

ET-LF Vacuum and Cryogenics Requirements

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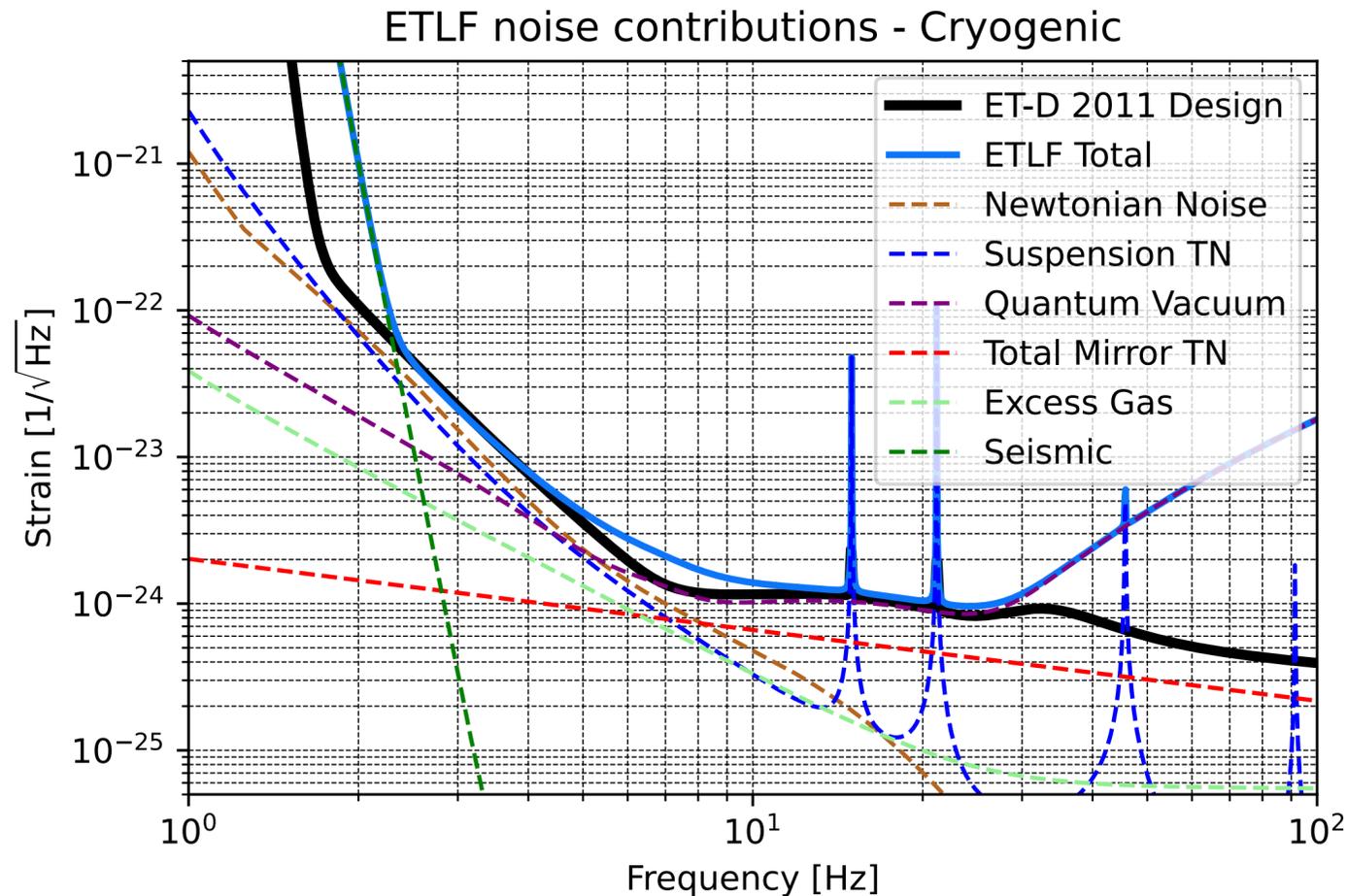
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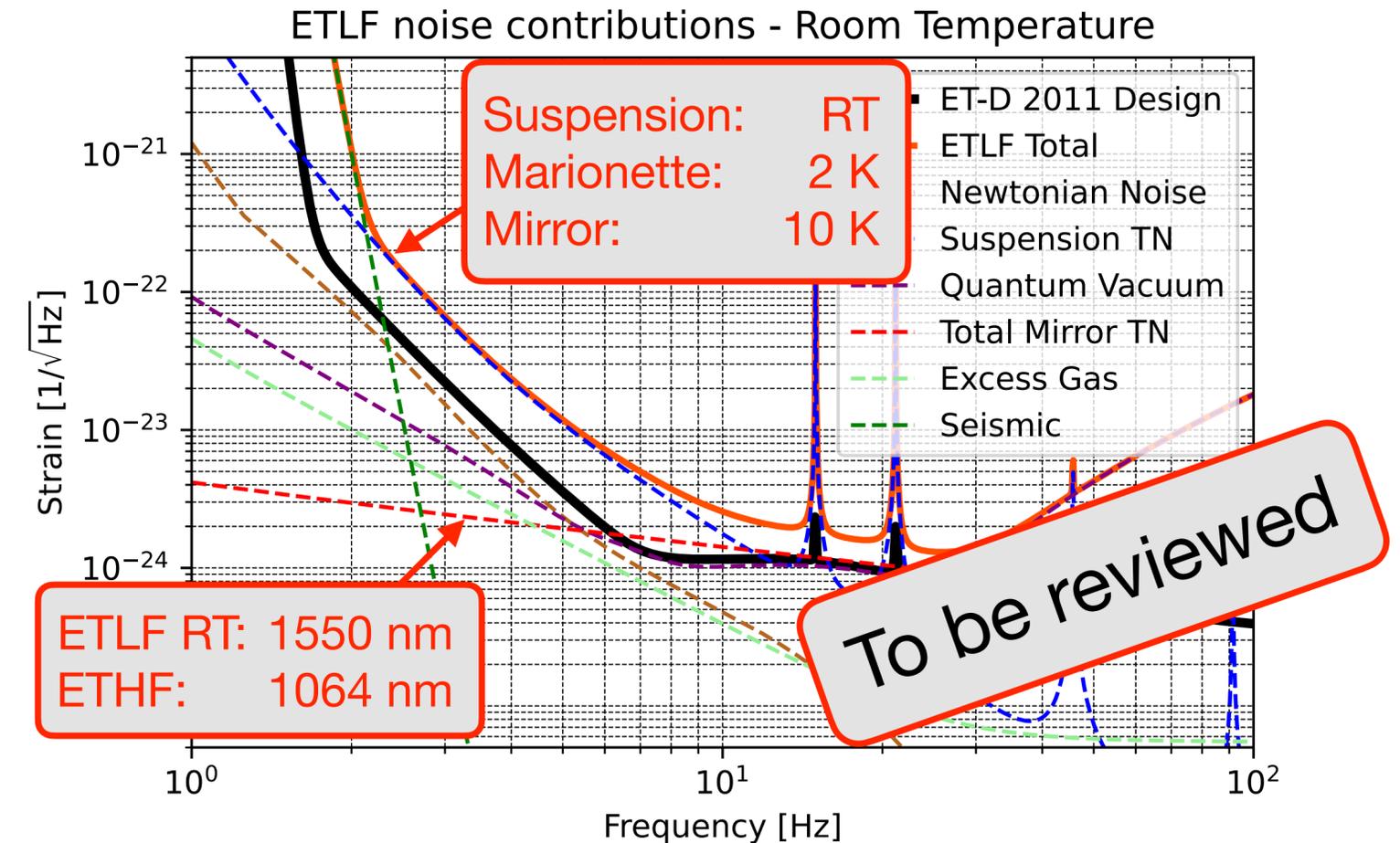
MOTIVATION FOR CRYOGENIC ET-LF

