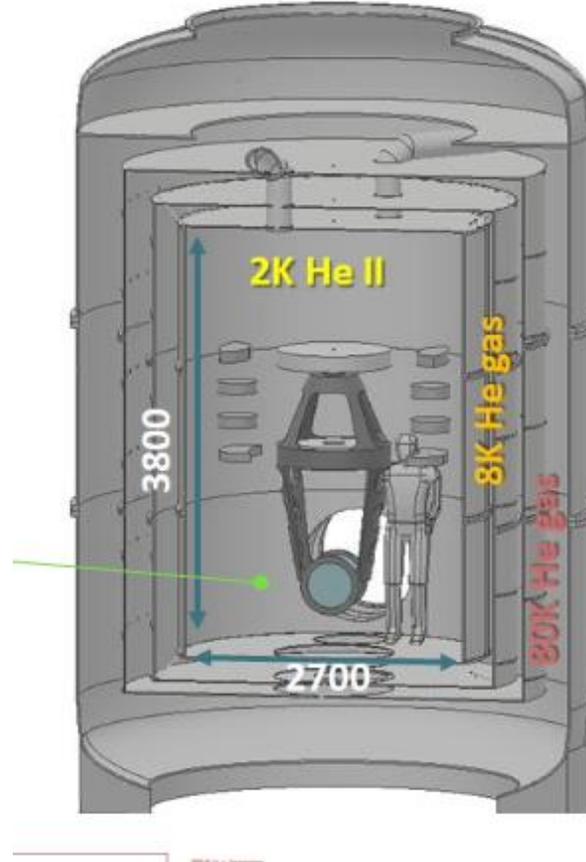
ET Cryostat

Mirror temperature = 10 - 20 K will extend the detector sensitivity band down to 2 Hz .

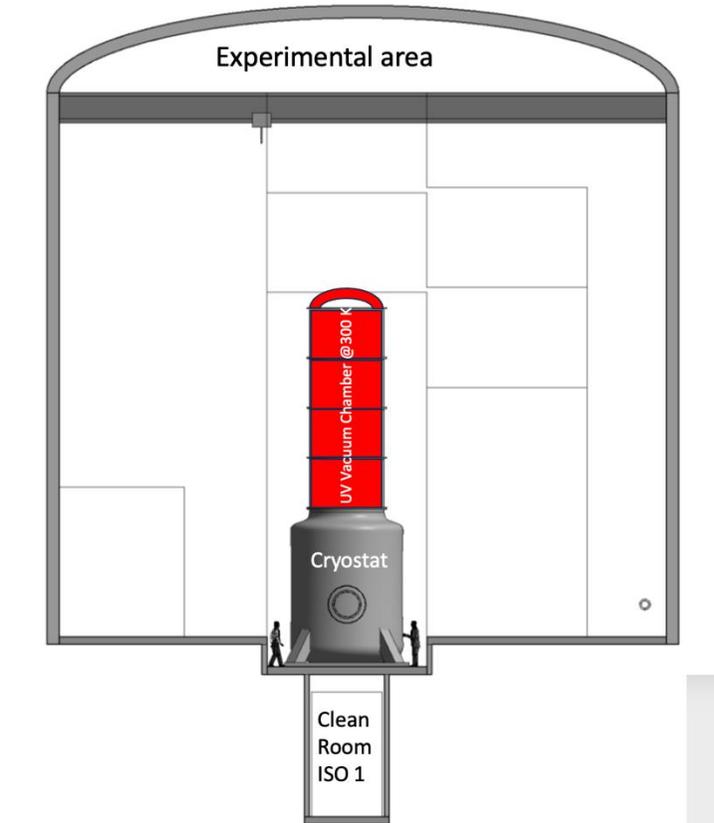
Cryostat Dimension



Cryostat Temperatures



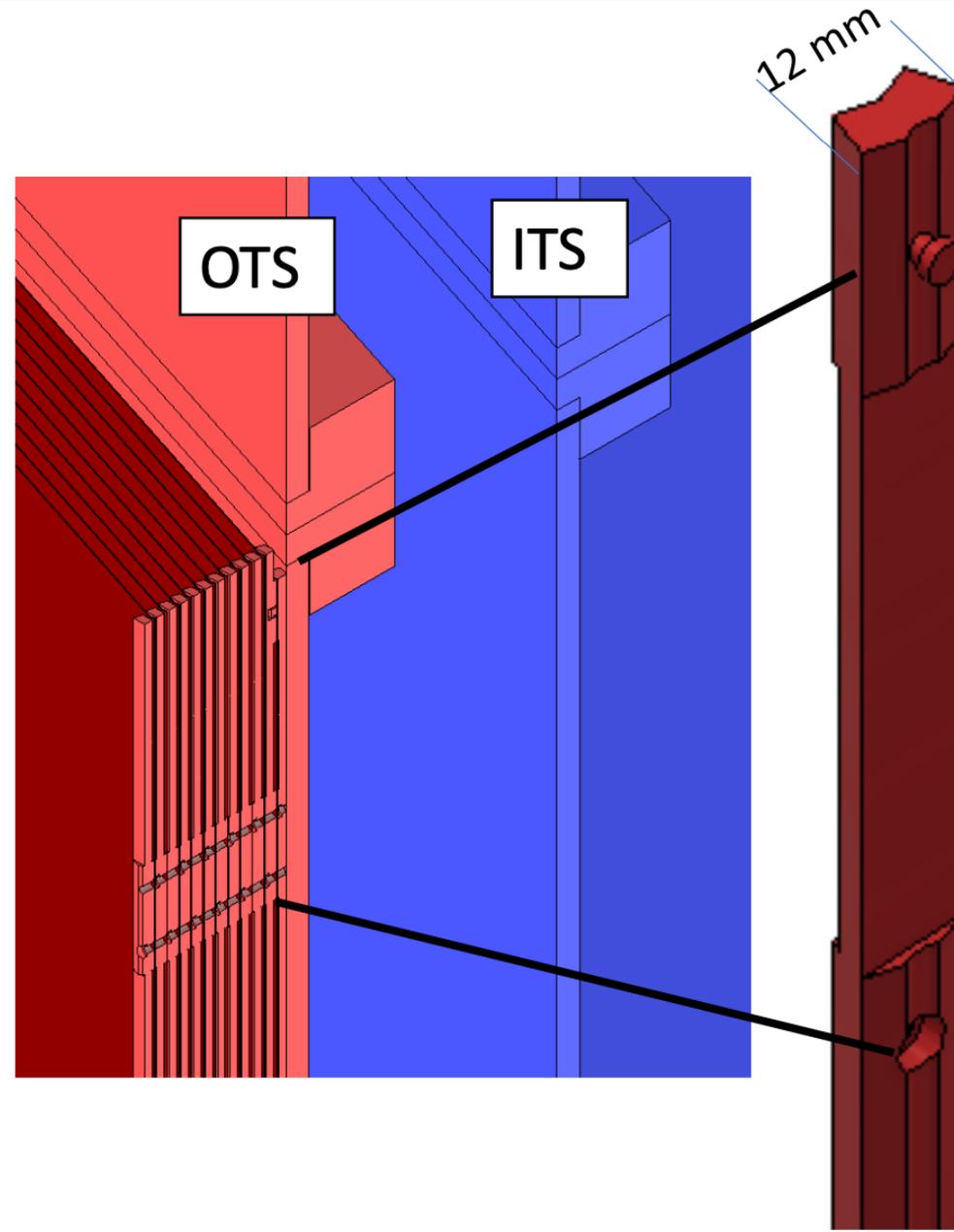
Cryostat & UV Chamber in the Underground lab





Beat the MLI pollution: the 80 K shield

- *Multiple low emissivity aluminum foils supported by **insulating rods** at each corner*
($n_{\text{layers}} > 15$).
- Distance between each foil 4 mm

