

Impact on Vacuum Requirements by Cryogenically Cooled Mirrors for Gravitational Wave Detection

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Outline

- Cryogenic Vacuum Issues
- Cryogenic Vacuum Considerations
- Potential mitigation methods

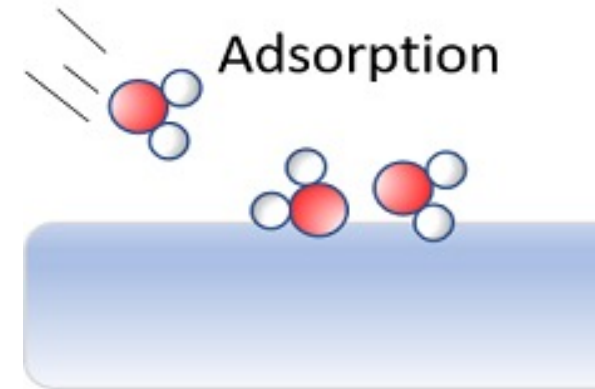
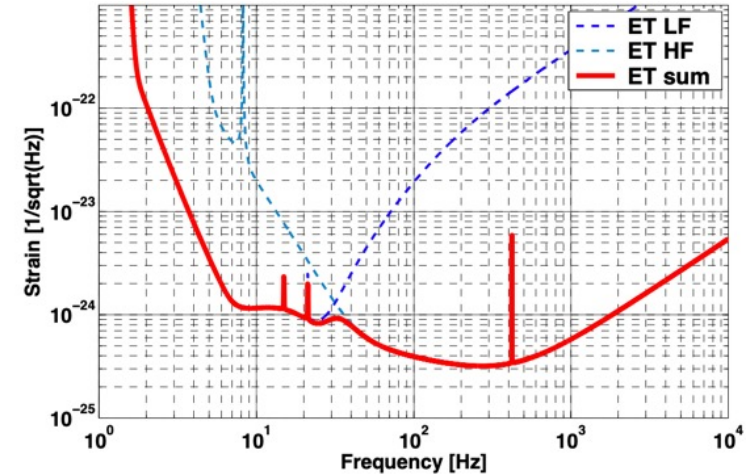
Cryogenic Vacuum Issues

Cryogenic optics to reduce the thermal noise in Low Frequency (LF) detectors

Cryosorption on cold optics (frost):

- **LT optics** (as shown in KAGRA GWO) suffers from gas cryosorbed on the mirror surface inducing detrimental effects on the optics.

→ How to cure it?



Cryogenic Vacuum Issues

Gas Cryosorption depends

Surface temperature
($p < 10^{-10}$ mbar)

