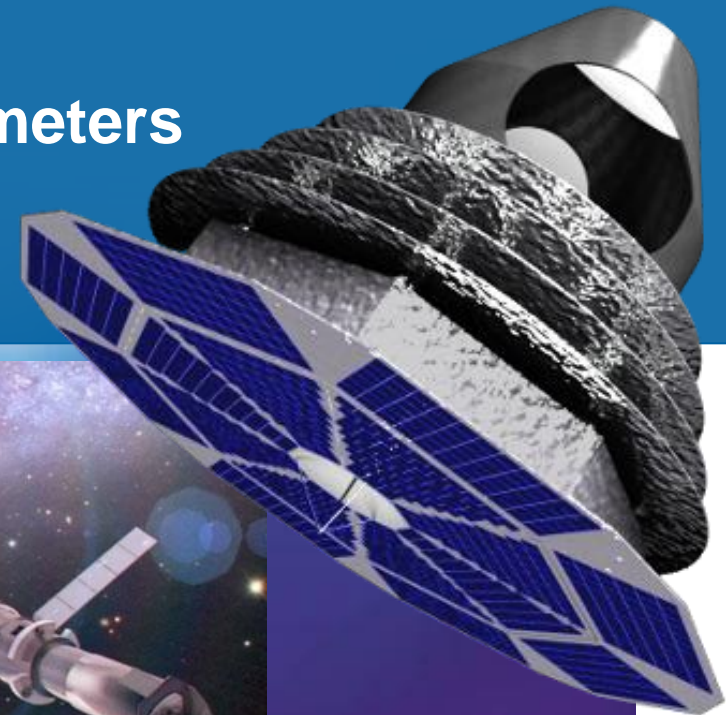


# Spatial Cryogenics for Ultra Low Temperature Spectrometers

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ALAT space cryogenics overview  
Planck Cryochain  
Core + Cryochain  
ALAT X-IFU Cryostat preliminary design  
ALAT 15K High power Pulse Tube  
ALAT-CNRS 50mK Dilution

# Air liquide Space Cryogenics

## Launchers

Official Supplier of Ariane 5  
Cryogenic tanks (O<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>, He)  
Thermal shielding  
Cryo Fluid and Gas distribution (lines, valves, control)



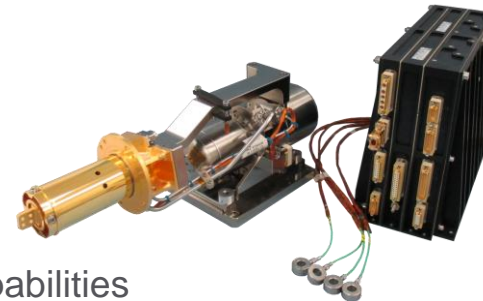
## Orbital systems and Satellites

Ultra Low Temperature 100mK-1.6K  
Pulse Tube CryoFingers 10K-150K  
Turbo-Brayton Coolers 200K  
Thermal Shielding  
Frames and supports  
Cryo Fluid and Gas distribution (lines, valves, control)

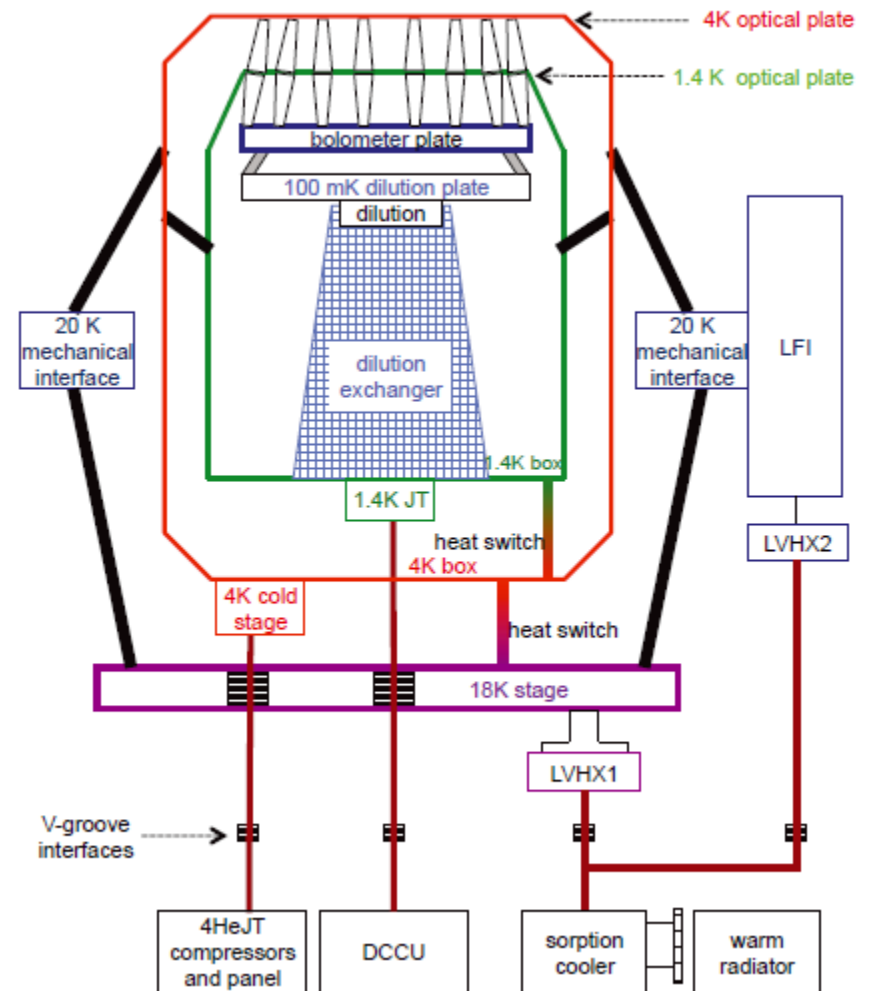
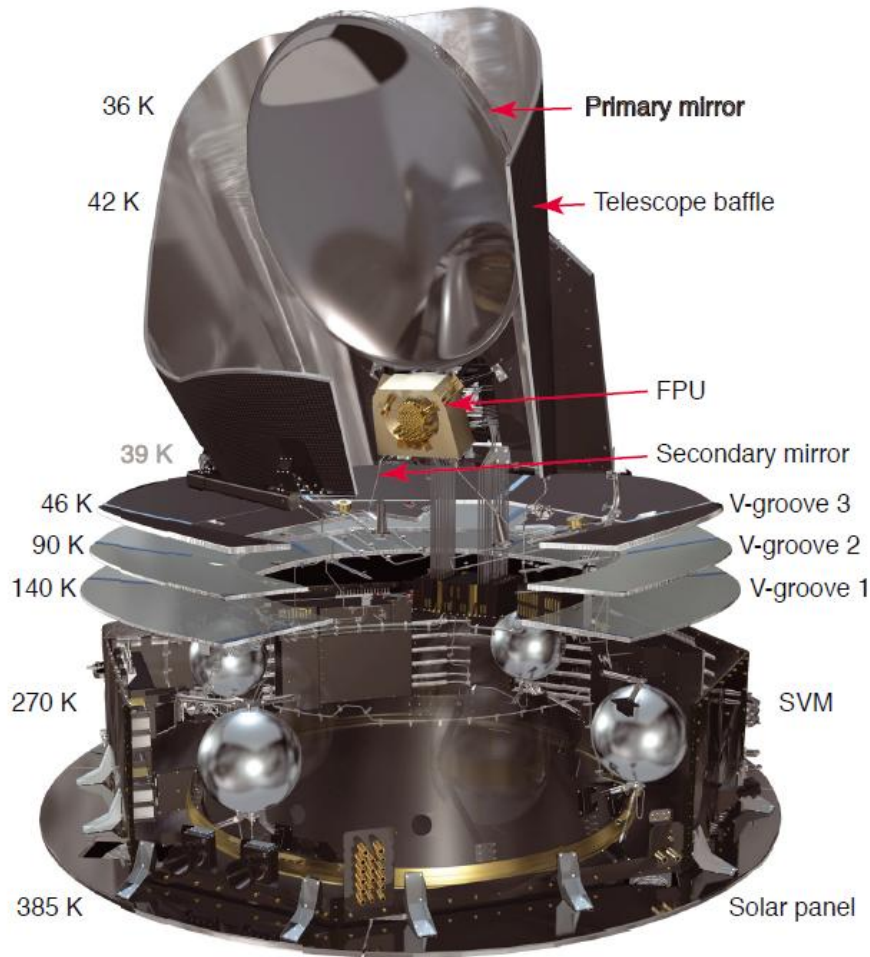


