Microcalorimeters

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Outline

• Basic of low temperature detectors **TES** MMC

• Overview on some applications Photon detection Neutrino physics Search for Dark Matter interactions

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- Very small volume
- Working temperature below 100 mK small specific heat small thermal noise
- **Very sensitive temperature sensors**

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- Very thin superconducting films
- Working at mK

"no" quasi-particles $@$ equilibrium long quasi-particle half-life

• **High efficiency of "counting" quasi-particles**

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Superconducting Tunnel Junctions - STJ

Quasi-particles tunneling through a thin isolating barrier Measurement of current

Kinetic Inductance Detectors – KID

Breaking Cooper pairs \rightarrow change of kinetic inductance

Operating temperature defines:

- heat capacity
- thermal conductance
- thermal noise

In the periodic table only 18 elements with $T_c < 2$ K \rightarrow only 5 are actually used in TES

How to reduce the transition temperature of superconducting films to be \sim 100 mK???

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 $\lambda_{\rm F}$ = Fermi wavelength $n_{\mathsf{S}},\,n_{\mathsf{N}}$ = density of electronic states *t*= transmission coefficient

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Monticone et al. Journal of Physics: Conference Series **150** (2009) 052168

Magnetic impurities: in a superconducting film magnetic impurities induce pair breaking \rightarrow the film thickness is not limited by coherence length

B.A. Young et al., Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research A 520 (2004) 307–310

R = *R*(*T,I*) : TES resistance *T*: TES temperature

C: Heat capacity TES + absorber *G*: thermal conductivity to the bath $-G = nkT^{n-1}$

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Thermal differential equation:

$$
C\frac{\mathrm{d}T}{\mathrm{d}t} = -P_{bath} + P_J + P
$$

Electrical differential equation:

$$
L\frac{\mathrm{d}I}{\mathrm{d}t} = V - IR_{SH} - IR(T, I)
$$

Solution in the small signal limit around the values R_0 , T_0 , I_0 and the temperature dependences of C and G are omitted

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\beta_{I} = \frac{\partial \log R}{\partial \log I}\Big|_{T_0} = \frac{I_0}{R_0} \frac{\partial R}{\partial I}\Big|_{T_0}
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R_{\rm dyn} = \frac{\partial V}{\partial I}\bigg|_{T_0} = R_0 \big(1 + \beta_{\rm I}\big)
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If $R_{\text{SH}} >> R(T, I) \rightarrow 1$ ~constant $\rightarrow P_1 = 1^2R$ \rightarrow R increases \rightarrow P₁ increases \rightarrow positive feedback

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If $R_{SH} \ll R(T,I) \longrightarrow V \approx$ constant $\Rightarrow P_J = V^2/R$ \rightarrow R increases \rightarrow P₁ decreases \rightarrow negative feedback Negative electro-thermal feedback

The negative electro-thermal feedback makes the working point more stable and decreases the decay time of the current signal with respect to the thermal time constant $\tau_0 = C/G$:

$$
\tau_{eff} = \frac{\tau_0}{1 + \alpha/n}
$$

Pulse shape:

$$
\delta I(t) \propto \left(-e^{-\frac{t}{\tau_{+}}} + e^{-\frac{t}{\tau_{-}}}\right)
$$

 R_{SH} + R_{dyn}

rise time $\tau_+{\sim}\tau_{el}=\frac{L}{R_{cut}}$

decay time

$$
\tau_{-} = \tau_{eff} = \frac{\tau_0}{1 + \alpha/n}
$$

For strong electro-thermal feedback \rightarrow best energy resolution:

$$
\Delta E_{FWHM} = 2\sqrt{2ln2} \sqrt{4k_B T^2 \frac{C}{\alpha} \sqrt{\frac{n}{2}}}
$$

Transition Edge Sensors - fabrication

Transition Edge Sensors – Lynx array

Lynx microcalorimeter array for future NASA mission for soft x-ray astronomy:

< 1″ angular resolution optic

~ 100,000-pixel with energy resolution of ΔE_{FWHM} ~3 eV

Transition Edge Sensors – Lynx array

S.J. Smith et al., JLTP 199 (2020) 330–338

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Paramagnetic temperature sensor

A.Fleischmann, C. Enss and G. M. Seidel, Topics in Applied Physics **99** (2005) 63

A.Fleischmann et al., *AIP Conf. Proc.* **1185** (2009) 571

Paramagnetic temperature sensor

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Time *t* [ms]

Paramagnetic temperature sensor \rightarrow Dilute alloy Au:Er or Ag:Er (Er concentration: a few hundred ppm)

Time *t* [ms]

Signal

Inverse Temperature T^{-1} [K⁻¹]

Temperature *T* [mK]

- planar paramagnetic sensor
- superconducting coil
- transformed coupled to a dc SQUID

Persistent current

Reliable injection of a persistent current in the superconducting coil:

Achievable critical current density: \sim 10 MA/cm²

MMC readout

Two-stage dc-SQUID readout with flux-locked loop low noise

small power dissipation on detector SQUID chip (voltage bias 1st stage)

In house produced SQUID array

MMC readout

Performance

Amplitude proportional to energy

Rise time limited by the electron spin coupling

Decay time given by C/G

 \rightarrow thermal link optimized for

detector heat capacity at operating temperature

Performance

MMC fabrication

40 m² Cleanroom class 100 at Kirchhoff Institute for Physics

Wet bench Chemistry bench Maskless aligner UHV sputtering system Dry etching system