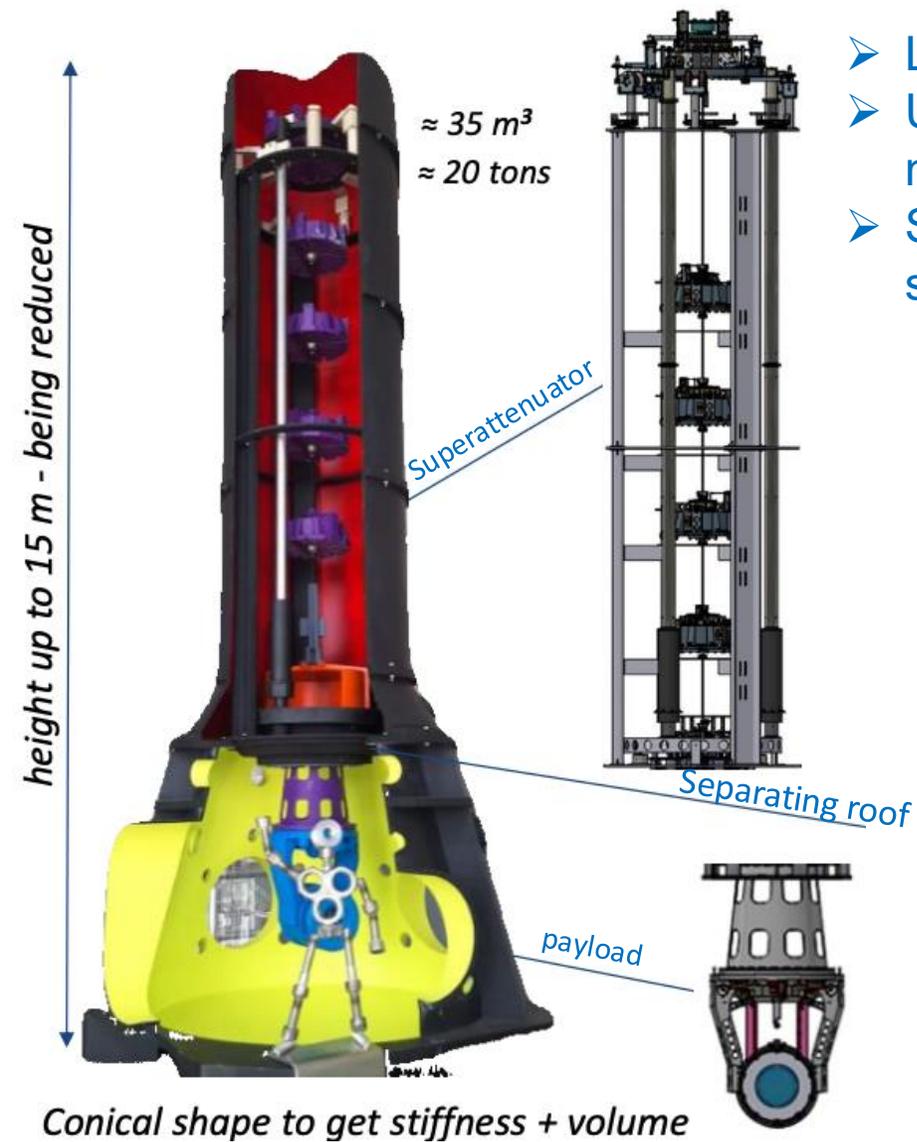


Emissivity
measurements
to optimise thermal
shield performance

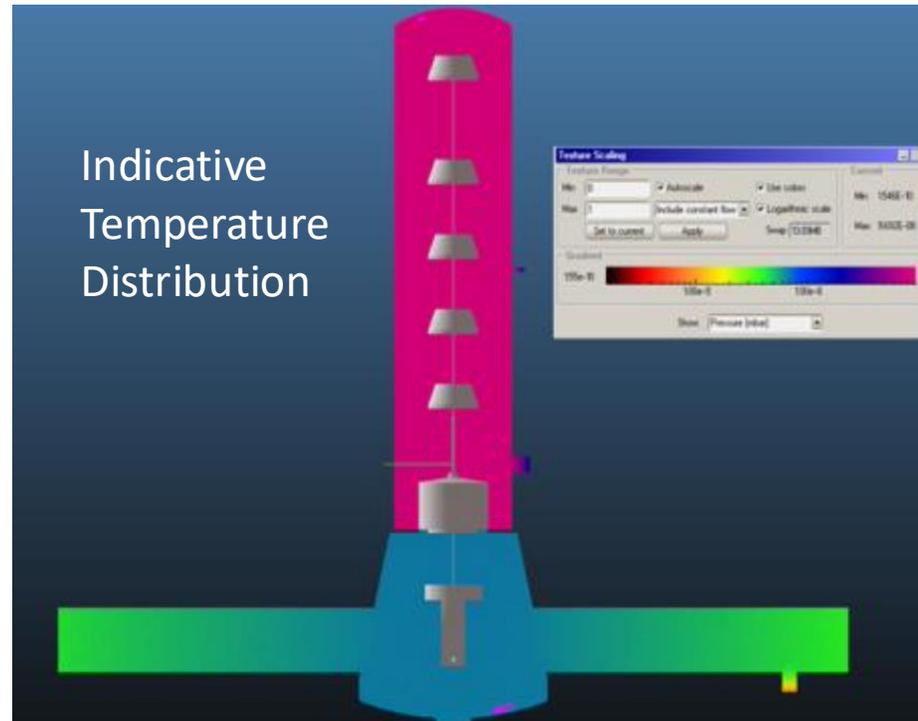




ET-LF Tower design



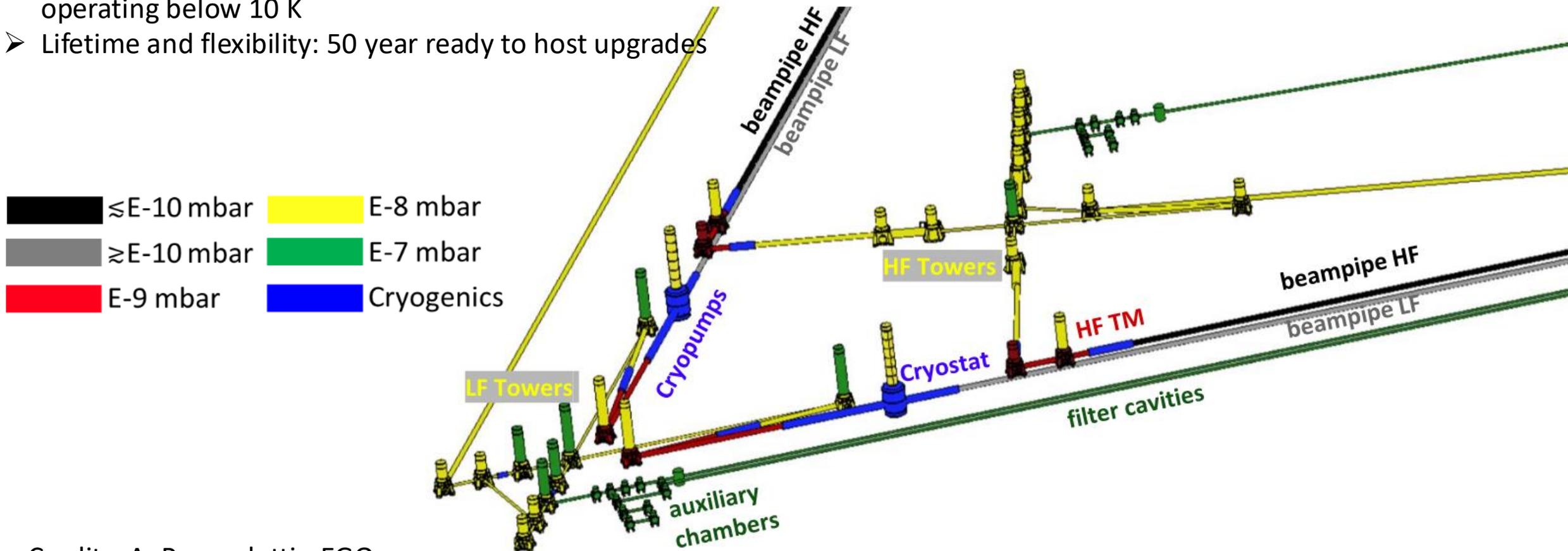
- Lower part: the cryostat housing payload with the test mass (main mirror)
- Upper compartment: room temperature vacuum chamber hosting suspension mechanics and control devices for seismic attenuation
- Separation by a differential pumping system: it allows compromises on suspension materials and reduces gas loads in UHV areas.





Key Feature of ET VAC&Cryo system

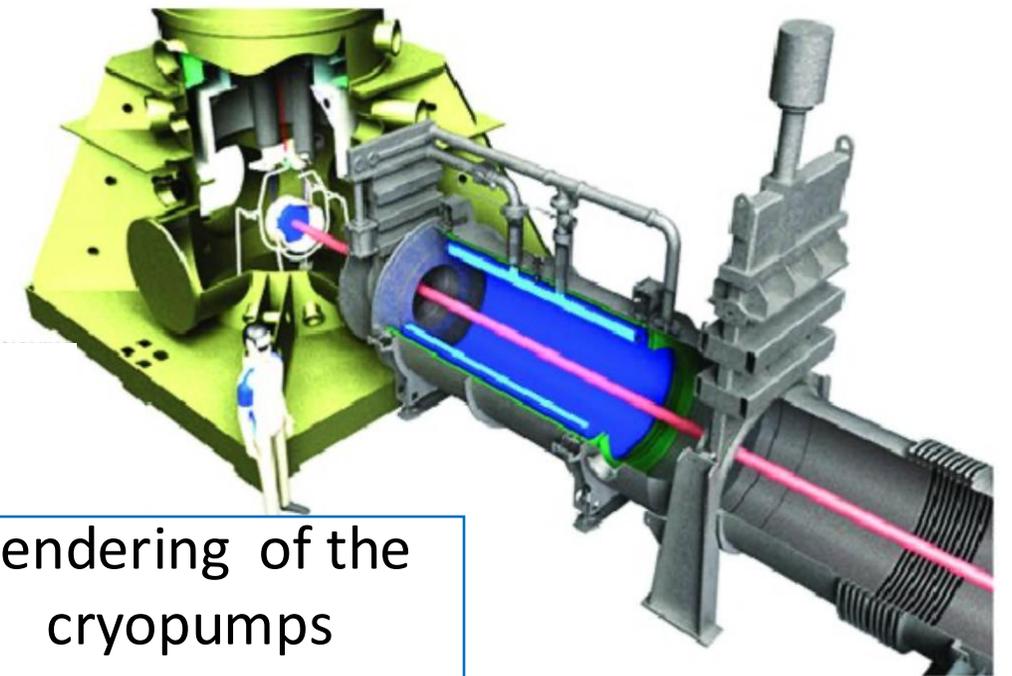
- Beampipes: \varnothing 1 m, 60–120 km long, hosting the laser beam, $E+5 \text{ m}^2$ **UHV chambers of unprecedented size !**
Towers: 45 to 120 chambers up to tens of m^3 plus auxiliaries, hosting world-class optics, 100+ km of cabling, ~100 tons of precision mechanics - all unbaked.
- Cryopumps: very-large-scale pumps combining Towers and Beampipe Cryostats: housing ET most sensitive payloads, operating below 10 K
- Lifetime and flexibility: 50 year ready to host upgrades





ET Cryopumps - I

- Concentric cryopumps in the 1 m diameter beam pipes, needed both for ET-HF and ET-LF.
- In ET-LF the 1 m inner diameter cryopumps must extend up to 20 m in the beam pipes to reduce the solid angle of room-temperature thermal radiation. The main parts must be operated at 80 K with baffles at 10 K.
- Cryopumps will protect the UH vacuum of the km long pipes after the intervention on the test mass towers (*ET commissioning phase*)
- Cryopumps in ET- LF will prevent frost formation on mirror.
 - ✓ Requirement driven by optical and thermal reasons (T must be stable as the cavity finesse of interferometer arms.)
 - ✓ H₂ pumping needed (cryopump section at 3.8 K).