## Ground resources

Space Simulation Chambers  
Launch Simulation Test Benches  
Gas and CryoFluid distribution equipment  
Extensive R&D, engineering and manufacturing capabilities

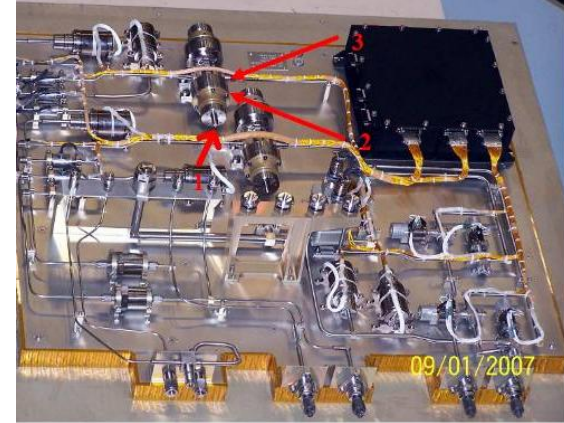
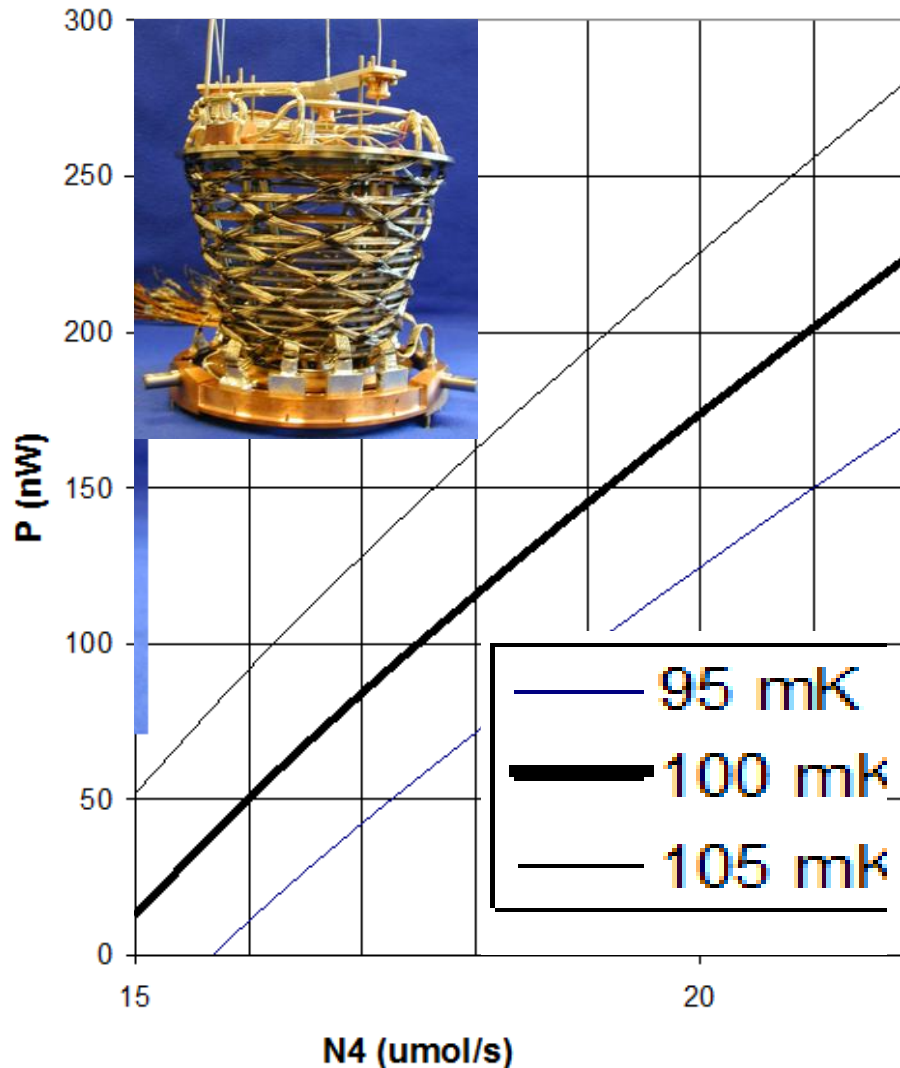


# Planck Cryochain





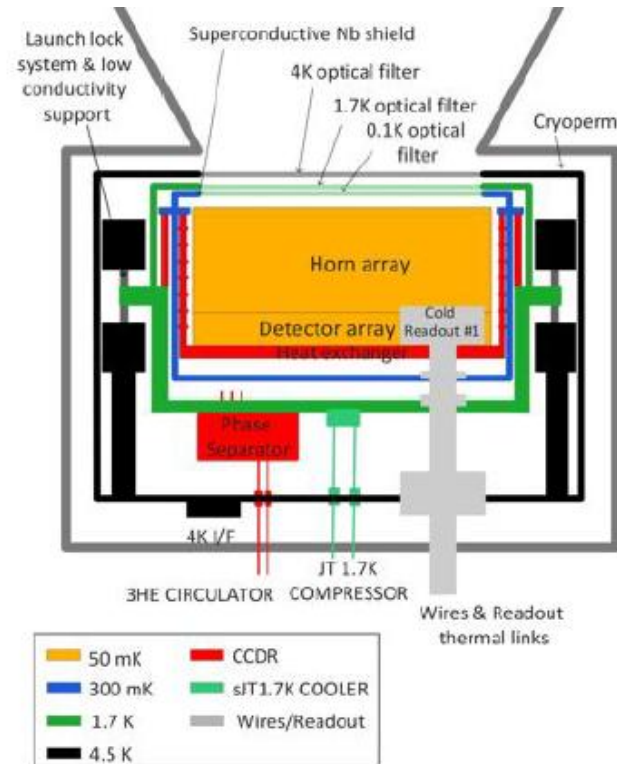
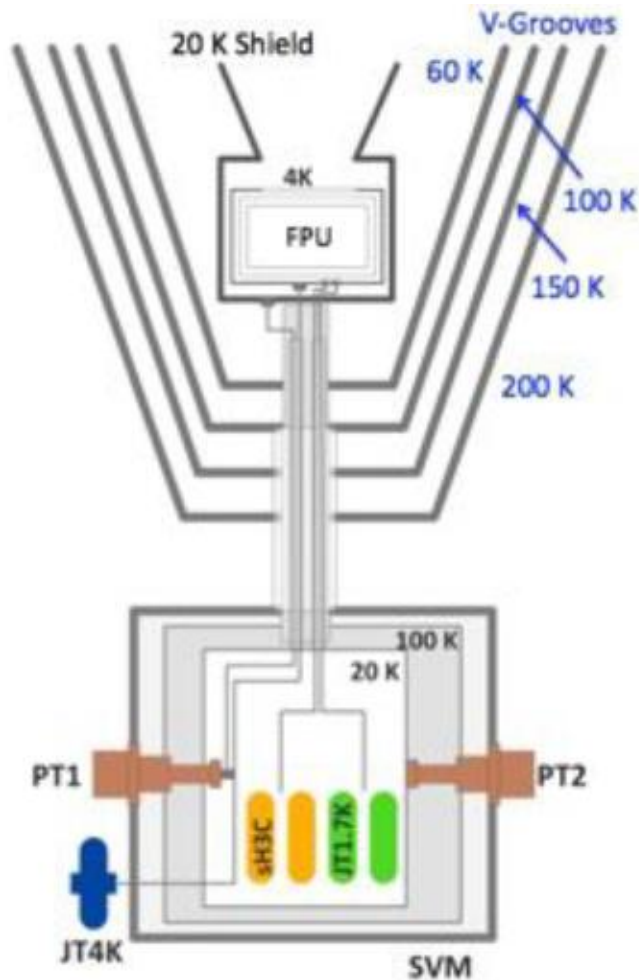
# ALAT-CNRS 100mK dilution cooler and cryogenic frame for Planck



## Zero Gravity $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ Dilution

- Shape memory alloy Launch lock
- Wiring Harness Thermalization 0.1K
- Damping of thermal fluctuations with rare earths material
- 4 He storage @300bar / 51 L
- 2,5 year autonomy
- Fluidic Plate

