

#### Superconduting radiation detectors

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#### Origins of thermal radition detectors

S. Langley, "The Bolometer," Nature, vol. 25, p. 14, 1881.





Clarcke et al. 1977 NEP 10<sup>-13</sup>-10<sup>-12</sup> W/Hz

#### Origins of thermal radition detectors

Single particle detection with thermal detector in1949: a technique incredibly similar to the present TES detectors

#### The Effect of Alpha-particles on a Superconductor\*

D. H. ANDREWS, R. D. FOWLER AND M. C. WILLIAMS Chemistry Department, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland May 9, 1949

**S** UPERCONDUCTING bolometers have been bombarded with alpha-particles from a polonium source, and it is found that countable electrical pulses are produced, one for each particle impact. The bolometer used in the experiment reported here was made of a strip of columbium nitride, approximately  $3.5 \times 0.4$  $\times 0.006$  mm, mounted with bakelite lacquer on a copper base, and maintained at the operating temperature of  $15.5^{\circ}$ K in a cryostat, as previously described;<sup>1</sup> its time constant was about  $10^{-3}$  sec.

To provide a mounting for the polonium source, a glass tube ca. 30 cm long and 3 cm diameter was sealed to the cryostat nose facing the bolometer. The source could be slid back and forth in this tube, placing it at distances from the bolometer ranging from 2 cm to 20 cm.

The source consisted of polonium on a nickel disk 1 cm diameter, attached to the face of a steel cylinder. A vacuum of better than  $10^{-6}$  cm was maintained in the source tube and around the bolometer by a charcoal trap at liquid nitrogen temperature aided by the many contiguous surfaces at  $15^{\circ}$ K, so that the  $\alpha$ -particles traveled from the source to the bolometer with no significant loss

TABLE I. Comparison of $\alpha$ -particle counts with ionization chamber and bolometer.					
Distance from source to defining area: Average counts per second:	20 cm	2 cm			
(a) Ionization chamber (b) Bolometer	40 32	740 660			

of energy. The bolometer was protected from general heat radiation by a shield held at 90°K. The  $\alpha$ -particles passed through a hole in this shield, the opening being 7 mm diameter, in alignment with the bolometer.

The bolometer was connected to a direct current supply, and by potential leads to the primary of an audio transformer, the secondary of which led to a pulse amplifier, and thence to an oscilloscope, and scale-of-1000 counter.

The rate of counting was at a maximum when the CbN was maintained in the center of the transition, half-way between normal and super conductivity; it was relatively constant over a central interval 0.04° wide and fell sharply both above and below this temperature zone, being reduced approximately to noise level by an increase or decrease of 0.1°K. The electrical resistance of the strip was  $2\omega$  in the normal state at 15°K.

The number of counts per second was also a function of the direct current flowing through the CbN, being at a maximum for a current of 40 ma.

The number of  $\alpha$ -particles counted with the bolometer agreed, as shown in Table I, with the number counted with an ionization chamber and linear amplifier when the ionization chamber was exposed to the source through a slit system similar in geometry to that in the bolometer experiments. The ionization chamber slit was covered with a thin mica window, and the air pressure in the source tube kept at 0.01 mm.

From photographs of the peaks on the oscilloscope it is estimated that each individual pulse from the bolometer is about  $10^{-7}$  volt high and  $10^{-4}$  second wide. The maximum signal to noise ratio was 3 to 1. Since the pulse height may be expected to be proportional to the energy of the  $\alpha$ -particle, experiments are being continued to increase the signal to noise ratio, in order to evaluate the precision with which the energy of individual particles can be measured by this method, and to determine the kind of pulses produced when superconducting bolometers of this and other materials are exposed to different kinds of particle radiation. The authors wish to thank Professor Walter Koski and Mr. Carl Thomas for valuable advice and assistance.

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#### Origins of thermal radiation detectors

#### A Superconducting Bolometer as a High Sensitivity Detector for Molecular Beams

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(Z. Naturforsch. 24 a, 1850-1851 [1969]; received 31 July 1969)

The construction, operation and calibration of a superconducting bolometer is reported. Operated as a molecular beam detector the bolometer has, for Argon, a maximum sensitivity of  $7 \cdot 10^6$  molecules sec<sup>-1</sup> corresponding to a N F P of  $3 \cdot 10^{-13}$ Watt Hz<sup>-1</sup>. resistance that can be used to transduce a chopped power imput to a voltage output which may then be integrated with standard techniques.