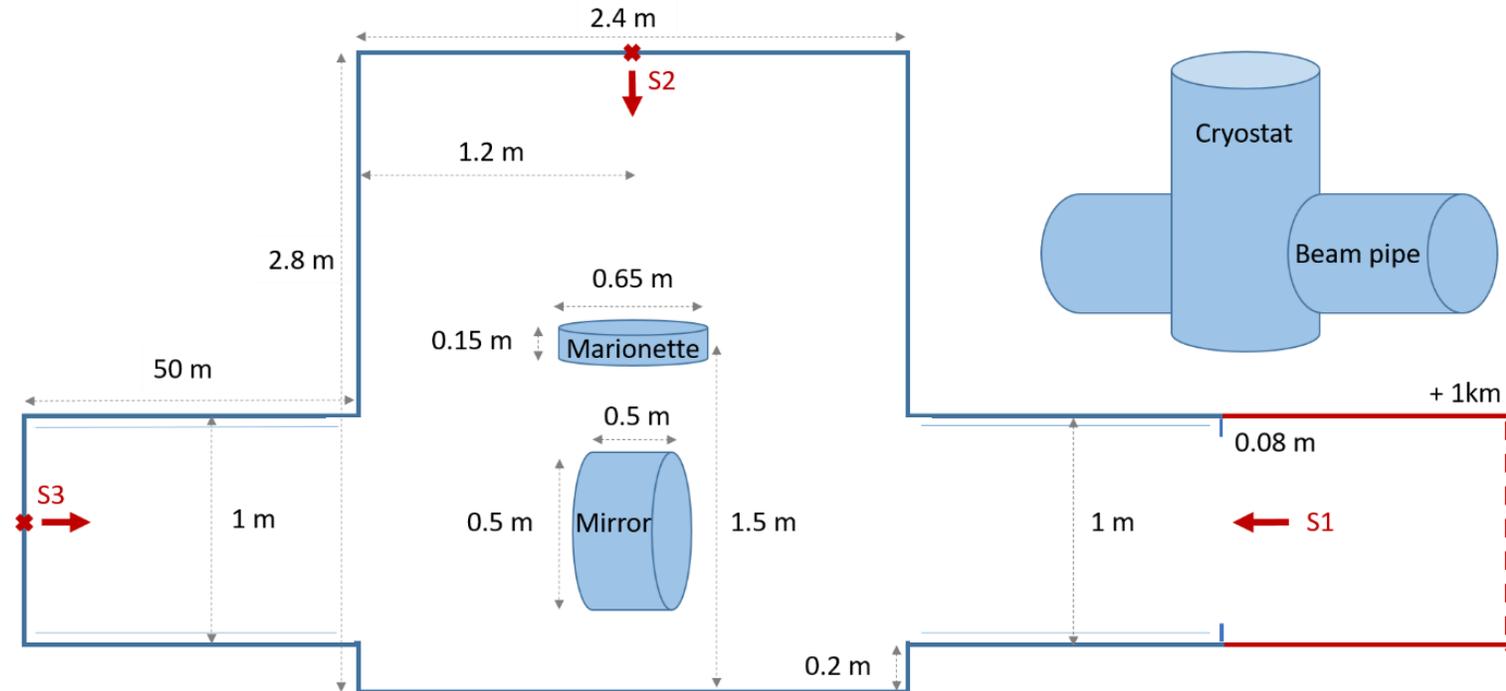


Rendering of the
cryopumps
installed in Virgo

ET Cryopumps - II

Complete LF-model established

- Cryostat with 10-20 K mirror
- First outgassing source: 10 km beam pipe (on the right in the model)
- Second outgassing source: upper tower source (with developed pre-concept for semi-closure drastically reduced to $2 \cdot 10^{-9}$ Pa·m³/s for H₂ and H₂O each)
- Third outgassing source: adjacent tower source (10^{-7} and 10^{-6} Pa·m³/s for H₂ and H₂O)



First outcome of the study: *beam pipe vacuum strongly decoupled from the mirror tower*



ET Cryopumps -III

- *Montecarlo Simulation* carried on using the software code ProVac3D developed @ KIT code was experimentally validated and extensively in the domain energy fusion R&D . (X. Luo, C. Day, Fusion Engineering and Design 85 (2010) 1446–1450).
- All gas sources managed (non-sticky and sticky molecules)

Simulation Outcome fulfilling the pressure requirements

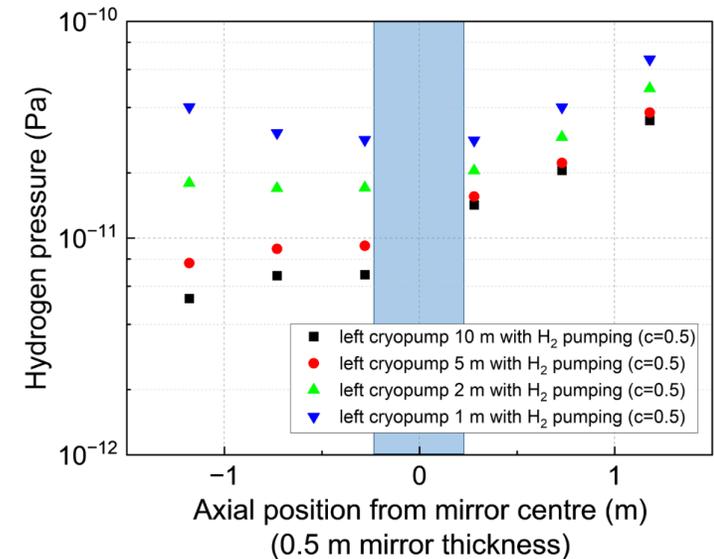
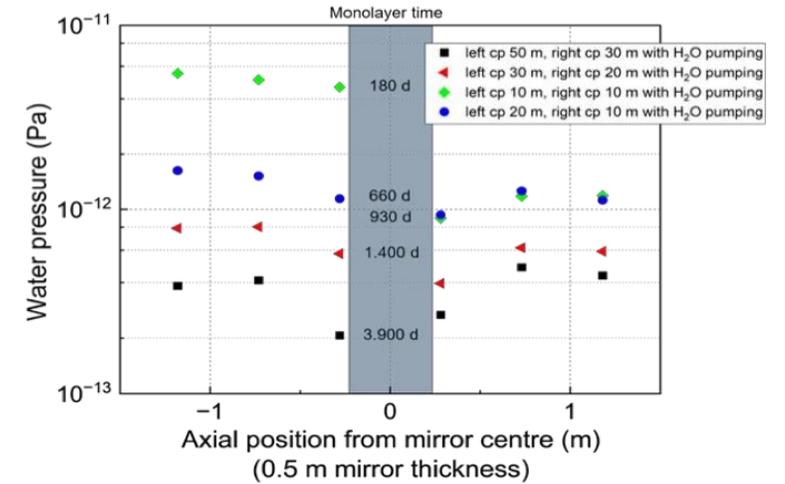
H_2 : $3 \cdot 10^{-11}$ Pa, H_2O : $1 \cdot 10^{-12}$ Pa

Hydrogen pumping needed only on the left side for the adjacent tower flow

Cryopumps:

H_2O : 20 m on the left + 10 m right

H_2 : 1 m left



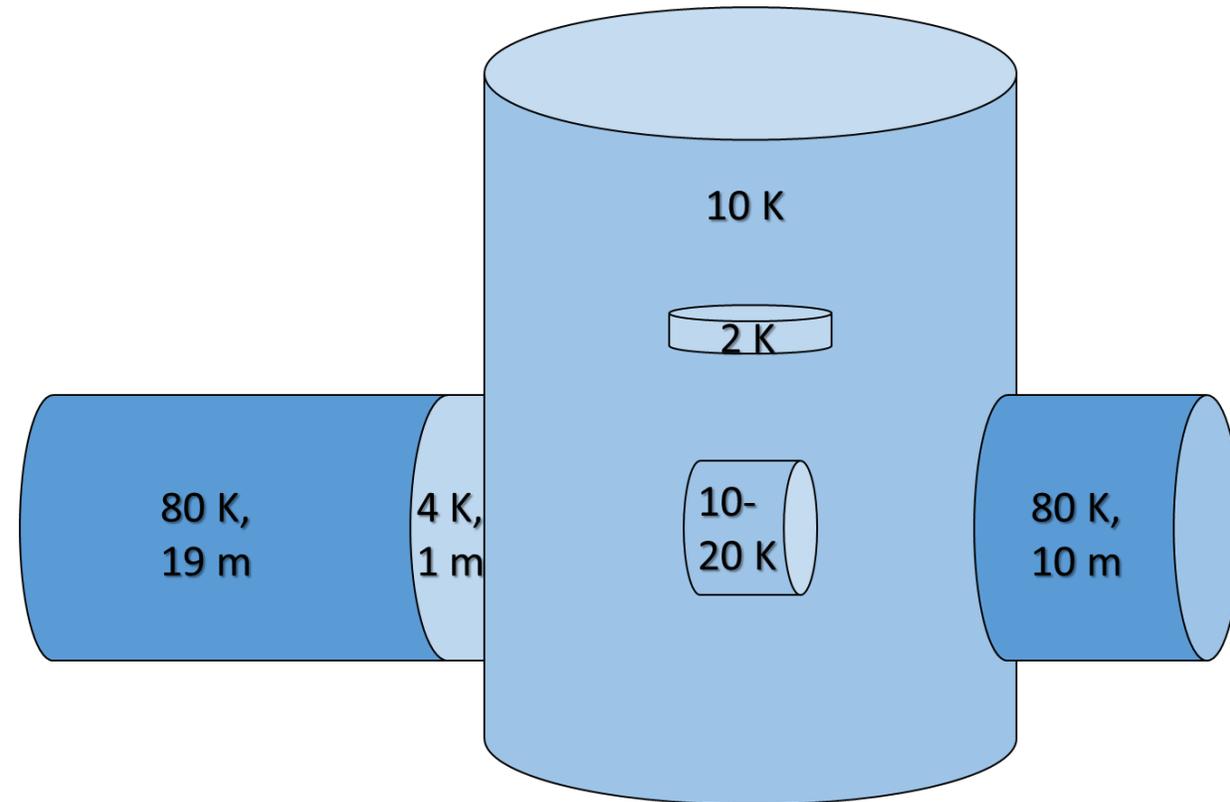


Frost Formation and Cryopumps

- **Maximum allowable deposition: 1-2 H₂O MonoLayers (ML)** (1 ML of H₂O → 0.27 nm tick)
- Requirements driven mainly by laser power absorption issue for tight thermal budget of mirror at constant T