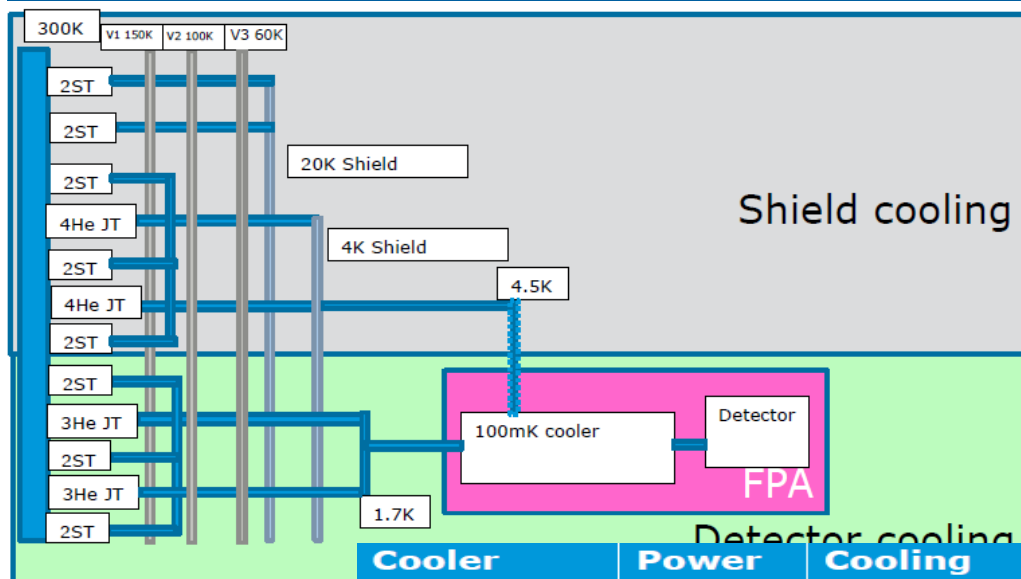
# CORE + M4 Cryochain - DESIGN



## Entry requirements

- Passive Cooling to 60K with V-Grooves
- Optics below 60K (Passive and/or Active)
- Mechanical coolers to ~20K, ~4K, ~2K
- Active cooling of ~20K, ~4K Shields
- Sub-K cooler to <100mK
- Extended operating time

# CORE + M4 Cryochain – Cooling Margins



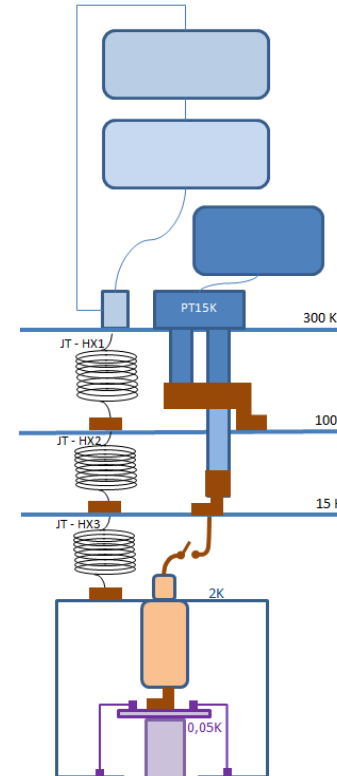
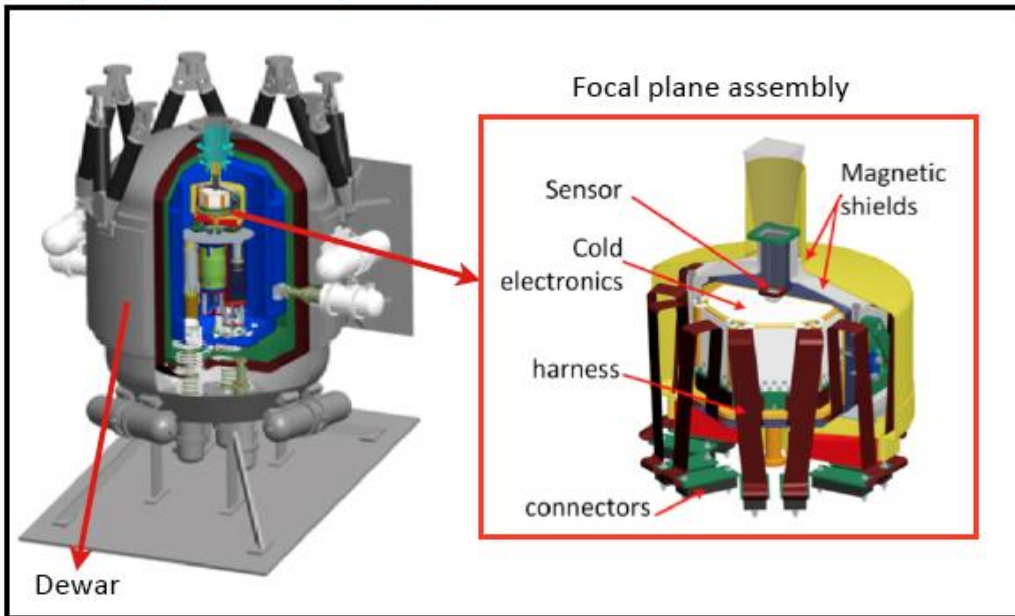
ALAT suggested path forward for Core+  
Implement preliminary Cryostat/Support Design  
Use High Power Low Temp Pulse Tube  
Push CCDD to EM Level

| Cooler             | Power        | Cooling power      | Support/<br>Radiative | Cable  | Dissipation<br>(FPA) | Total         | Margin |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------|----------------------|---------------|--------|
| Shield cooler      | 2x50 = 100W  | 200-450mW (17-25K) | 132 mW                | 60mW   | 30mW                 | 220 mW at 20K | 33%    |
| 4K JT pre-cooler   | 3x50 = 150W  | N/A                |                       |        |                      |               |        |
| 4K JT cooler       | 2x100 = 200W | 40mW at 4K         | 10.3 + 2.3 mW         | 14mW   | 10mW                 | 36mW          | 11%    |
| 1.7K JT pre-cooler | 3x60 = 180W  | N/A                |                       |        |                      |               |        |
| 1.7K JT cooler     | 2x70 = 140W  | 10mW at 2K         | 2 + 1mW               | 0.7 mW | 5mW                  | 8.7mW         | 15%    |
|                    |              |                    |                       |        |                      |               |        |
| CCDD (LOW TRL)     |              | 2uW @100mK         | 0.2uW                 | 1uW    |                      | 1.2uW         | 60%    |

# ALAT Athena Cryostat preliminary design I

**X-IFU** : X-ray spectrometer at 50 mK  
Prime contractor : CNES & CEA

X-ray Integral Field Unit (X-IFU)



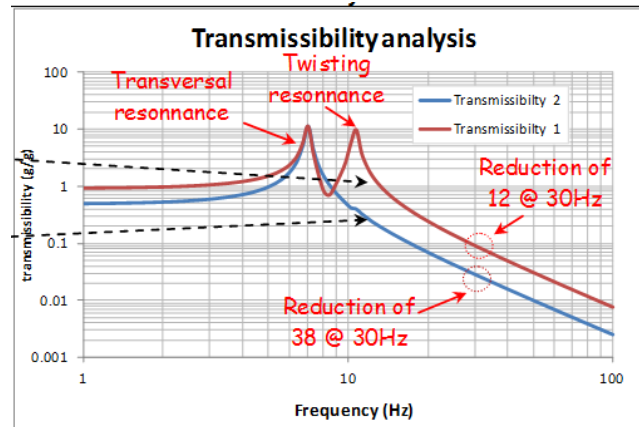
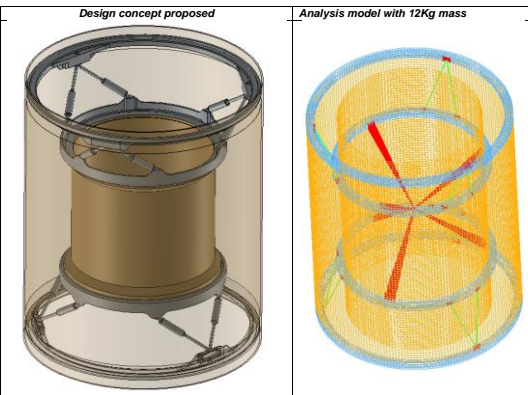
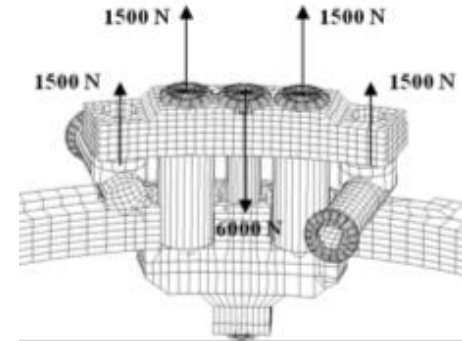
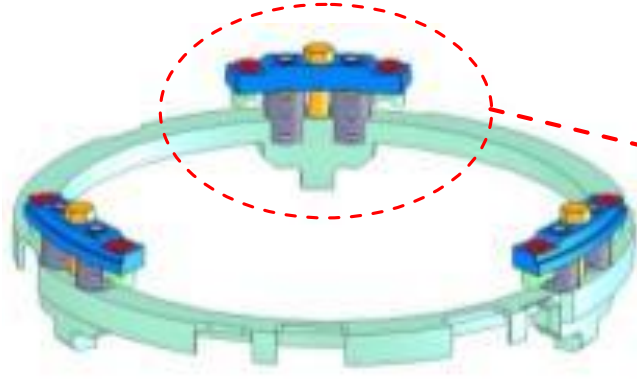
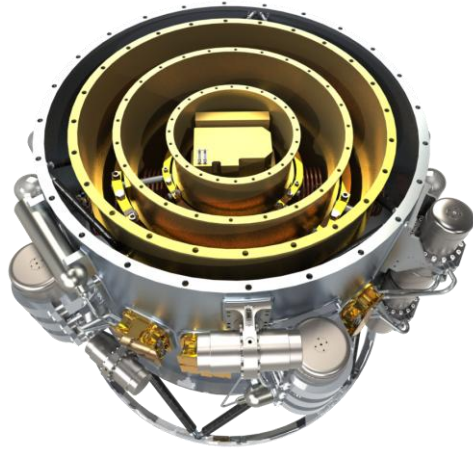
one 15 K-80 K PT  
430 mW@ 15 K  
+ 2 W@ 80 K