Partial pressure

H₂O cryosorbs at $T < 125$ K

CO₂ cryosorbs at $T < 60$ K

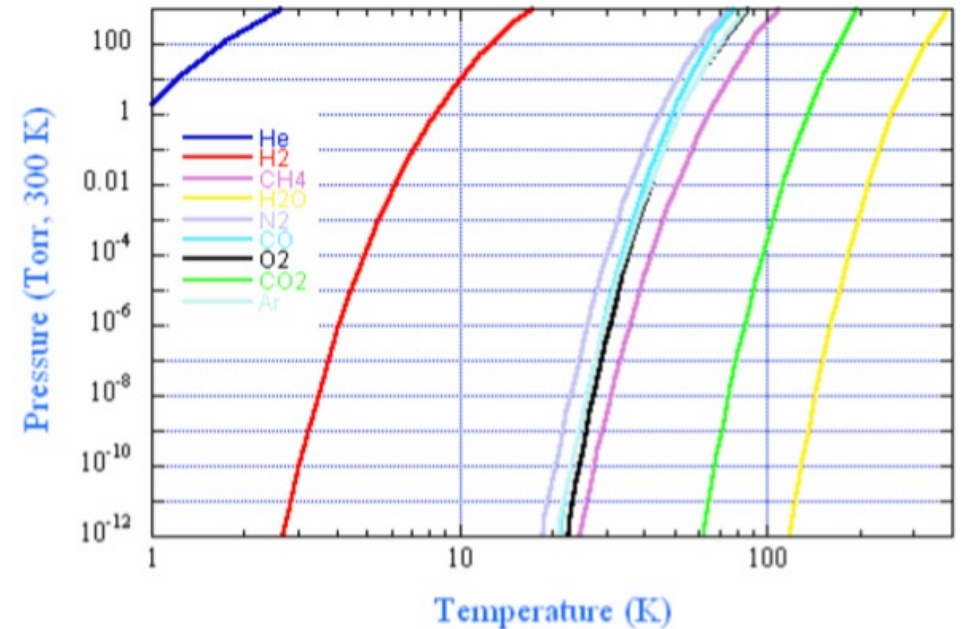
O₂ cryosorbs at $T < 30$ K

Defining:

1 L (Langumir) = 1×10^{-6} mbar x 1s

For $S_c = 1$; 1 L \sim 1 Monolayer cryosorbed

\rightarrow In 1×10^{-10} mbar it takes 10.000 s (\sim 3h) to build up a ML.



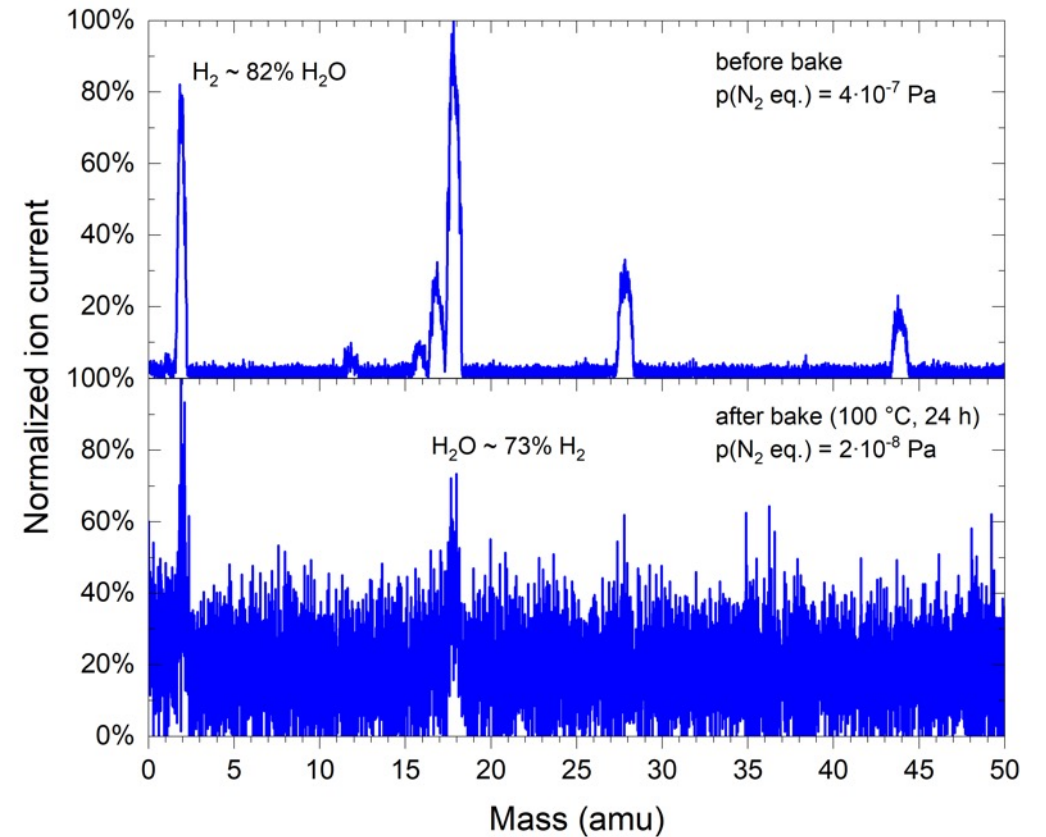
Saturated vapour pressure from Honig and Hook (1960)

For H₂O:

1 ML \sim 0.3 nm

Cryogenic Vacuum Issues

- $P_{RT} \neq P_{LT}$
- What is of interest are the gas partial pressures
- For a given P they depend on the vacuum history.