Up to the present time the superconducting bolometer has not been widely adopted in infrared spectroscopy for two main reasons. The first is the difficulty of thermo-regulating the sensitive element within  $10^{-5}$ °K, and the second is the extreme delicacy of its construction.

Taking into account that the N.E.P. of Martin and Bloor's bolometer was reported to be limited by the electronics available at that time, we undertook the development of a superconducting bolometer with the



High quality film with "steep" superconducting to normal transition is needed



TES films are usually in the dirty limit: coher. lenght  $\xi \sim 1 \mu m$ , electron mean free path L $\sim 10 - 100 nm$  (almost a 2D system)

G-L parameter  $k_{GL} \sim 0.7 \lambda_L/L(t)$ , where t is the film thickness.

k<sub>GL</sub> moves over the full range of the G-L value for Type I and Type II supercondutcors depending on the tickness t used for specific apllication.

In both cases a finite transition width is expected (and obsevated), even if the phenomena underlying the TES operation with current bias are different and complex to be fully exploited in precision models.

The listed pure elements have only few Tc, but the actual detetctor must worrk at a temperature that is the best compromise among input power, overall noise and best operating temperrature of the cooler: Tc must be adjusted !

A first method is the proximization effect in multilayer structure Superconductind Metal - Normal Metal. Usadel Theory is often used (K.D. Usadel, Phys. Rev. Lett. **25**, 507 (1970)).



d, film tickness; n, electron density at Fermi level; 0 < t < 1, electron interface transmission; Tco, superconductor transition temperature;  $\lambda_f$ , Fermi wavelenght.



- The thermal detector has a weak link the the thermal bath for rerstoring the initial conditions
- The effect of a thermal link is easily described within the first principle of thermodinamics in the approximation of <u>small signal</u>:

 Combining electrical and tharmal equations, and moving in frequency domain, it can be seen that the "responsivity parameter" S(ω) - approximation of the classical responsivity dl/dPmixes termal and electric parameters (the following holds for large L<sub>G</sub>, much grater than 1)



- Finally the redout circuit must matches the source impedance (very small respect to the one require by standard electronics) and the detector noise
- A DC SQuiD in the configuration of trans-impedance amplifier is the best choice in almost all cases.



see M. Kiviranta's lecture tomorrow





- Statistical thermodinamics gives the energy fluctuation of the body C at equilibrium with the bath
- A simple argument can help in remembering the finale formula
- Suppose the body have a number n of phonons with thermal energy kT
- They move randomly amomg the ling G ginving statistic fluctuations

$$\Delta n =$$

$$\Delta E = kT \,\Delta n = \sqrt{kT^2C}$$

- The fluctuations are produced by a noise power flow over the thermal link G, and the power in a unit bandwidth at frequency ω
- · If we assume that the power spectrum is "shot-noise-like", the noise is independent of frequency,
- This can be integrated over all frequencies to give the total energy fluctuation, which requires the spectral density :

$$P^2(TFN) = 4kT^2G \quad W^2/Hz$$



# Build the minimal model: set of non linear equation $\rightarrow$ numerical solution is required



$$\begin{cases} C_{TES} \frac{dT_{TES}}{dt} = K_2 \left( T_{Abs}^{n} - T_{TES}^{n} \right) - K_1 \left( T_{TES}^{n} - T_{h}^{n} \right) + R_x \left( T_{TES} \right) I_b^2 \\ C_{Abs} \frac{dT_{Abs}}{dt} = -K_2 \left( T_{Abs}^{n} - T_{TES}^{n} \right) + P_\beta \left( t \right) \\ R_{st} \left( I_0 \left( t \right) - I_b \right) = R_x \left( T_{TES} \right) I_b + L_p \frac{dI_b}{dt} + \frac{q}{C} \\ I_b = \frac{dq}{dt} \end{cases}$$

# Results: ETF clearly visible

- ETF: the bias power act as negative feedback reducing thermal swing and time response.
- ETF: Linearize and sped-up the response
- ETF: becomes important if L ranges is~ 10-10<sup>2</sup>



## **TES-Transition edge sensor**

Real TES sensor have T and I dependence

$$R(T,I) \approx R_0 + \frac{dR}{dT} \bigg|_I \delta T + \frac{dR}{dI} \bigg|_T \delta I \qquad R(T,I) \approx R_0 + \alpha \frac{T}{R} \delta T + \beta \frac{T}{R} \delta I$$