one 1.7K JT  
(RAL/JAXA)  
20 mW@2K

one 50 mK  
ADR/CCDR  
1  $\mu$ W@50 mK



# ALAT Athena Cryostat preliminary design II



## Mechanics matter!

Integration

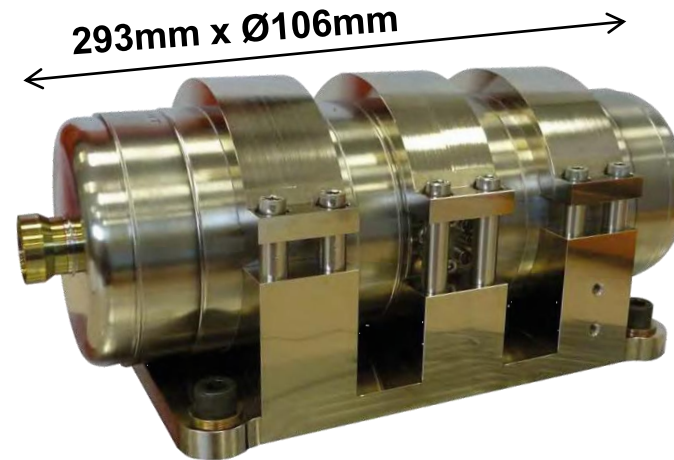
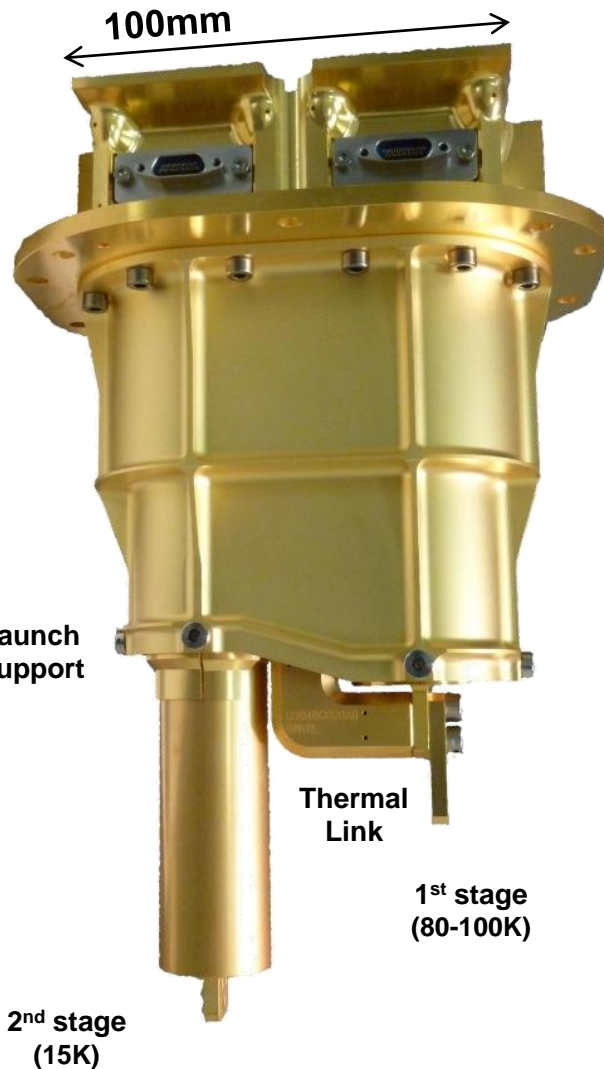
Mechanical resonance

Launch support dimensioning

Direct Action on Thermal load

1mW with CFRP: 15K to 2K

# ALAT 15K PTC



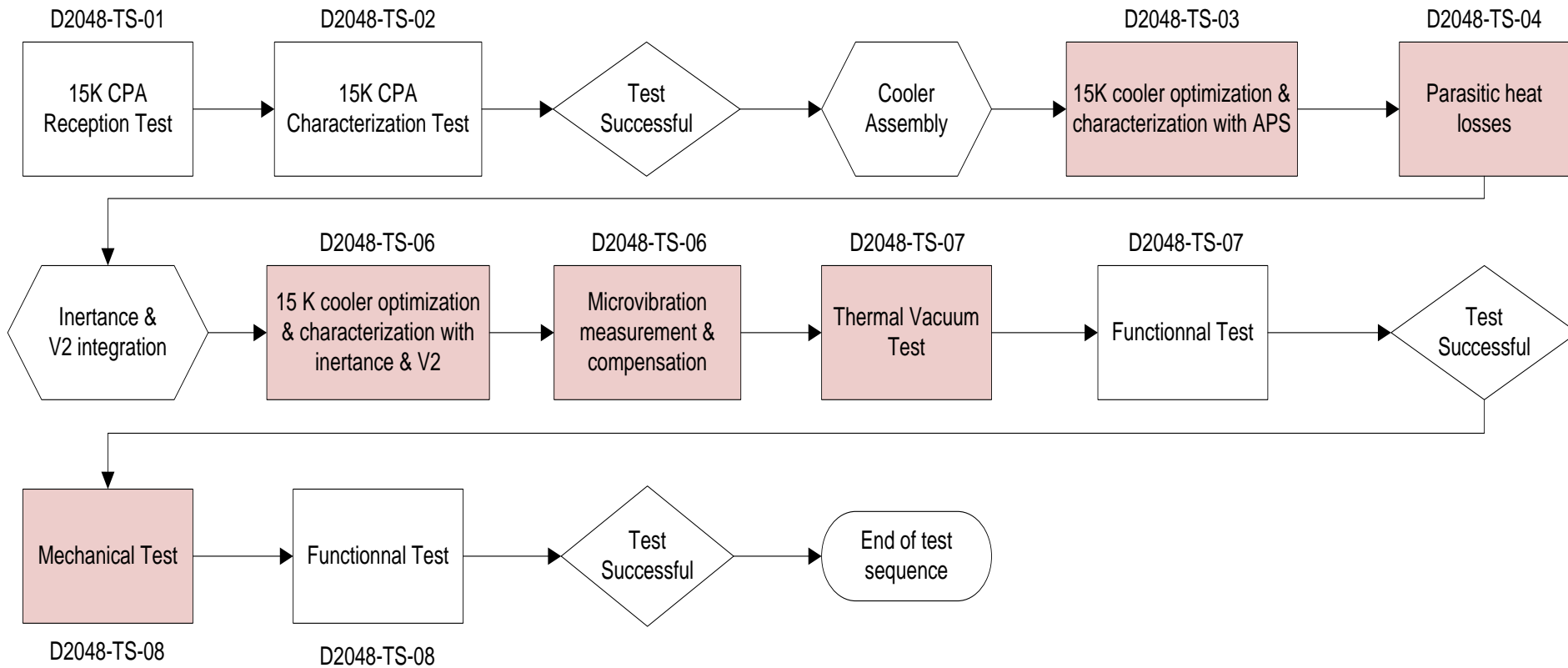
Leveraging on ALAT long heritage

- 1<sup>st</sup> stage based on TRL8-LPTC
- 2<sup>nd</sup> stage cold finger based on the 20-50K
- Novel low temp regenerator
- Mass 2.5 Kg CFA + 10 Kg Compressor
- TRL 5
- 450mW @ 15K + 5W at 100K