Noise contributions in ET-LF sensitivity

Cryogenic ET-LF



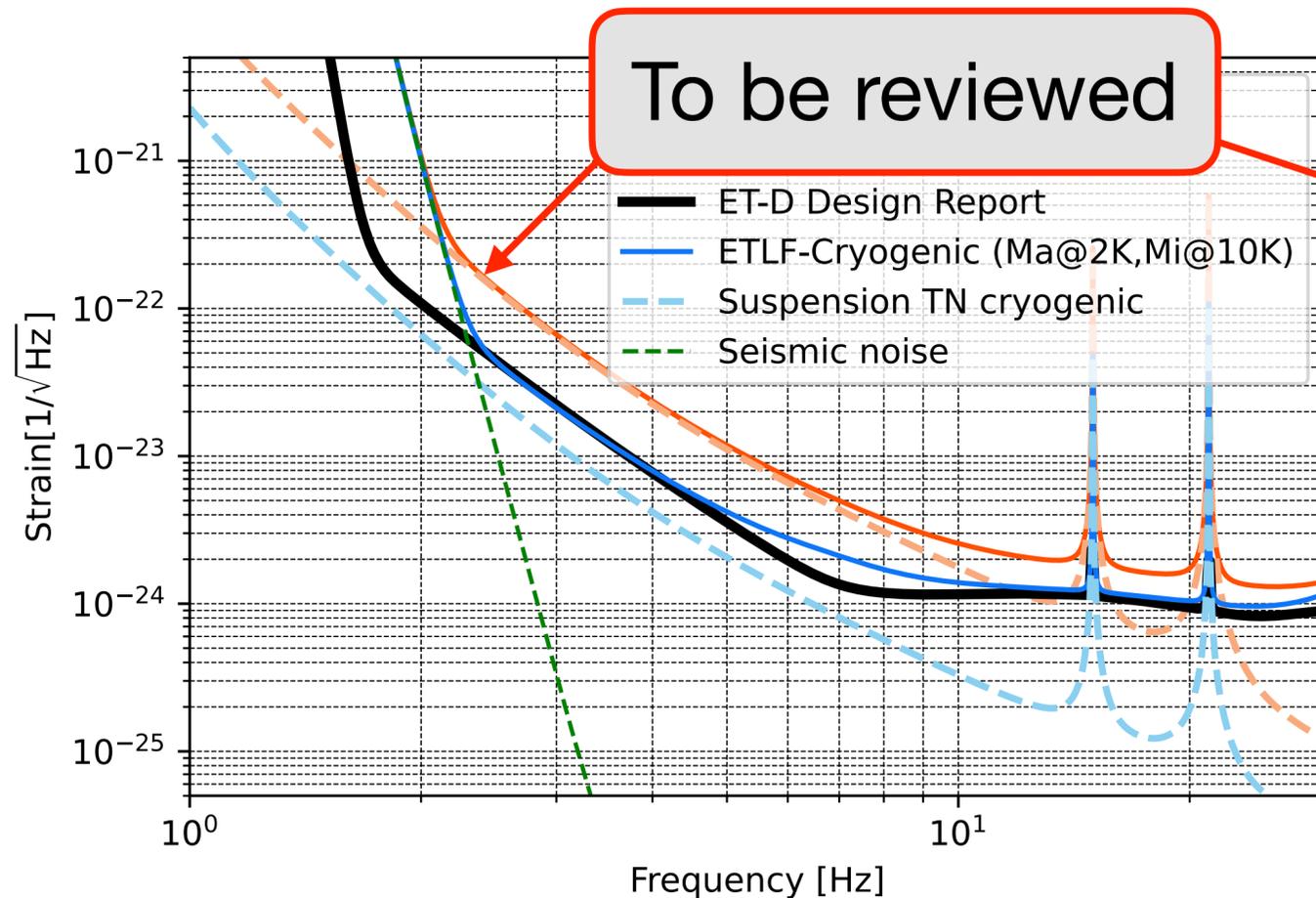
Room-temperature ET-LF



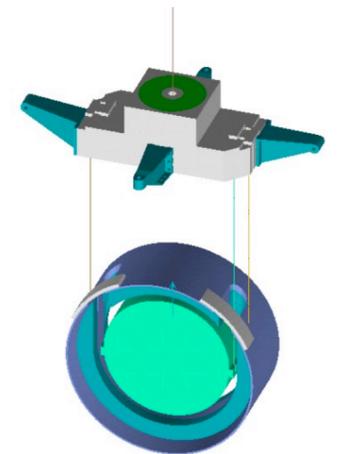
Figures based on ET-Noise Budget Gitlab - PyGwinc Code (18.11.2021) - <https://gitlab.et-gw.eu/et/isb/interferometer/ET-NoiseBudget>

ET-LF suspension thermal noise

ET-LF noise limits: Cryogenic vs. room-temperature (RT) operation



	Marionetta	Recoil Mass	Mirror
Masses for ETDLF (kg)	422	211	211
Wire Diameter (mm)	5	3	3
Wire length (m)	2	2	2
Wire Material	Ti6Al4V	Silicon	Silicon
Loss Angle	10^{-5}	10^{-8}	10^{-8}
Temperature (K)	2	10	10



ET-Noise Budget Gitlab - PyGwinc Code (18.11.2021)

Figure Payload: ET Design Report Update (2020)

- ▶ RT payload **reduces sensitivity by factor 5** over entire ET-LF frequency band!
- ▶ **Seismic noise limit below 3 Hz** compared to the ET Design Report

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VACUUM REQUIREMENTS FOR CRYOGENIC PAYLOAD OPERATION

ET-LF vacuum requirements

- Detailed discussion of ET-LF vacuum requirements in reference below
 - ▶ Main conclusions in subsequent slides

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Cryogenic vacuum considerations for future gravitational wave detectors

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Residual gas adsorption on cold surfaces

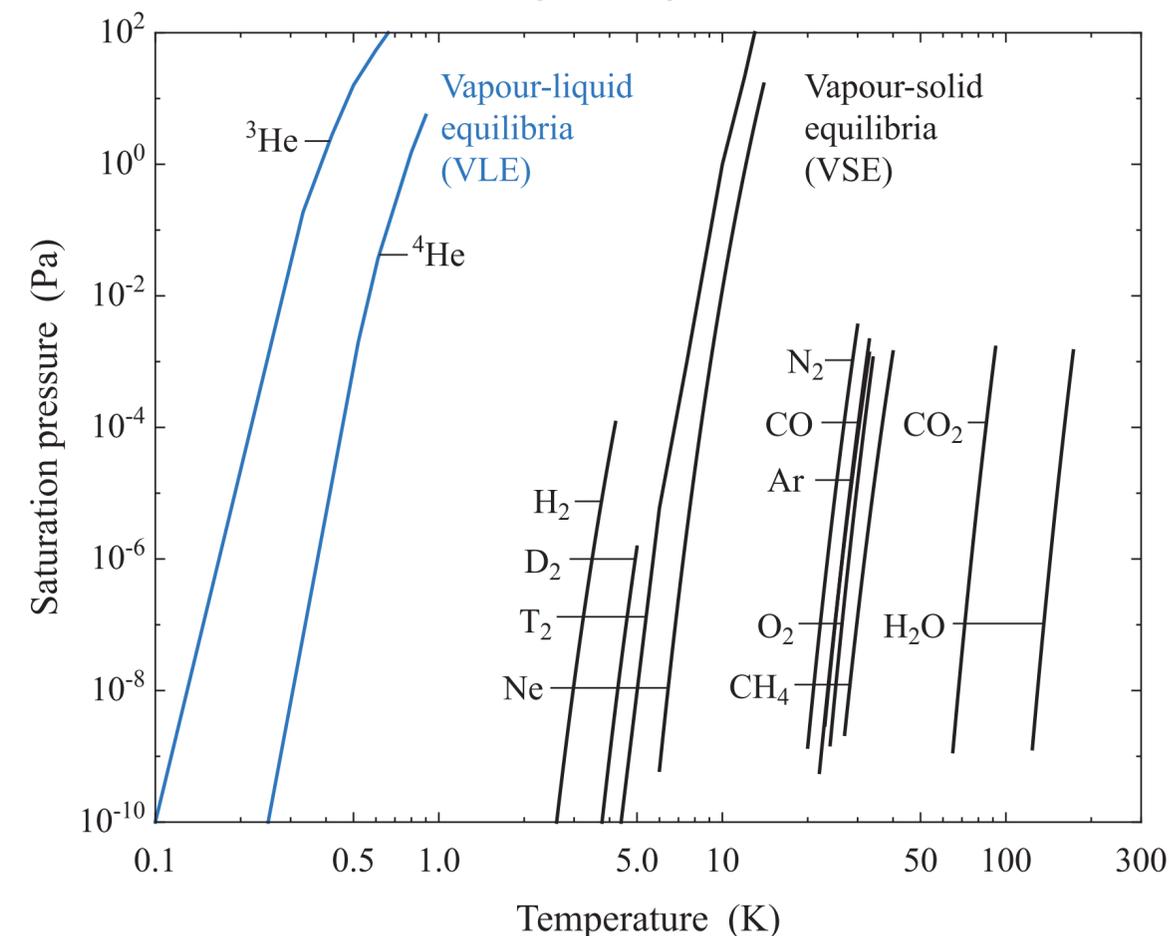
■ Cryosorption depends on

- ▶ Surface temperature
- ▶ Gas partial pressures

■ Evaluation requires consideration of

- ▶ Thermal transpiration correction, i.e. $p_{RT} \neq p_{LT}$
- ▶ Vacuum history