Dynamical performance much more complex to be evaluated



# Whole model for the energy resolution for TES

Including all the noise sources (Phonon, Johnson...), the intrinsic thermal resolution contains sensor and conductance parameters: α and n (→G~T<sup>n</sup>)



## TES detector configurations





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## Soft X-ray Photon



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## High Energy Photons





# Soft x-ray Photon Resolution



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# Blue Light TES SPD







# 1550 nm TES SPD

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# Antenna Coupled TES

#### • Wide Band Antenna Coupled TES Bolometer



A. Lee, UCB, "Workshop CMB from Space"

#### Microwave Antenna Coupled Bolometer



## Large Array



#### The NEP Challenge



### Dark Matter



# If DM is composed by relic particle: WIMP

- Neutralino LSP produce naturally cosmological WIMP density
- Annihilation  $\sigma \rightarrow$  relic density  $\rightarrow$  WIMP density ( $\Omega_{DM}$ )
- Scattering  $\sigma$  on proton  $\rightarrow$  prediction for direct detection
- 10-8 pb is experimentally at hand, and a very significant goal for direct detection

Test of cosmologicaly + SUSY motivated "Focus Point" region



## DM experiments

Solid state tec	hnology:	Detection:	Target:	Location:		
SuperCDMS	current	Phonon/Ionization	Ge (Si)	Soudan (US)/SNOLab (Canada)		
EDELWEISS	current	Phonon/Ionization	Ge	Modane (France)		
CRESST	current	Phonon/Scintillation	CaWO4	LNGS (Italy)		
EURECA	planned	Phonon/Ionization/Scintillation	Ge, CaWO4,	Modane (France)		
CoGeNT	current	Ionization	Ge	Soudan (US)		
C-4	planned	Ionization	Ge	Soudan (US)		
TEXONO	current	Ionization	Ge	KSNL (Taiwan)		
CDEX	current	Ionization	Ge	CJPL (China)		
Liquid Xenon:						
LUX	current	Ionization/Scintillation	Xe	SURF		
LZ	planned	Ionization/Scintillation	Xe	SURF		
PandaX	current	Ionization/Scintillation	Xe	CJPL (China)		
XENON100kg-	10Tcurrent/planned	Ionization/Scintillation	Xe	LNGS (Italy)		
XMASS1T-20T	current/planned	Scintillation	Xe	Kamioka (Japan)		
Liquid Argon:						
DarkSide	current	Ionization/Scintillation	Ar	LNGS (Italy)		
ArDM	current	Ionization/Scintillation	Ar	Canfranc (Spain)		
MiniCLEAN	current	Scintillation	Ar	SNOLab (Canada)		
DEAP	current	Scintillation	Ar	SNOLab (Canada)		
Crystals for annual modulation:						
DAMA/LIBRA	current	Scintillation	Nal	LNGS (Italy)		
ELEGANT	current	Scintillation	Nal	(Japan)		
DM-Ice17	current	Scintillation	Nal	(Southpole)		
Princeton Nal	planned	Scintillation	Nal	LNGS (Italy)		
CINDMS	planned	Scintillation	CsI(Na)	(China)		
KIMS	current	Scintillation	Csl	(Korea)		
Superheated liquids:						
COUPP	current	Bubbles	CF3I	SNOLab (Canada)		
PICASSO	current	Bubbles	C4FIO	SNOLab (Canada)		
SIMPLE	current	Bubbles	C <sub>2</sub> CIF <sub>5</sub>	Canfranc (Spain)		
Directional detection:						
DRIFT	current	Ionization	CS2 CS4	Boulby (UK)		
DMTPC	current	Ionization	CF4	WIPP		
D^3	planned	Ionization	iC4H10			
MIMAC	planned	Ionization	CF4	Modane (France)		
Newage	planned	Ionization	CF4	(Japan)?		
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#### Goal: Detect WIMP-induced nuclear recoil in an earth based target material

