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# **SQUID Amplifiers for Axion Search Experiments**

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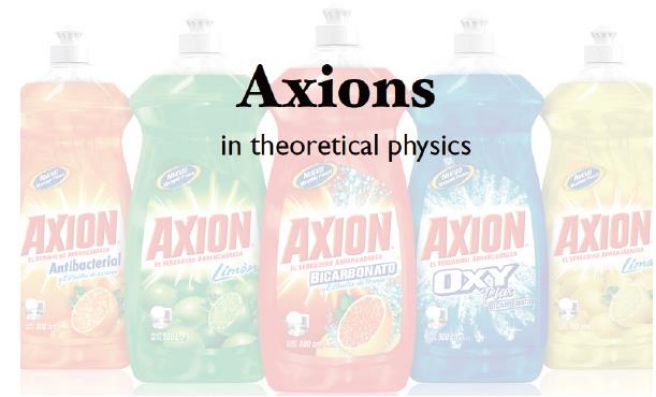
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# Outline

- ❑ **Axions**
- ❑ **Axions detection**
- ❑ **CULTASK overview**
- ❑ **Microstrip SQUID Amplifiers**
- ❑ **Resonant MSAs**
- ❑ **Wideband Microwave SQUID Amplifiers**

# Axions



Named by Frank Wilczek after a detergent because they “cleaned-up” a messy problem in strong interactions (QCD), also known as the Strong CP-problem.

A theory parameter  $\theta_{\text{QCD}}$  describing this effect is too close to zero...

Peccei-Quinn:  $\theta_{\text{QCD}}$  is a dynamical variable (1977),  $a(x)/f_a$ .  
It goes to zero naturally...

Wilczek and Weinberg: axion particle (1977)

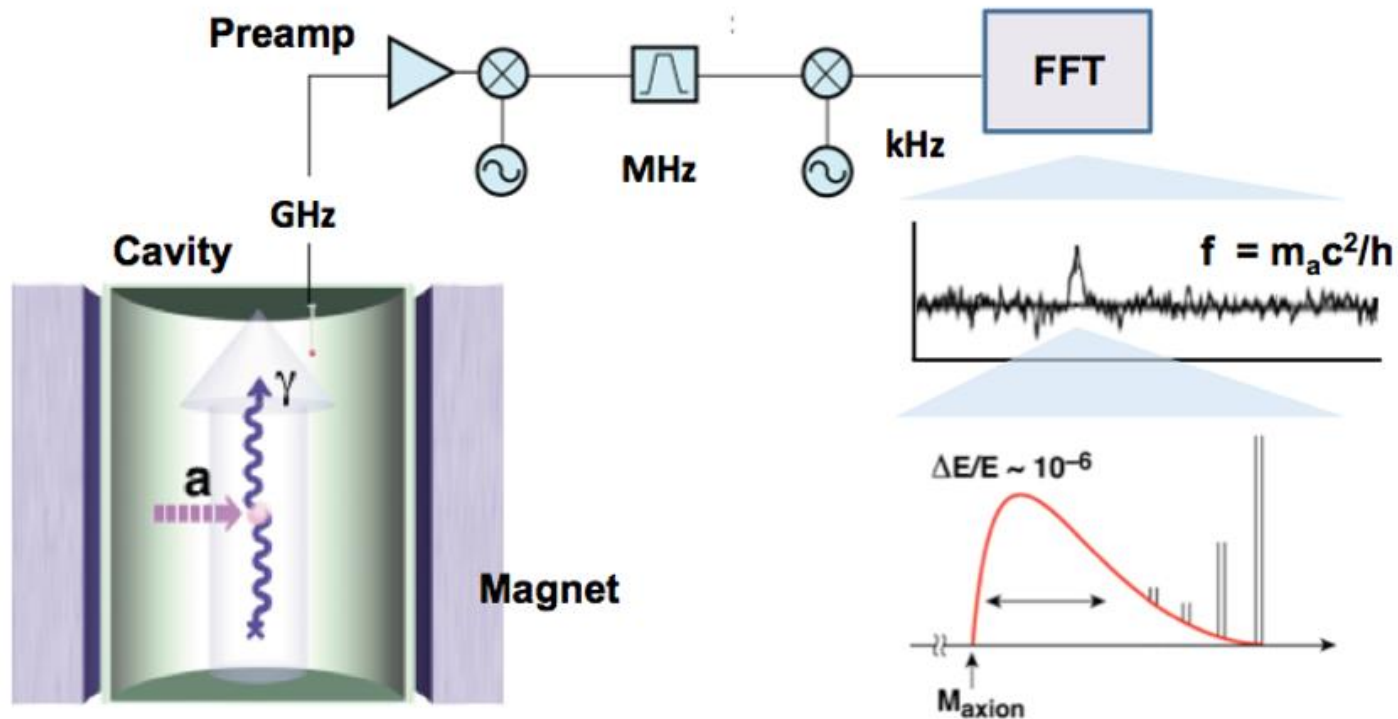
Jihn E. Kim: hadronic axion KSVZ (1979)

**If the axion exists, it can be considered as a dark matter candidate**

# Axions Detection

**The current favored technique for detecting dark-matter axions is to convert Milky Way halo axions into microwave photons.**

P. Sikivie, Phys. Rev. Lett. 51, 1415 (1983)



**Axions resonantly convert to a quasi-monochromatic microwave signal in a high-Q cavity in a strong magnetic field; the signal is extracted from the cavity by an antenna, amplified, mixed down to the audio range, and the power spectrum calculated by a FFT.**

# Axions Detection

## PHYSICAL REVIEW D PARTICLES AND FIELDS

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### **Results of a laboratory search for cosmic axions and other weakly coupled light particles**

W. U. Wuensch,\* S. De Panfilis-Wuensch,<sup>†</sup> Y. K. Semertzidis,  
J. T. Rogers, and A. C. Melissinos

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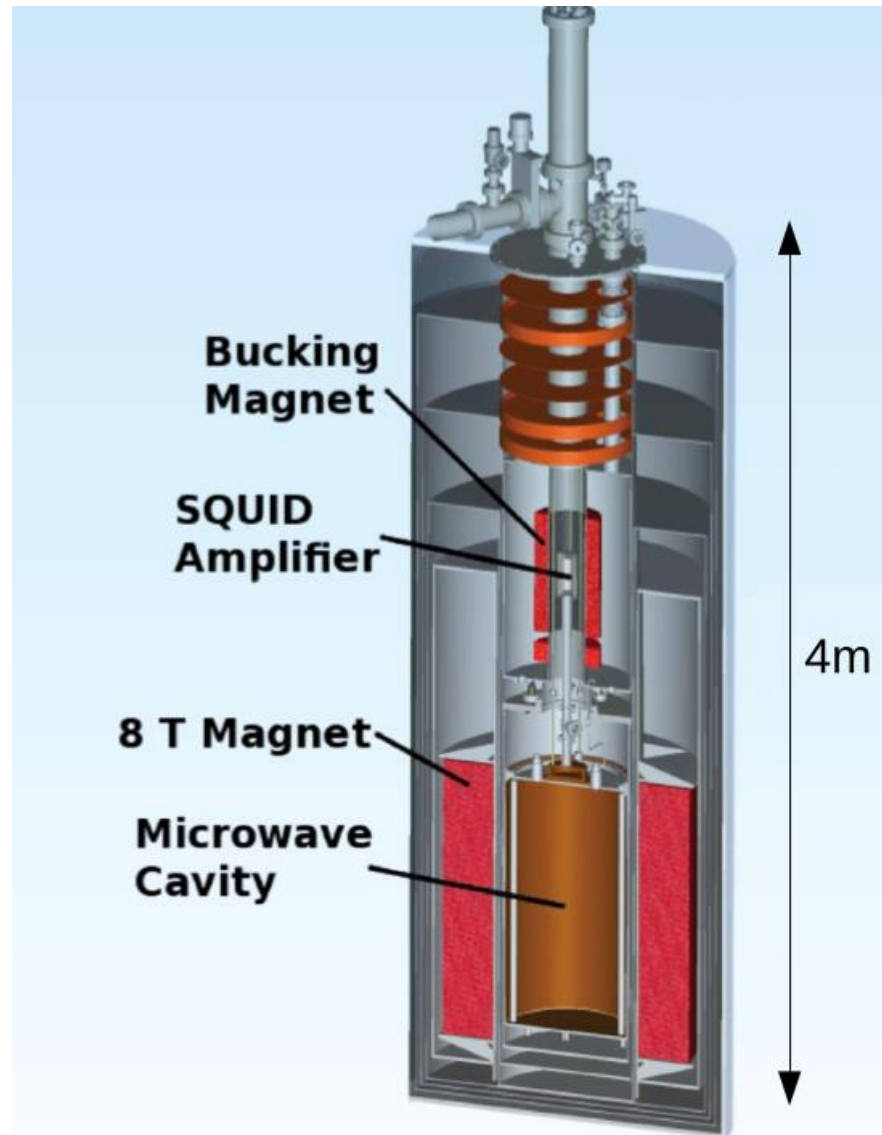
H. J. Halama, B. E. Moskowitz, and A. G. Prodell  
*Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, New York 11973*

W. B. Fowler and F. A. Nezrick  
*Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, Batavia, Illinois 60510*  
(Received 8 June 1989)

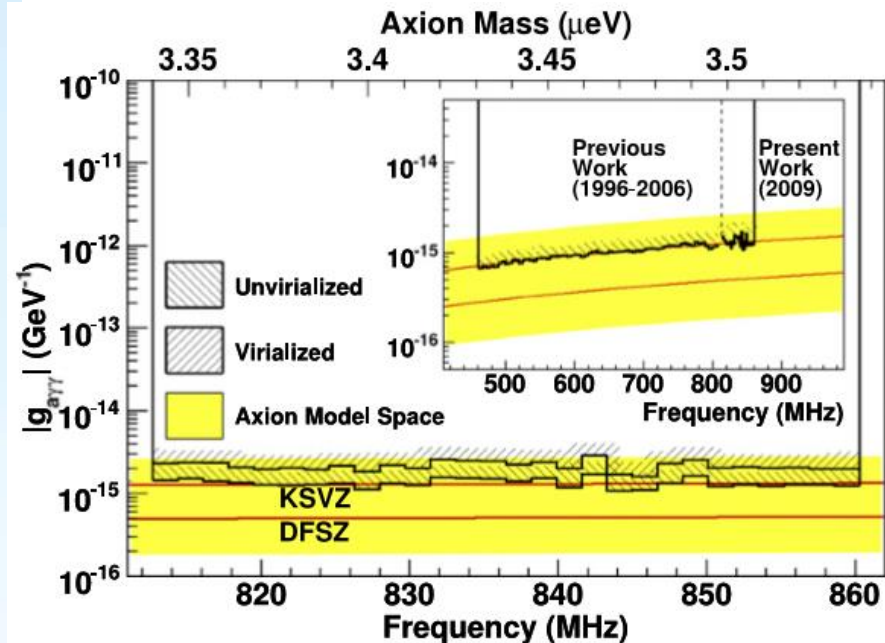
## **RBF: Rochester-Brookhaven-Fermi lab collaboration**

S. DePanfilis et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 59, 839 (1987);  
W. Wuensch et al., Phys. Rev. D40, 3153 (1989);  
C. Hagmann et al., Phys. Rev. D42, 1297 (1990).

