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## **1 INTRODUCTION**

Due to QM 4K RL damages after thermal cycles, a number of studies have been performed to verify cleaning and assembly procedures. Thermal shocks in a N<sub>2</sub> bath controlled environment have been performed in order to verify resistance to thermal stress.

Procedures reported in [AD 14] are applicable.

### **1.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

The purpose of this document is to report results of the thermal shock tests in a controlled environment for the samples.

### **1.2 KEYWORDS/ACRONYMS**

RL	Reference Load
DUT	Device Under Test
SUT	Sample Under Test
RF	Radio Frequency
QM	Qualification Model
FM	Flight Model





## 2 APPLICABLE AND REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

### 2.1 APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

- [AD 1] *FIRST/Planck Instrument Interface Document, Part A* (SCI-PT-IIDA-04624, 3/0)
- [AD 2] *FIRST/Planck Instrument Interface Document, Part B* (SCI-PT-IIDB/LFI-04142, 2/0)
- [AD 3] *LFI Interface Control Document* (PL-LFI-PST-ID-010, 2.0)
- [AD 4] *LFI/HFI Interface Document* (PL-LFI-PST-ID-001, 1.0)
- [AD 5] *LFI Specification* (PL-LFI-PST-SP-001, 3.0)
- [AD 6] *Planck LFI Instrument Design and Development Plan* (PL-LFI-PST-PL-002, 2.0)
- [AD 7] *Planck LFI Product Assurance Plan* (PL-LFI-PST-PL-003, 3.0)
- [AD 8] *Planck LFI Assembly Integration & Verification Plan* (PL-LFI-PST-PI-004, 3.0)
- [AD 9] *FIRST/Planck Operations Interface Requirements Document* (SCI-PT-RS-07360, 2/1)
- [AD 10] *LFI Configuration and Data Management CADM Plan* (PL-LFI-PST-PL-001, 3.0)
- [AD 11] *LFI Instrument Deliverable Documentation List (DDL)* (PL-LFI-PST-LI-007, 1.0)
- [AD 12] *4K Reference Load Requirement Specification* (PL-LFI-TES-SP-001, 3.1)
- [AD 13] *4K Reference Load Test Plan* (PL-LFI-TES-PL-001)
- [AD 14] *Nitrogen Thermal Cycles of 4K Reference Load Samples Procedures* (PL-LFI-TES-PR-011)

### 2.2 REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- [RD 1] *4K Reference Load Horn Design* (PL-LFI-TES-TN-001, 1.0)
- [RD 2] *Planck LFI Mechanical Design* (PL-LFI-LAB-RP-001, 3.0)
- [RD 3] *HFI Temperature stability requirements* (SR-PH211-990141-IAS, Issue 01)
- [RD 4] *LFI signal oscillations induced by Sorption Cooler temperature variation* (PL-LFI-PST-TN-010, Issue 1.0)
- [RD 5] *HFI thermometers and heaters specifications* (SP-PHAC0-100044-IAS, Issue 0/0,12.2.00)
- [RD 6] *The 4KRL Cryo Facility* (PL-LFI-TES-TN-010, 1.0)
- [RD 7] *Preliminary evaluation of the impact of temperature fluctuations in the HFI 4K stage on LFI* (PL-LFI-PST-TN-048, 1.0)
- [RD 8] *LFI 4K Reference Load thermal model* (PL-LFI-PST-TN-049, 1.0)
- [RD 9] *LakeShore Model 340 Temperature controller user's manual, Rev. 1.8*





### 3 SAMPLES PREPARATION

Two 30 GHz targets are prepared. The two samples have been assembled following the normal 30 GHz target assembly procedure, but they are not located into the cases. Their bases are bonded on aluminum supports (Fig. 1). The two samples have followed two different cleaning procedures:

- **Sample 1.** Cleaned with acetone according to old procedures (Fig. 2, left)
- **Sample 2.** Cleaned using isopropyl alcohol, following same procedures (Fig. 2, right).