Saturated vapour pressure curves



- ▶ For $T \approx 10\text{ K}$ and $p < 10^{-10}\text{ mbar}$, the most common residual gas species in a UHV chamber (except H_2 and He) will be adsorbed, forming a **molecular ice (“frost”) layer** on the surface

Residual gas adsorption on cold surfaces

- The right evaluation of gas pressure allows to give reliable estimates of ice layer thickness forming on the cold surface

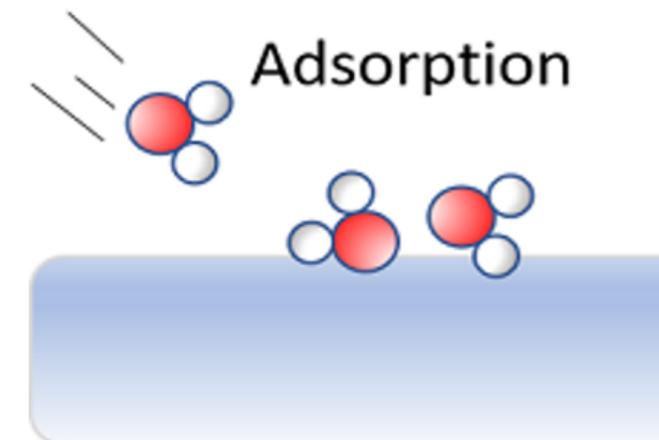
Langmuir (L) unit:

$$1 \text{ L} = 1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mbar} \cdot \text{s}$$

► gas exposure of a surface (or dosage)

For sticking coefficient $S_c = 1$:

- 1 L ~ 1 monolayer (ML) cryosorbed
- For H₂O: 1 ML ~ 0.3 nm

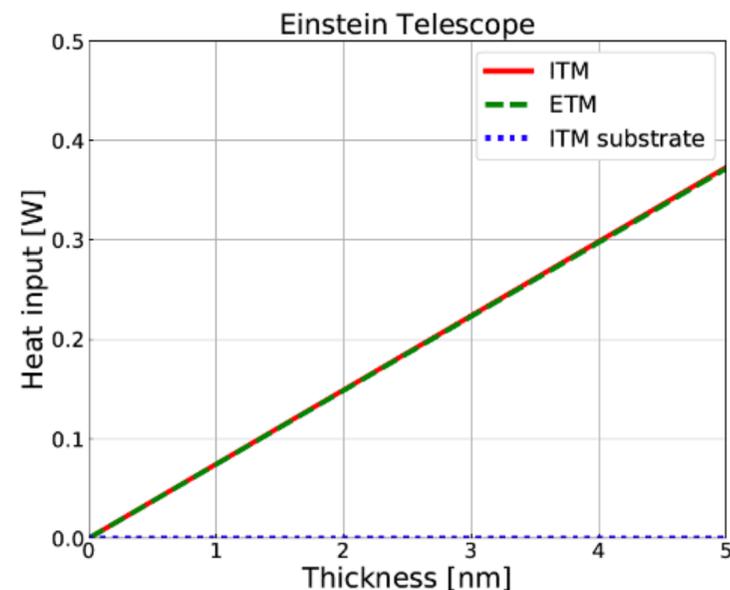


► In 1×10^{-10} mbar, it takes **10.000 s** (~ 3h) to build up **one ML**

Cryogenic vacuum issues on GWD optics

From KAGRA experience, simulations indicate:

- Reflectivity gets affected, already after 100 nm of H₂O ice
- ET maximum thermal budget (0.1 – 1.0 W) is expected to be exceeded already after $\approx 1 - 10$ nm of H₂O ice !!!



Optical loss study of molecular layer for a cryogenic interferometric gravitational-wave detector

Satoshi Tanioka, Kunihiko Hasegawa, and Yoichi Aso
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$$1 - 10 \text{ nm H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 3 - 30 \text{ L}$$

► If $p_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} \approx 1 \times 10^{-10}$ mbar \rightarrow it takes $(10^4 \times (3 - 30) \text{ s}) = (9 - 90) \text{ h}$ to start observing detrimental effects!!!

Molecular adsorbed layer formation on cooled mirrors and its impacts on cryogenic gravitational wave telescopes

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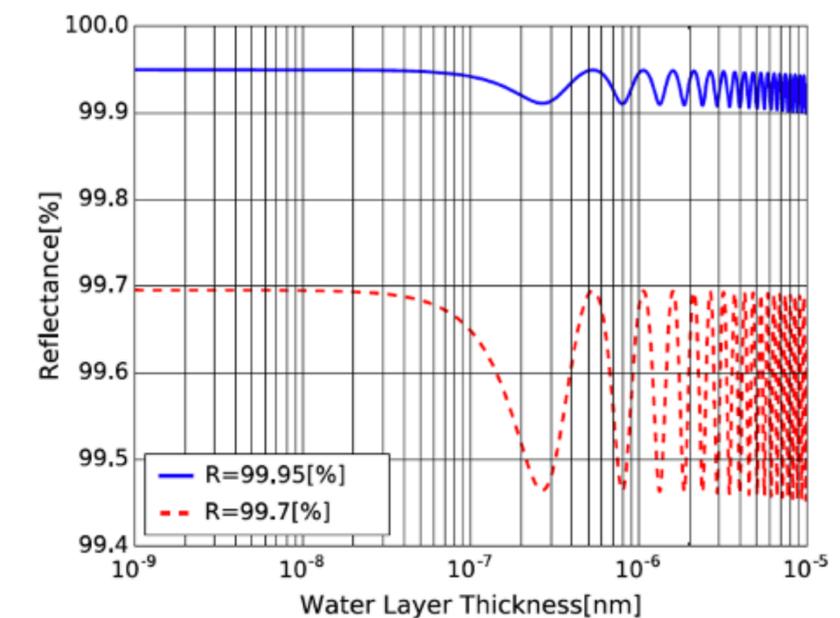
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Limits for base operating vacuum in ET-LF towers