THALES



# PT 15K: Test plan



# TRL 5: Performance Summary

## PT 15K Cryocooler Performance summary

### Thermal performances

#### Stage 1

|                |               |             |
|----------------|---------------|-------------|
| Cooling        | > 400mW @ 15K | Best. 450mW |
| Parasitic Loss | < 180mW       | Best. 160mW |
| Stability      | 10mK/Hrs      |             |

#### Stage 2

|                |             |          |
|----------------|-------------|----------|
| Cooling        | > 4W @ 100K | Best. 5W |
| Parasitic Loss | < 2W        | Best. 2W |
| Stability      | 30mK/Hrs    |          |

### microVibrations

|                  |          |
|------------------|----------|
| Pistons axis     | < 250 mN |
| Off pistons axis | < 2 N    |

### Environment

|                              |                                  |                |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Operating temperature        | [-30C, 60C] Storage: [-50C, 90C] |                |
| EMC                          | <300uT, <20uT at 30cm            |                |
| Vacuum proofness             | Yes                              |                |
| Mechanical (transverse axis) | 25g sine +12 grms                | Notch 1st Res. |
| Mechanical (piston axis)     | 15g sine + 12 grms               | (Launch lock)  |
| Horizontal configuration     | Non working                      |                |

### Compressor

|                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Dimensions       | ~ DIA 120 x 320mm |
| Weight           | < 12 kg           |
| Electrical Power | 300W              |

### APS

|                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| Dimensions       | ~ DIA 80 x 180mm |
| Weight           | < 3 kg           |
| Electrical Power | < 20W            |

### CFA

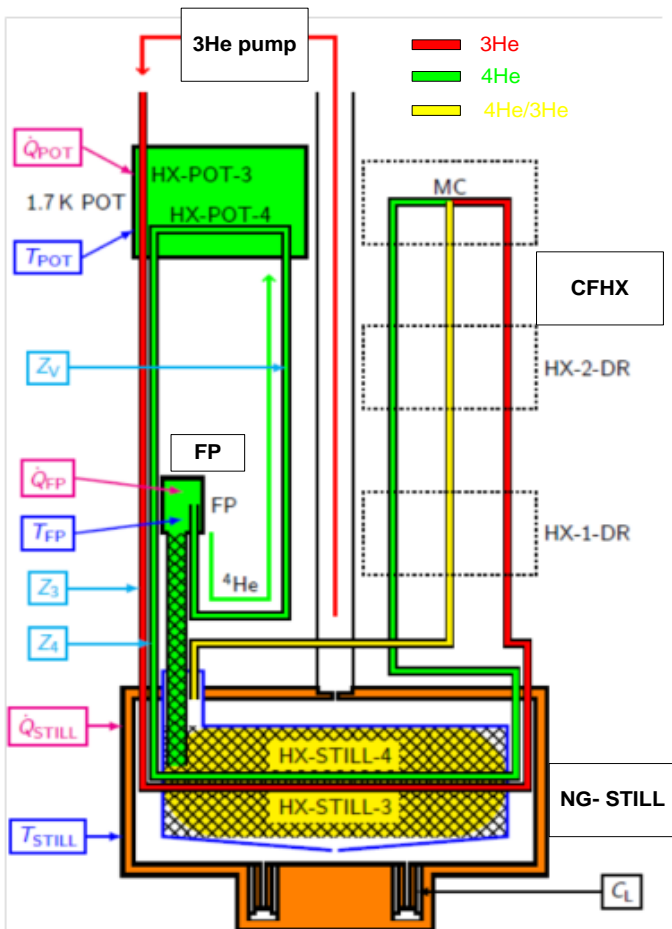
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| Dimensions    | ~ 100 x 150 x225mm |
| Weight        | < 2.5 Kg           |
| 1st Resonance | 184Hz              |

### Operating Parameters

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| He filling pressure | 21 Bar  |
| Frequency           | 41Hz    |
| APS Phase           | 312 Deg |
| Heat Sink Temp      | 15 C    |



# CNRS CCCR: OPERATING PRINCIPLES



CCDR is composed of 4 main sub-systems:

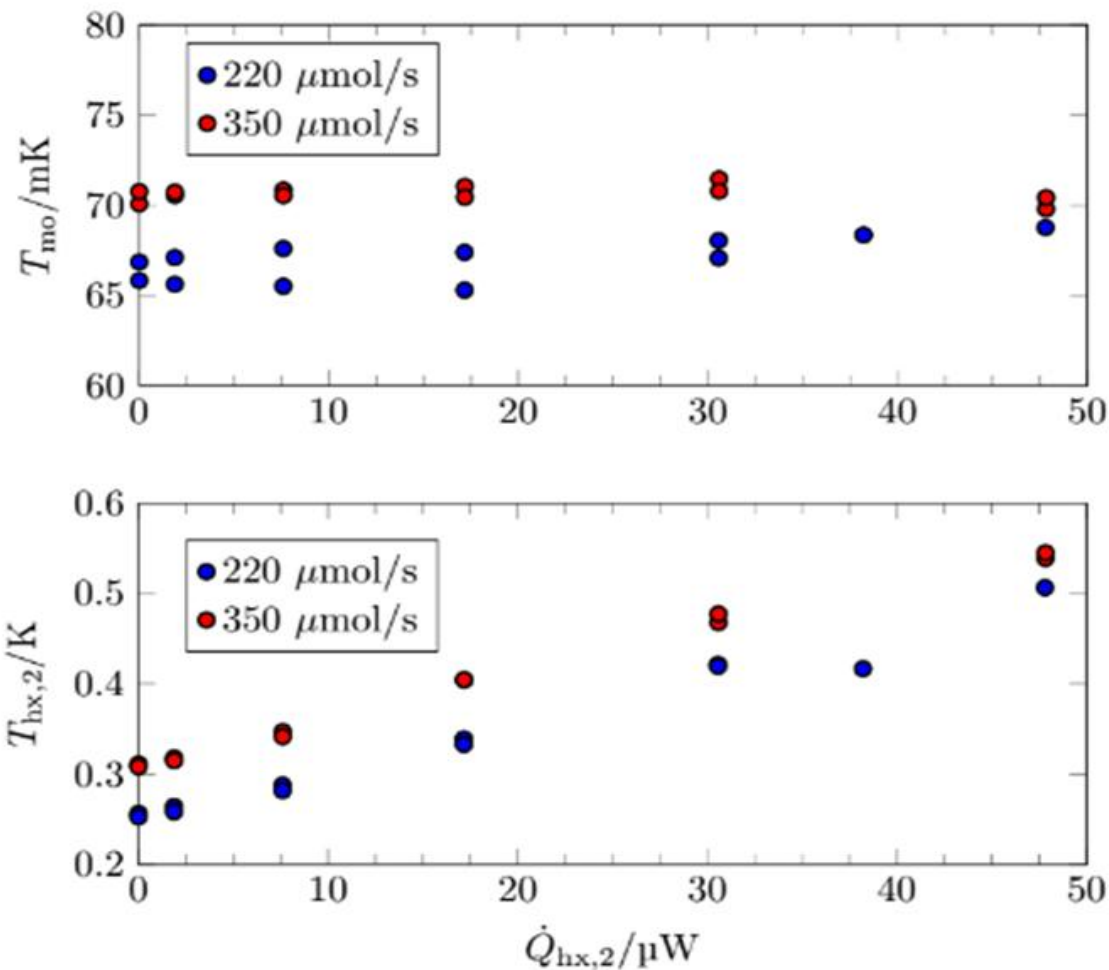
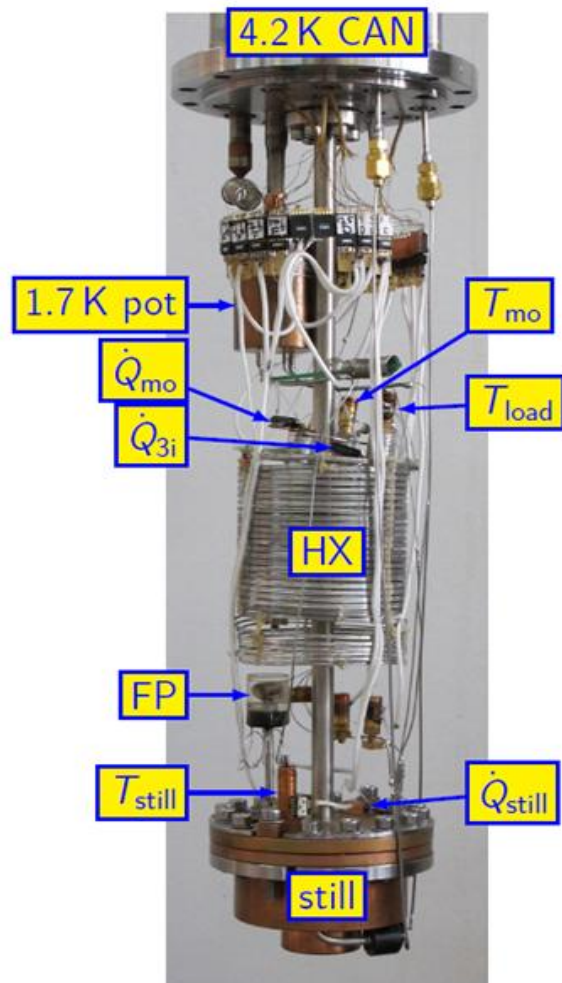
A Counter Flow Heat Exchanger and mixing junction (**CFHX+MC**) allows the dilution of  $^3\text{He}$  in  $^4\text{He}$ .