# Axions Dark-Matter eXperiment (ADMX)



University of Washington,  
Seattle, WA, USA  
2010 – Present



1995 – 2004 HEMT  
2007 – 2009 SQUID

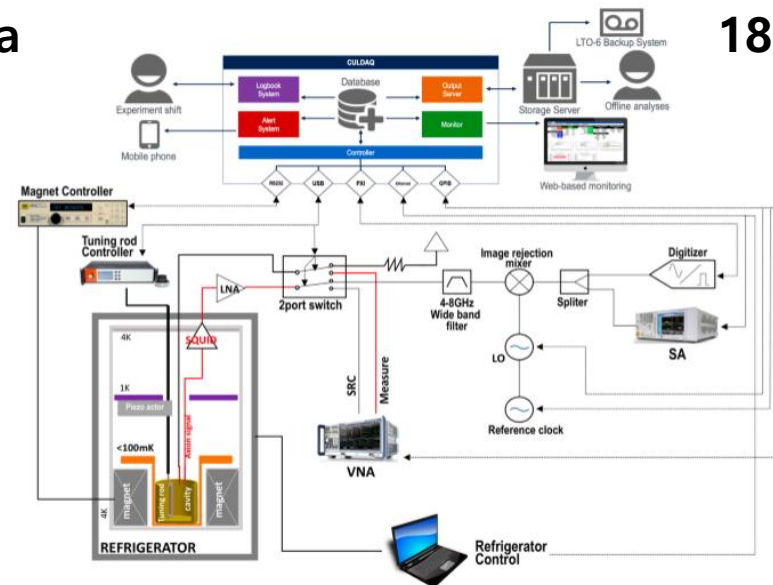


# CULTASK since January 2017: CAPP Ultra-Low Temperature Axion Search in Korea



8 Tesla

18 Tesla



# CULTASK

## Axion detection scheme

**Axion Conversion Power ( $\sim 10^{-24}\text{W}$ ):**  $P_{a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma} = g_{a\gamma\gamma}^2 \frac{\rho_a}{m_a} B^2 V C_{\text{mnp}} \min(Q_L, Q_a)$

**Signal to Noise Ratio:**  $SNR \equiv \frac{P_{\text{signal}}}{P_{\text{noise}}} = \frac{P_{a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma}}{k_B T_{\text{syst}}} \sqrt{\frac{t_{\text{int}}}{\Delta f_a}}$

**Scan rate:**  $\frac{df}{dt} \sim B^4 V^2 C^2 Q_L T_{\text{syst}}^{-2}$

### Cryogenics

<50mK, Collaboration with KAIST

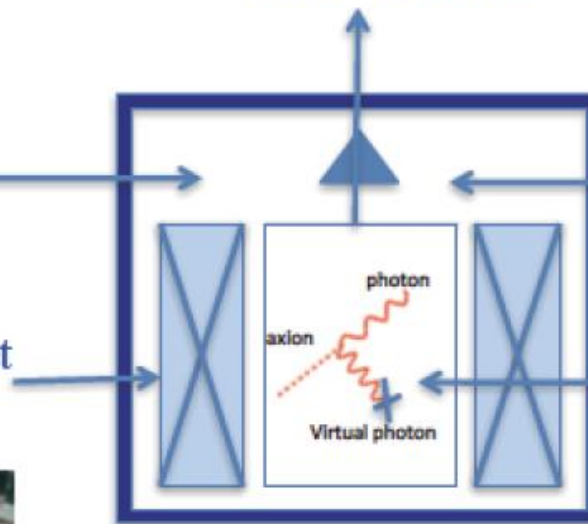


### High Field SC Magnet

12T, 18T, 25T and then 35T  
LTS & HTS Technology

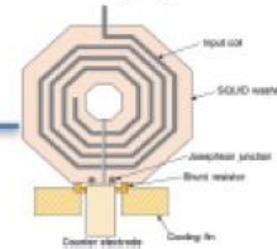


To RF Receiver



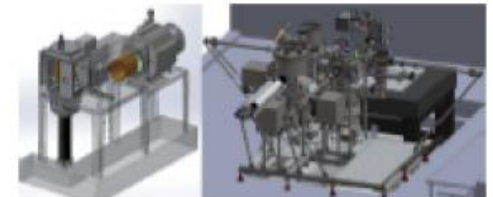
### Quantum-noise Limited Amplifier

SQUID, JPA or Single photon detectors



### High Q Tunable Cavity

Superconducting Coating  
Collaboration with KAIST





## Refrigerators and SC magnets

Refrigerators					Magnets			
Manufacturer	Model	Installation	Usage	Location	Strength & Bore size	Material	Manufacturer	Delivery
BlueFors (BF3)	LD400	2016	RF and Cavity test	RF room				
BlueFors (BF4)	LD400	2016	JPA & RF chain test	RF room				
Janis	$^3\text{He}$	2017	Magnet test		9T 12 cm	NbTi	Cryo-Magnetics	2017
BlueFors (BF5)	LD400	2017	Axion Exp DAQ & RF	LVP 6	8T 12 cm	NbTi	AMI	2016
BlueFors (BF6)	LD400	2017	Axion Exp Large bore	LVP 7	8T 16.5 cm	NbTi	AMI	2017
Oxford	Kelvinox	2017	Axion Exp.	LVP 4	18T 7.5 cm	HTS	SuNAM	2017
Leiden	DRS1000	2018	Axion Exp	LVP 3	12T 32 cm	Nb <sub>3</sub> Sn	Oxford	2019
			Axion Exp	LVP5	25T 10 cm	HTS	BNL	2019

**MinAxion 2-2.5 GHz**

**CAPP8TB 1.5-2 GHz**

**CAPP18T 3-6 GHz**

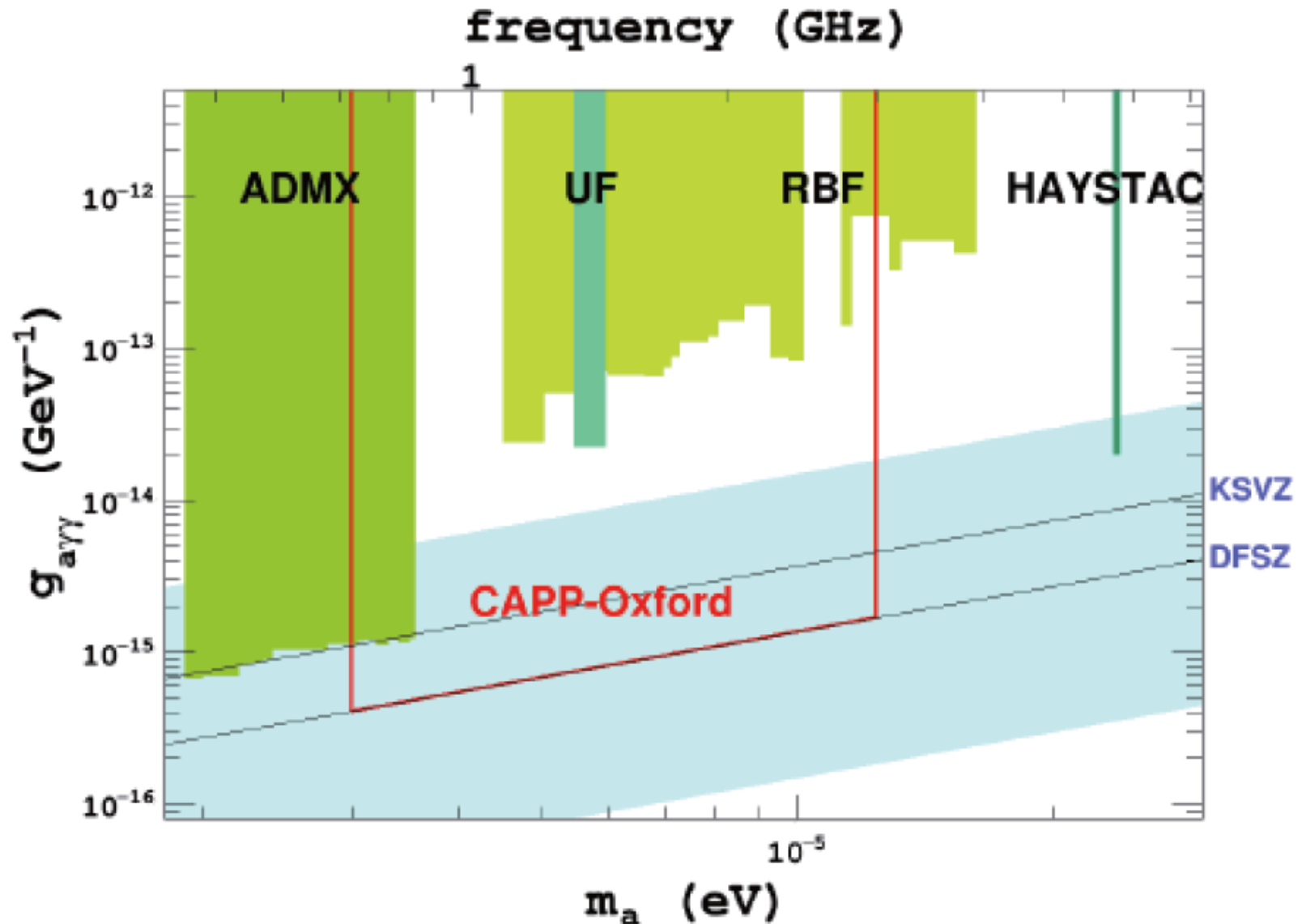
**Oxford 0.8-3 GHz**

# CULTASK

## *CAPP Dark Matter Axion Search Schedule*

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
8T/16cm CAPP8Tb (BlueFos)	setup	experiment			multiple cavity	
18T/7cm CAPP18T (SuNAM)	setup	experiment			multiple cavity	
25T/10cm CAPP25T (BNL)			setup	experiment		
12T/32cm CAPP12T (Oxford)			setup	experiment		