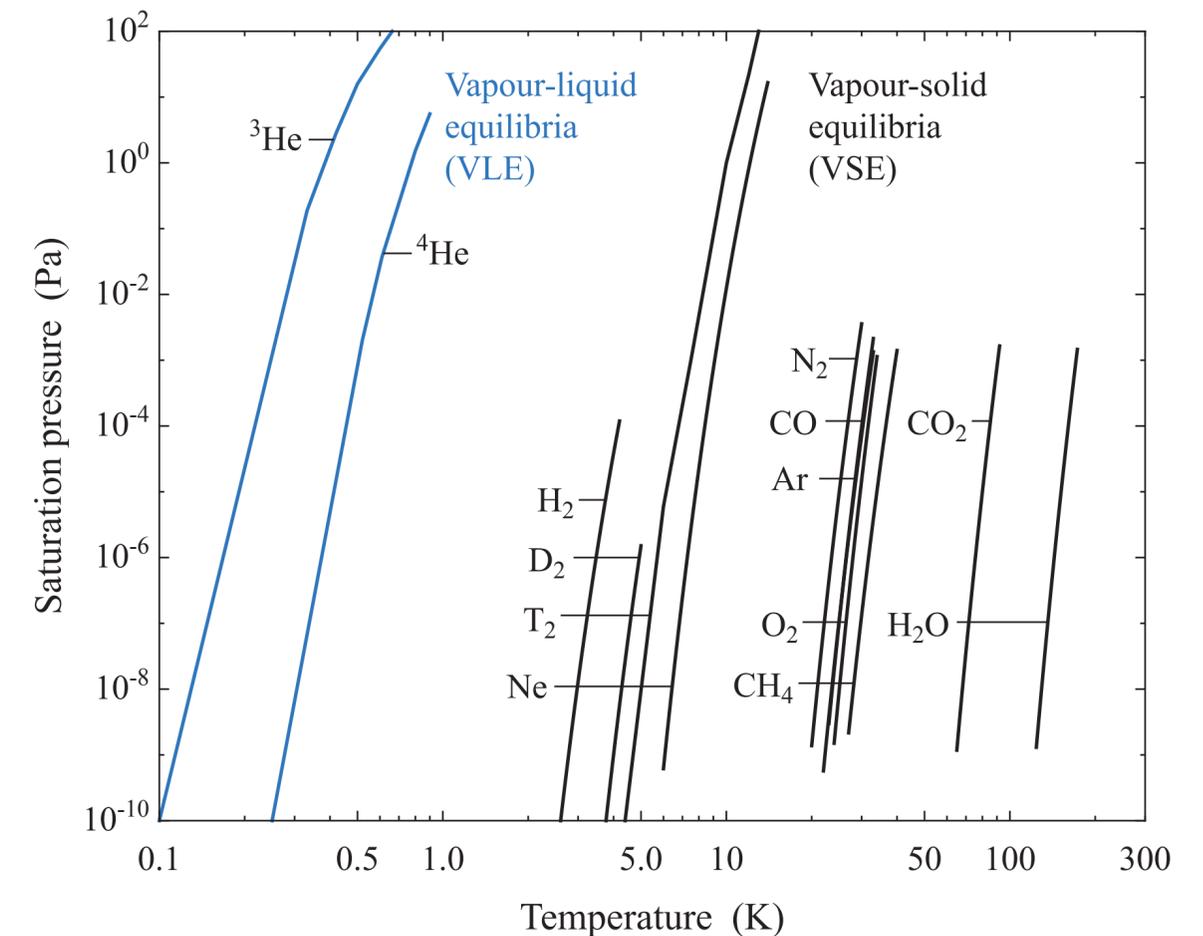
■ Considering **1 W** maximum thermal budget

- Cooling limit with this margin already anticipated in cryogenic design studies

If $p_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} = 1 \times 10^{-12}$ mbar \rightarrow it takes 11.000 h
to form 12 nm

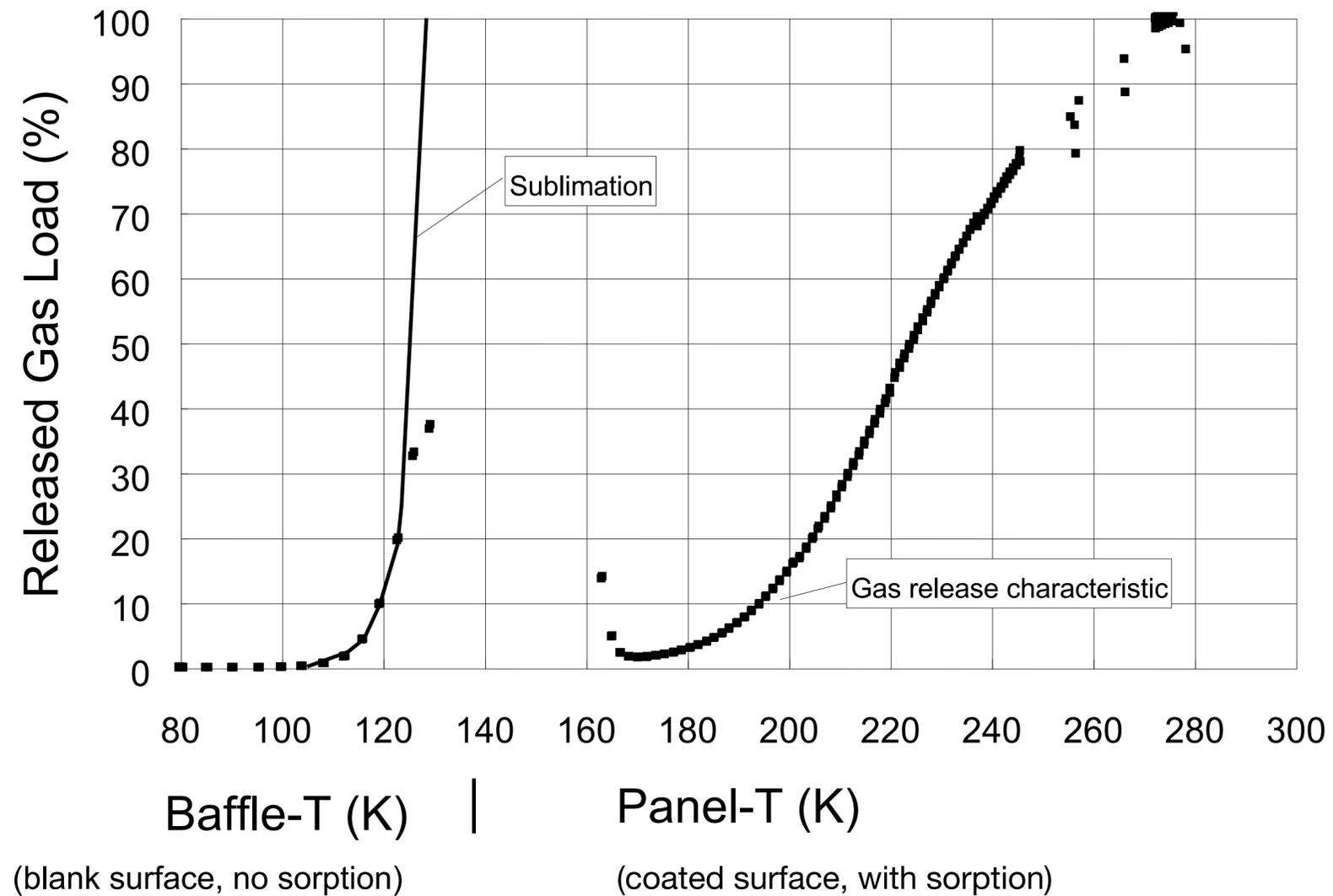
A full year of operation!

- This reasoning applies to all gases (CO, CO₂, N₂, etc.) that have desorption temperatures higher than 10 K



How does cryoadsorption compare against desublimation?