A porous material confines  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  mixture (**NG-STILL**)

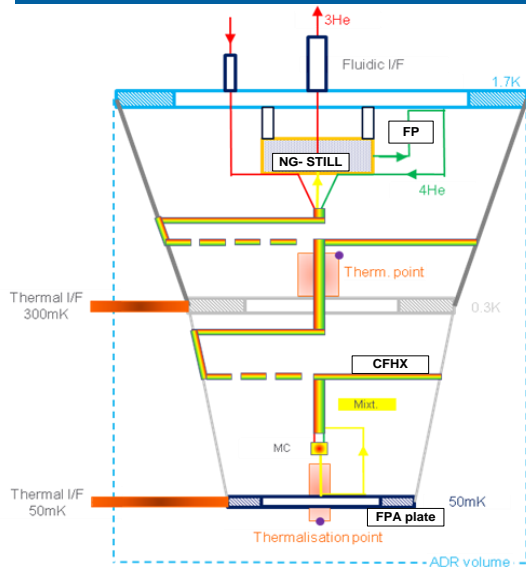
A superfluid fountain pump (**FP**) extracts the  $^4\text{He}$  from the NG-STILL and re-injects it into the CFHX.

An external  $^3\text{He}$  compressor (**3H-COMP**) extracts the gaseous  $^3\text{He}$  from the NG-STILL and re-injects it into the CFHX.

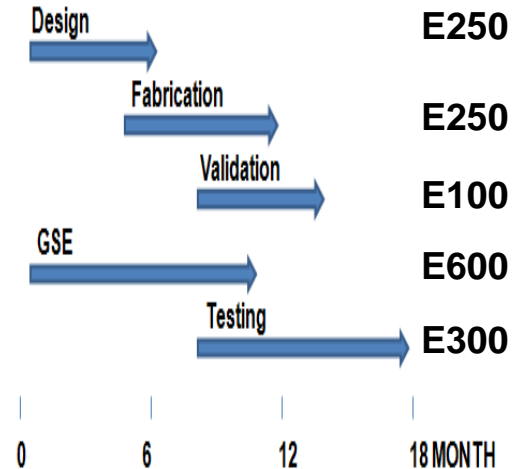
# CNRS CCCR TRL 4 UNIT



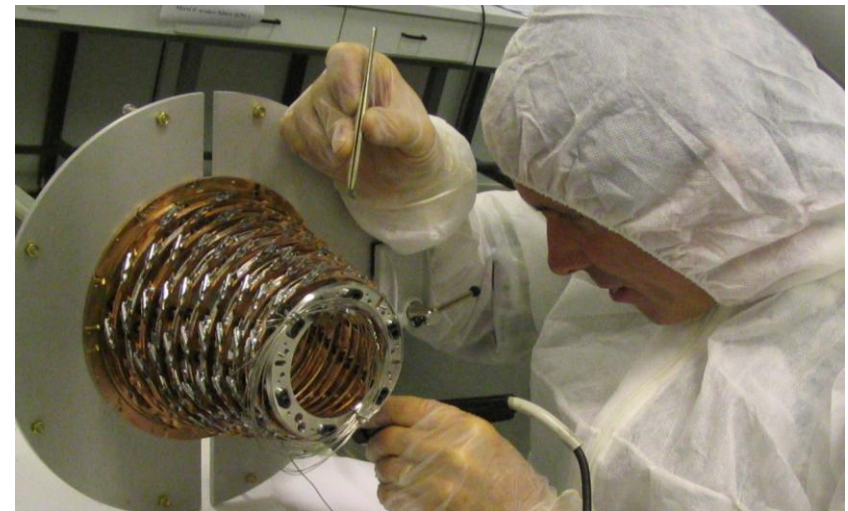
# ALAT-CNRS CCDR: ROAD TO EM TRL 5/6



| 1  | Dimensions                               | Less than 350x200x150mm <sup>3</sup> |
|----|--|--------------------------------------|
| 2  | Weight                                   | TBD                                  |
| 3  | Mechanical Interface                     | X-IFU                                |
| 4  | Base Temperature                         | 50mK/100mK                           |
| 5  | Cooling Power at Base Temperature        | 600nW                                |
| 6  | Base Temperature Stability               | < 3uK/10mn                           |
| 7  | Intermediate Stage Temperature           | 300mK                                |
| 8  | Intermediate Stage Temperature Stability | TBD                                  |
| 9  | Cooling Power at Intermediate Stage      | 13uW                                 |
| 10 | Reject Stage operating temperature       | 1.7K                                 |
| 11 | Reject Stage Power Consumption           | <8mW                                 |
| 12 | Magnetic Straight Field radiated         | <10 <sup>-4</sup> T                  |
| 13 | Thermal and Vacuum stress range          | -50C -> 60C                          |
| 14 | Launch Vibration stress range            | Ariane Standard                      |



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# Conclusions

**Spatial Cryogenics for Ultra Low Temperature Spectrometers  
is feasible but extremely challenging**

**Heritage from Planck is invaluable  
(V-Groove + Dilution + Structure)**

**Cryostat preliminary design adds critical inputs defining the thermal loads  
Do not underestimate mechanical design constraints  
(launch locks/Isolators/Dampers/Supports)**