# CULTASK



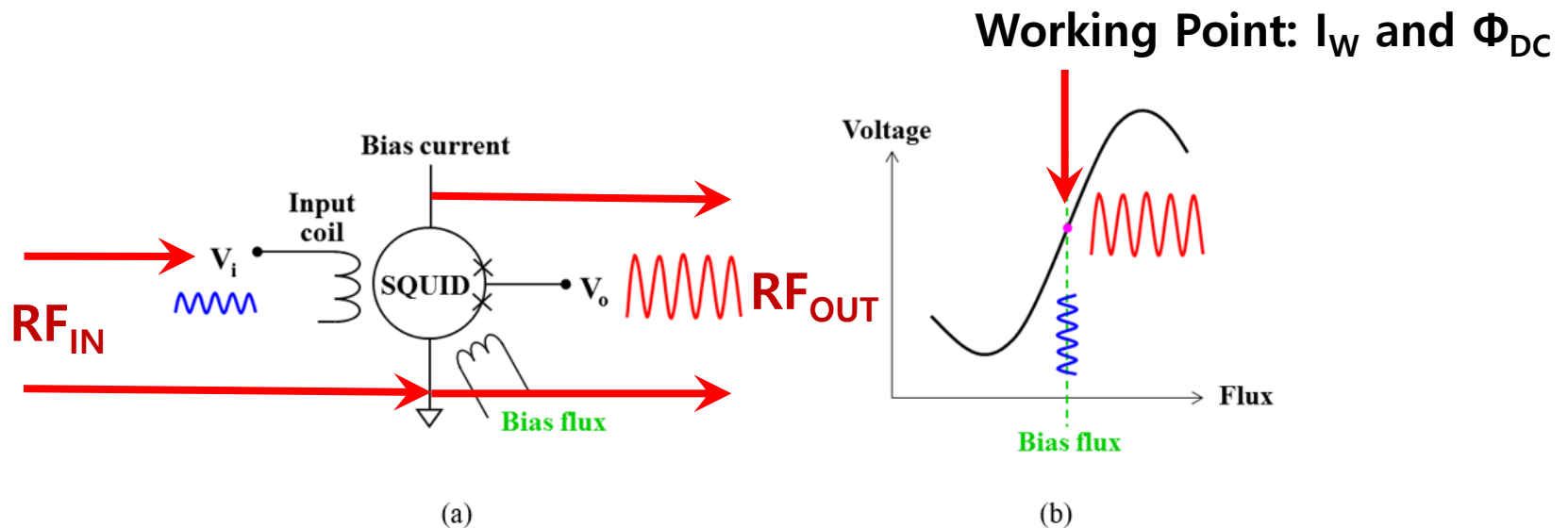
$B \approx 12$  T,  $T_p < 0.1$  K, Ø320 mm, SQUID amplifiers

# Microstrip SQUID Amplifier (MSA)

## Superconducting Quantum Interference Device (SQUID)

Input RF modulates input flux in SQUID loop

It produces RF Voltage on SQUID leads



Michael Mück, Marc-Oliver Andre, John Clarke, *Applied Physics Letters*, 72, 22, p. 2885 (1998)

# MSA – the near-quantum-limited Amplifier

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SUPERCONDUCTOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Supercond. Sci. Technol. **23** (2010) 093001 (11pp)

doi:10.1088/0953-2048/23/9/093001

TOPICAL REVIEW      2010

## Radio-frequency amplifiers based on dc SQUIDS

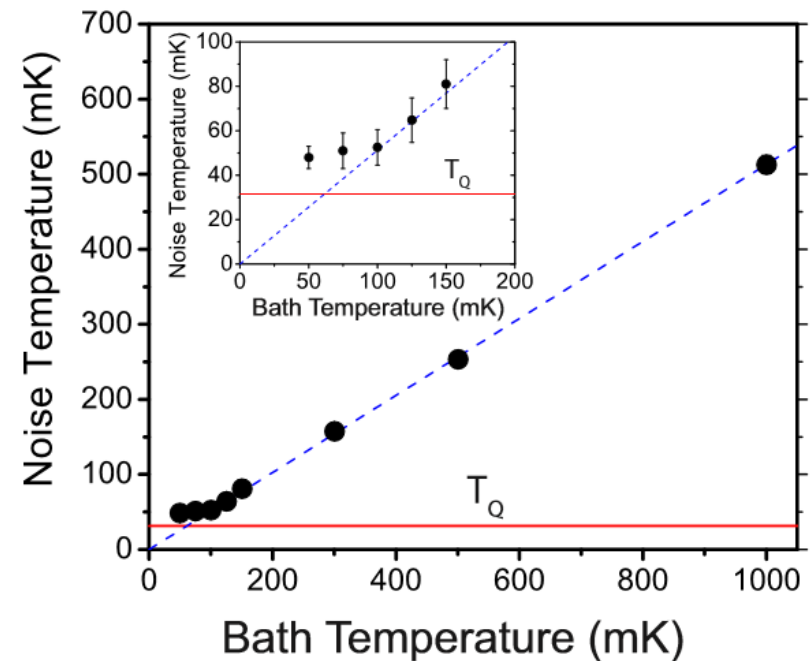
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$$T_Q = hf/k_B$$

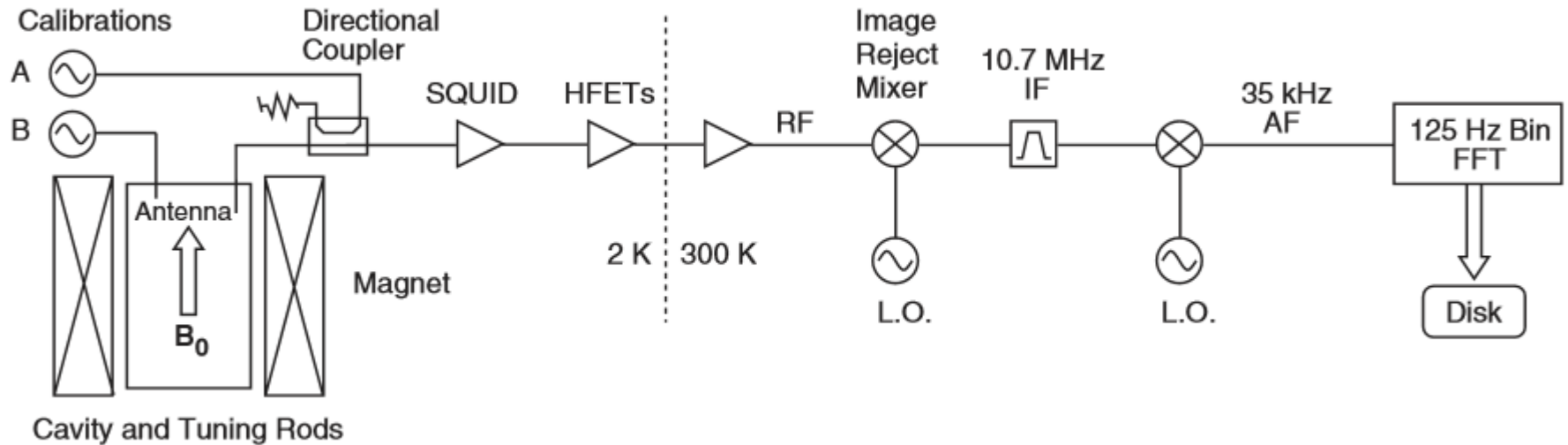
**$\approx 50$  mK at 1 GHz**



Noise temperature of a SQUID amplifier as a function of bath temperature  $T$ . Red line indicates  $T_Q$ , the quantum noise temperature at 700 MHz. Dotted line has a unity slope, indicating that  $T_A \sim T$  in the classical regime.



# MSA in Axion Search Experiments



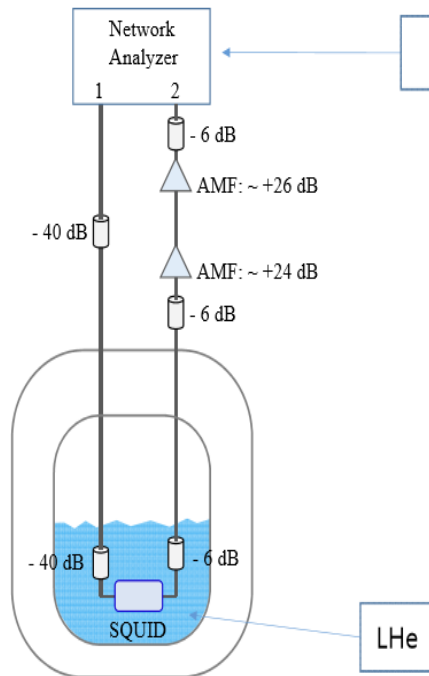
**MSA:  $T \approx 30$  mK,  $T_N \approx 50$  mK, Gain  $\approx 20$  dB**

**HFET:  $T \approx 2$  K,  $T_N \approx 1.0$  K, Gain  $\approx 40$  dB**

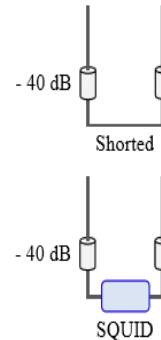
S.J. Asztalos et al. "SQUID-Based Microwave Cavity Search for Dark-Matter Axions." Phys. Rev. Lett., 104, 041301 (2010)