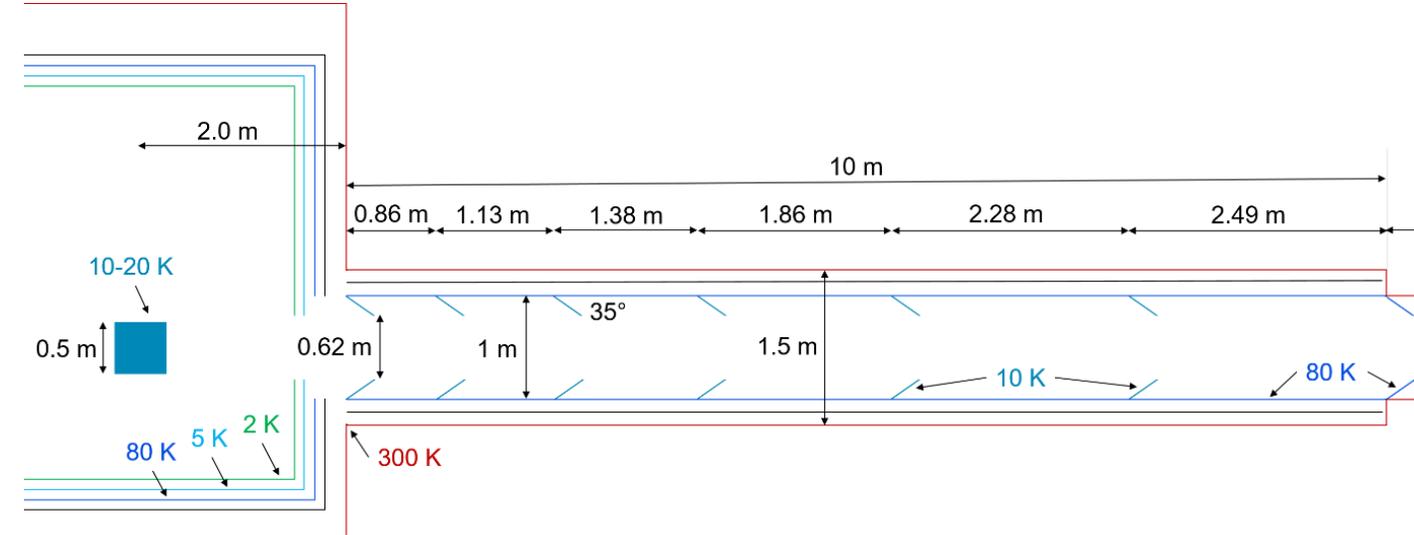
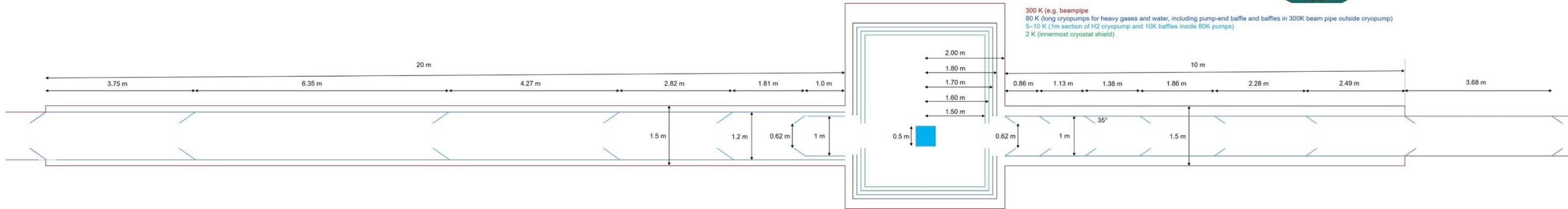
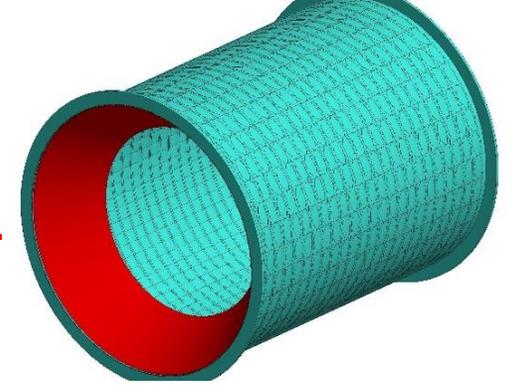
Result:

- Frost formation rate depends on design for 80 K
- ICE Formation of 1 ML (H₂O) in a time scale of 2 years



Cryopumps as thermal radiation traps

Tubular cryopumps with inner baffles



Thermal load on:	ϵ of mirror	ϵ of mirror	ϵ of mirror	ϵ of mirror
	0.01	0.1	0.3	0.5
Mirror	1.3 mW	13 mW	37 mW	59 mW
Cryostat	262 mW	253 mW	232 mW	213 mW
3.7 K	1.65 W	1.65 W	1.65 W	1.65 W
10 K	43 W	43 W	43 W	43 W
80 K	7.1 kW	7.1 kW	7.1 kW	7.1 kW

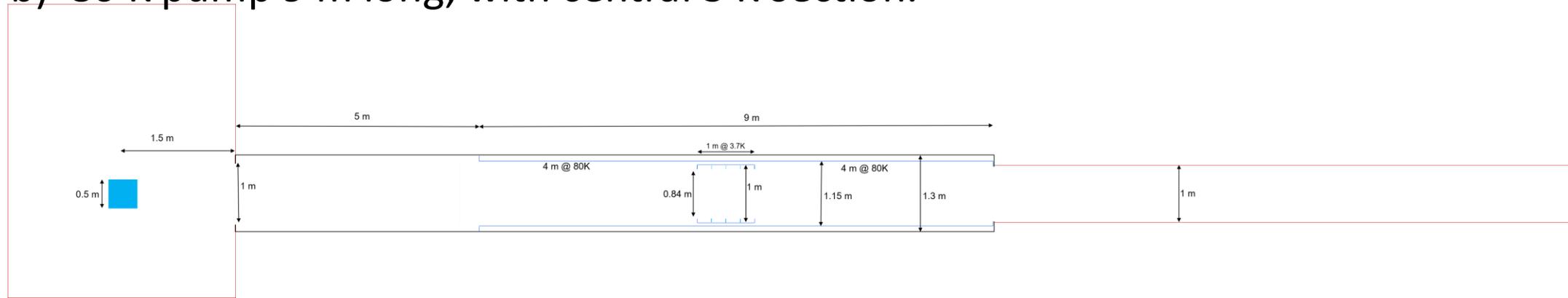


Cryopumps for ET-HF

- HF with inverted aim: protecting 10 km beam pipe from the gas flow from the tower (vented during the commissioning phase).
 - ✓ It follows that just one cryopump is needed on the side of the km long vacuum pipe
- Source of outgassing
 - ✓ Adjacent tower: $2 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ Pa} \cdot \text{m}^3/\text{s}$ for H_2 and $4 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ Pa} \cdot \text{m}^3/\text{s}$ for H_2O
 - ✓ Upper tower hosting the superattenuator: $4 \cdot 10^{-9} \text{ Pa} \cdot \text{m}^3/\text{s}$ for H_2 and $2 \cdot 10^{-8} \text{ Pa} \cdot \text{m}^3/\text{s}$ for H_2O
 - ✓ Lower tower compartment hosting the mirror : $1 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ Pa} \cdot \text{m}^3/\text{s}$ for H_2 and $1 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ Pa} \cdot \text{m}^3/\text{s}$ for H_2O
 - ✓ Target pressure $1 \cdot 10^{-8} \text{ Pa}$ for H_2 , better below

Simulation Outcome fulfilling the pressure requirements

- a) Shift the cryopumps 5 m far from the tower,
- b) 80 K pump 9 m long, with central 3 K section.



The ET cryoplant - I

Disclamair: a more accurate heat load study is ongoing

A first evaluation including needs for ET-LF and ET-HF, ends up with the following numbers:

100 kW at 80 K and 100 W at 3.7 K

- The overall cryogenic cooling budget requires a helium-based cryogenic infrastructure at each vertex of the detector, with compressor stations located on the surface far away from the instrument.
- This avoids a direct noise impact from the compressors and an indirect noise impact from underground cooling water systems, which are necessary in case of other cooling technologies.