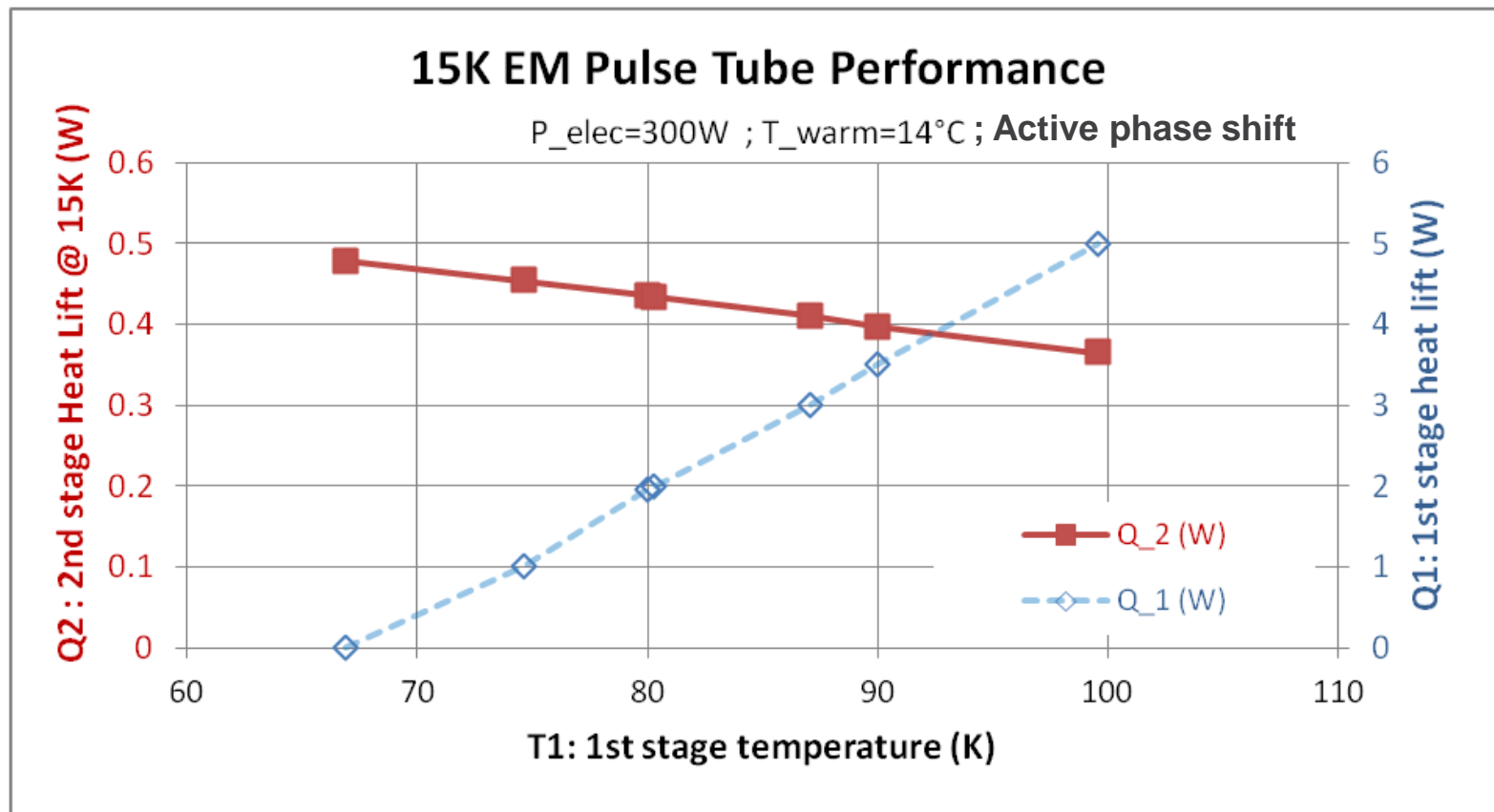
**Novel High Power Low Temp Cryocooler available  
Primary shield thermalization + high efficiency JT**

**CCDR is ready for an EM level development**

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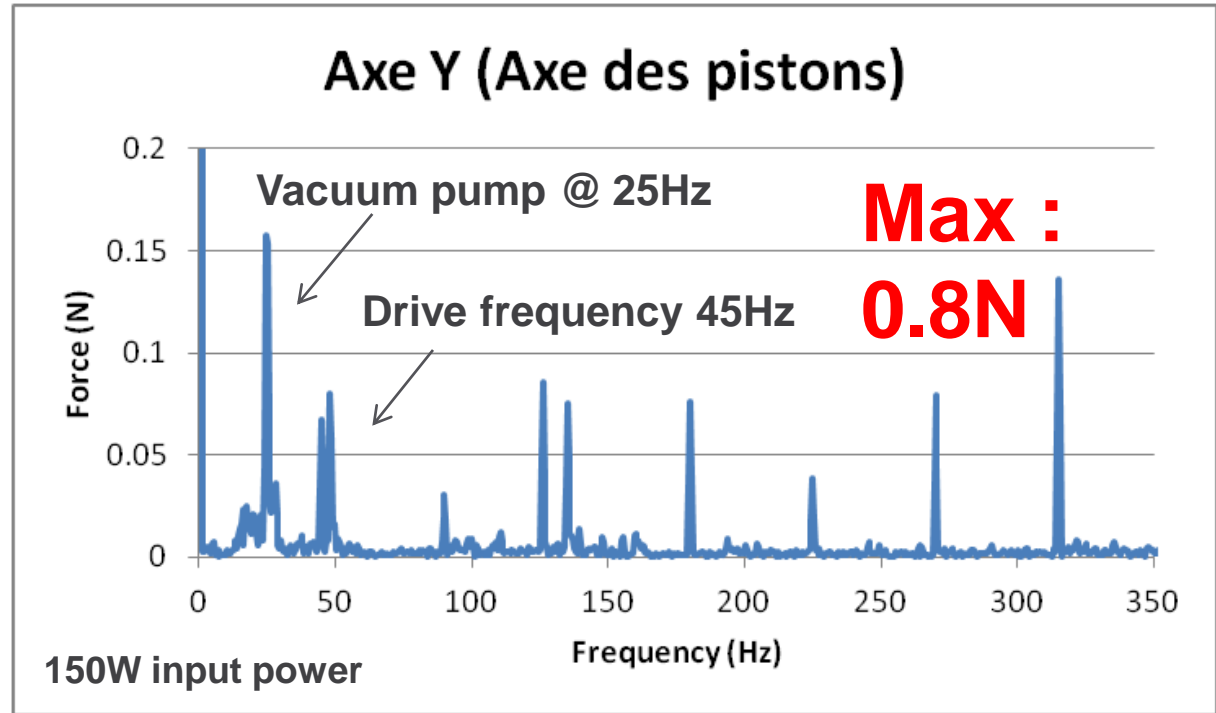
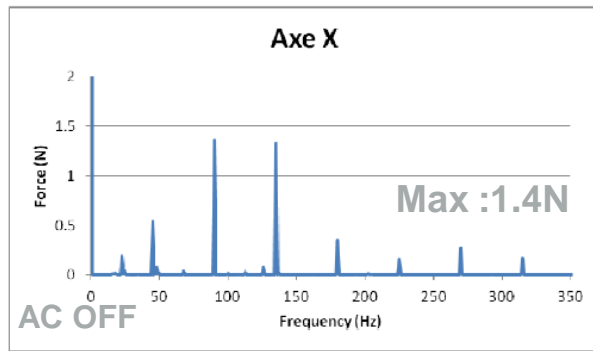
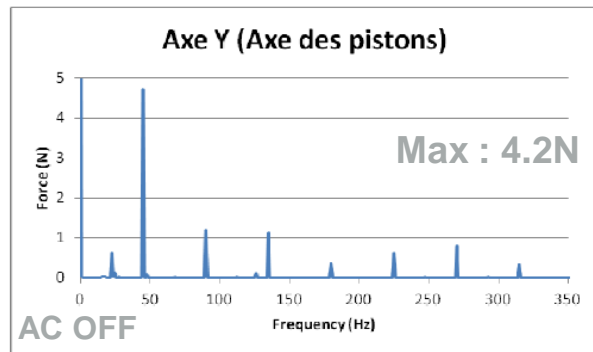


# ALAT 15K PTC: Thermal



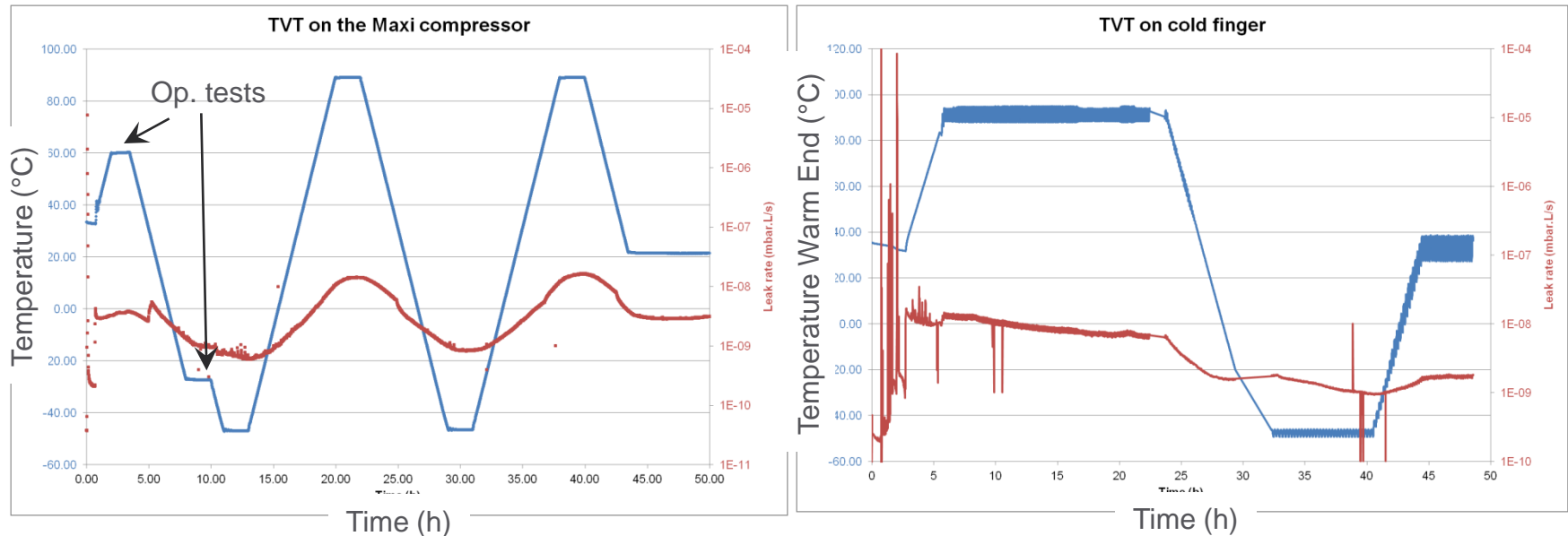
| Q_1          | T1          | Q_2          | T2          |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| 0.0          | 67          | 479          | 15.0        |
| <b>3.5 W</b> | <b>90 K</b> | <b>0.4 W</b> | <b>15 K</b> |
| 5.0          | 100         | 365          | 15.0        |