# MSAs gain and noise measurements at CAPP

## Measurement configuration



Network Analyzer Power : -30 dBm



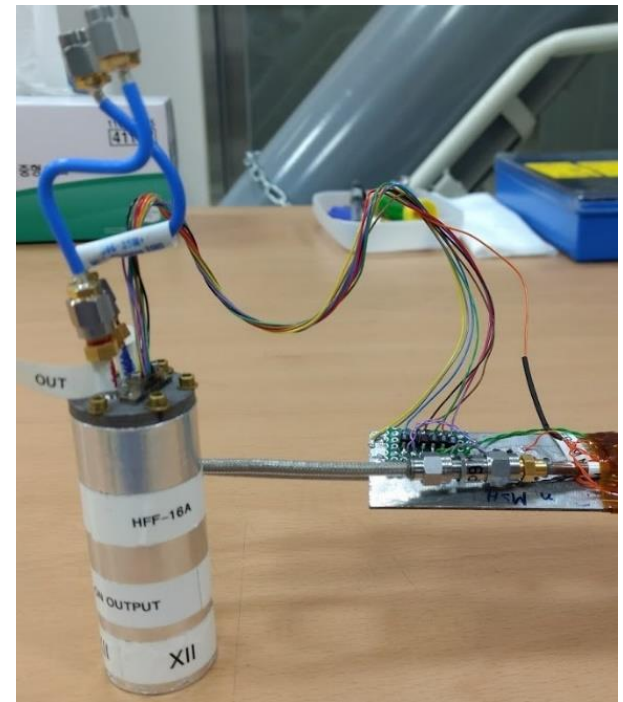
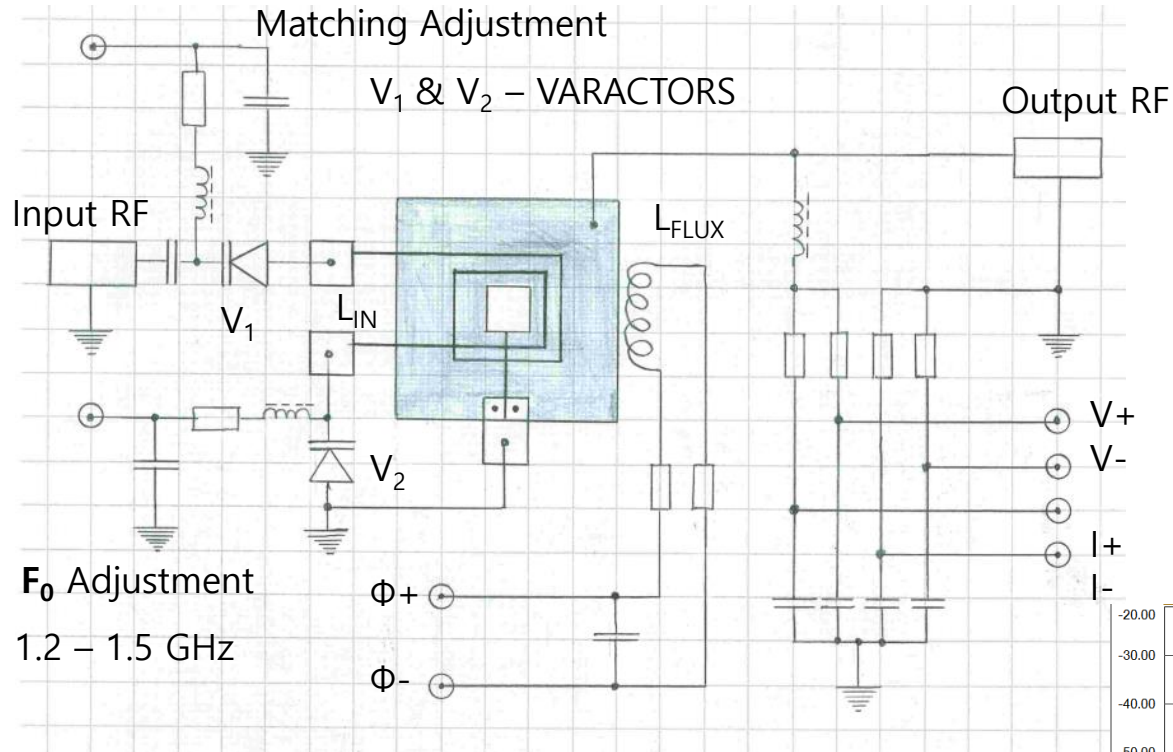
$$\text{Gain} = S_{21}(\text{SQUID}) - S_{21}(\text{shorted})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Short(CT)} &= \text{Cryo Temp } S_{21}(\text{shorted}) \\ \text{Short(RT)} &= \text{Room Temp } S_{21}(\text{shorted}) \end{aligned}$$

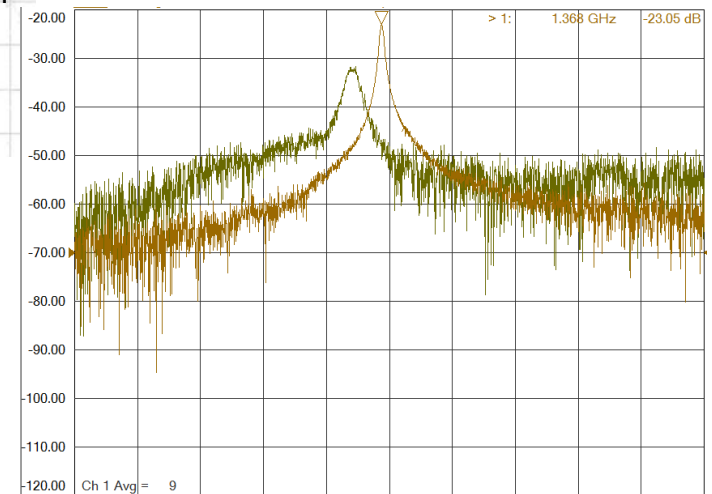


**MSA gain measurement in  
BlueFors™ dilution  
refrigerators down to 10 mK**

# MSA from UC Berkeley, USA



$F_0$  adjustable in the range 1.2–1.5 GHz,  
 $\Delta F = 2.5$ – $5.8$  MHz, Gain = 24 dB



5.43 V,  $F_0 = 1368$  MHz

# MSA from ezSQUID, Germany

APPLIED PHYSICS LETTERS 111, 042604 (2017)



## Microstrip superconducting quantum interference device amplifier: Operation in higher-order modes

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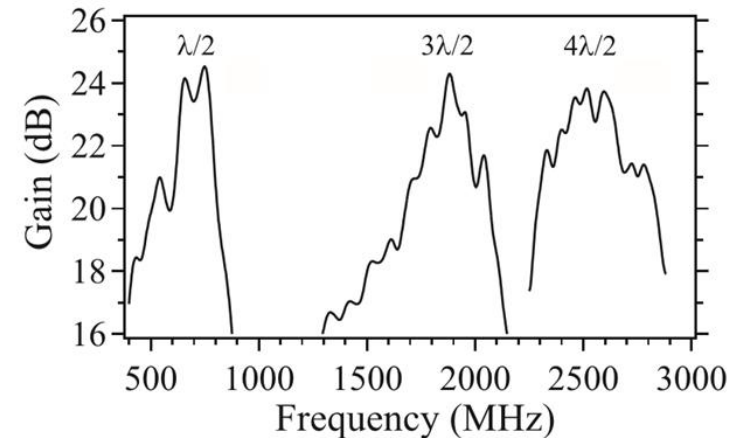
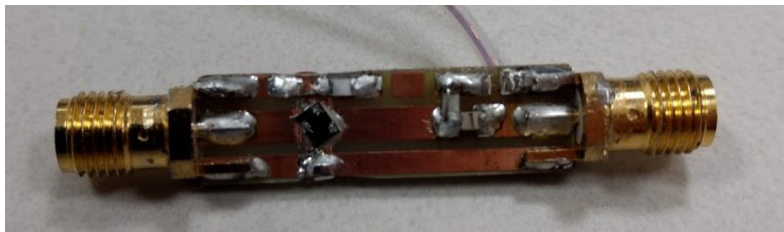
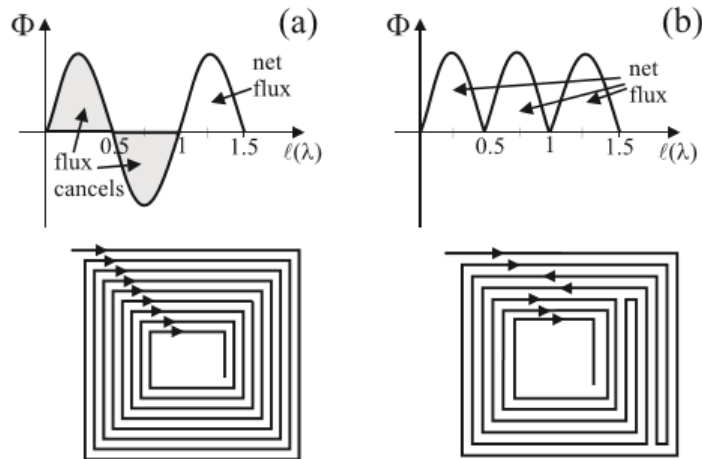
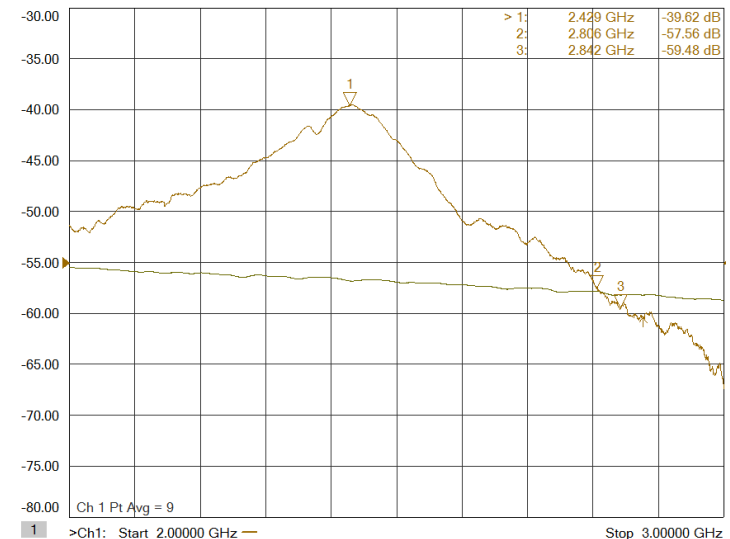
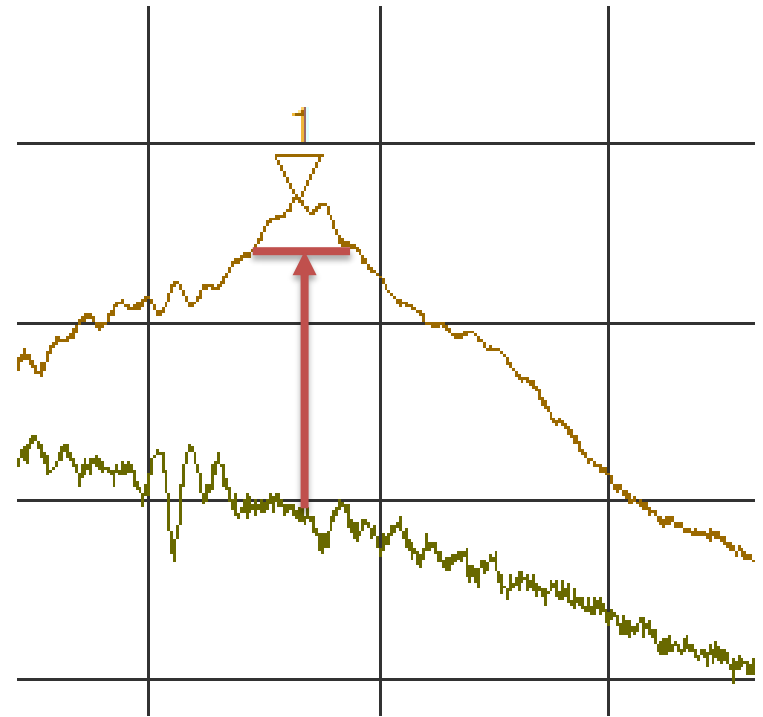
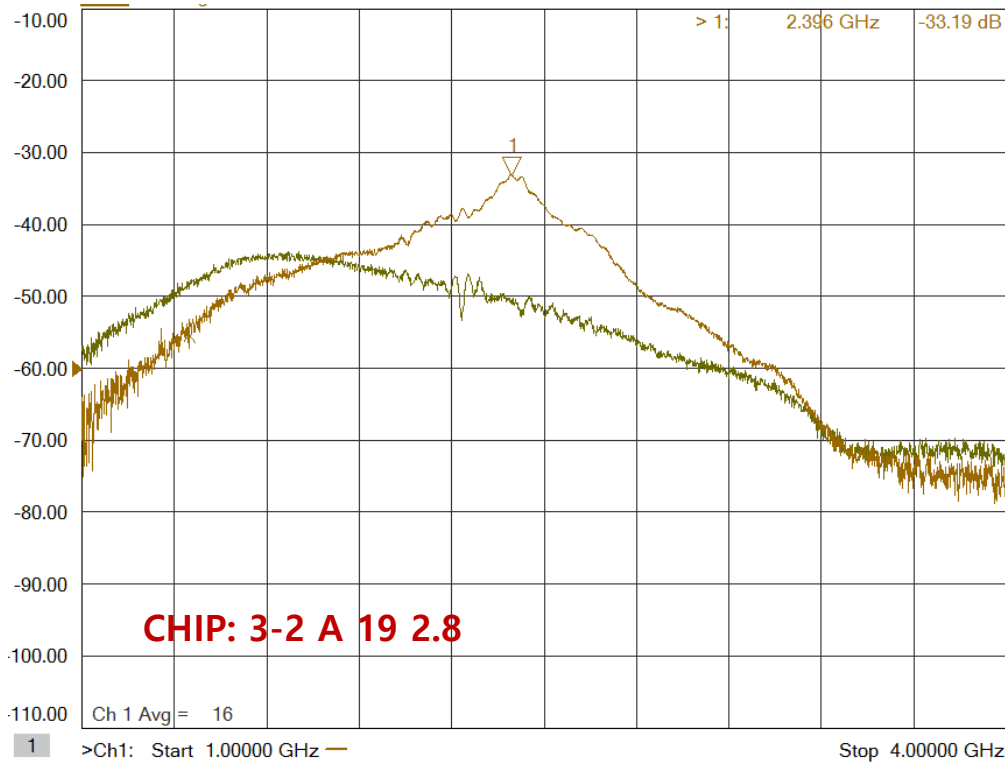