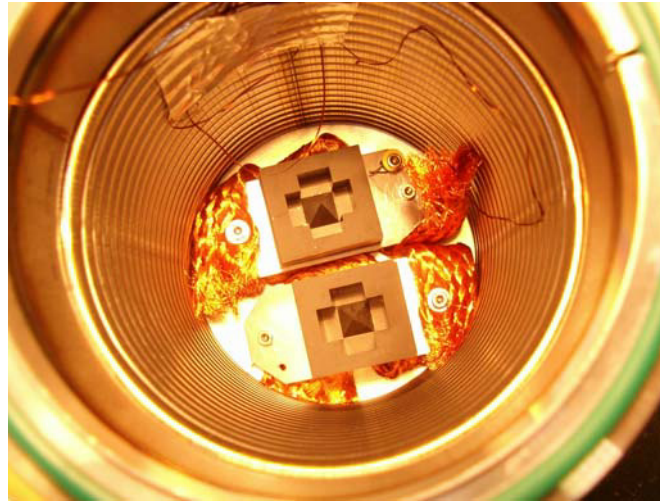


Fig. 1 The two samples imounted inside the dedicated cryochamber.

### 4 CYCLES IN NITROGEN BATH

Following the procedure steps described in [AD 14], 21 cycles were performed with visual inspections after cycle 1, 3, 5, 9, 11, 21. The following table reports the log for the cycles.

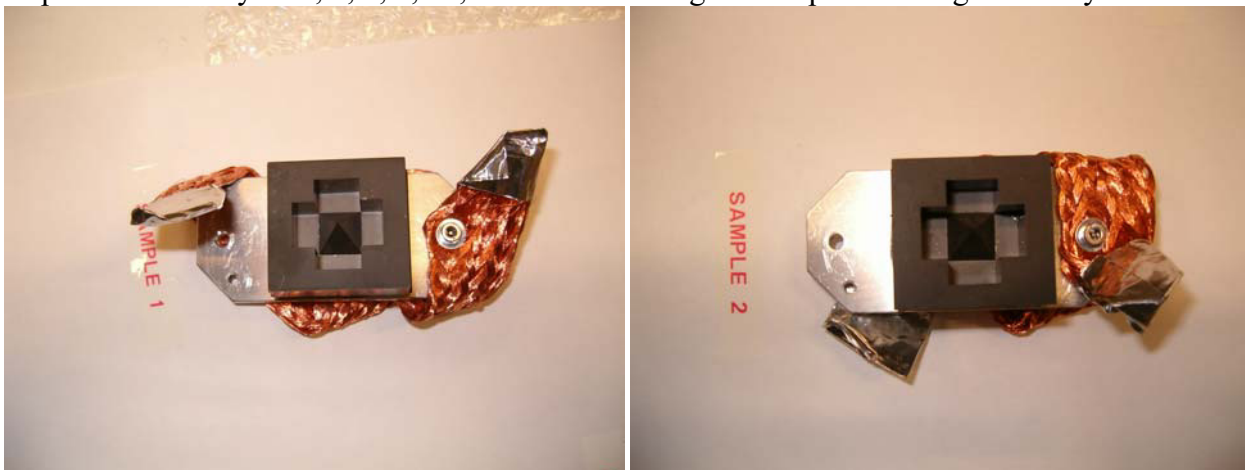


Fig. 2 The two samples during a visual inspection. The copper thermal straps are visible.





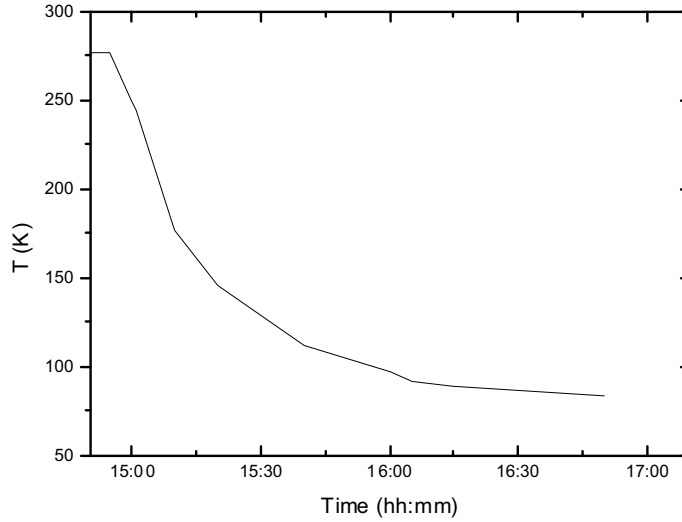


Fig. 3 Cooldown data for the 16<sup>th</sup>; it shows typical timescales involved in the cycles.

