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Design, Fabrication and Performance of the Silicon Charge Detector for the ISS-CREAM

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The ISS-CREAM experiment is a space-borne mission designed for the precision measurement of energy and elemental composition of cosmic rays. It will be launched to the International Space Station. The Silicon Charge Detector (SCD) is an instrument equipped with four layers of high-precision silicon pad sensors and readout electronics arranged in such a manner that it is free of dead area. Therefore the SCD is capable of the precise measurement of elemental composition of cosmic rays with the charge resolution of $\delta Z \leq 0.2e$ for proton ($Z=1$) to nickel ($Z=28$). The SCD has been integrated into the ISS-CREAM payload which currently undergoes a series of space qualification tests. We will present the design and fabrication of the SCD. We will also present thermal-vacuum and vibrational characteristics of the SCD, and the response of the SCD to ground moun.

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