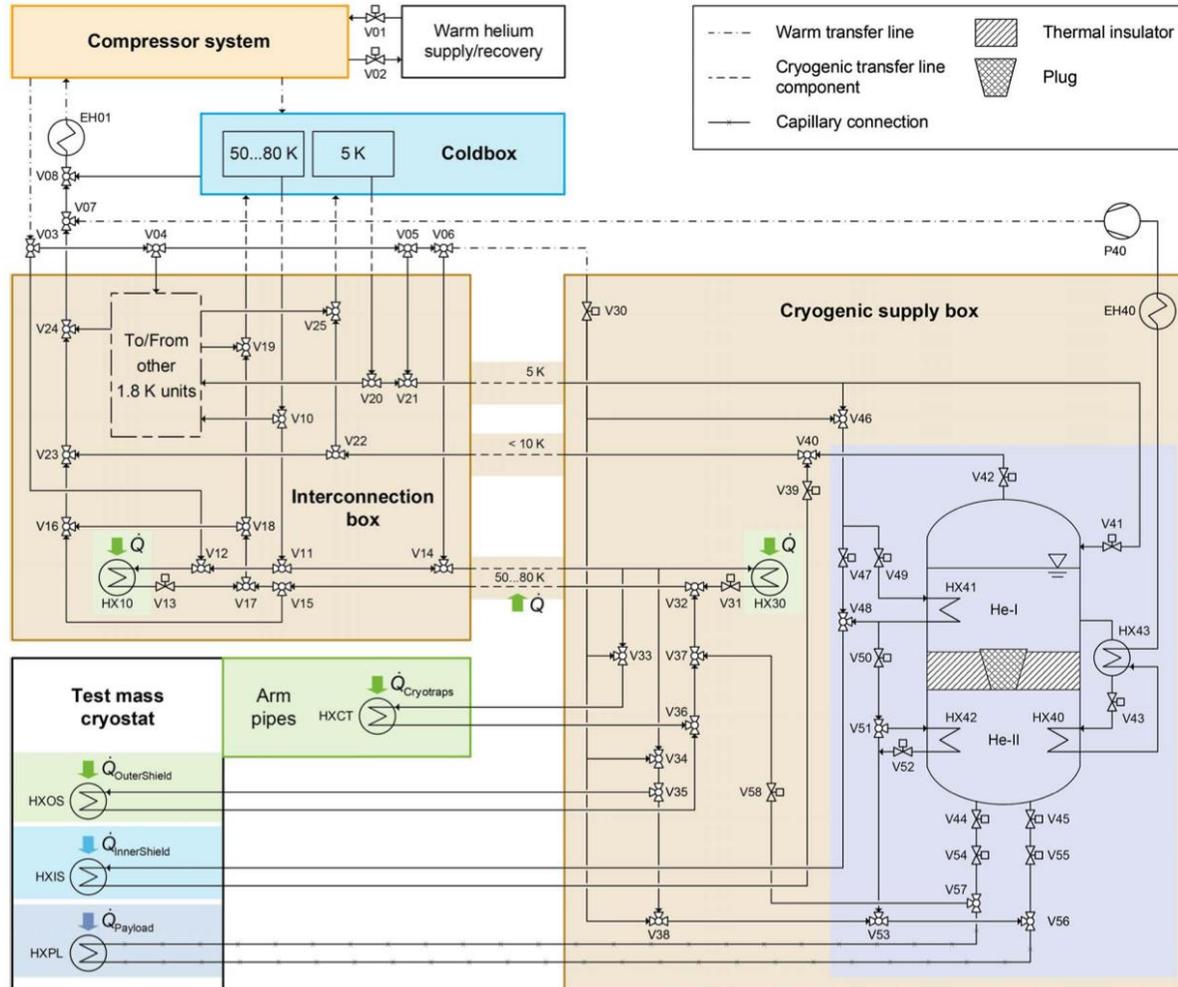


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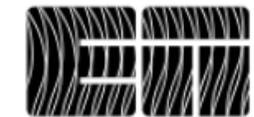
The ET cryoplant - II

Lennard Busch, Steffen Grohmann - ET-0376A-21



Block diagram for helium distribution between an underground-located coldbox and a test mass cryostat.

- No underground LN2 (safety)
- One He refrigerator at each vertex
 - ✓ (Remote) surface compressors
 - ✓ Underground coldbox
 - ✓ Interconnection box to several cryogenic supply boxes (1 for each tower/cryostat) up to c. 500 m long transfer lines
 - ✓ 1-phase cooling H₂O cryopumps/outer shield
 - ✓ 1-phase cooling H₂ cryopumps/inner shields
 - ✓ Optional He-II payload cooling/inner shield



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Cryoplant noise: preliminary study



CERN - SRM18

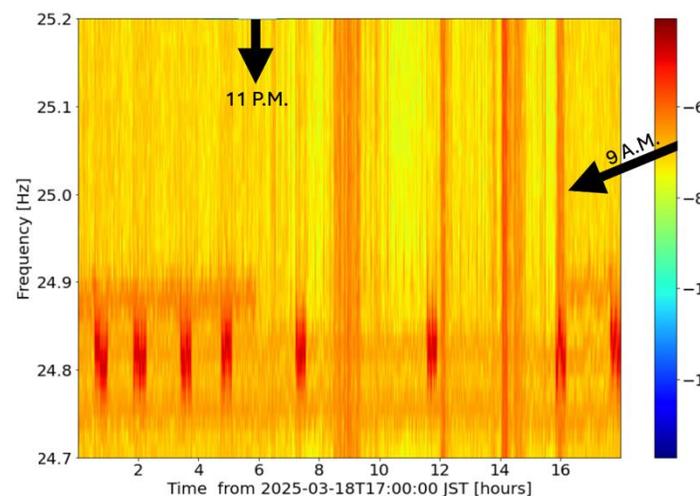
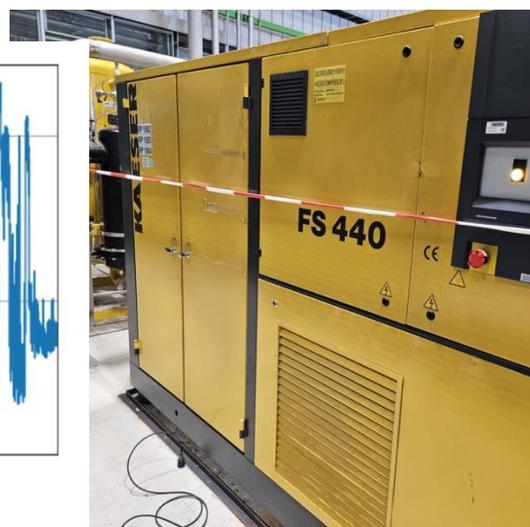
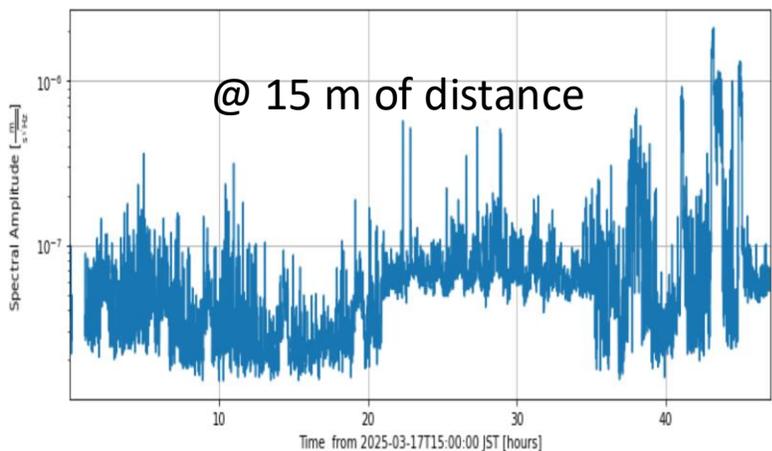
The Goal

- Characterize environmental noise from cryogenic plants and their devices and find characteristic signature
- Gather relevant information for the design of ET and its infrastructure

Preliminary measurements



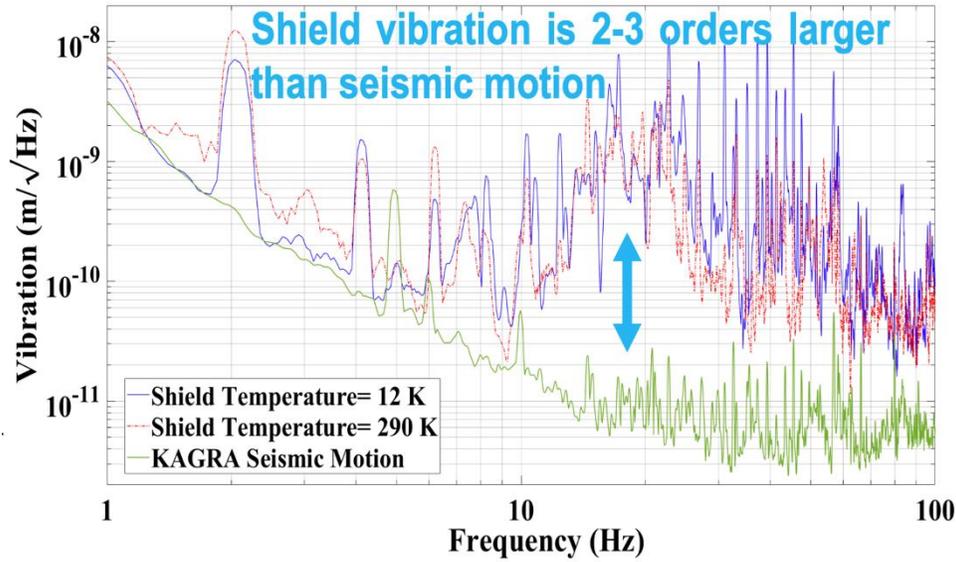
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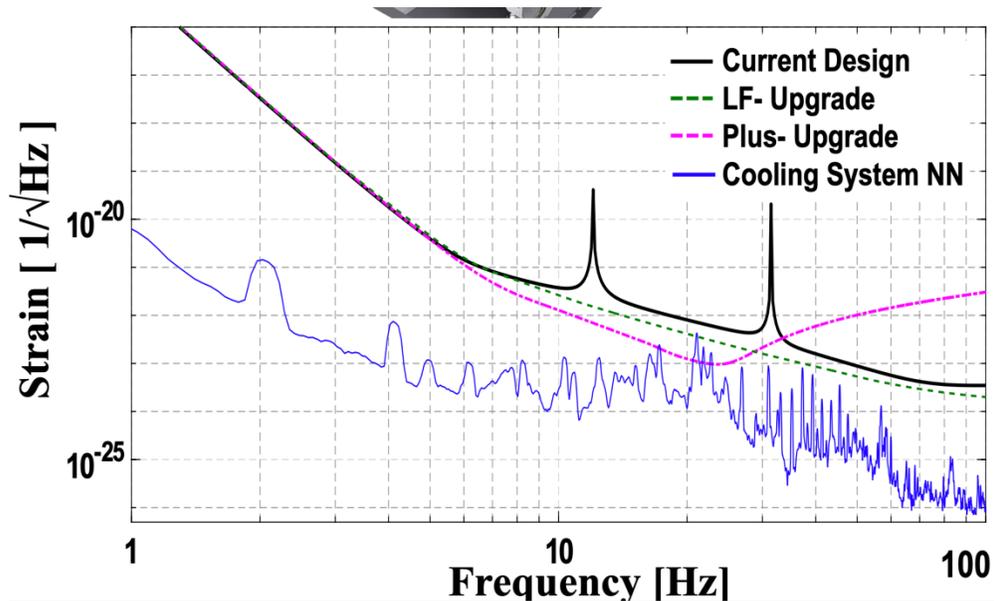
The frequency signature of the Kaeser rapidly decays with distance. Beyond 30 m, we do not find any clear signature of this compressor.

