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Development of numerical simulation code for THz band superconducting hot-electron bolometer mixer designing

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THz region is an unexplored frequency band in heterodyne sensing technology fields, since a conventional SIS mixer cannot operate due to superconducting Cooper pair breakdown by photon absorption in the THz band. To overcome this obstacle, we are developing an alternative THz-band heterodyne device known as a hot electron bolometer mixer (HEBM) device. However, physical processes in this device are not yet completely understood. Thus we develop a new numerical simulation code to understand physical processes in the HEBM device, which aims to improve the efficiency of device designing. In this meeting we will present the preliminary results on the development of the numerical simulation code for the HEBM device.

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