#### Standard assumptions:

- WIMP density (ρ<sub>D</sub>) at the Earth: ~0.3 GeV/c<sup>2</sup>/cm<sup>3</sup>
- Spectral shape: exponential towards lower energies
- Wide range of WIMP masses: 10 1000 GeV/c<sup>2</sup>
- Expected signature: nuclear recoil (of a few keV)
- Expected scattering behaviour: coherent, i.e. ~ A<sup>2</sup>
- Single scatters distributed uniformly in target volume
- Extremely rare interaction rate with baryonic matter (< 0.1 evts/kg/d)



$\partial R$ $PD = \frac{E_R}{2}$	R measured rate in detector	E <sub>R</sub> recoil energy of target nucleus
$\frac{1}{2E_{-}} \propto NF^{2}(\dot{q}) \frac{1}{M_{-}} \sigma_{\chi} e^{-\epsilon_{0}}$	M <sub>D</sub> mass of WIMP	σ <sub>γ</sub> WIMP nucleus cross section
OER IND	N number of target nuclei	F <sup>2</sup> nuclear Form factor

- → suppress natural radioactivity and cosmic radiation by orders of magnitude:
- Deep underground facilities
- Additional shielding with selected materials
- Detectors with very low energy threshold and excellent background discrimination capability







Light-mass WIMP (12 GeV): contribution of O and Ca, W just above threshold

### A-thermal phonon detection









### CDMS

#### **Athermal Phonon Detection Principles**



- Become insensitive to absorber heat capacity by collection and concentration of Phonons
- More Complex = More losses
  - Theoretical Max
    Efficiency: 40%
  - SuperCDMS Efficiency  $(\epsilon_p)$ : 10-15%




FIG. 2. Ionization yield versus recoil energy in all detectors included in this analysis for events passing all signal criteria except (top) and including (bettern) the phonon timing criterion. The curved black lines indicate the signal region (-1.8 $\sigma$ and +1.2 $\sigma$  from the mean nuclear recoil yield) between 7 and 100 keV recoil energies, while the gray band shows the range of charge thresholds. Electron recoils in the detector bulk have yield near unity. The data are colored to indicate recoil energy ranges (dark to light) of 7-20, 20-30, and 30-100 keV to aid the interpretation of Fig. **Q** 



FIG. 1. Normalized ionization yield (standard deviations from the nuclear recoil band controid) versus normalized phonon timing parameter (normalized such that the median of the surface event calibration sample is at -1 and the cut position is at 0) for events in all detectors from the WIMPsearch data set passing all other selection criteria. The black box indicates the WIMP candidate selection region. The black box indicates the WIMP candidate selection region. The data are colored to indicate recoil energy ranges (dark to light) of 7–20, 20–30, and 30–100 keV. The thin red curves on the bottom and right axes are the histograms of surface events from <sup>120</sup>Ba calibration data, while the thicker green curves are the histograms of nuclear recoils from <sup>200</sup>Cf calibration data.

# Precision Experiment: QCD Test

# K - Nucleus strong interaction at low energy



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# QCD tests

### Quantum ChromoDynamics (QCD) becomes non-perturbative at low energy

- impossible to use perturbative methods
- (approximative) symmetries are good guidelines to understand the hadron dynamics

quark	mass [MeV]	symmetry				
up	~ 2	chiral	quark mass			
down	~ 5	symmetry	zero limit			
strange	~ 100	intermediate				
charm	~ 1,300	heavy-quark	quark mass infinity			
bottom	~ 4,200	symmetry				
top	~ 170,000	weak decay w/o forming hadrons				

(K<sup>-</sup> is the lightest hadron containing strange quark.)

"K<sup>-</sup>-Nucl." systems are suitable testing grounds for investigating the interplay between spontaneous and explicit chiral symmetry breaking.

## Strongly attractive!

Dense matter : higher d matter c

Neutron star :

Origin of mass :

higher density beyond normal nuclearmatter density?

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Kaon is a strong candidate of hadrons composing inside of neutron star.

the in-medium mass modification effect as a function of matter density?