FIG. 4. Gain vs frequency for three microstrip SQUID amplifiers designed for operation in three different modes:  $\lambda/2$  mode (left curve),  $3\lambda/2$  mode (center curve), and  $4\lambda/2$  mode (right curve).

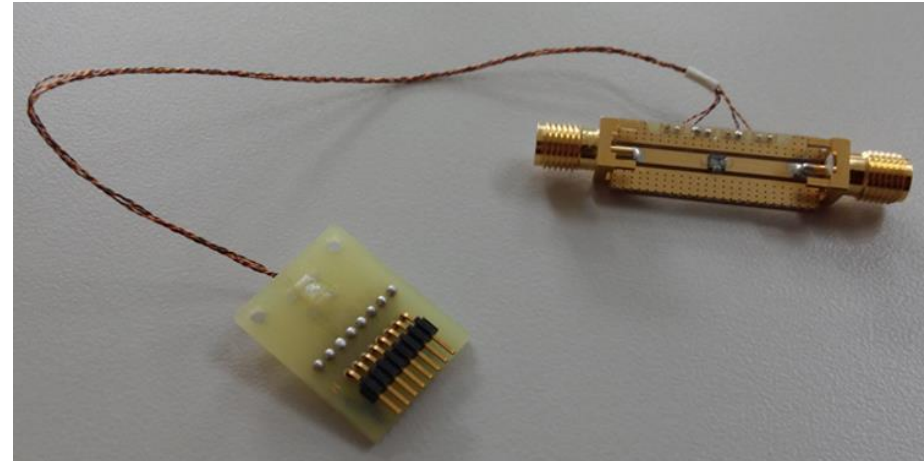


$$F_0 = 2.43 \text{ GHz}, \Delta F_{15\text{dB}} = 100 \text{ MHz}, \text{Gain} = 17 \text{ dB}$$

# MSA from KRISS, Korea

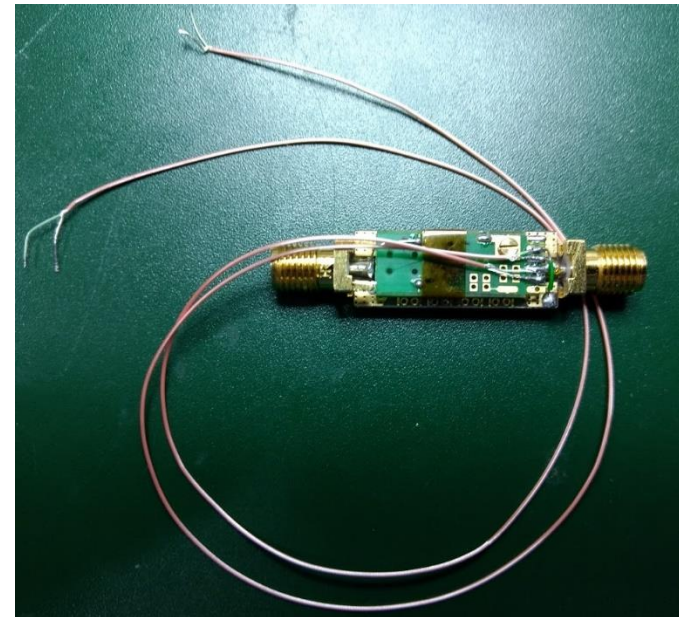
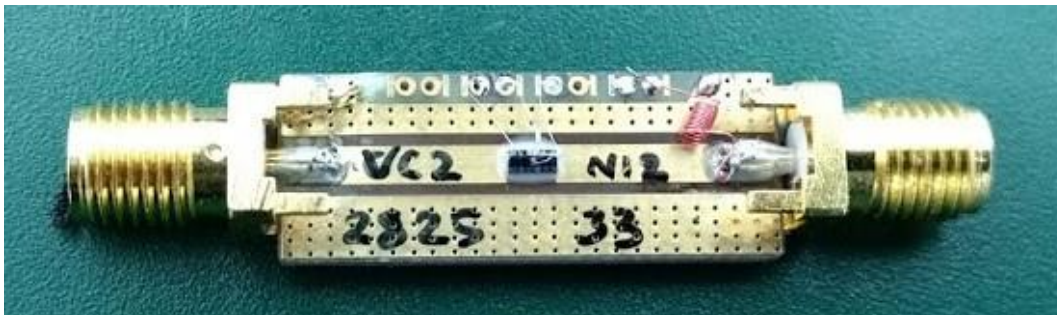
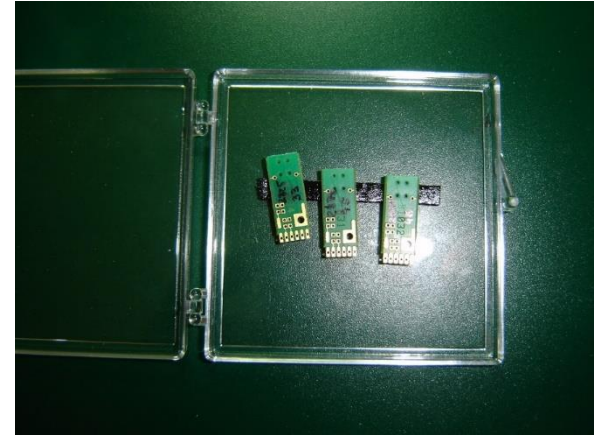


$F_0 = 2.4 \text{ GHz}$ ,  $\Delta F_{15\text{dB}} = 100 \text{ MHz}$ ,  
Gain = 18 dB

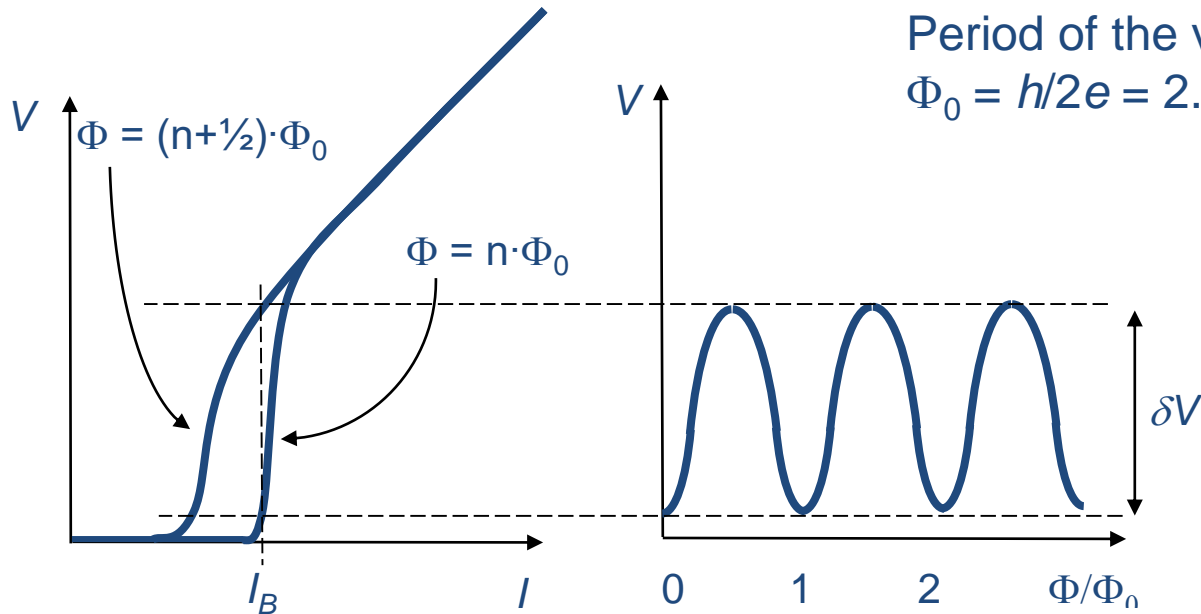




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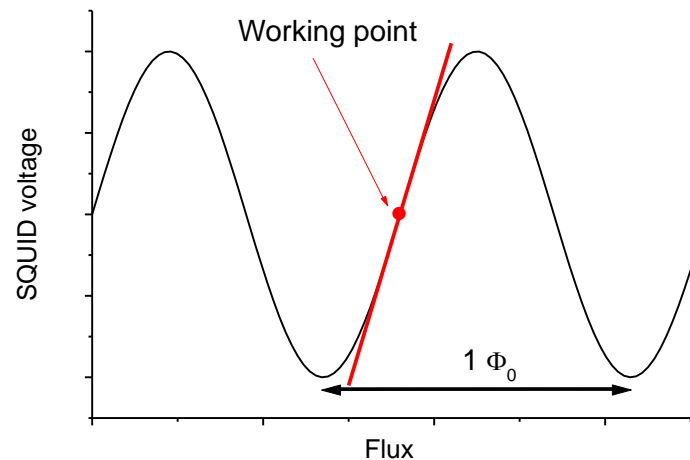


