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Transition-Edge Sensor Microcalorimeter Development for Particle Physics at IHEP

The transition-edge sensor (TES) is a type of thermal equilibrium superconducting detectors that offers excellent energy resolution, a wide dynamic range, and high quantum efficiency. The Group of Low-Temperature Detectors at IHEP develops TES microcalorimeters for neutrino-less double beta decay $(0\nu\beta\beta)$ experiments and high energy astrophysics missions.



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Transition-edge sensor: towards better energy resolution







Neutrino-less double beta decay $(0\nu\beta\beta)$: Majorana particle?





Science Goal:

511 keV space mission



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Origin of positron and its distribution in the center of the Milk Way.

- Validate the Majorana theory by detecting the $0\nu\beta\beta$ event of ¹⁰⁰Mo isotope
- Discover new physics beyond the standard model of particle physics.

Tech. Target:

- resolution: < 5 keV @ 3.034 MeV
- response time: 10-100 µs

Tech. Target:

- saturation: E > 511 keV
- resolution: $E/\Delta E > 1000$
- focal plan detector area: >10 cm² (single layer)
- efficiency: 93% @ 511 keV

Future Work

- 1. TES energy resolution improvement
- 2. Large array fabrication and uniformity examination