Residual gas analysis, as measured with a QMS in case of a clean UHV system prior (top panel) and after a bake out (bottom panel) at 100°C for 24 h.

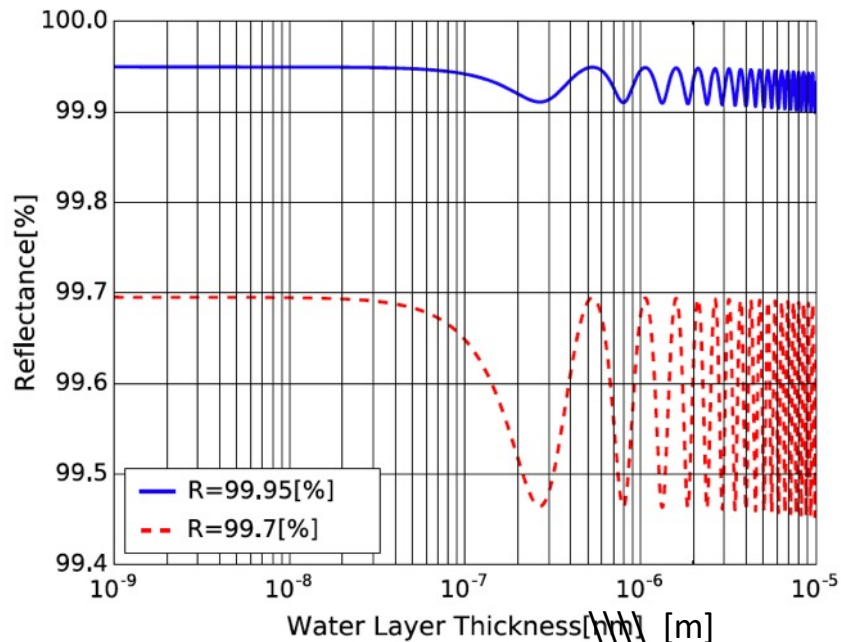
Cryogenic Vacuum Issues

Reflectance changes induced by molecular adlayer growth

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

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From the literature: studies at KAGRA show that already after 100 nm of H₂O ice Reflectivity gets affected.

100 nm H₂O → ~ 300 L

If P_{H₂O} ~ 1x 10⁻¹⁰ mbar → it takes (10.000x 300) s (~900 h) to start observing detrimental effects!!!

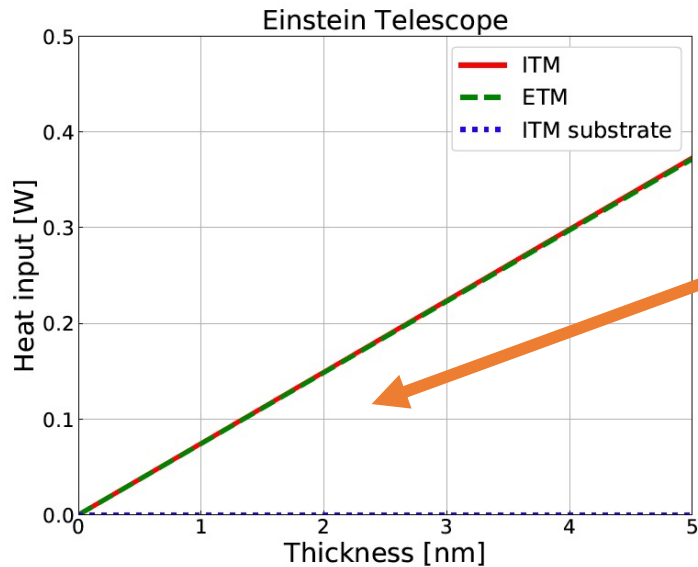
If P_{H₂O} ~ 3x 10⁻¹² mbar → ~ 3 years
Great design challenge!

