# Transition Edge Sensor Modeling

Following "Transition-Edge Sensors, K.D. Irwin and G. C. Hilton"

# TESS operation

- Set a **voltage** across the TES ( $V_{TES}$ )
- Put TES in series with an inductor
- Current in TES  $\rightarrow$  magnetic flux in inductor

0.102

0.104

- $\rightarrow$  SQUID measures magnetic flux
- $\rightarrow$  SQUID measures current I<sub>TES</sub>
- Calculate TES resistance with  $V_{TES}/I_{TES}$



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0.096

0.098

0.100

Temperature [K]





#### Differential equations

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

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

 $P_{\text{bath}} = K (T^n - T_{\text{bath}}^n)$ 



# Quiescent solution and Electro-thermal stability

- **Typical scenario:** 
	- $Tb \sim 10$  mK
	- $T<sub>TES</sub>$  (critical temperature Tc) ~ 50 mK
- Joule heating keeps TES at elevated temperature  $O$   $P = V^2/R$
- 
- In Quiescence, TES operates at  $\circ$  T<sub>0</sub>: Operating temperature, close to Tc
	- $\bigcirc$ R<sub>0</sub>: TES operating resistance
		- $~1$  ~30% of Rn (normal Resistance)
	- $\circ$  P<sub>0</sub>: "Bias power", power to heat TES from Tb to T0
- When particle hit  $\rightarrow$  TES heats up  $\rightarrow$  R goes up
	- $\rightarrow$  P decreases  $\rightarrow$  TES cools back down



# TES model  $R(T, I) \approx R_0 + \frac{\partial R}{\partial T}\bigg|_{I_0} \delta T + \frac{\partial R}{\partial I}\bigg|_{T_0} \delta I$  $\alpha_I \equiv \frac{\partial \log R}{\partial \log T}\bigg|_{I_0} = \frac{T_0}{R_0} \frac{\partial R}{\partial T}\bigg|_{I_0}$  $\beta_I \equiv \frac{\partial \log R}{\partial \log I}\bigg|_{T_0} = \frac{I_0}{R_0}\frac{\partial R}{\partial I}\bigg|_{T_0}$  $R(T, I) \approx R_0 + \alpha_I \frac{R_0}{T_0} \delta T + \beta_I \frac{R_0}{I_0} \delta I$



# More "random" definitions (aka jargons)

• Constant temperature dynamic resistane

$$
\text{ce} \quad R_{\text{dyn}} \equiv \left. \frac{\partial V}{\partial I} \right|_{T_0} = R_0 \left( 1 + \beta_I \right)
$$

$$
\tau \equiv \frac{C}{G}
$$

 $\tau_{el}$ 

● Natural thermal time constant

● Low frequency loop gain with constant current

$$
\mathscr{L}_I \equiv \frac{P_{J_0} \alpha_I}{GT_0}
$$

● Electrical time constant

● Current biased thermal time constant

$$
= \frac{L}{R_L + R_0 (1 + \beta_I)} = \frac{L}{R_L + R_{\text{dyn}}}
$$

$$
\tau_I = \frac{\tau}{1 - \mathscr{L}_I}
$$

#### Linearized differential equation

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$$
L\frac{dI}{dt} = V - IR_L - IR(T, I)
$$

$$
C\frac{dT}{dt} = -P_{\text{bath}} + P_{\text{J}} + P
$$

• Small signal limit, Taylor expansion, neglecting all higher order terms

$$
\frac{\mathrm{d}\delta I}{\mathrm{d}t} = -\frac{R_L + R_0 \left(1 + \beta_I\right)}{L} \delta I - \frac{\mathscr{L}_I G}{I_0 L} \delta T + \frac{\delta V}{L}
$$

$$
\frac{\mathrm{d}\delta T}{\mathrm{d}t} = \frac{I_0 R_0 \left(2 + \beta_I\right)}{C} \delta I - \frac{\left(1 - \mathscr{L}_I\right)}{\tau} \delta T + \frac{\delta P}{C} \ .
$$

δV and δP are small perturbations around bias voltage V and input power P

○ Put in for later analyses, eg. particle power injection, noise sales are to the set of a

#### Matrix differential equation

$$
\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t}\begin{pmatrix} \delta I \\ \delta T \end{pmatrix} = -\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\tau_{\text{el}}} & \frac{\mathscr{L}_I G}{I_0 L} \\ -\frac{I_0 R_0 (2+\beta_I)}{C} & \frac{1}{\tau_I} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \delta I \\ \delta T \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\delta V}{L} \\ \frac{\delta P}{C} \end{pmatrix}
$$