### Deeply bound K<sup>-</sup> cluster



# QCD tests



# QCD tests: need high E resolution

	K-4He Kα events	detector resolution (FWHM)	stat. accuracy of determining the central value of 6 keV
KEK-E570 with SDD	1500 events	190 eV	<b>2 eV</b> = 190 / 2.35 / sqrt(1500)
		2 eV	0.09 eV
TES Microcalorimeter	100 events (~ 4-day beam)	3 eV	0.13 eV = 3 / 2.35 / sqrt(100)
		4 eV	0.17 eV

# QCD tests: need high E resolution

# 1. Crystal spectrometer



## 2. Microcalorimeter



# QED tests

- physics interest: precise test of QED
  - for H-atom: measured with high precision (10-6-level)
    - → excellent agreement with prediction
  - for high Z: strong Coulomb fields
    - $\rightarrow$  Za  $\approx$  1: sensitive test still missing
- idea of the experiment: measure transition energy of the Lyman-α line for hydrogen-like Au, U
   ⇒ energy resolution determines precision
- theoretical prediction for <sup>238</sup>U<sup>91+</sup>: 464.3 ± 0.5 eV (Yerochin et al., Phys.Rev.Lett **91** (2003) 073001)
- experimental value for <sup>238</sup>U<sup>91+</sup> (measured at GSI with conventional Ge detectors): 460.2 ± 4.6 eV (Gumberidze et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 94 (2005) 223001)
  - > to improve experimental accuracy: new detector concept



# Uranium exp. at GSI



- injection of fully stripped ions (example Au<sup>79+</sup>)
- beam cooling and deceleration
- electron capture in the gas-jet target
- detection of the Lyman-α radiation
  Lyman-α rate in 4π = 2 x 10<sup>5</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> ⇒ estimated
  count rate/pixel = 3 x 10<sup>-3</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>



# Measurement on <sup>197</sup>Au<sup>78+</sup> (2012)



Result:  $E(Ly-\alpha 1) = (71563 \pm 4_{stat} \pm 7_{syst}) eV$ 

- ➤ in good agreement with theoretical prediction E(Ly-α1) = 71569.7(5) eV
- statistical and systematic uncertainities considerably reduced
- precision already comparable to best result with conventional Germanium detectors (± 4.6 eV)
- ➤ systematic uncertainity dominated by precision of determination of Θ (6 eV)

#### Searching for the Neutrino Mass: The Pioneering Experiment



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#### Improved Rhenium detector with Superconducting TES



Re-crystal on epoxy-post / Ir-TES / SiN-membrane







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#### Searching for the Neutrino Mass: The Pioneering Experiment



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<sup>163</sup>Ho + e<sup>-</sup>  $\longrightarrow$  <sup>163</sup>Dy<sup>\*</sup> + v<sub>e</sub> electron capture decay (A. De Rujula and M.Lusignoli, Phys. Lett. 9 (1982)



• First calorimetric measurement of  ${}^{163}$ Ho endpoint energy: Q = 2.80 ± 0.05 keV (F. Gatti, et al, Physics Letters B, 1997) with Ho-oxide embedded in Sn absorber



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- TES array fabricated at **NIST**, Boulder, CO, USA
- <sup>163</sup>Ho implantation at INFN, Genova, Italy
- 1 μm Au final layer deposited at INFN Genova
- final fabrication process definition in progress
- HOLMES **4**×**16** linear sub-array for low parasitic *L* and high implant efficiency



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# PTOLEMY

Capture of relic neutrinos on decaying tritium beta decay:

$$^3_1H + \nu_e \rightarrow ^3_2He + e$$





#### Searching for the Relic Neutrino : Experiment Ptolemy

# PTOLEMY conceptual design





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#### Searching for the Relic Neutrino : Experiment Ptolemy

### TES as electron detector with sub-eV energy resolution



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# **Large Scale Polarization Explorer**



## CMB measurements can probe

## all phases of the evolution of the Universe







- The Large-Scale Polarization Explorer is
  - a spinning stratospheric balloon payload
  - flying long-duration, in the polar night
  - aiming at CMB polarization at large angular scales
  - using polarization modulators to achieve high stability
- Frequency coverage: 40 250 GHz (5 channels)
- Two instruments:
  SWIPE and STRIP
- Angular resolution: 1.5 2.3 deg FWHM
- Sky coverage: 20-25% of the sky per flight
- Combined sensitivity: 10 µK arcmin per flight





90 GHz days13















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SW lateral TES type





Electronics	SQUID VTT J3
G	3-6 x 10 <sup>-11</sup> W/K
Rn	1-2 Ω
NEP	2-5 x 10 <sup>-17</sup> W/Hz <sup>0.5</sup>
Τ	0.35 -0.55 K

#### SW central TES type













## Key questions for observational astrophysics in 2028

When and how were the largest baryon reservoirs in galaxy clusters chemically





## Key questions for observational astrophysics in 2028

How do black holes launch winds and outflows? How much energy do they carry out to larger scales?