Cryogenic Vacuum Issues

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

Satoshi Tanioka, Kunihiro Hasegawa, and Yoichi Aso
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R. A. Matthew *et al.*, Einstein gravitational wave Telescope (ET) conceptual design study, ET-0106C-10, <https://tds.ego-gw.it/ql/?c=7954> (2010).



ET Available thermal budget ~ 100 mW

1 nm H₂O → ~ 3 L

If P_{H₂O} ~ 1x 10⁻¹⁰ mbar → it takes (10.000 x 3) s (~9 h) to start observing detrimental effects!!!

If P_{H₂O} ~ 1x 10⁻¹² mbar → ~ 1 month

FIG. 6. Heat input to each test mass mirror in ET induced by the optical absorption of CML. As a result of strong absorption of amorphous ice, the heat load to test mass exceeds 100 mW even when the CML thickness is only a few nm. It should be noted that the radiation from the beam ducts is not taken into account for the case of ET.

Cryogenic Vacuum Issues

All that must be cross checked but:

FROST is an issue!

Need of mitigation strategies:

- **Passive methods**
- **Active methods**

Mitigation Strategies

Passive mitigation methods

- Very low base pressure in:
 - Very big volumes
 - Very complex structures
- Optimization of transients (cooling down etc)

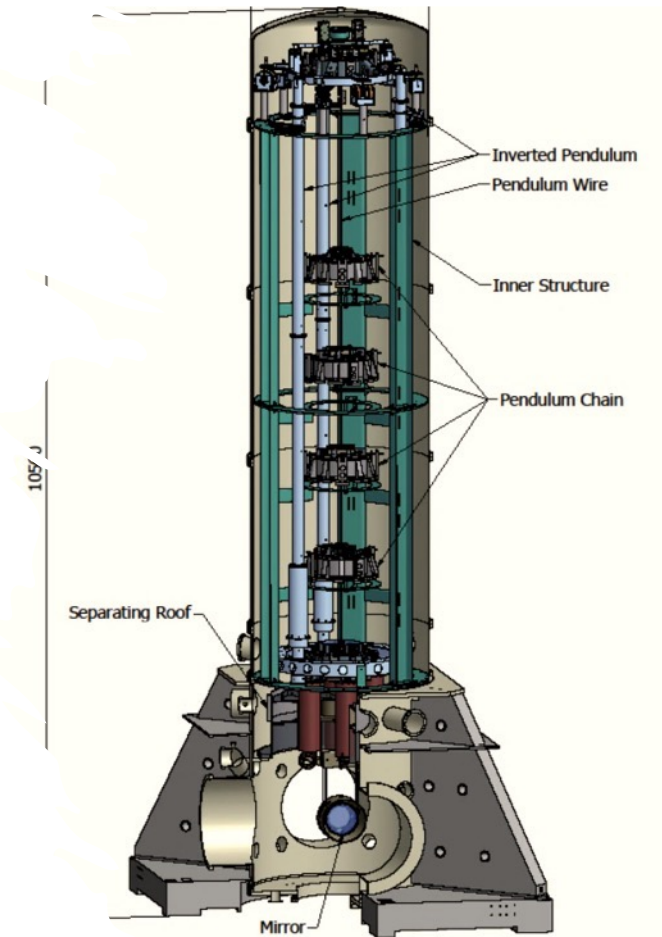
VERY HIGH COSTS AND R&D REQUIRED to reach:

$$P_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} ; P_{\text{CO}} ; P_{\text{CH}_4} < 1 \times 10^{-12} \text{ mbar}$$

Severe limitations in design and material choice in the tower!!!

$$P_{\text{H}_2} < 1 \times 10^{-10} \text{ mbar}$$

Importance of P transient (integral gas load!)