# A SQUID Amplifier

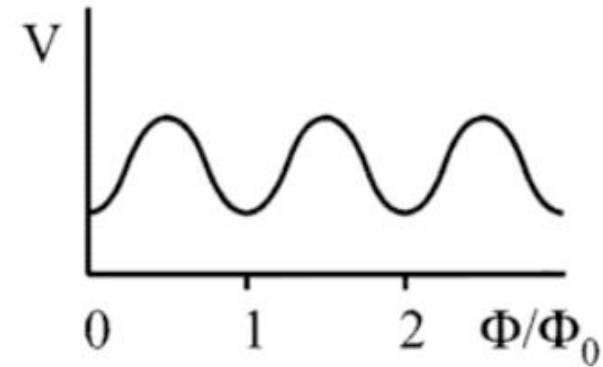
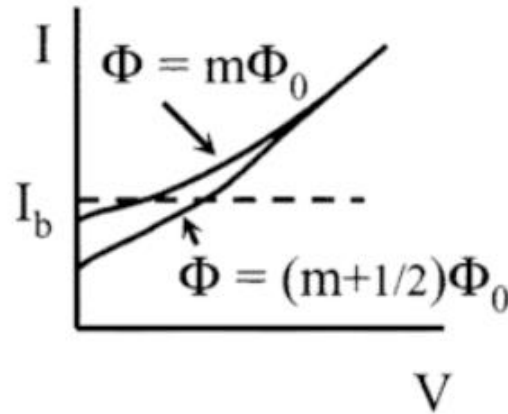
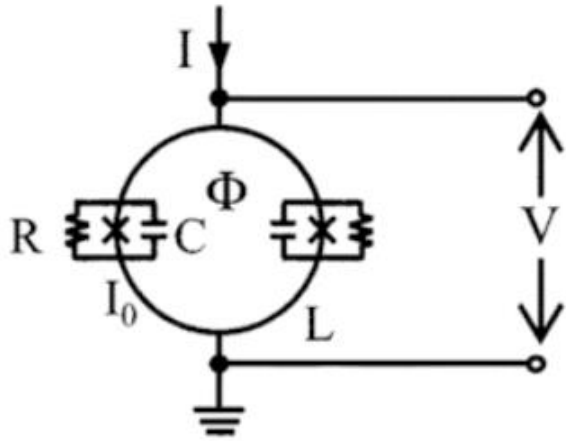


Period of the voltage-flux-dependence  
 $\Phi_0 = h/2e = 2.07 \times 10^{-15} \text{ Wb}$

$$dV/d\Phi \approx R_{SH}/2L_0$$



# A SQUID Amplifier



$$dV/d\Phi \approx R_{SH}/2L_0$$

McCumber-Stewart parameter  $\beta_C = 2\pi I_0 R_{SH}^2 C_{JJ} / \Phi_0 < 1$

$L_0$  determines the coupling of the input signal to the SQUID

The most elegant way to increase the transfer function is to decrease the junction capacitance

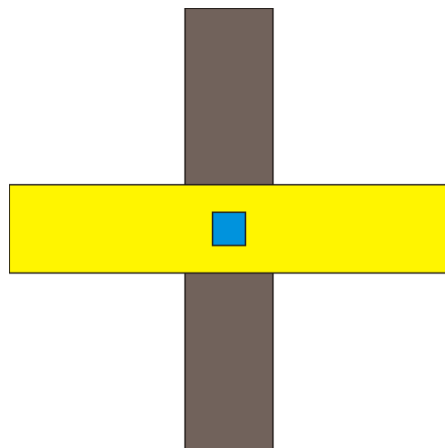
# A small capacitance Josephson junction

## Conventional technology

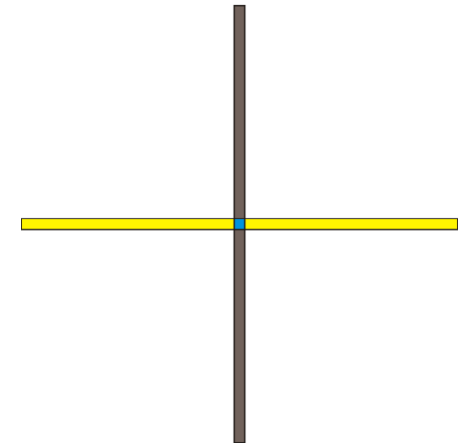
- junction area:  $10 \mu\text{m}^2$ ,
- overlap:  $60 \mu\text{m}^2$ ,
- 700 fF,

## Cross type technology

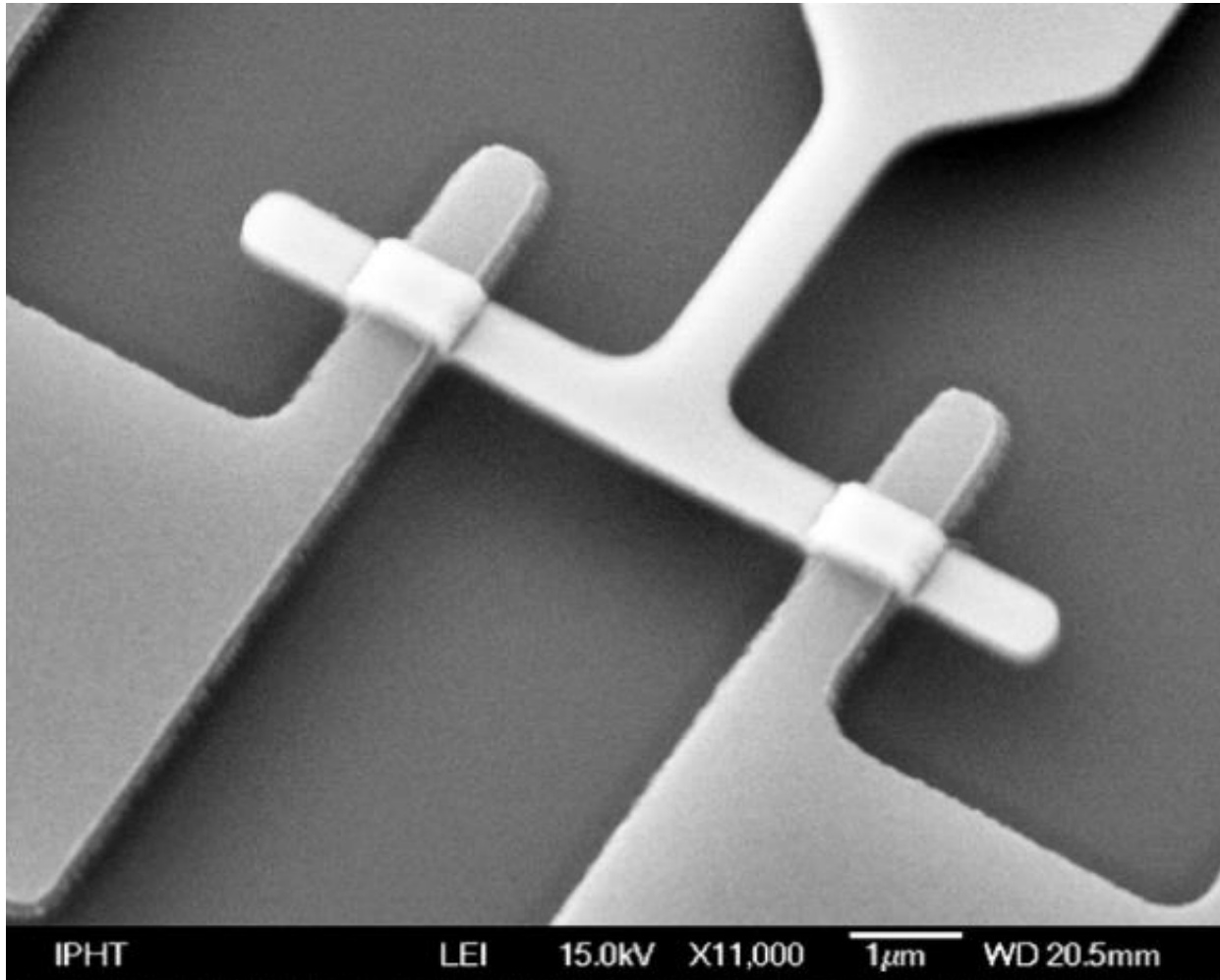
- junction area:  $< 1 \mu\text{m}^2$ ,
- overlap: no
- below 50 fF,