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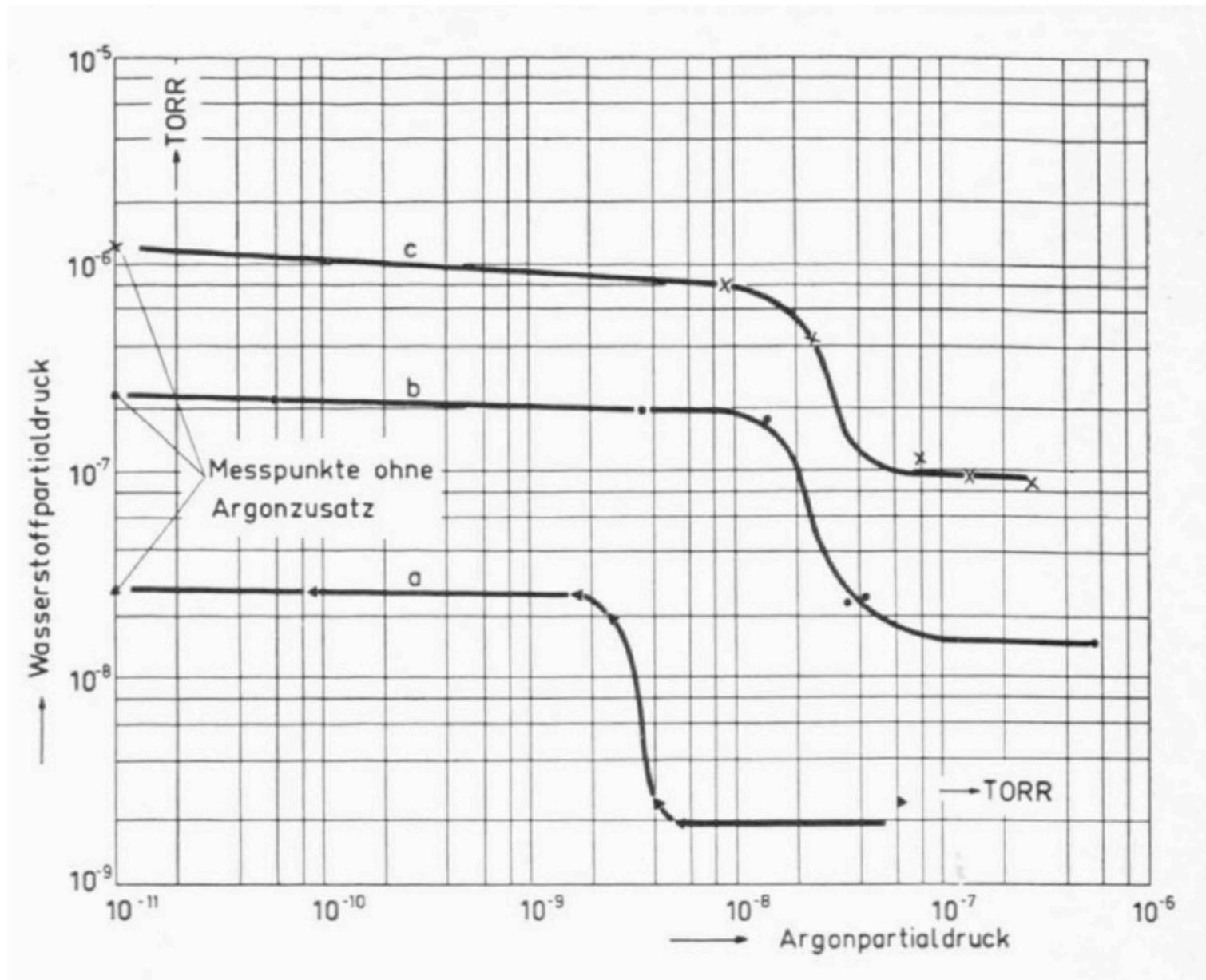


Example from CO₂ (water data to be investigated, but they follow a similar pattern):

- The plot shows particle release when heating a cryobaffle with an amount of pre-condensed gas: Particles are going from solid to gas when the heating meets the saturation temperature, get re-adsorbed if a sorbent is present, and are then re-released from there only at significantly higher temperatures
- In other words: If the sorbent is well chosen, adsorption works always at higher temperatures than for desublimation

How does cryotrapping compare against cryoadsorption ?

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The plot shows the achieved end pressure in a vacuum system (*ohne Argonzusatz*), and how this pressure further decreases if a surface is installed that has condensed Ar on it

- ▶ Very similar patterns may be expected for water

Ongoing, triggered by molecular dynamics: Effects of surface functionalization

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- There is very interesting R&D ongoing that studies the influence of surface adsorption at different **surface functionalizations** and correlate it with the parameters in the Cercignani-Lampis scattering law
- With some of this bundle of measures, although they have not yet been applied for situations as in ET, **the partial pressure requirements of ET-LF can probably be achieved**, if an accompanying R&D programme is installed

Limits for base operating vacuum in ET-LF towers

■ Is it feasible?

$$p_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} = 1 \times 10^{-12} \text{ mbar}$$

- Use of cryo-panels around the mirror (inner shield)
- Careful cool-down strategy (mirror to be cooled last)
- Efficient warm-up/cool-down (already in the design phase)
- Use of porous materials on cryo-panels to enhance adsorption over condensation and increase pumping speed and efficiency around the mirror
- Other mitigations schemes?

Challenging, requiring R&D, **BUT** it is indeed **FEASIBLE!**

CRYOGENIC DESIGN AND OPERATING SCENARIOS

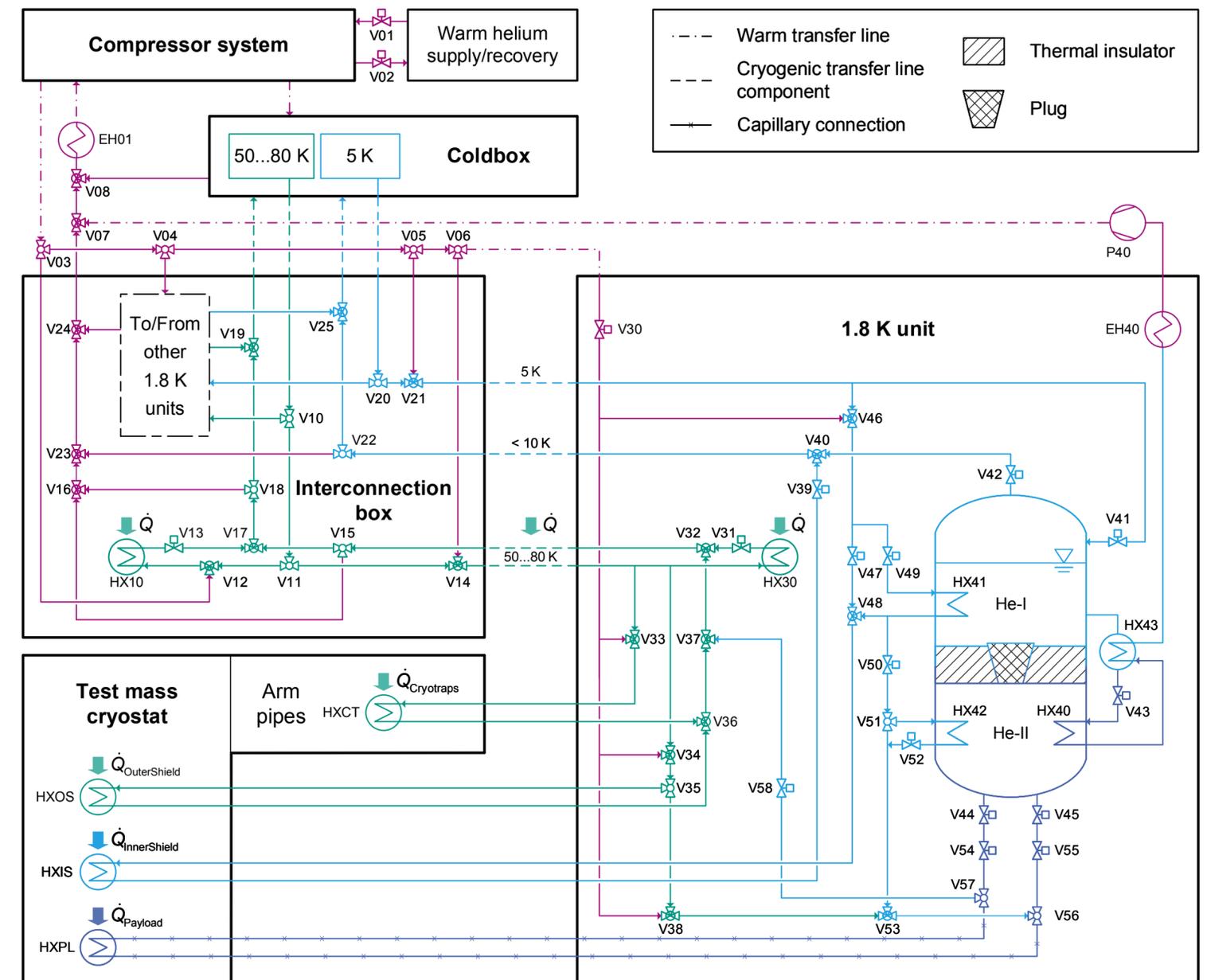
The need of cryogenics in ET

Cryogenic infrastructure concept

- **One He cooling plant** in each vertex
- Cooling power for **cryotrap**s, **thermal shields** and **cryogenic detectors** at three different temperature levels
- Surface compressors
- Underground coldbox
- Cryogenic transfer system to towers

Reference in TDS:

<https://apps.et-gw.eu/tds/?content=3&r=17648>



The need of cryogenics in ET

Overview of cryogenic load estimates (per tower)

Component	Temperature level / K	Cooling power / W	
Arm pipe cryotraps	50...80	$\times \dots 10^4$	Determines cryogenic infrastructure design!
Outer thermal shield	50...80	$\times \dots 10^3$	
Inner thermal shield	5	$\times \dots 10^2$	Small influence on overall cost
Payload heat sink	2	$\times \dots 10^0$	

