Trillingsvrij koelen Einstein Telescope/ET pathfinder (Nikhef en TU Twente)

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Gravitational wave interferometry

Dynamical structure of space-time. A new window to the universe. Tiny chages in distance, $O(10^{-22})$



Einstein telescope, next generation detector

Detector with higher sensitivity and starting at lower frequencies

- underground to reduce seismic noise
- longer arms (higher sensitivity) and more power in cavities (lower quantum noise)
- Cryogenic mirrors (lower thermal noise)
- 3 interferometers (measure all GW-polarizations)

Einstein telescope noise limits

Thermal noise limits the sensitivity in mid-frequency range.



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Cryogenic Mirrors: suspension

Mirror surface should be defined to $< 10^{-20}$ m/sqrt(Hz)



- Geometric Anti-Spring (GAS) filter stages need to stay at room temperature!
- Eliminate external forces on mirror vacuum better than 10⁻¹⁰ mbar, low acoustic noise in surroundings, jellyfish connections of wires for actuators and cooling.



The Virgo super-attenuator suspension. Pendula for horizontal/angular d.o.f. and GAS filters for vertical isolation.

Einstein telescope mirror suspension

Suspension chain of 17 m limits seismic noise above 2 Hz. Thermal noise is critical in last elements of the chain.





Last stage suspension:

Transfer function of the proposed super attenuator chain for ET (ET design report 2011), a 17-m long chain. Red shows the performance of the current Virgo SA (9 m chain). Seismic motion is reduced with 9 orders of magnitude above 2 Hz.

422 kg Marionette with 211 kg Silicon mirror (M2) and 211 kg reaction mass (M3). Monolithic suspension (crystalline Si) wires/bondings are required to obtain small loss factors.



Thermal noise of the suspension calculated for ET, assuming monolithic suspension (Si with loss factor 10⁻⁸, marionette from TiAIV alloy (10⁻⁵), mirror at 10 K and marionette at 2K, 2 m wires 3mm diameter, ET design report)

Thermal noise contributions

Noise coatings is dominant (1/f)

- Thermal noise in the cryogenic interferometers limit the performance in several ways:
 - Bulk mass mirror, Brownian and thermo-elastic.
 Fluctuation-dissipation theorem couples the induced movement of the test mass by Brownian noise to the quality factor of the dissipation. Silicon has a very high quality factor exceeding 10⁸
 - Suspension
 - Above the frequencies of interest, the suspensions filter seismic motion to below detection limit. The noise of the last stage is the dominant one; this is the noise in the wires between marionette and reaction mass/mirror. Using monolithic suspensions (pure Si wires), bonded to the mirror, the quality factor can be chosen such that also this noise is concentrated in sharp lines

Mirror coating

To obtain high enough reflectivity and small absorption, mirror coatings need to be applied (also with sub-nanometer thickness fluctuations: atomically flat!) The thermal noise in these coatings is the dominant thermal noise source, since a) there will be some laser light absorbed in the coating (< 1ppm), heating it and b) quality factor of the coating, with alternate layers of different materials with different breaking indices is limiting (currently \$\overline{\phi}\$ ~ 10⁻⁴ for the layers)





Bulk modes mirror disappear for Si at 123K, 10K Hz

ET pathfinder

ETpathfinder facility (Limburg) to study cryogenic optics, under design

- Cryogenic option for ET: silicon mirrors at 1.550 micrometer
 - Optical properties of Silicon at cryogenic temperatures
 - Development of optical coatings need study
 - Thermal lensing: depends on thermal properties of the coating.
 - Cryogenic operation needs to be explored.
 - Monolithic suspension.

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• Test facility in Limburg, under design





ET (pathfinder) cryogenic challenges



ET cooling (conceptual design 2011)

Vibration-free cooling links needed!

- End mirrors need to be cooled to 10 K (mirror coating thermal noise peak at 18 K)
- Separate cooling for shields/beam pipe and marionette
- Marionette cold link is suspended.
- Mirror cooled to 10 K via conduction (monolithic silicon wire suspension).
- Mirror heat input load ~ <100 mW (thermal radiation and laser power)
- Thermal load cold shield (4K) ~1 W,
- Intermediate shield ~ 50W
- Cold shield (blue) needs to be vacuumtight and need conductance to pump before cooling.
- Initial cooling via contact gas.