Newtonian noise evaluation due to the cryogenic system

credits: Rishabh Bajpai (rishabh.bajpai@nao.ac.jp)

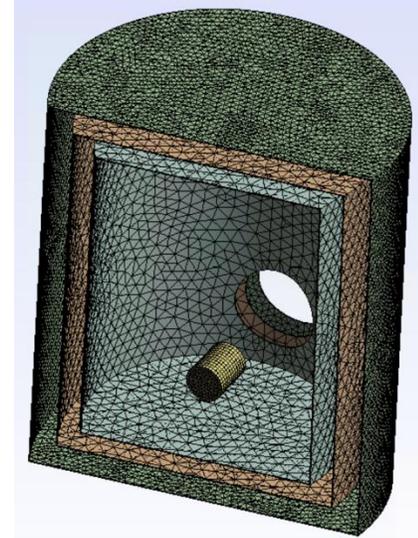


KAGRA

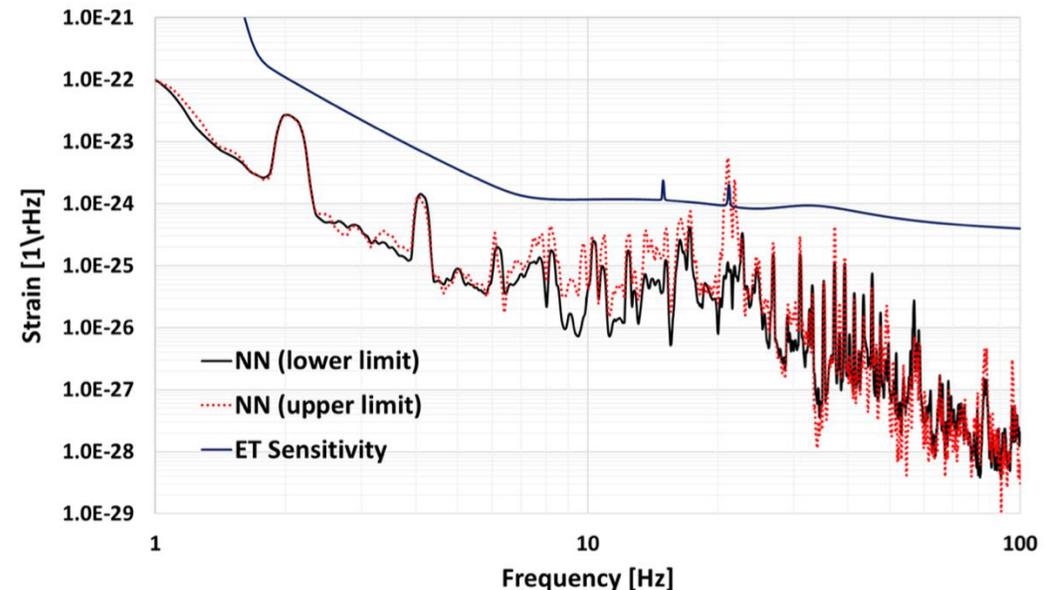


➤ Finite Element evaluation assuming the same vibrational spectra of KAGRA

- Material and geometry
 - Aluminum shield 10 mm thick
 - Silicon mirror Φ 470 mm, $t=570$ mm
 - Holes of Φ 1000 mm on all 3 shields



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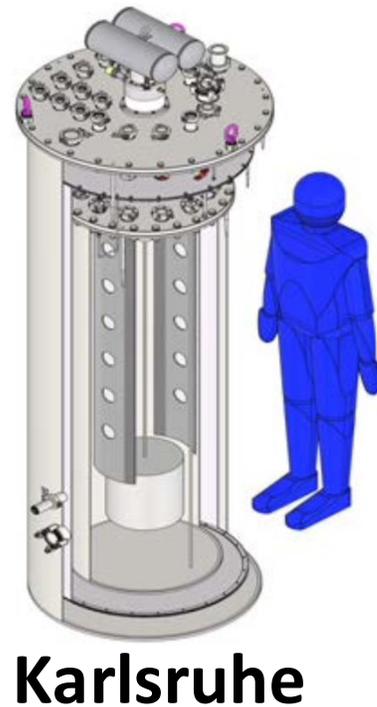




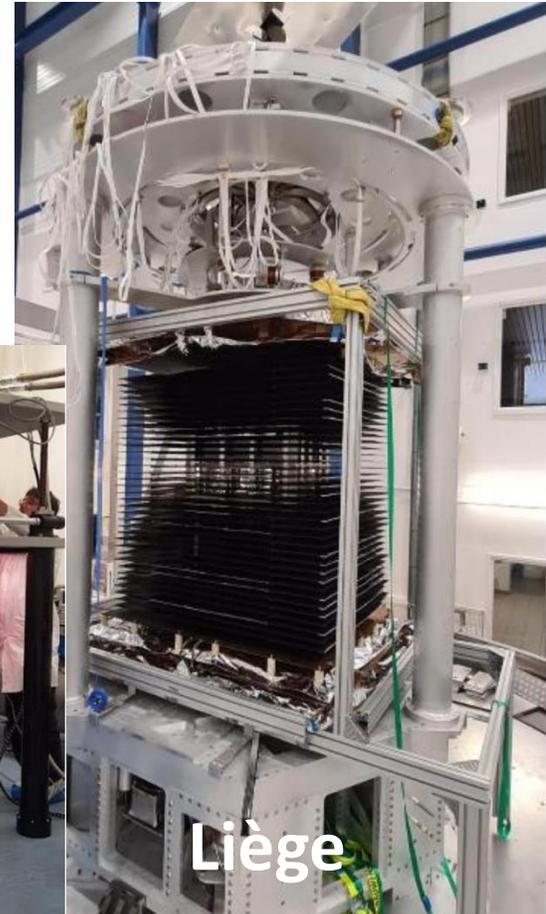
R&D: Large Scale Prototypes

Some of the labs involved in ET cryo-R&D.... *and many others are missing in this list*

- Amaldi Research Center at Sapienza University of Rome,
- ET-Pathfinder, Maastricht University
- University of Glasgow
- University of Liège, Centre Spatial de Liège



Glasgow





Conclusions

- Cryogenics is essential for third-generation (3G) gravitational-wave (GW) detectors to achieve the sensitivity required to explore the Universe's dark epoch.
- The Einstein Telescope Low-Frequency (ET-LF) design represents a significant experimental challenge with the potential for outstanding scientific outcomes.
- Despite a relatively high mirror operating temperature (10–20 K), the demanding detection technique necessitates the development of novel solutions.
- We must develop and thoroughly test new techniques that leverage specialized materials.
- A cryoplant must be designed to ensure an exceptionally low level of mechanical noise.
- **Strong need for significant interaction and collaboration between academia and industry**

EXTRA Slides

Resonant Bars @ Low Temperature

JULY 1972, VARENNA (COMO) ITALY



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The reason

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These measurements require techniques of extreme sensitivity, low noise and great mechanical and electrical stability.

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Two types of advantages emerge from cooling at very low temperature, one based on macroscopic quantum effect, namely superconductivity and superfluidity, and the other based on the general reduction of the $k T$ thermal noise, thermal expansion, thermal electromotive force, creep, etc...

The Use of Low-Temperature Technology in Gravitational Experiments.

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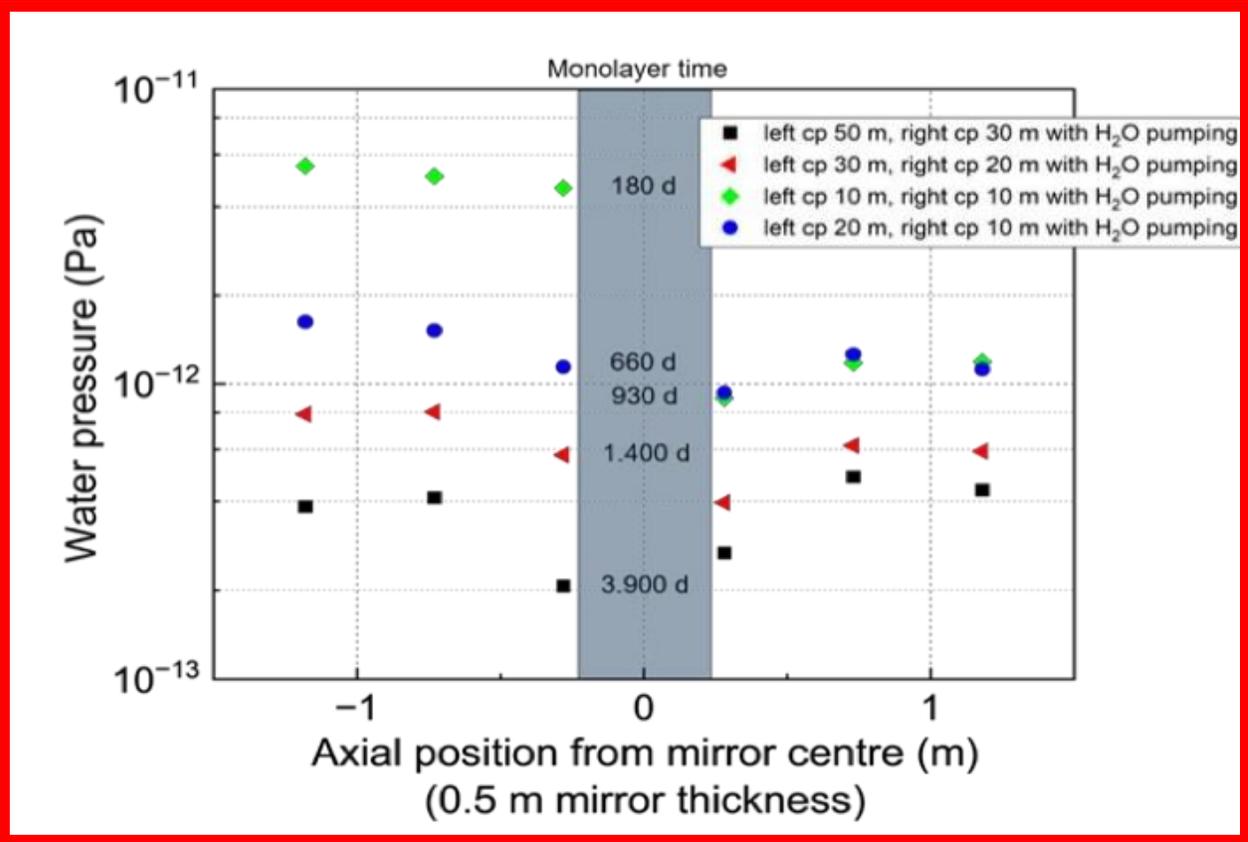
Stanford University - Stanford, Cal.