Mitigation Strategies

Active mitigation methods

➤ Thermal

- Bring the mirror or its surface above 125 K.

➤ Non-Thermal

- Exiting the overlayer molecules to induce their (non-thermal) desorption

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It is presently difficult to tell how long it takes and how often it should be foreseen.

Mirror cooling down and warming up effects on other cryogenics and on vacuum

Possibly implying unacceptable GWD downtime!

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above 125 K

Warm up the surface with CO₂
laser



CO₂ Laser beam penetrated some microns within the mirror surface:

Can Induce damage to Optics?

Can give H₂O ice sufficient thermal energy to be removed (>125 K) without heating too much the mirror?

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- Low energy electrons irradiation

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UV light induce electronic transition in H_2O and its desorption

H_2O yield $\sim 1 \times 10^{-3}$ molecules/photon

UV photons penetrate well below the mirror surface and are prone to induce defect formation deteriorating optical properties

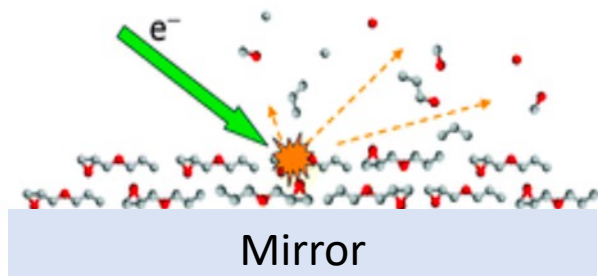
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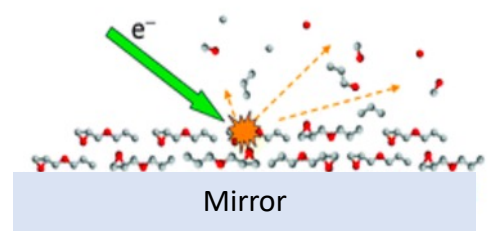
Low Energy Electrons (20-200 eV) induce transitions in H₂O and its desorption

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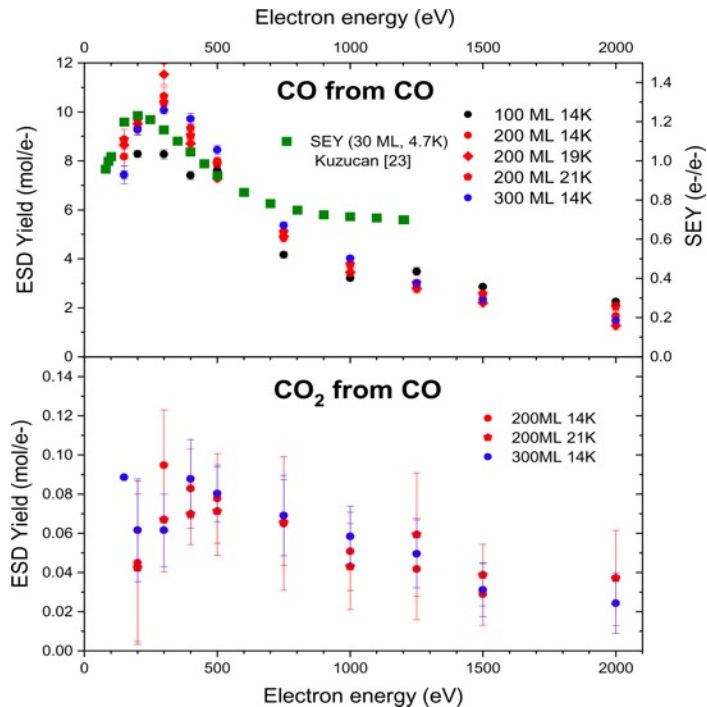
Low en. electrons penetrate some nm below the mirror surface and are not expected to induce significant defect formation