Lower thermal shield

Pulse-tube cooler (Kagra)

Gas injection at JT restriction of a pulse-tube cooler lead to vibrations

Commercial

Pulse-Tube Cryocooler



From Ushiba(KAGRA), GW workshop Taiwan(2015)



Kagra, CQG 31. Projected vibrations due to pulsetube cooler KAGRA (red: off, black: on)

Pulse-tube cryocooler: typically pressure spikes (5-10 bar difference, repetition rate ~1.5Hz) Liquid He: complicated and vibrations from boiling 11

Sorption cooling (see presentation ter Brake)

Collaboration with EMS-Twente (group ter Brake) to develop a sorption-cooling strategy for ET

 Sorption cooling: pressure ripple several orders of magnitude below that of a pulse-tube cooler. Accelerations due to gas in feedline are at least 10,000 times smaller! Sorption cooling also gives excellent



Link between cryogenic coldhead and mirror suspension



End mirror towers

Start configuration: 2 FB cavities in 1 arm.

Primary vacuum: < 10⁻⁸ mbar required

suspension filters: constant temperature!

Thermal shields Double-walled with holes for pumping and viewports. Should not vibrate too much (scattered light)

Mass cryogenic payload ~ 50 kg (Etpathfinder), 2000 kg (ET). Mass inner cryogenic shield ~200 kg Mass liquid Nitrogen shields ~ 300 kg. Area shields ~ 5-10 m² so incident radiation kW level.

Liquid N cooling (~200W). Inside primary vacuum

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Cryogenic shields around mirror

(Preliminary) design study for the cryogenic cooling of the optics (M. Doets)

300-K shield, stabilize filter temperature

Passive reflective shield to reduce radiation load on first shield.

Outer (80 K) shield (liquid nitrogen)?

Inner thermal shield, < 10 K.

Holes for pumping

Jellyfish wires (ultra-pure aluminum) to cool marionetta and limit vibrations

Vibration-free cold finger for cooling mirror (JT restriction sorption cooler)

Shields should reduce thermal radiation, but have holes to be pumped out. Holes through all 6 shields for optical levers and for the laser beam (shielded with pipes). Scattered light and thermal radiation must be absorbed somewhere.



Shield modeling

Raytracing code to calculate vacuum performance, scattered-light absorption, and temperature gradients

Produces input for the sorption cooler design.





Top view and side view of the vacuum system around the end mirrors in 1 tower. The color codes indicate the temperature of the volume to which the surfaces point: inside inner thermal shield in dark blue, between inner shield and liquid nitrogen shield in magenta, towards room temperature in black.

Several billion atoms or photons are tracked to calculate pump-down times, scattered-light absorption, and thermal radiation transfers.

First results, vacuum performance

Assumed 2800 I/s magnetic turbo pump and 1000 m^3/h roughing pump





At room temperature, the pressure reaches $2x10^{-7}$ mbar before the monolayer of water dominates. Heating to 65 deg. C allows to pump down in 1 week time.

We need to be able to cool the 80-K shield and keep the mirror warm in order to prevent water freezing on the mirror (and freeze it on the 80-K shield instead).

First results, thermal equilibrium

Shields all low-emissivity (0.1) except for baffles. Detailed studies must fix shield layout.



Liquid Nitrogen cooling

Liquid Nitrogen cooling, mature design



- Slotted inlet pipes to avoid bubbles in inlet.
- Wide vessel to reduce vibrations from boiling.
- Vessel decoupled from 80-K shield with 192 litze braids (8mm diameter, 60mm length may be replaced).
- Outer thermal shields support the inner thermal shield. Flexible joints to accommodate shrinkage when cooling down. 20

Design sorption cooling

Baseline requirements for design sorption cooler are being studied

- First simulations done: a liquid N shield needs about 200W cooling power in the current design configuration. Thermal gradients lead to a
 difference of about 30K between top/front and bottom of this shield (2mm thick shields, 50mm sidebars).
 - Heat link from outside tower is impractical: 1 ton of copper needed to bridge 2 m and have less than 10K gradient. Liquid nitrogen must be brought inside tower
 - Temperature inner shield can be chosen almost freely: radiation load on mirror is dominated by thermal radiation from outside/80K shield. Range of 15-40K fine for inner shield.
- Heat load on cryogenic mirrors/suspension/baffle about 80 mW. Temperature gradient very small when using ultrapure AI links.
- Heat load on inner cryogenic shield about 3W (5W when bottom is black). Mainly from radiation liquid nitrogen shield. Can be reduced by having smaller openings and lower LN2 temperatures ?
- Total mass cryogenic payload ~ 40 kg per mirror, inner shields ~ 150 kg: cooling down from 300 K may be problematic.
 - Contact gas? High-temperature cooler? At 300 K, about 150W thermal radiation from inner shield to 80K shield.
- Sorption cooler: in its own vacuum tower. Inlet/outlet gas in double-walled pipes inside a bellows to pass mirror tower walls.
- Next steps :
 - Optimize heat shields to get lowest loads on cryogenic masses
 - Calculate optimal heat reservoir temperatures, gas mixtures, pressures, cycles
 - Design the sorption cooler
 - Build a prototype: Test performance : vibration, temperature stability, etc