ET-LF and ET-HF

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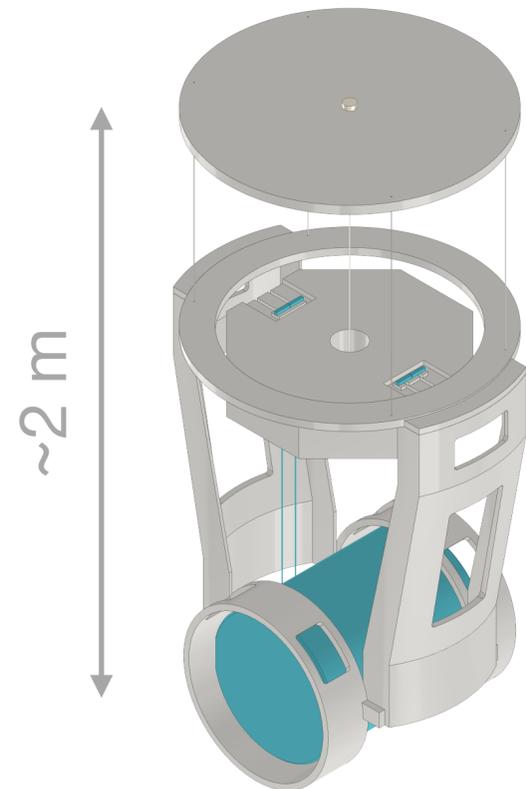
$T \leq 20$ K possibly needed

Yet, there is scientific interest on the feasibility of a cryogenic payload

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Cool-down studies of a cryogenic payload

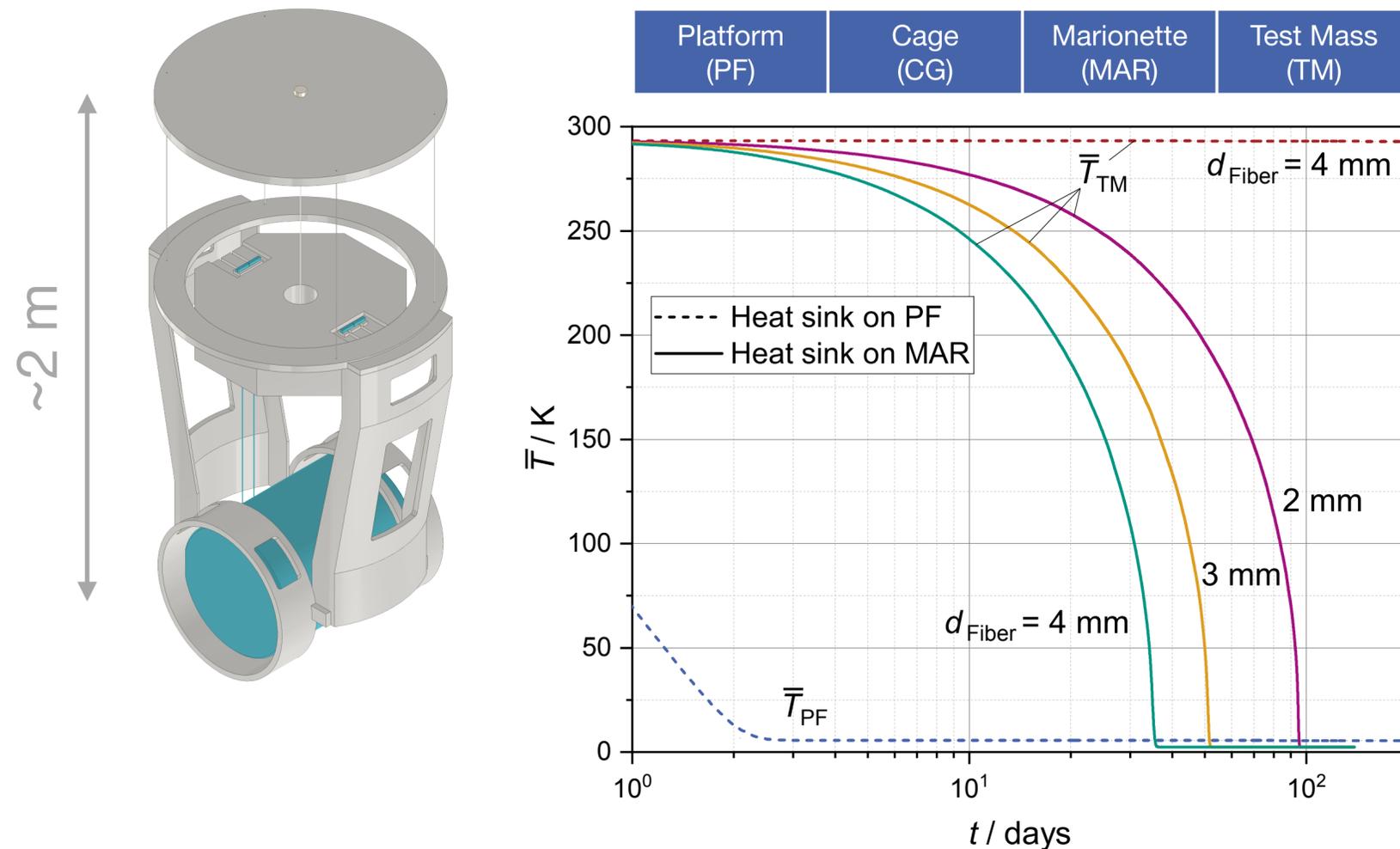
■ Payload geometry and materials



		Platform (PF)	Cage (CG)	Marionette (MAR)	Test Mass (TM)
Bulk mass	Dimensions	∅ 900x30	∅ ~1000 h ≈ 1300	∅ ~700 h = 150	∅ 450 s = 570
	Material	Stainless 316L			Si
Suspensions	Dimensions	N/A	4x ∅ 3 L = 700	1x ∅ 3 L = 780	4x ∅ 2...4 L ≈ 1000
	Material	N/A	Stainless 316L	Ti6Al4V	Si