Mitigation Strategies

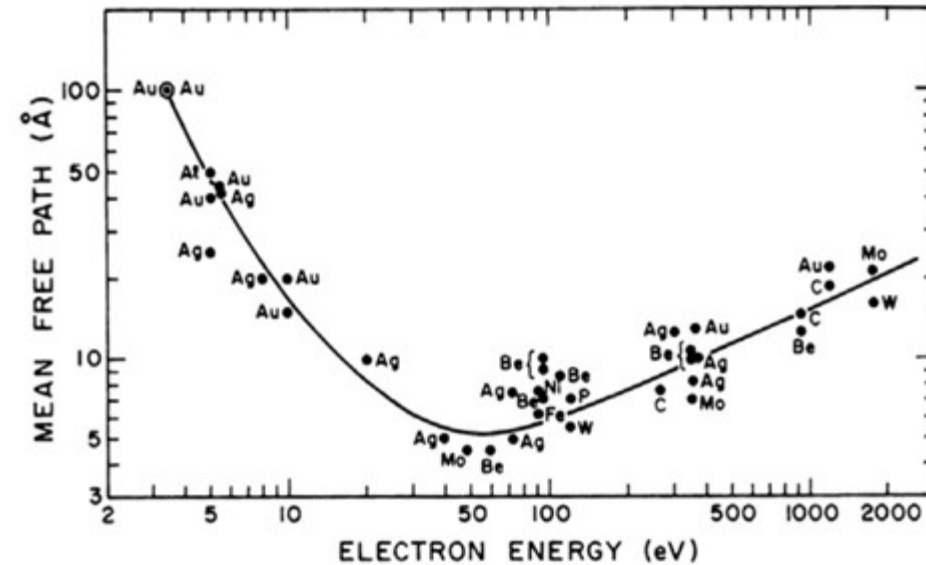
Low energy electrons irradiation



- Much more efficient than Photons (factor 100 – 1000)

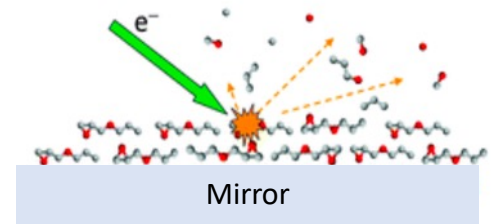


- Much less penetrating.



Mitigation Strategies

Low energy electrons irradiation



If $P_{\text{eff}} \sim 1 \times 10^{-10}$ ($\text{H}_2\text{O}, \text{CO}, \text{CO}_2$, etc) mbar;

sticking coefficient = 1

→ 1 monolayer ($\sim 10^{15}$ mol/cm² ~ 0.3 nm) will be cryosorbed in 10.000 s.
(~ 2.5 nm/day ~ 10 times less than in KAGRA)

If we assume a mean ESD $\eta = 0.1$ mol./electron (as for H_2O) @ 100eV.

(R. Dupuy et al. J. Appl. Phys. 128, 175304, 2020)

To remove 1 ML we need an el. current of: ~ 1 mAmps/cm² in one second

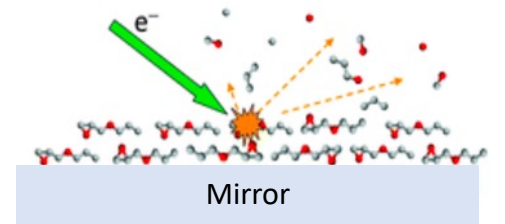
... depositing less than 100 mW/ML/cm² (not all el. energy goes in thermal heat!)

All in UHV, with marginal heating up of the mirrors and (possibly) reduced downtime.

Deserves further investigation!

Mitigation Strategies

Low energy electrons irradiation



Electrons will induce detrimental electrostatic charge

- Both VIRGO and LIGO optics undergo to inhomogeneous electrostatic charging of variable (or unknown) sign that may induce unwanted noise.
- procedures are undertaken for neutralization with positive/neg ions. (Not applicable at LT)

Can electrons neutralize the electrostatic charge on test mass mirrors in gravitational wave detectors?