- Solve for homogeneous equations first  $\rightarrow$  setting  $\delta V$  and  $\delta P$  to 0
- $\bullet$  Diagonalize the matrix  $\rightarrow$  two eigenvalues with two eigenvectors

$$
\frac{d}{dt}f_{\pm}(t) = -\lambda_{\pm}f_{\pm}(t)
$$

# Differential equation solution  $\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} \delta I \\ \delta T \end{pmatrix} = - \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\tau_{el}} & \frac{\mathscr{L}_I G}{\tau_{0L}} \\ -\frac{I_0 R_0 (2 + \beta_I)}{G} & \frac{1}{\tau_{el}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \delta I \\ \delta T \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\delta V}{L} \\ \frac{\delta P}{G} \end{pmatrix}$  $\frac{d}{dt}f_{\pm}(t)=-\lambda_{\pm}f_{\pm}(t)$

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$$
\begin{aligned}\n\left(\frac{\delta I}{\delta T}\right) &= A_{+}e^{-\lambda_{+}t} \stackrel{\rightarrow}{v_{+}} + A_{-}e^{-\lambda_{-}t} \stackrel{\rightarrow}{v_{-}} \\
\frac{1}{\tau_{\pm}} &= \lambda_{\pm} = \frac{1}{2\tau_{\text{el}}} + \frac{1}{2\tau_{I}} \pm \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{\tau_{\text{el}}} - \frac{1}{\tau_{I}}\right)^{2} - 4\frac{R_{0}}{L} \frac{\mathcal{L}_{I}(2+\beta_{I})}{\tau_{-}}} \\
\frac{\rightarrow}{v_{\pm}} &= \left(\frac{1 - \mathcal{L}_{I} - \lambda_{\pm} \tau}{2 + \beta_{I}} \frac{G}{I_{0}R_{0}}\right)\n\end{aligned}
$$

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## Specific solution 1 -- Impulse energy input

● Particle incident and instantaneously thermalization

 $\delta I(0) = 0$  $\delta T(0) = \delta T = E/C$ 

● Solve for A±, then...

$$
\delta I(t) = \left(\frac{\tau_I}{\tau_+} - 1\right) \left(\frac{\tau_I}{\tau_-} - 1\right) \frac{1}{(2 + \beta_I)} \frac{C \delta T}{I_0 R_0 \tau_I^2} \frac{\left(e^{-t/\tau_+} - e^{-t/\tau_-}\right)}{(1/\tau_+ - 1/\tau_-)}
$$

$$
\delta T(t) = \left(\left(\frac{1}{\tau_I} - \frac{1}{\tau_+}\right) e^{-t/\tau_-} + \left(\frac{1}{\tau_I} - \frac{1}{\tau_-}\right) e^{-t/\tau_+}\right) \frac{\delta T}{(1/\tau_+ - 1/\tau_-)}
$$

 $\tau$ +,  $\tau$ - : "rise time" and "fall time" of a pulse with impulse energy deposition

# Specific solution 1 -- Impulse energy input

• When L (inductance) is small,  $\tau$ +<<  $\tau$ -

$$
\tau_{\scriptscriptstyle{+}} \to \tau_{\rm el},
$$

$$
\tau_{-} \rightarrow \tau \frac{1 + \beta_I + R_L/R_0}{1 + \beta_I + R_L/R_0 + (1 - R_L/R_0)\mathscr{L}_I} = \tau_{\text{eff}}
$$

$$
\mathscr{L}_I \equiv \frac{P_{J_0} \alpha_I}{GT_0}
$$

- Recall from last lecture, when  $R_L/R_0 \ll 1$ , "Stiff voltage bias limit"
- $\bullet$   $\beta_1 \rightarrow 0$  (not modelled in last lecture)

$$
\tau_{\rm eff} = \frac{\tau_0}{1+\frac{\alpha P_0}{T_0 G}} = \frac{\tau_0}{1+\frac{\alpha}{n}(1-\left(\frac{T_b}{T_0}\right)^n)}
$$

