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Superconductor/ferromagnet tunnel junction based thermoelectric bolometer and calorimeter

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Based on the giant thermoelectric effect of a superconductor/ferromagnet tunnel junction [1], a novel ultrasensitive radiation detector (SFTED) has been proposed both as bolometer [2] and calorimeter [3]. This type of detector can be operated without the need of additional circuit lines for the sensing bias, and at the same time providing a noise equivalent power (NEP) below $1\times 10^{-19}\times \sqrt{G_T}~W/\sqrt{Hz}$ [2] ($\sqrt{G_T}$ is the tunneling conductance of the junction), rivaling the best TES and KID detectors, in theory. Here we report our recent numerical studies on the feasibility of a SQUID readout of SFTED in both bolometric and calorimetric regimes, and in the direction of providing a set of practical design parameters for the detector fabrication and the readout circuitry implementation.

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