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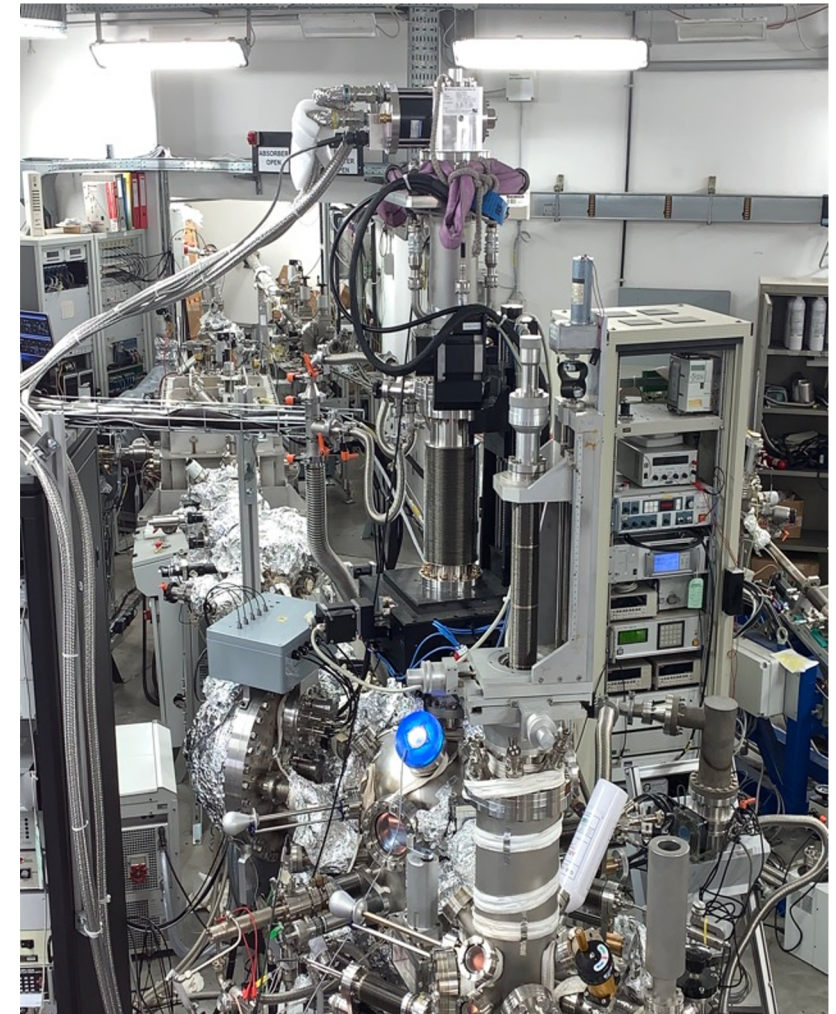
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LNF-INFN MaSSlab “Material and Surface Science laboratory”

Two “state of the art” UHV set-ups equipped with cryogenic manipulators for hosting small samples ($10 \times 10 \text{mm}^2$) at $< 20 \text{K}$, electron guns, XPS, SEY, QMS and other spectroscopies to perform (with minor upgrades):

Proof of principle SEY and surface characterization of mirrors materials at RT and LT before and after cryosorption of gases.



Wrap-up

Thermal

Warm up above 125K.

CO₂ Laser

Inductive?

How long and how often???

Possibly implying unacceptable GWD downtime!

Great impact on design: Temperature cycles AND improve $P_{H_2O} < 1 \times 10^{-13}$ mbar

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Low en. electrons penetrate only nm below the mirror surface

Charge issues can be cured by electron irradiation too

Conclusions

- Frost formation on mirrors defines new vacuum limits for operating cryogenic GW detectors
- Frost mitigation strategies are mandatory to implement the use of cryogenics in the design of future GW detectors
 - **Passive methods** will certainly be implemented. The improvement of the vacuum conditions will not avoid frost formation, but only impact on the frequency of intervention.
 - **Active methods** will be fundamental to regularly remove the frost forming on mirrors.

Thank you for your attention