Cappi, Done et al., 2013 arXiv1306.2330 Dovciak, Matt et al., 2013 arXiv1306.2331



X-IFU

L2 orbit Ariane V <5100 kg power 2500 W 5 year mission





X-ray Integral Field Unit: DE: 2.5 eV Fielf of View: 5 arcmin Operating temp 50 mK



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# **Background reduction**

Anticoincidence and reduction effects Extensive  $F(5'')=10^{-13}$  c.g.s background without ACD background with ACD simulations/design and reduced background **TES AC detector x20** 0.1 cts/cm<sup>2</sup>/s/keV **x6** CLJ144910484960982607=225.0Rs2560ksnom 0.01 Fe K 0.01 normalized counts s<sup>11</sup> keV<sup>11</sup> 1E-3 10 2 5 [keV] Е S. Lotti - IAPS-INAF σ(T) =3.3% 50 **σ(Z) =15%** Cluster at the formation epoch (z=2) F=10<sup>-15</sup> erg/cm<sup>2</sup>/s, (Gobat et al 2011), L=7 10<sup>43</sup> erg/s ₽0.2 0.5 A=0.2 arcmin<sup>2</sup>, kT=2.0 keV, Energy (keV) Abundance 0.3, area=1m2,f/l=12m S. Lotti - IAPS-INAF 72
### Microscopic Detection Mechanism

- I. Hot spot along the particle track
- 2. Quasi-diffusive heat transport
- 4. Efficient collection of fast A-thermal signal needs large TES coverage
- 5. Possible Upgrade with Phonon Collectors for larger signal uniformity





2D plot of the integrated heat flux (arbitrary unit) at the surface (pixel size=200 µm



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- Planar device
- Baseline: 96 TESs without aluminum fingers
- Freestanding silicon absorber 10 × 10 mm<sup>2</sup>
- 4 silicon beams
- Silicon thickness 500 μm
- TESs Ir:Au bilayer to reduce T<sub>c</sub>
- Anti-inductive overlapped wiring with alternate TES biasing

SQUID







## Some last snapshots of the work under way

- Amplitude of the thermal signal is of course limited by the low quality silicon of the test detector
- Decay time is also increased by the same effect
- The low resistance 1mΩ stretches the rise time
- This is a peculiarity of this detector that was not fabricated for signal -> we have already produced 1-10µs rise time and 100 µs decay time





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#### **40Pix-B setup in SRON CTP cooler**







SRON

#### (Anti)Coincidences

- In the last weeks we have finalized the **anticoincidence capability demonstration**. We have operated simultaneously the CryoAC and 19 pixels of the TES array (**MUX mode**, 3 of 16 are blind pixels).
- In 890 ks of observation (~ 10 days), we have collected 286 coincidence events (a factor x10 wrt last run). The observed count rate is 1.6 cts/cm<sup>2</sup>/min, in agreement with the expectation for cosmic muons.



• The energy deposition on both CryoAC and TES array are consistent with the expectations for Minimum Ionizing Particles (MIPs). The Landau distribution shape is now more clear in the acquired spectra.





# Summary

- TES is almost well know physical system presntly used in many radiation detectors,
- Nevertheless, fine physiscal effetcts (related to the superconductivity phenomena) are not fully clarified and need proper investigations.
- TES based Low T detectors offer a wide spectrum of new instruments for nuclear and particle physics, IR-UV, X-ray to gammas, microwave and THz
- Single particle/fhoton detection with VERY HIGH ENERGY RESOLUTION
- Possibility to built detector with a large variety of materials and with not "usual" geometry.
- New Sup. Electronics (SQuID Mux M. Kiviranta talk tomorrow) allows deploying large arrays of detetctors: O(10<sup>4</sup>) bolometers and O(10<sup>3</sup>) micro-calorimeters
- Large TES-based instruments are under design for space telscopes for X-ray Astrophysics (ATHENA-ESA) and CMB (LiteBird-JAXA)
- Limitations of the cryogenics and of the MUX readout complexity are presently an affordable difficulty thanks to the huge developments in these last 10 years.
- Firts commercial LTD EDXS systems proposed by private industries
- Suggested references: Cryogenic Particle Detection, Ed C. Enss, Springer, Handbook of applied Superconductivity. P Seidel, Wiley.