1. - Introduction.

One of the challenging problems of experimental gravitational physics is the very small size of the gravitational effects one wishes to measure. For example, the force of gravity of the entire Earth on an electron or positron is equal to the electrical force on it due to a single elementary charge situated at a distance of 5 meters from the electron or positron. The rotation with respect to the fixed stars of the axis of a perfect gyroscope in a polar Earth orbit when oriented perpendicular to the Earth's axes is predicted to be only 0.05 seconds of arc per year. The amplitude of vibration of a 5 ton aluminum bar 10 feet long excited by a spherically symmetric gravity wave emitted at the center of our Galaxy with energy, mc^2 , of one solar mass 10^{54} erg, is predicted to be 10^{-14} cm. Furthermore, some gravitational experiments of great interest, such as a test of the equivalence principle, involve a search for minute deviations from null. A test of the equivalence principle at the level of weak interactions requires a check on the differences between gravitational and inertial mass to 1 part in 10^{14} .



ET Cryopumps -III



- Cryopumps are directly coupled to the cryostat.
 - They must reduce the radiation thermal input from the km long pipes @300 K (inner diameter of the pipes 1 m)
 - They should protect the UH vacuum of the km long tubes after the intervention on the test mass zone
- Cryopumps (LF): Frost formation on mirror the main driver
 - ✓ Maximum allowable deposition of 1 ML water ice: not driven by optical reasons but by limited cooling budget and extra laser power absorption.
 - ✓ H₂ pumping

Montecarlo study to design **ET Cryotraps** and limit the frost
 TPMC code ProVac3D, experimentally validated and
 extensively used for developments in fusion

Extremely low pressures for all species ($<10^{-13}$ mbar) except H₂

ET configuration studies to make the project more robust

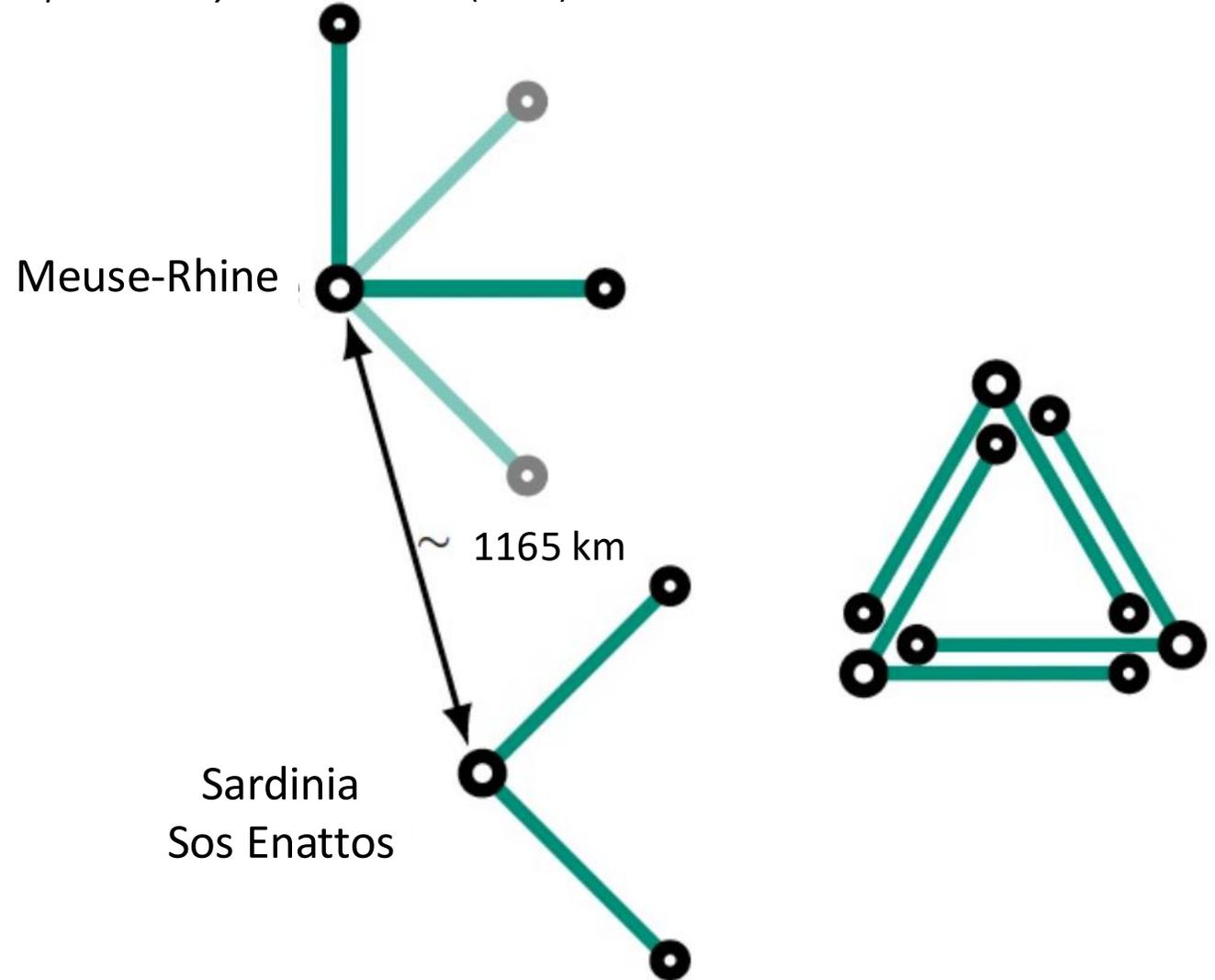
COst Benefit Analysis - CoBA

M. Branchesi, M. Maggiore et al. Journal of Cosmology and Astroparticle Physics - JCAP 07 (2023) 068

Analysis of the scientific perspectives under possible variations of the detector design:

- how the science output changes in the absence of the low-frequency instrument
- how the science output changes in function of the detector geometry
 - triangle, 10km arms
 - 2L, 15 km arms at 45°
 - 2L, 15 km arms almost parallel
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Outcome: a comparison of the scientific returns for the various options



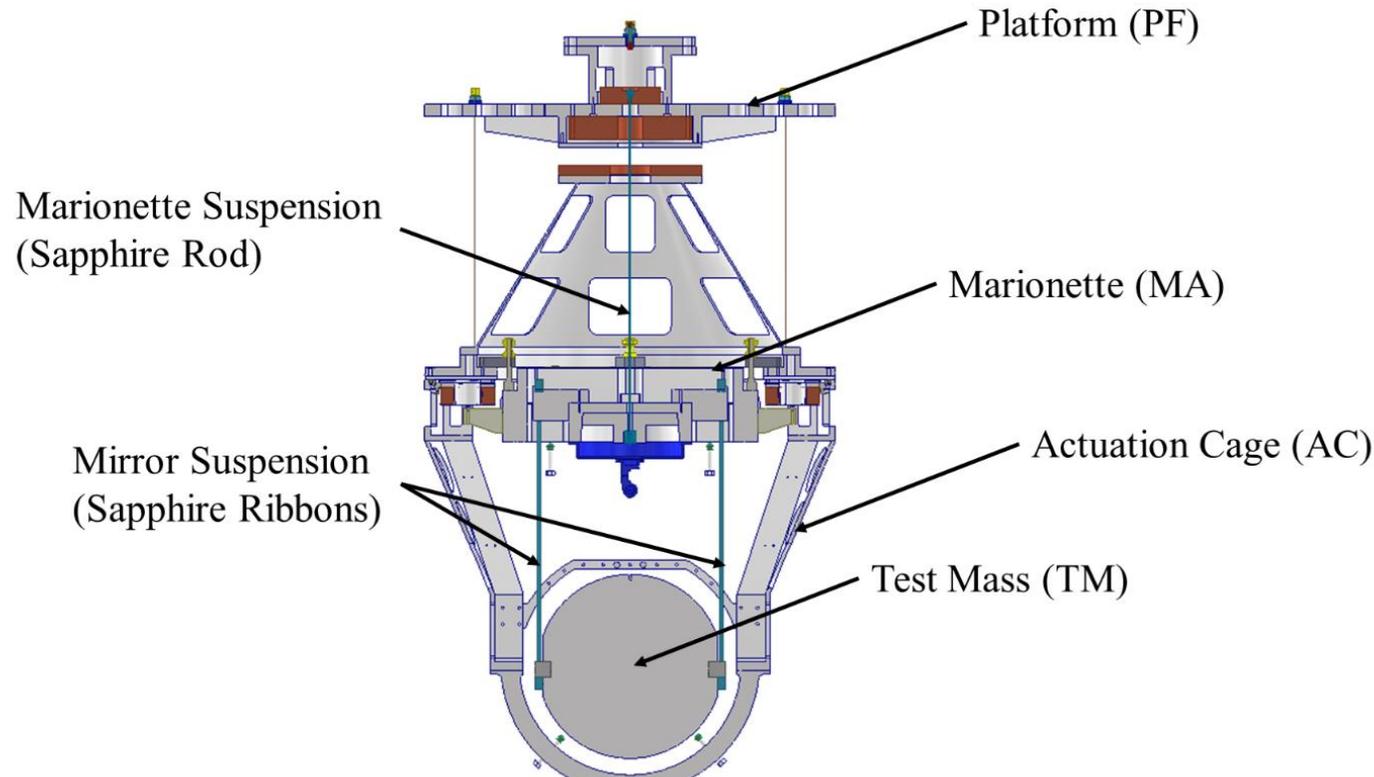


How to keep the mirror at low temperature

- Mirror is kept in HUV environment, e.g. no heat gas exchange
- Heat transfer via Thermal Radiation helps just during the cooling down $\frac{dQ}{dt} \propto T^3 \Delta T$
(Temperature T too low)
- In the range of 10 -20 K we **must** rely on heat extraction via solid conduction