Cool-down studies of a cryogenic payload

Results of solid conduction only

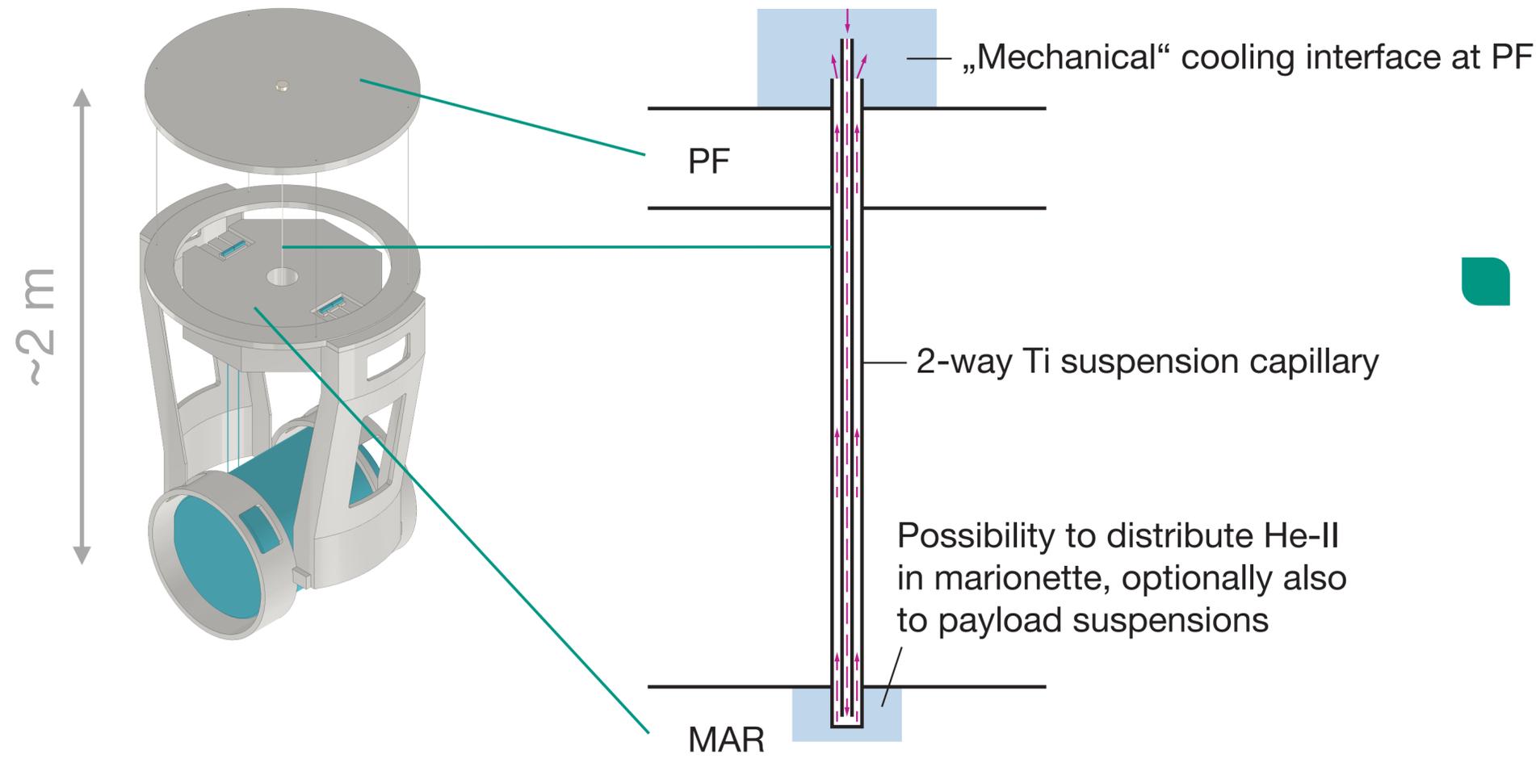


Conclusions

- A cooling interface implemented on the **platform (PF)** is **completely ineffective**
- The cooling interface **must** be implemented on the **marionette (MAR)**
- Depending on the suspension fiber diameter, the cool-down by **pure solid conduction** would take **~1-3 months**

Cooling system interface – design option

■ Possibility to implement **ultra-low-noise cooling** on the **marionette**

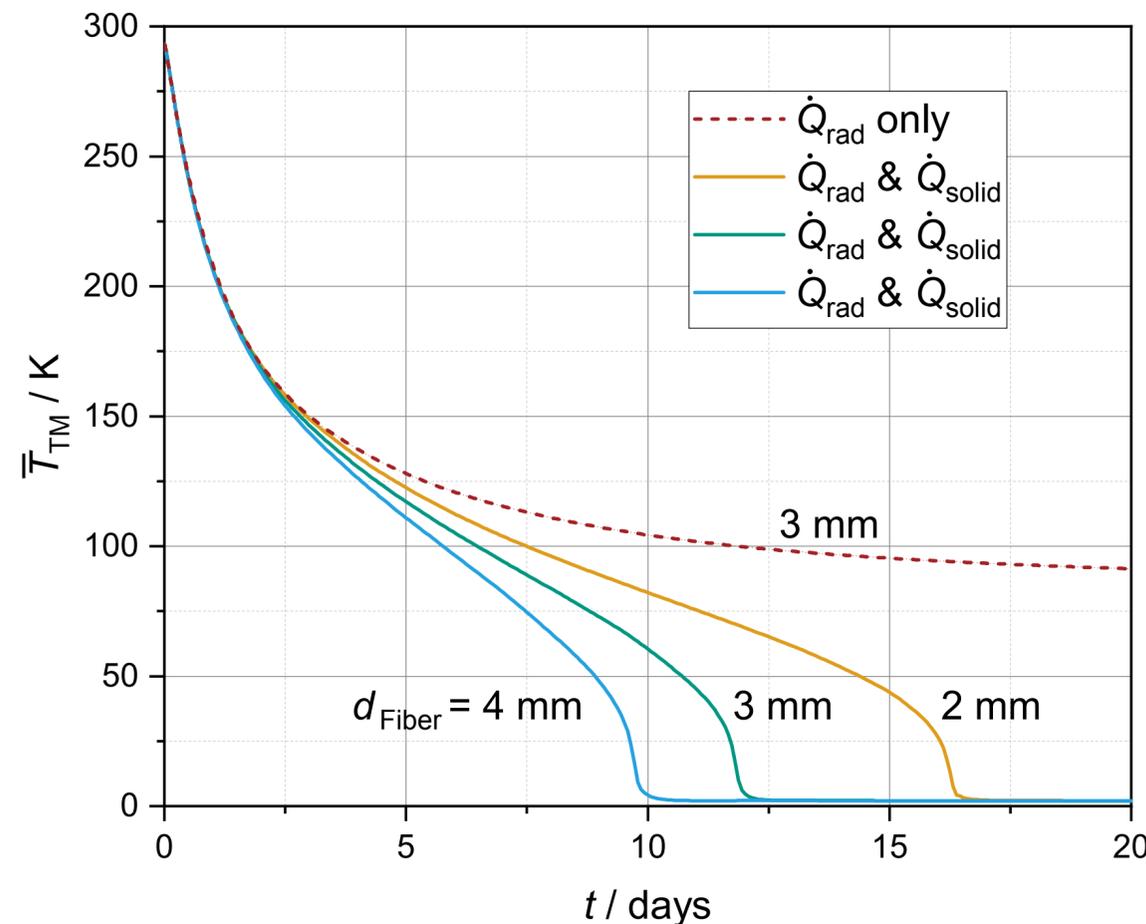
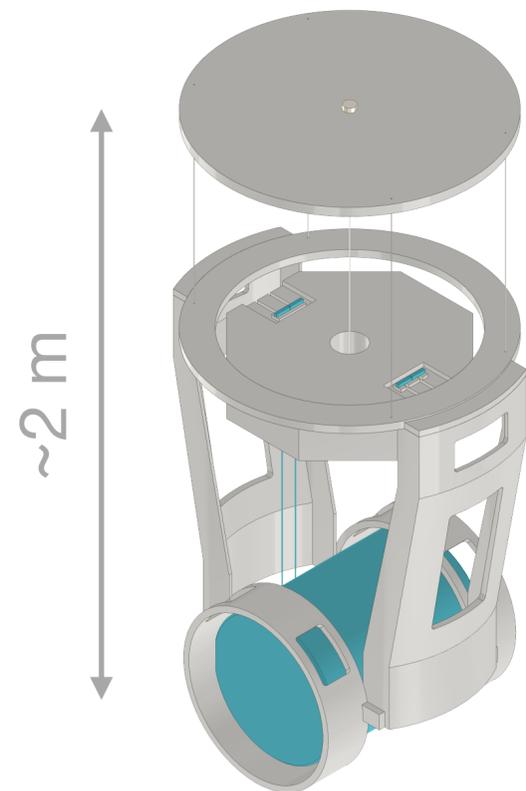


■ Design features

- Double-walled Ti capillary suspension for **counter-flow cool-down** with super-critical He-I
- **He-II** cooling by **steady-state conduction** in standard operation (no macroscopic flow)

Cool-down studies of a cryogenic payload

Solid conduction + thermal radiation



Applied emissivity values

Material	$\epsilon(T) / -$
316L (PF, MAR, CG)	~0.02...0.06
Ti6Al4V (MAR Susp.)	0.1
Si (TM & -Susp.)	~0.12...0.75 [1]