Cycle #	Start (Date; Time)	End	Max T	Min T	Notes
1	08/04/2005; 11.45	08/04/2005; 15.30	283.5 K	81.19 K	Visual inspection OK
2	08/04/2005; 15.40	11/04/2005; 9.50	290.7 K	82.62 K	
3	11/04/2005; 9.55	11/04/2005; 12.25	291 K	78.12 K	Visual Inspection OK
4	11/04/2005; 12.55	11/04/2005; 16.01	282.0 K	82.42 K	
5	11/04/2005; 16.01	11/04/2005; 18.12	292.0 K	83.08 K	Visual Inspection OK
6	12/04/2005; 11.41	12/04/2005; 14.25	296 K	83.5 K	
7	12/04/2005; 14.30	12/04/2005; 18.30	285 K	85.7 K	
8	12/04/2005; 18.15	13/04/2005; 9.30	293 K	83.5 K	
9	13/04/2005; 9.40	13/04/2005; 12.25	289.3 K	79.72 K	Visual Inspection OK
10	13/04/2005; 13.15	13/04/2005; 16.10	294 K	81.34 K	
11	13/04/2005; 16.15	14/04/2005; 9.30	293.2 K	95.0 K	Connector repaired. Visual Inspection OK Sample 1 coated with GE
12	14/04/2005; 11.40	14/04/2005; 14.40	300.6 K	83.0 K	
13	14/04/2005; 14.50	14/04/2005; 17.00	301.3 K	84.0 K	
14	14/04/2005; 17.40	15/04/2005; 9.50	290.0 K	90.0 K	
15	15/04/2005; 10.00	15/04/2005; 14.50	290.0 K	90.0 K	
16	15/04/2005; 14.55	16/04/2005; 12.00	291.0 K	84.0 K	
17	18/04/2005; 12.30	18/04/2005; 17.15	291.0 K	83.8 K	
18	18/04/2005; 17.24	19/04/2005; 9.30	290.6 K	84.10	
19	19/04/2005; 9.40	19/04/2005; 13.10	290.8 K	82.92 K	
20	19/04/2005; 13.20	19/04/2005; 16.00	280.0 K	83.0 K	
21	19/04/2005; 16.05	20/04/2005; 10.00	293.0 K	83.07 K	Visual Inspection OK

Table 1 Thermal cycles log





## 5 CYCLES IN 4K CRYOFACILITY

Following thermal stress cycles, the two samples are mounted into the 4K facility, in order to verify also stress down to 4 K.

Two cycles were performed (Fig. 4). Visual inspection after the opening of the facility showed no damage. The sensor on the sample 1 (red curve in figure) was linked to the target face by GE varnish.

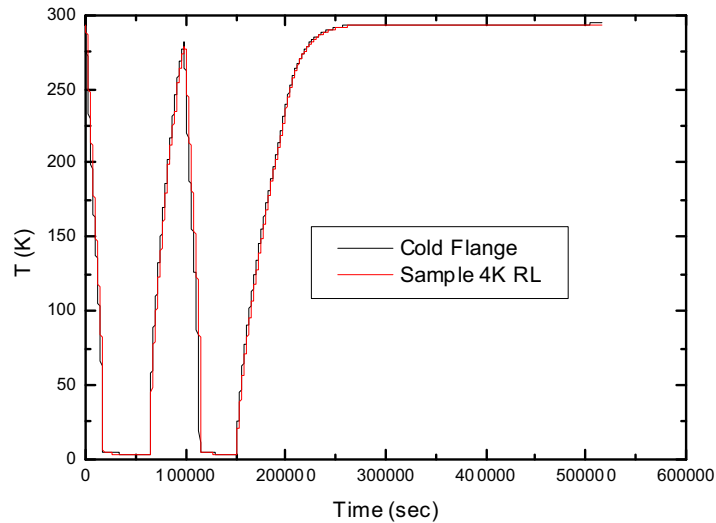


Fig. 4 Temperature data for the two cycles in the 4 K facility, minimum temperature reached is less than 4 K.

## 6 CONCLUSIONS

Two samples prepared according to old and new cleaning procedures were tested with 21 fast thermal stress cycles down to about 80 K and 2 thermal cycles down to less than 4 K.

The samples reported no damage.