# Specific solution 2 -- small sinusoidal power input  $\delta P = \text{Re}(\delta P_0 e^{i\omega t})$

● Useful to derive **responsivity**

$$
\frac{d}{dt}\begin{pmatrix}\delta I \\ \delta T\end{pmatrix} = -\begin{pmatrix}\frac{1}{\tau_{\rm el}} & \frac{\mathscr{L}_IG}{I_0 L} \\ \frac{-I_0R_0(2+\beta_I)}{C} & \frac{1}{\tau_I}\end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix}\delta I \\ \delta T\end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix}0 \\ \frac{\delta P_0}{C}\end{pmatrix}e^{i\omega t}
$$

After some math……

$$
\frac{dI}{dP}(\omega) = s_I(\omega) = -\frac{1}{I_0 R_0} \frac{1}{(2+\beta_I)} \frac{(1-\tau_{+}/\tau_I)}{(1+i\omega\tau_{+})} \frac{(1-\tau_{-}/\tau_I)}{(1+i\omega\tau_{-})}
$$
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$$
\frac{dI}{dP}(\omega) = s_T(\omega) = \frac{1}{G} \frac{\tau_{+}\tau_{-}}{\tau^2} \frac{(\tau/\tau_{+} + \tau/\tau_{-} + \mathcal{L}_I - 1 + i\omega\tau)}{(1+i\omega\tau_{+})(1+i\omega\tau_{-})}.
$$
\nM-2388 filters

- Two low-pass filters
	- For a review of one-pole filter and its response in Laplace domain, see eg.<https://www.embeddedrelated.com/showarticle/590.php>

#### Complex impedance

- Impedance of the system in a complex plane, as a function of frequency
	- $\circ$  Given Voltage excitation of ω angular frequency, what's current and phase?

$$
\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \left( \frac{\delta I}{\delta T} \right) = -\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\tau_{\text{el}}} & \frac{\mathscr{L}_I G}{I_0 L} \\ -\frac{I_0 R_0 (2 + \beta_I)}{C} & \frac{1}{\tau_I} \end{pmatrix} \left( \frac{\delta I}{\delta T} \right) + \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\delta V}{L} \\ \frac{\delta P}{C} \end{pmatrix}
$$
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$$
\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\tau_{\text{el}}} + i\omega & \frac{\mathscr{L}_I G}{I_0 L} \\ -\frac{I_0 R_0 (2 + \beta_I)}{C} & \frac{1}{\tau_I} + i\omega \end{pmatrix} \left( \frac{I_\omega}{T_\omega} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{V_\omega}{L} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}
$$
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$$
\begin{pmatrix} \frac{V_\omega}{L} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}
$$

# Complex

Complex impedance  
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$$
\left(\begin{array}{c}\n\frac{1}{\tau_{el}} + i\omega & \frac{\mathcal{L}_{IG}}{I_0 L} \\
-\frac{I_0 R_0 (2 + \beta_I)}{C} & \frac{1}{\tau_I} + i\omega\n\end{array}\right) \left(\begin{array}{c}\nI_{\omega} \\
T_{\omega}\n\end{array}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{c}\nV_{\omega} \\
\overline{L} \\
0\n\end{array}\right)
$$
\n
$$
\mathbf{V} = \begin{array}{c}\n\mathbf{R}_L \\
\hline\n\frac{1}{\tau} \\
\frac{1}{\tau_I} + i\omega\n\end{array}
$$
\n
$$
Z_{\omega} = V_{\omega}/I_{\omega} = R_L + i\omega L + Z_{\text{TES}} \qquad \qquad \frac{1}{\tau_I}
$$
\n
$$
Z_{\text{TES}} = R_0(1 + \beta_I) + \frac{R_0 \mathcal{L}_I}{1 - \mathcal{L}_I} \frac{2 + \beta_I}{1 + i\omega \tau_I} \qquad \qquad \frac{1}{\tau_I} \\
\text{Or. complex admittance } Y = 1/Z
$$
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$$
Y(\omega) = s_I(\omega)I_0 \frac{\mathcal{L}_I - 1}{\mathcal{L}_I} (1 + i\omega \tau_I) \qquad \qquad \frac{1}{\tau_I} \qquad \qquad \frac{1}{\tau_I} \\
\text{Re}(Z) (\text{m}\Omega) \qquad \qquad \frac{1}{\tau_I} \qquad \qquad \
$$