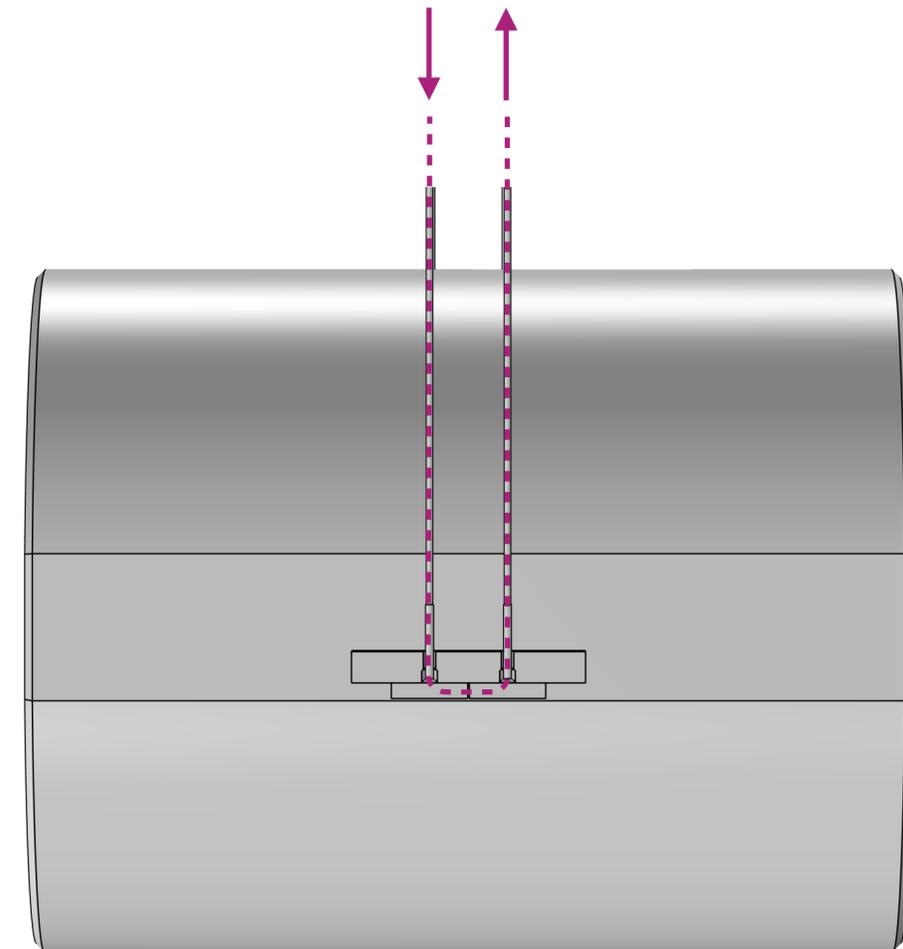
[1] Constancio et al. 2020
Silicon emissivity as a function of temperature

Conclusions

- ▶ Cooling by **thermal radiation only** is **ineffective**
- ▶ **Reduction** of conductive **cool-down time** by thermal radiation by **~factor 3**
- ▶ Sufficiently fast, i.e. **no need** for **contact gas cooling**

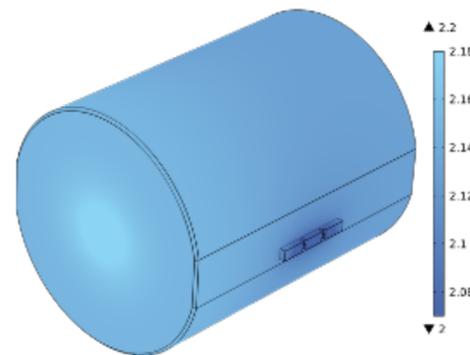
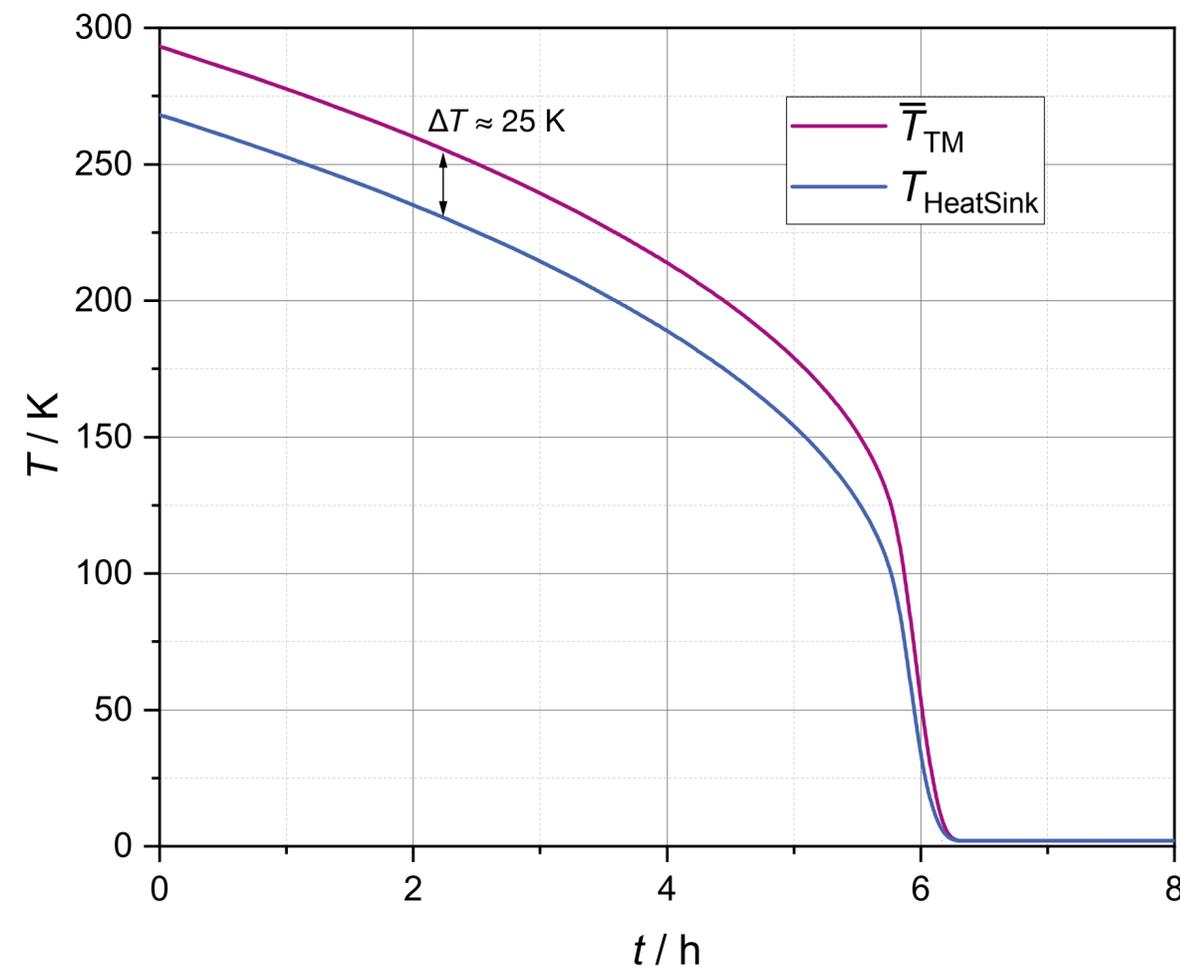
Option with He-II in hollow suspensions

- Possibility of **even faster mirror cooling**
 - **Cool-down** and **warm-up**: Controlled **super-critical He-I flow** through hollow suspensions at temperatures of **300 K** ↔ **3 K**
 - **Steady-state** operation: Hollow suspensions filled with **superfluid He-II** → **ultra-low-noise** cooling by steady-state heat conduction in the superfluid He-II (**no macroscopic flow**)
 - In this case, the **suspension** and **mirror temperatures** are close to **2 K**



Option with He-II in hollow suspensions

Achievable cool-down and warm-up cycles with hollow suspensions



Conclusions

- Very short thermal cycles of a few hours may be achieved
- Option for surface regeneration of cryosorbed gas layers on hour time scales

SUMMARY

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- 1) The ET-LF sensitivity is strongly influenced by **suspension thermal noise**. **Cryogenic operation is required** to achieve the design sensitivity of ET.
- 2) The **water partial pressure** around a cryogenic payload must be on the level of $p_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} \leq 10^{-11} \dots \leq 10^{-12}$ mbar to limit frost formation on the surface. This level appears to be **achievable** with an appropriate R&D programme.
- 3) A **cryogenic infrastructure** is required to fulfil the **vacuum requirements** in **ET-LF** and **ET-HF!** Those **cryopumps** (cryotrap and inner/outer shields) **determine the dimensions, cost and installation schedule** of the cryogenic infrastructure.
- 4) **Ultra-low-noise cryogenic payload cooling is feasible**, absorbing heat loads up to 1 W from the payload. The impact on the cryogenic infrastructure is small.

The image is a composite of three distinct visual elements. The top portion shows a cosmic scene with a galaxy and a black hole. The middle portion shows a landscape with a river and a purple triangular frame. The bottom portion shows a 3D cutaway of a particle detector with various internal components.

Thank you for your attention!