Cross sectional view



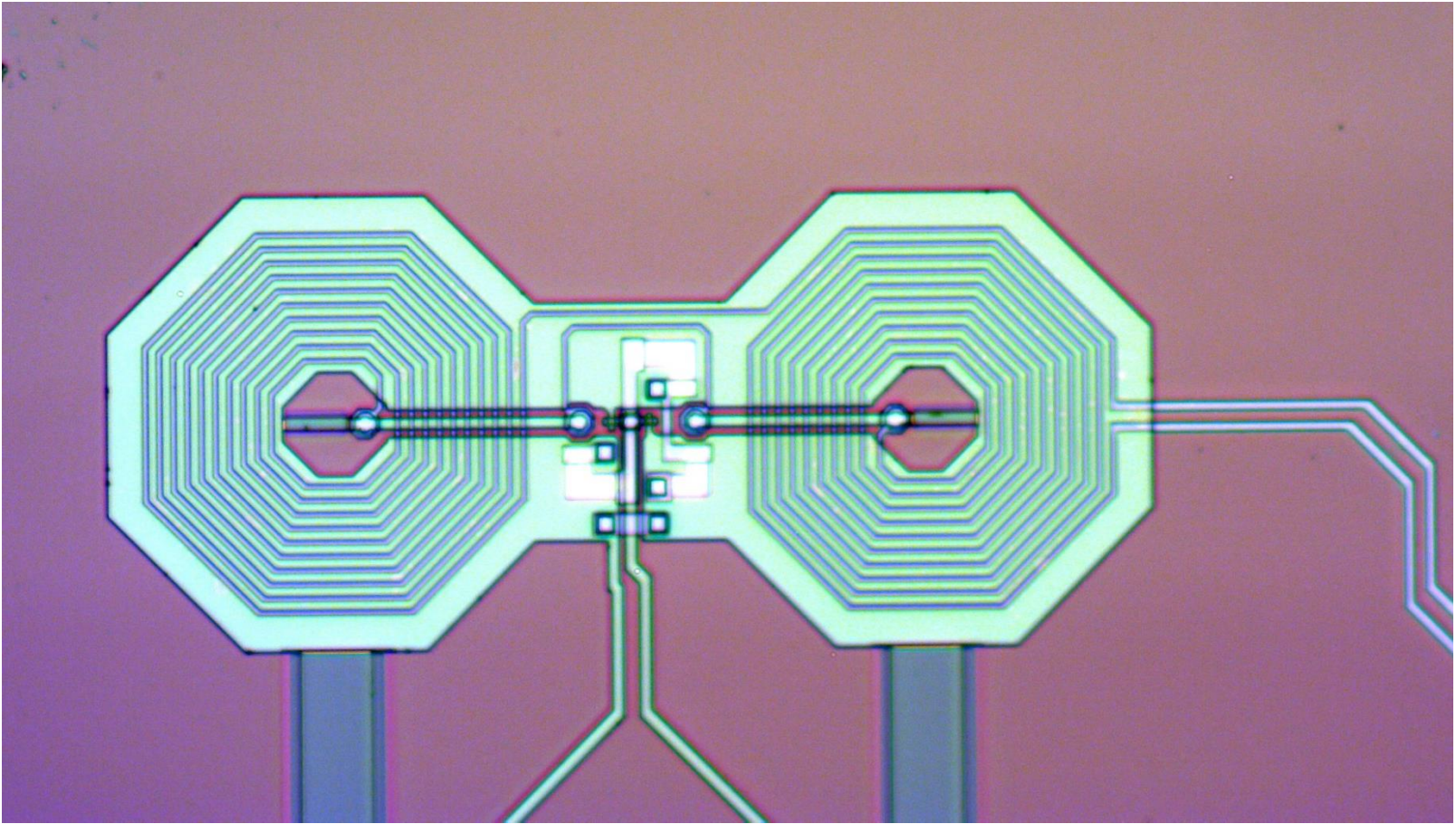
# Small capacitance Josephson junctions



Scanning electron microscope image of a Josephson tunnel junction with an area of  $(0.6 \times 0.6) \mu\text{m}^2$ .

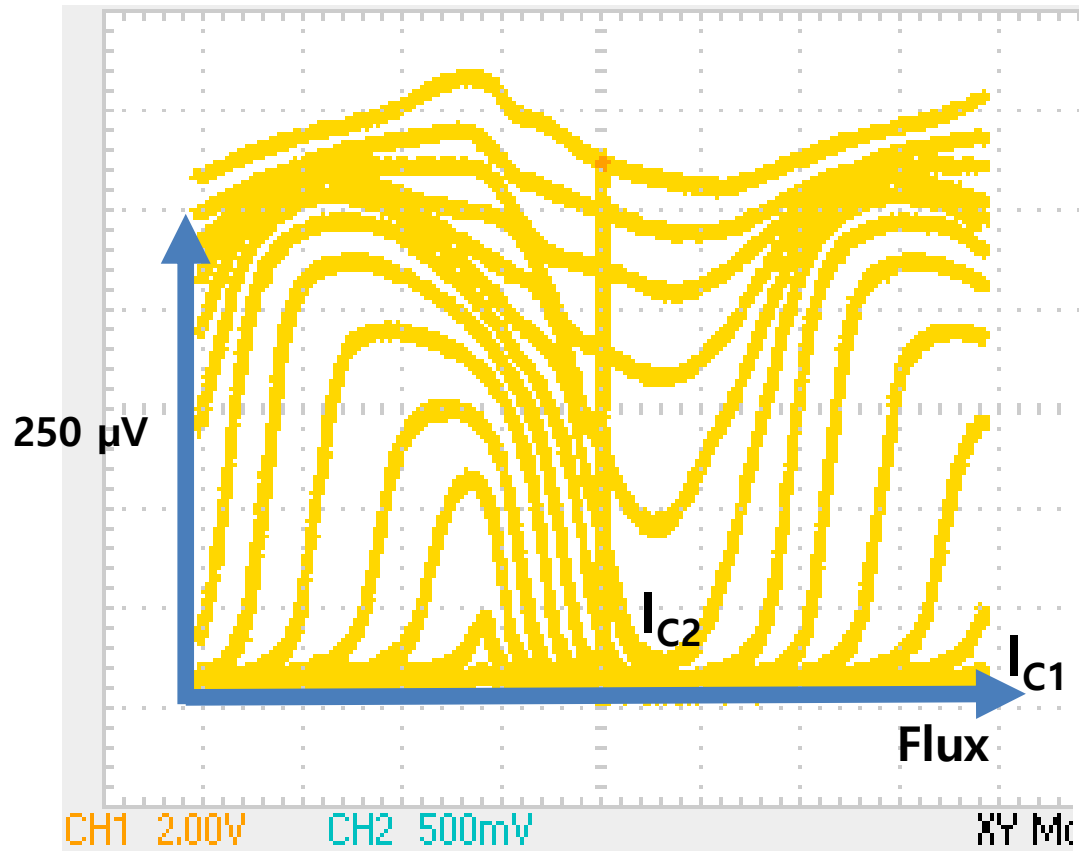


# SQUIDs with small capacitance JJs



**VC2 SQUID current amplifier was tested as a microwave amplifier**

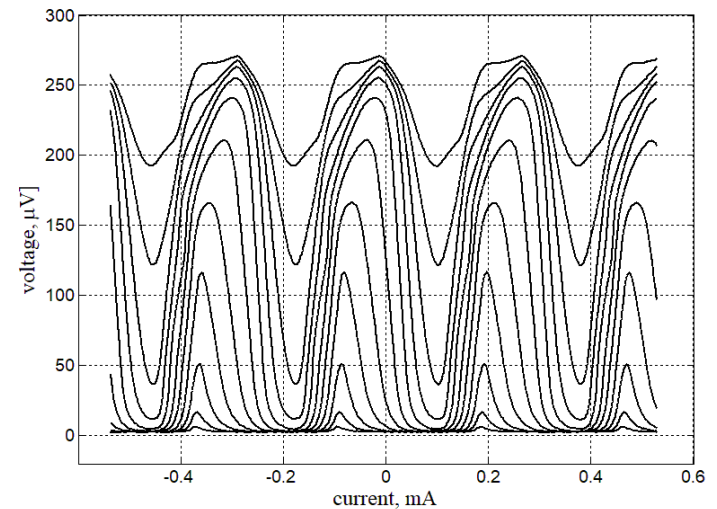
# VC2 Flux–Voltage characteristics family