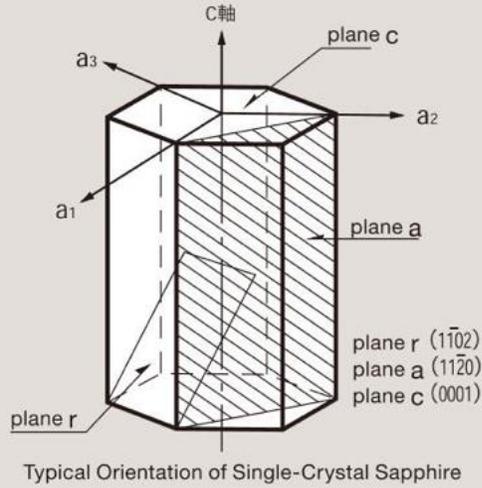
..but.....we can not add extra mechanical dissipation



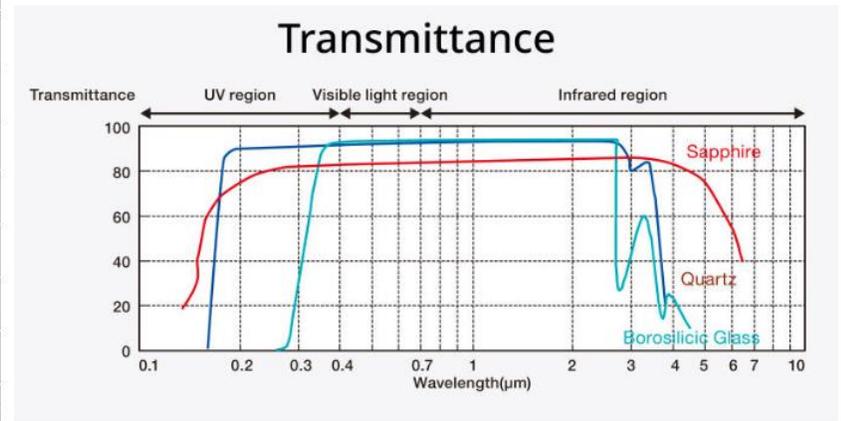
Solution:
Heat extracted via the 4 wire suspensions: in this case they are *Long Crystals* (made of Silicon or Sapphire)



Sapphire

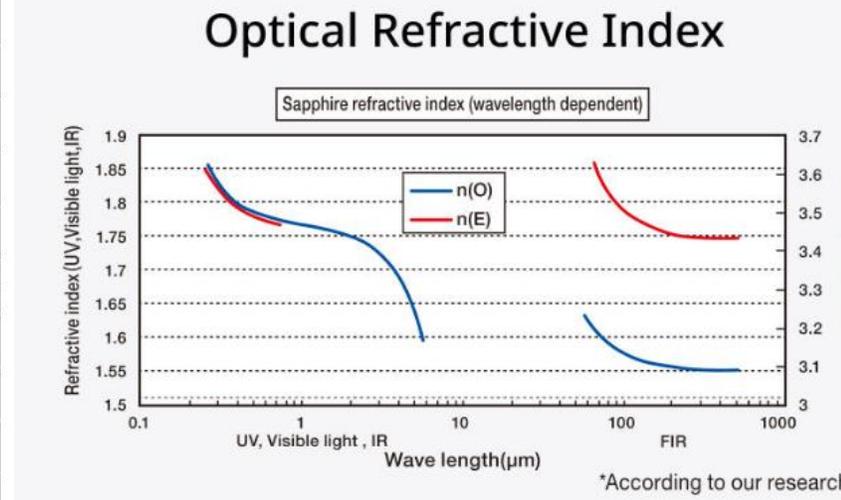


Density (*1)		g/cm ³	JIS R 1634	3.97		
Water Absorption		%	JIS C 2141	0		
Mechanical Characteristics	Vickers Hardness HV9.807N	GPa	JIS R 1610	a Plane	22.5	
	Flexural Strength 3 P.B.	MPa	JIS R 1601	a Plane c Axis	690	
	Compressive Strength	MPa	JIS R 1608	2,940		
	Young's Modulus of Elasticity	GPa	JIS R 1602	470		
	Poisson's Ratio	-		Parallel to Axis c Vertical to Axis c	0.18	
	Fracture Toughness (SEPB)	MPa · m ^{1/2}	JIS R 1607	2.1		
Thermal Characteristics	Coefficient of Linear Thermal Expansion	40-400°C	JIS R 1618	Parallel to Axis c	7.7	
		40-800°C		Vertical to Axis c	7.0	
	Thermal Conductivity 20°C	W/(m · K)		JIS R 1611	42	
	Specific Heat Capacity	J/(g · K)		JIS R 1611	0.75	
	Thermal Shock Temperature Difference (Put in Water,Relative Method)	°C		JIS R 1648	180	
	Electrical Characteristics	Dielectric Strength		kV/mm	JIS C 2141	48
Volume Resistivity		20°C	>10 ¹⁴			
		300°C	10 ¹²			
		500°C	10 ¹¹			
Dielectric Constant (1MHz)		-	Parallel to Axis c	11.5		
Dielectric Loss Angle (1MHz)		(×10 ⁻⁴)	Vertical to Axis c	9.3		
Loss Factor	(×10 ⁻⁴)	-<				
Chemical Characteristics	Nitric Acid (60%) 90°C ,24H	(Weight Loss) mg/cm ²	-	≐ 0.00		
	Sulphuric Acid (95%) 95°C ,24H			≐ 0.00		
	Sodium Hydroxide (30%) 80°C ,24H			≐ 0.00		



Single Crystal Al₂O₃

Poly-crystal Al₂O₃



Major R&D Facilities in ET (incomplete)

From the XIII ET symposium, an incomplete selection of the presented large facilities

Glasgow

OmniSense at Nikhef

- Interferometric sensing (fOGI), compact and proven
- Fused-silica suspension
- Closed-loop control
- Careful shielding for thermal fluctuations, acoustics, and E-M
- Mechanical simplicity, no cables or magnets.

VATIGrav and Compact Laser Interferometry

Main goals:

- test DFMI based compact displacement sensors on suspensions to reduce control noise
- test inertial sensors with highly sensitive interferometric displacement sensors
- study new suspension control and seismic isolation schemes

Etpathfinder in Maastricht

Main target: provide a testbed for ET technology concepts and qualify them in an environment.

2 FPMI interferometers:

- 1) 1550nm @ 138K
- 2) 2090nm @ 123K

The AEI 10 m Prototype Facility

Main goal: Sub-SQL interferometry

Studies of vibration isolation / control

Fused-silica welding

CoMET - Coating Materials for Einstein Telescope

Goals:

- Capability to deposit virtually all the (amorphous) materials of interest for the GW community with the needed level of control
- Ability to explore different process ranges (energies, growth kinetics etc.)
- Study of the physical processes occurring during deposition

Coating deposition (samples):

- Ion beam
- Magnetron

Characterization facilities

CoMET - Coating Materials for Einstein Telescope

Goals:

- Test the limits of active seismic isolation in an underground environment
- Inter-platform motion control
- Underground environmental monitoring
- Test new approaches to controls optimization
- Test new inertial sensors

GEMINI at LNGS

Amaldi Research Center at Roma La Sapienza

Facility dedicated to cryogenics development for ET.

Build prototype payload

See Monday talk by Ettore Majorana

SAR-Grav Laboratory

SAR-Grav hosts ET activities as well as Geophysics and Fundamental Physics activities

Cavern that should host the Archimedes experiment

It is planned to test at least partially a preliminary version of the double-suspended inverted pendulum in a quiet underground environment.

See Monday talk by Enrico Calloni

CAOS: Centro per Applicazioni sulle Onde gravitazionali e la Sismologia

New facility at the University of Perugia

Development of specific technology for the third-generation GW detectors

LMA - Laboratoire des Matériaux Avancés

Also investing into substrate growth and polishing

New large optics coater facility

Aim: produce ET cryo-compatible substrates in sapphire

Existing LMA building

Extension

E-TEST : Einstein Telescope EMR Site and Technology

Vibration isolation

Radiative cooling

E-TEST objectives:

- Large mirror (100 kg)
- Cryogenic temperature (10-20 K)
- Isolated at low frequency (0.3-10 Hz)
- Compact suspension (4-6 meters)

Test facility for experimental investigations of the He-II based ET-LF payload cooling concept

Suspension and cooling concept studied for ET-LF

See Monday talk by Xheiko Koroveshi

DZA On solid ground

On solid ground: the challenges of geophysics tests

ET – expression of interest



The Collaboration above the threshold of 1700 members