#### Complex impedance used to extract TES parameters

• Often takes data at different Tb and different R0



# TES Stability

- For a TES to be stable:
	- ± need to be **real (not oscillating)**
	- Re(±) need to be **positive (converging back to quiescence)**

$$
\frac{1}{\tau_{\pm}} \equiv \lambda_{\pm} = \frac{1}{2\tau_{\text{el}}} + \frac{1}{2\tau_{I}} \pm \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{\tau_{\text{el}}}-\frac{1}{\tau_{I}}\right)^{2} - 4\frac{R_{0}}{L} \frac{\mathscr{L}_{I}(2+\beta_{I})}{\tau}}
$$

$$
R_{0} > \frac{\left(\mathscr{L}_{I}-1\right)}{\left(\mathscr{L}_{I}+1+\beta_{I}\right)} R_{L}
$$

- In large  $L_{\parallel}$  limit (large amplification),  $R_{0} > R_{L}$
- If  $\text{Re}(\tau)$  is positive, but  $\tau$  isn't real  $\rightarrow$  TES is underdamped (oscillate) but will converge → **Electrothermal oscillation**
- If  $Re(\tau \pm)$  is negative  $\rightarrow$  thermal runaway 17

https://arxiv.org/pdf/2304.14926.pdf

## Complex detector modeling





$$
L\frac{dI}{dt} = I_0 * R_0 - I * R_{tes}
$$
  
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$$
C_a \frac{dT_a}{dt} = \frac{E}{c\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(t-t_0)^2}{2c^2}} - K_{a,b}(T_a^{n_{a,b}} - T_b^{n_{a,b}}) - K_{a,au}(T_a^{n_{a,au}} - T_{au1}^{n_{a,au1}}) - K_{a,g}(T_a^{n_{a,g}} - T_b^{n_{a,g}})
$$
  
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$$
C_{au1} \frac{dT_{au1}}{dt} = K_{a,au1}(T_{au1}^{n_{a,au1}} - T_a^{n_{a,au1}}) - K_{au1,wb1}(T_{au1}^{n_{au1,wb1}} - T_{wb1}^{n_{au1,wb1}})
$$
  
\n
$$
C_g \frac{dT_g}{dt} = K_{a,g}(T_g^{n_{a,g}} - T_a^{n_{a,g}}) - K_{g,si}(T_g^{n_{g,si}} - T_{si}^{n_{g,si}})
$$
  
\n
$$
C_{wb1} \frac{dT_{wb1}}{dt} = K_{au1,wb1}(T_{wb1,wb1}^{m_{au1,wb1}} - T_{au1,wb1}^{n_{au1,wb1}}) - K_{wb1,au2}(T_{wb1,au2}^{n_{wb1,au2}} - T_{au2}^{n_{ub1,au2}})
$$
  
\n
$$
C_{au2} \frac{dT_{au2}}{dt} = K_{si,au2}(T_{au2}^{n_{si,au2}} - T_{si}^{n_{si,au2}}) - K_{wb1,au2}(T_{au2}^{n_{wb1,au2}} - T_{wb1}^{n_{ub1,au2}}) - K_{au2,tes}(T_{au2}^{n_{au,us2}} - T_{tes}^{n_{su,tes2}})
$$
  
\n
$$
C_{si} \frac{dT_{si}}{dt} = K_{g,si}(T_{si}^{n_{si,a}} - T_{g}^{n_{si,au2}}) - K_{si,au2}(T_{si}^{n_{si,au2}} - T_{au2}^{n_{si,us2}}) - K_{si,tes}(T_{si}^{n_{si,tes}} - T_{tes}^{n_{si,tes}})
$$
  
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$$
- K_{si,m}(T_{si}^{n_{si,m}} - T_{m}^{n_{si,m}})
$$
  
\n
$$
C_{ts} \frac{dT_{
$$

#### Differential equation  $\rightarrow$  Matrices (time, frequency)



#### One note about noise and resolution

- $\bullet$  With responsivity  $s_{\vert}$ , can derive theoretical resolution:
	- Model various noise
		- Johnson noise, thermal fluctuation noise, etc.
	- Convert to "Noise Equivalent Power"

$$
\Delta E_{\rm rms} = \left(\sqrt{\int_0^\infty \frac{4df}{\rm NEP}(f)^2}\right)^{-1}
$$

● Irwin's derivation shows

$$
\Delta E_{\rm rms} = \sqrt{4k_{\rm B}T^2C\frac{1}{\alpha}\sqrt{\frac{n}{2}}}
$$

● Will come back to this next class