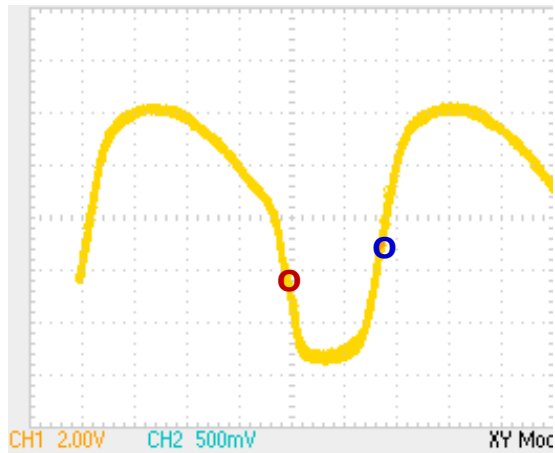
$$I_{C1} = 62.4\ \mu\text{A}$$

$$I_{C2} = 87.0\ \mu\text{A}$$

$$\Delta I = 4.0\ \mu\text{A}$$

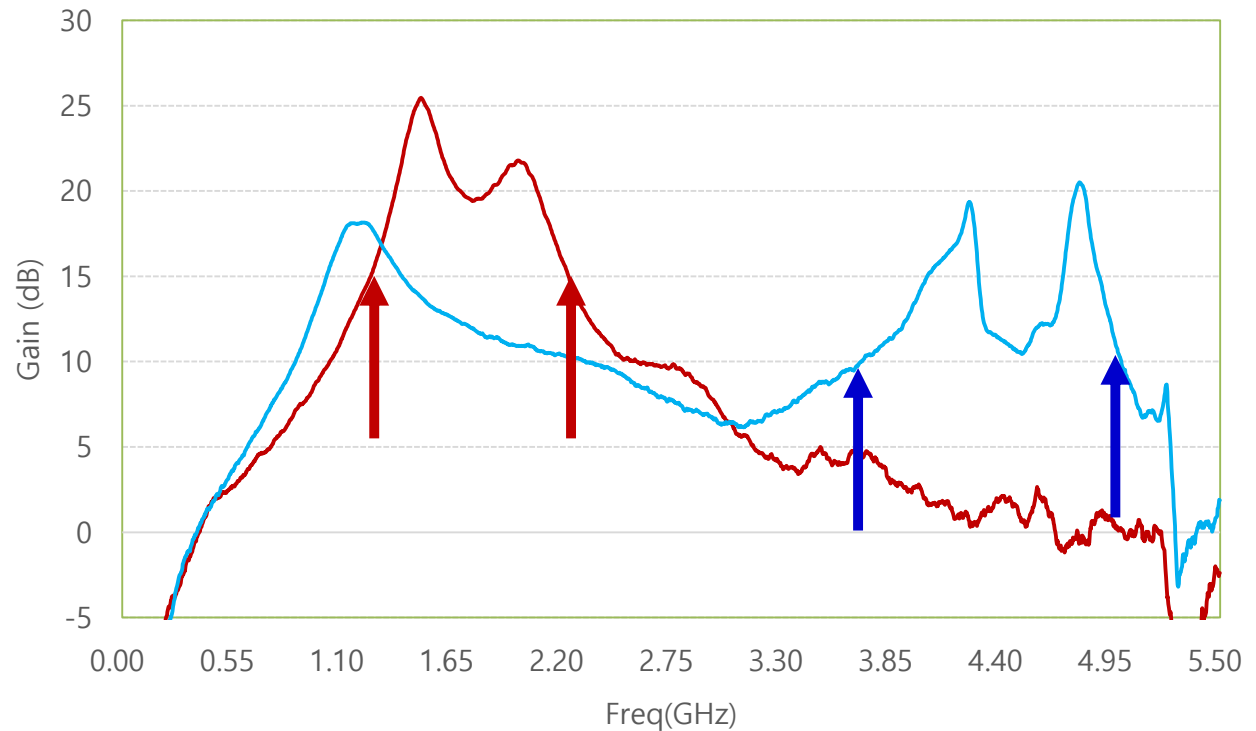


# VC2 as a Microwave Amplifier



Working point positions

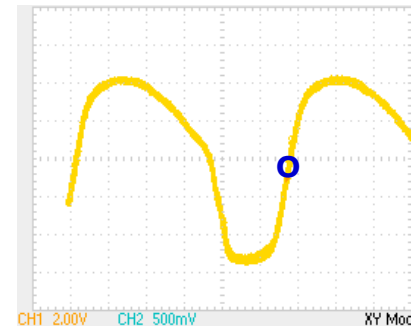
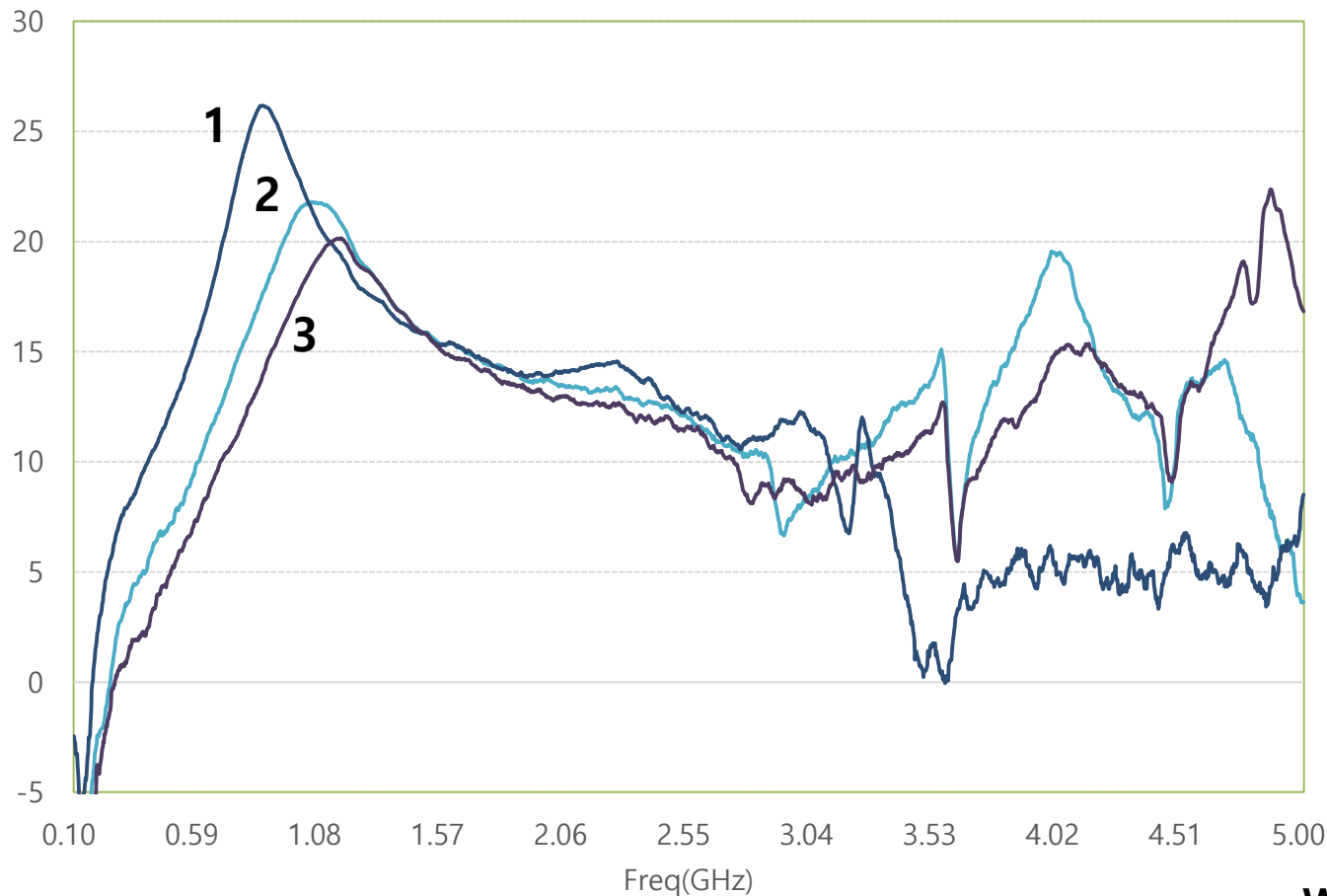
$$I_{\text{BIAS}} = 87.0 \mu\text{A}$$



$$\Delta F_{15\text{dB}} = 2.2 - 1.2 = 1.0 \text{ GHz}$$

$$\Delta F_{10\text{dB}} = 5.0 - 3.7 = 1.3 \text{ GHz}$$

# VC2 as a Microwave Amplifier

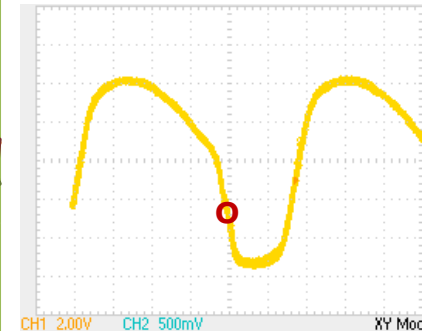
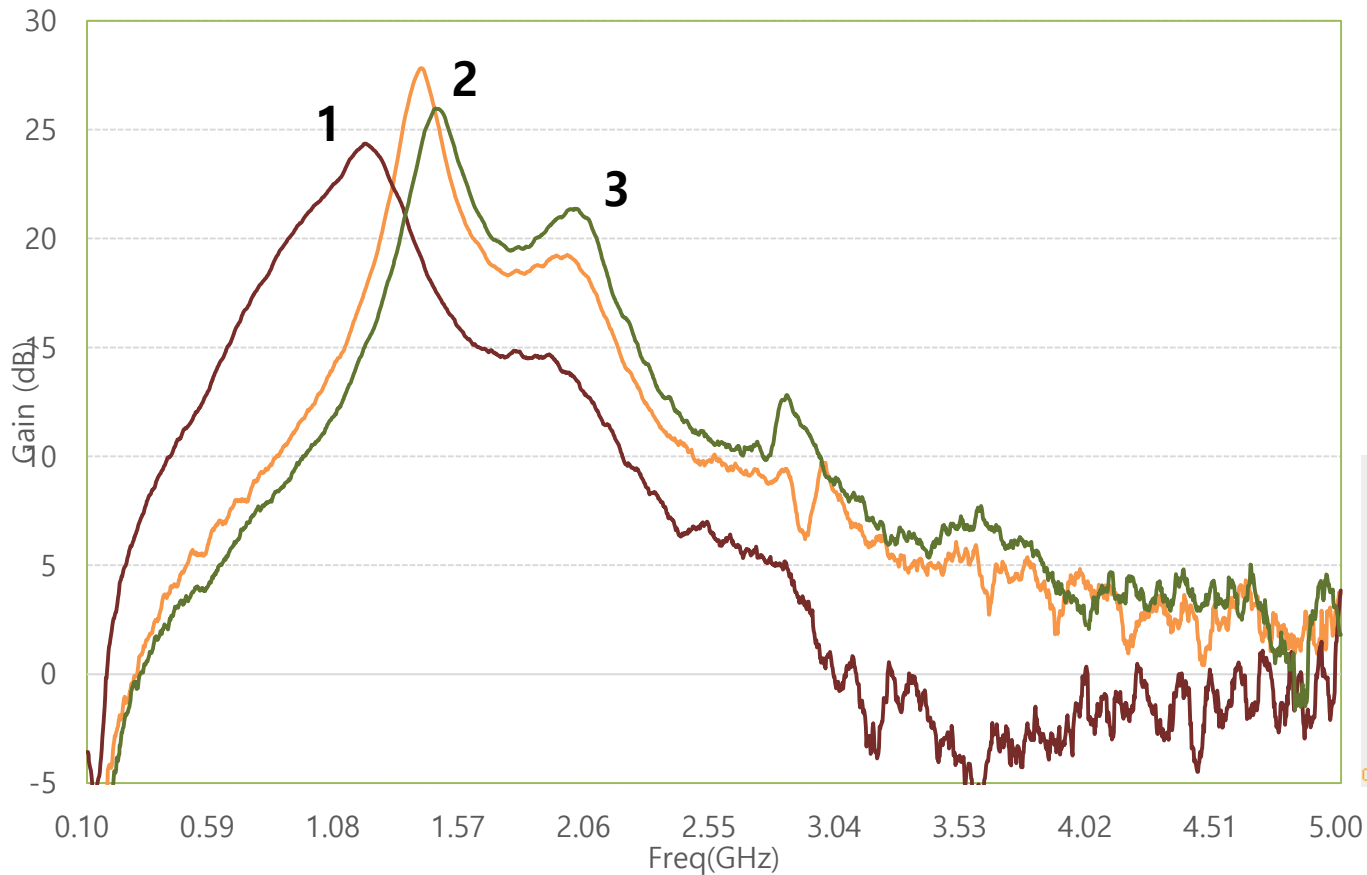


1. 4 mm bond connected from  $L_{IN}$  on the chip to a pad on PCB
2. 4 mm bond connected only to  $L_{IN}$  on the chip
3. No bond connected to the second pad of  $L_{IN}$

**Working point position**

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# Summary

- ❑ **The nature of the dark matter – one of the most important questions in modern science**
- ❑ **The axion – the most attractive particle dark-matter candidate**
- ❑ **The axion detection – converting Milky Way halo axions into microwave photons inside high-Q cavity in presence a very strong magnetic field**
- ❑ **CULTASK: CAPP Ultra-Low Temperature Axion Search in Korea**
- ❑ **Microstrip SQUID Amplifiers can reach quantum limited noise level**
- ❑ **Resonant MSAs from UC Berkeley, ezSQUID and KRISS**
- ❑ **It was experimentally proven that extremely wideband microwave SQUID amplifiers can be made using low capacitance Josephson junctions**
- ❑ **New SQUID amplifiers from IPHT can work in 0.5 – 5.0 GHz bandwidth**

# THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION !

