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1980: Cryogenics enters in ground based astronomy
1<sup>st</sup> IR detectors 1x1 (LN2 and He cooled)
1982: Installation of the first large echelle spectrograph
Instrument LN2 cooled
Det: 32x1 He cooled















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#### 1992 Approval of the VLT



Telescopes: From 3.6m to 8m Detector: Permanently growing

Filter wheel for instrument 80th



Filter wheel for instruments (VLT)





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#### Requirements

Temperatures	Purpose	Power requirements	Locations (number) of duties		
			Nasmyth A	Nasmyth B	Coudé
230 K (T1)	Optical detectors	404 W	16	10	
105 K ( <b>T2</b> )	NIR ins. optic	1579 W	3	28	1
65 K ( <b>T3</b> )	NIR detectors	400 W	10	28	
27 K ( <b>T4</b> )	MID IR optics	20 W		2	
5 K ( <b>T5</b> )	MID IR detectors	35 W		2	







#### Tradeoff study to compare 3 different technology combinations



#### Schematic implementation of a forced flow cooling system



#### Schematic implementation of open loop LN2 cooling



Schematic implementation of Mechanical Cooler



#### Result of the tradeoff study

		Mechanical Coolers + LN2 pre-cool		Forced convection He + Mechanical Coolers		Open LN2 Cooling + Mechanical cooler	
Criterion	Weight	Score	Mark	Score	Mark	Score	Mark
	(W)	(S)	(S*W)	(S)	(S*W)	(S)	(S*W)
Vibration	5	1.5	7.5	4.25	21.25	4.25	21.25
Running cost	2	2.4	4.8	4.5	9	3.1	6.2
Power consumption	3	2.8	8.4	4	12	3.2	9.6
Capital cost	2	5.8	11.6	1.4	2.8	2.8	5.6
Installation effort	2	5.5	11	2.25	4.5	2.25	4.5
Technology readiness	4	4.25	17	1.5	6	4.25	17
Dome seeing, tel. perf.	3	1.5	5.5	5.5	16.5	3	9
Telescope service	1	5.5	5.5	1.5	1.5	3	3
Reliability	4	3.33	13.32	3.33	13.32	3.33	13.32
Failure mode	4	1.5	6	3	(12	5.5	22
Scalability	3	5.5	16.5	1.5	4.5	3	9
Impact on instrument	3	1.5	4.5	4.25	12.75	4.25	12.75
AIV support	3	3	9	1.5	6	5.5	16.5
TOTAL			120.62		122.12		149.5

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# **Cryogenics for E ELT**

LN2 on site production in the service rooms LN2 and Helium high pressure supply Nas. B Nas. A P.AN

Main Structure ~ 2500 tons of steel moving 700 tons of optomechanics and electronics around two perpendicular axes (azimuth and altitude) Hydrostatic bearings driven by electrical direct drive motors with a precision of 0.3 arcsec under the maximum wind disturbance. Instruments about 30 m

above the ground

38 m diameter Altitude Structure 65 m height 71 m width Azimuth Structure Telescope foundation and 52m diameter

Azimuth tracks



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# **Cryogenics for E ELT**

Examples of E ELT instruments Difficulties to get optical quality at short wavelengths  $\rightarrow 1^{st}$  Generation mainly IR instruments



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#### Base line solution for T4 and T5

Pulsed Tube (PT410) cooler from CryoMech



2nd stage and 1st stage combined power:	1W @ 4.2K with 35W @ 45K (at 50 and 60 Hz)			
Lowest Temperature:	0W @ 2.8K			
Cool down time to base temperature:	60 minutes to 4K			
Input Power - Water Cooled:	8.4kW @ 60Hz, 7.9kW @ 50Hz			



#### Alternative solutions for T4 and T5 and eventually other intermediate temperatures



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#### Location and status of the project









Construction 2014-2024, on Cerro Armazones (3000 m above see level, Atacama desert)

As *integral part* of the Paranal Observatory ('one more telescope')

ESO cost: ~1100 MEUR incl. instruments and contingency





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