# ALAT 15K PTC: Induced Vibrations



- Piston axis vibrations well compensated over 7 harmonics
  - Parasitic vibrations @ 25Hz from Vacuum pump.
- Peak Off-axis vibrations above 1N
  - Will be addressed for next EM
  - Target at 0.1N level with improved centering and balancing tolerances.

# ALAT 15K PTC: Stress test I thermal and vacuum



## ■ Thermal Vacuum Tests performed on both compressor and cold finger

- $T_{\min}$  (non operating) =  $-50^{\circ}\text{C}$
- $T_{\max}$  (non operating) =  $90^{\circ}\text{C}$

$T_{\min}$  (operating) =  $-30^{\circ}\text{C}$

$T_{\max}$  (operating) =  $60^{\circ}\text{C}$

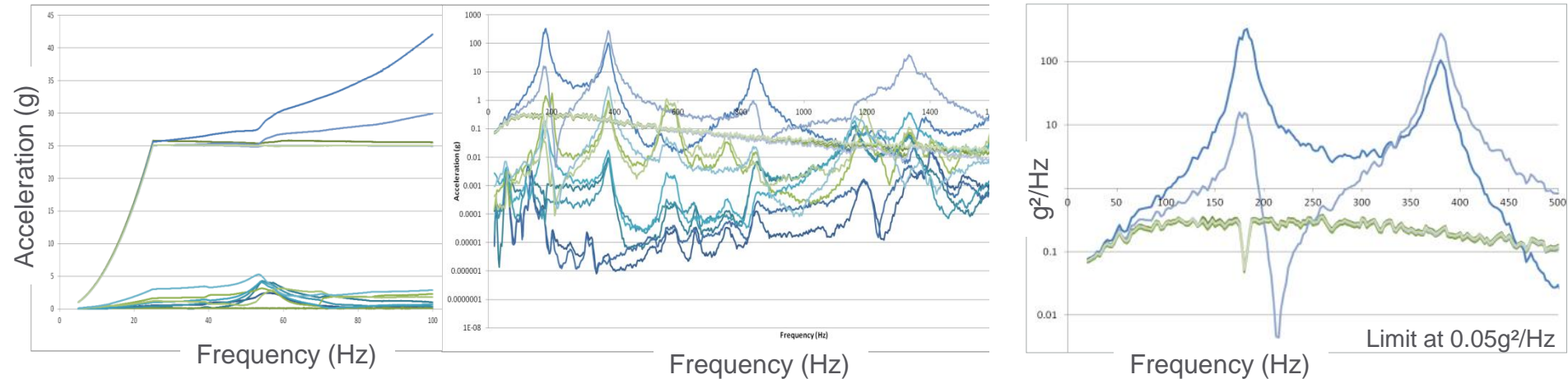
## Performances after stress test

## ■ No performance loss

## ■ No indication of leak

| Q_1 | T1   | Q_2   | T2   |
|-----|------|-------|------|
| 2 W | 80 K | 0.4 W | 15 K |

# ALAT 15K PTC: Stress Test II Launch Vibration

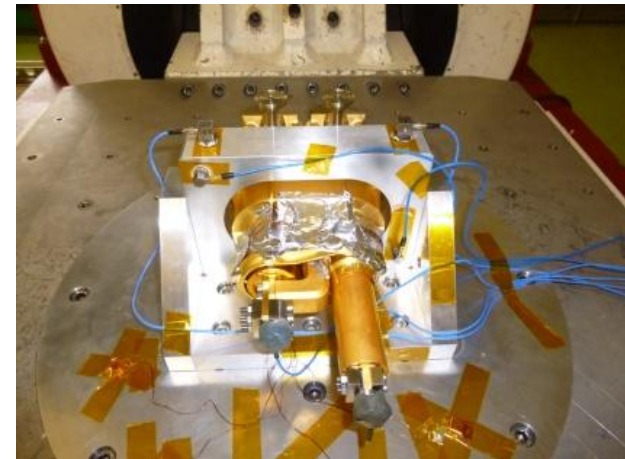


## ■ Standard Mechanical Vibration test run (Ariane launch)

- 5->100 Hz 25g sine sweep
- 20->2k Hz  $0.3g^2/Hz$  random, composite 12.1 g rms
- First resonant mode of cold finger > 180Hz,
- Automatic notching implemented at resonance.

## Performances after stress test

| Q_1        | T1          | Q_2          | T2          |
|------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| <b>2 W</b> | <b>80 K</b> | <b>0.4 W</b> | <b>15 K</b> |





# CORE + M4 Cryochain – HEAT LOAD

| Detector, MUX | 100mK  | 4K     | 20K    | # wires 100mK-4K | # wires 4K - 300K |
|---------------|--------|--------|--------|------------------|-------------------|
| TES, TDM      | 0.7 nW | 0 nW   | 300 mW | 169              | 493               |
| TES, FDM      | 0.9 nW | 640 nW | 0 nW   | 64               | 256               |
| KID, FDM      | 0.5 nW | 0 nW   | 30 mW  | 12               | 12                |

|           | Operation temperature | Conduction struts | Radiation Filter | Optical Filter | Harness conduction | R/O Electronics & detectors | JT4K | sJT1K7 | sCCDR | TOTAL | Available | Unit |
|-----------|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|------|--------|-------|-------|-----------|------|
| PT1       | 16K                   | 100               | 50               |                |                    | 31                          | 151  |        |       | 332,0 | 400       | mW   |
| PT2       | 21K                   | 70                | 10               |                |                    |                             |      | 350    | 150   | 580,0 | 700       | mW   |
| 4K JT     | 4.5K                  | 12                | 1,1              | 0,05           |                    | 5                           |      | 5      | 0,48  | 23,6  | 31        | mW   |
| 1.7K sJT  | 1.65K                 | 1                 |                  |                | 0,003              |                             |      |        | 3     | 4,0   | 6         | mW   |
| 0.3K CCCR | 0.3-0.5K              | 10                |                  |                | -                  |                             |      |        |       | 10,0  | 20        | W    |
| 0.1K CCCR | 0.1K                  | 0,2               |                  |                | -                  | 1                           |      |        |       | 1,2   | 2         | W    |

|      | Temp | dia [mm] | height [mm] | thickness [mm] | Surface [m2] | Mass [kg] | Radiative load [mW]                | Conductive load [mW] | Harness [mW]     | FPA dissipation [mW]       | Total [mW] |
|------|------|----------|-------------|----------------|--------------|-----------|------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------------------|------------|
| 2K   | 1.7  | 500      | 500         | 0.8            | 1.18         | 2.55      | 0.0                                | 2                    | 0.7              | 5                          | 7.7        |
| 4K   | 4    | 520      | 1500        | 0.8            | 2.88         | 6.23      | 1.3                                | 9                    | 14               | 10                         | 34.3       |
| 25K  | 20   | 560      | 1500        | 0.8            | 3.13         | 6.78      | 56.8                               | 75                   | 60               | 30                         | 221.8      |
| 60K  | 60   |          |             |                |              |           |                                    |                      |                  |                            |            |
| Note |      |          |             |                |              |           | Au coating/<br>2Layer SLI<br>(20K) | Planck<br>+50%       | 12 coax<br>+100% | dissipation<br>sub_K + LNA |            |