- Flexibility in design and fabrication
- Reliable processes for thin films
- Production of MMC array and superconducting electronics

MMC Arrays

1 mm

ECHo-1k

ECHo-1k data – Live!

mk temperatures

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Room Temperature 20 mK

mk temperatures

Room Temperature **1988** and 1999 and 1999

Necessary instrumentation Dilution refrigerators Adiabatic demagnetization refrigerators

Before ~ 2000 Wet systems

"Complex systems" Require liquid helium continuous maintenance

Low temperature detectors mainly for "niche" experiment

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mm and sub-mm cameras

Astrophysics: studying the generation of stars and galaxies from cold gas

Cosmology: study of the Cosmic Microwave Background

SCUBA2 on the James Clerk Maxwell Telescope (JCMT)**:**

- Transition Edge Sensors, 10240 TESs @ T~50 mK
- 0.85 mm (352 GHz) and 0.45 mm (666 GHz)

SCUBA2 map of the highmass star forming region W51 at 850 um

W.S. Holland *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society* 430/4 (2013) 2513

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NIKA2 Al Lumped Elements KIDs

- Kinetic Inductance Detector, 2896 KIDs @ T~150 mK
- 2 mm (150 GHz) and 1.15 mm (260 GHz)

Pixel size 2.3×2.3 mm²

R. Adam et al., A&A 609, A115 (2018)

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A-MKID (12 m APEX telescope Chile)

Two sub-mm bands (350 and 850 GHz) Antenna-coupled KID:

- 3,500 pixels @ 0.85mm
- 20,000 pixels @ 0.35mm

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Planck Satellite

High-Frequency Instrument (HFI): 54 Spiderweb absorber coupled to NTD-Ge bolometers (100mK) for the frequency range 100–857 GHz.

Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL)

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CMB-S4: next-generation ground-based CMB experiment based on antenna coupled TES:

- \sim 500000 detectors (30 300 GHz)
- multiple telescopes and sites to map \gtrsim 70% of sky

Detector development follows work done in ACT (Aiola et al. 2020) BICEP/Keck (BICEP2/Keck Array Collaborations X 2018) CLASS (Harrington et al. 2016) POLARBEAR/Simons Array (Suzuki et al. 2016; Hasegawa et al.2018) SPT (Bender et al. 2018; Sayre et al. 2020)

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Detection of single NIR and visible photons Fibre-coupled TES - quantum cryptography Detection efficiency close to 100%

Single x-ray photons atomic physics, astronomy, material analysis

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32×32 pixel x-ray camera for the X-IFU

- Cryogenic spectrometer, energy band 0.2 12 keV
- Au absorbers + Ti(35nm)Au(200nm) bilayer \rightarrow Tc \sim 90mK

S. R. Bander et al., J. of Astronomical Telescopes, Instruments, and Systems, 5(2), 021017 (2019)

γ - and (α -)detectors

homeland security and nuclear nonproliferation

D. A. Bennett et al., Rev. Sci. Instrum. 83 (2012) 093113

γ - and (α -)detectors

TES

CdTe HPGe

 160

180

200

220

homeland security and nuclear nonproliferation

More than a factor 10 better resolving power than typical semiconductor detector

D. A. Bennett et al., Rev. Sci. Instrum. 83 (2012) 093113

Low temperature detector for Neutrino Physics

Neutrinoless double beta decay CUORE, AMoRE, CUPID

Coherent neutrino nucleus scattering NuCLEUS (TES), Ricochet (TES), BullKID (mKID) Neutrino interaction induces a nuclear recoil

Sterile neutrino searches BeEST (Ta-based STJ)

nuclear recoil following electron capture in ⁷Be

Fretwell et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 125, 032701 (2020)

kink in H-3 beta spectrum with $L = + MMC$ (Exp. in Korea) Y.C. Lee et al., *JLTP* **209** (2022) 919

Direct neutrino mass determination ECHo (MMC), HOLMES (TES)

all the energy released upon electron capture in 163 Ho, besides the one taken away by the neutrino B. Alpert et al, Eur. Phys. J. C 75 (2015) 112 The ECHo Collaboration EPJ-ST 226 8 (2017) 1623

R. Strauss et al.,*Eur.Phys.J.C* 79 (2019) 12, 1018

https://www.lngs.infn.it/en/cuore

Low temperature detector for Dark Matter sirect searches

WIMP produces nuclear recoil \longrightarrow temperature rise + light CRESST (TES)

on superfluid helium HeRALD (TES)

WIMP produces nuclear recoil \longrightarrow light + evaporation + de-excitation DELight (MMC)

R. Anthony-Petersen et al. (SPICE/HeRALD Collaboration) *Phys. Rev. D* 110 (2024) 072006

Phys.Rev.Lett. 120 (2018) 6, 061802

Phys.Rev.D 100 (2019) 10, 102002

Low temperature detector for axion searches

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R. Bähre et al., J. Instrum., 8(09):T09001, 2013

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The IAXO Coll., JHEP 2021, (2021) 137

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Matched Fabry-Perot cavities

X-ray optics.

MAGNET

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Solar axion flux

Photon detectors

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X-ray detectors Shielding

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AMoRE Collaboration *Phys.Rev.D* 100 (2019) 10, 102002

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