

Road to RTS

Temperature  $\sim 250\text{K}$

Expectation for RTS materials  
for electronic applications

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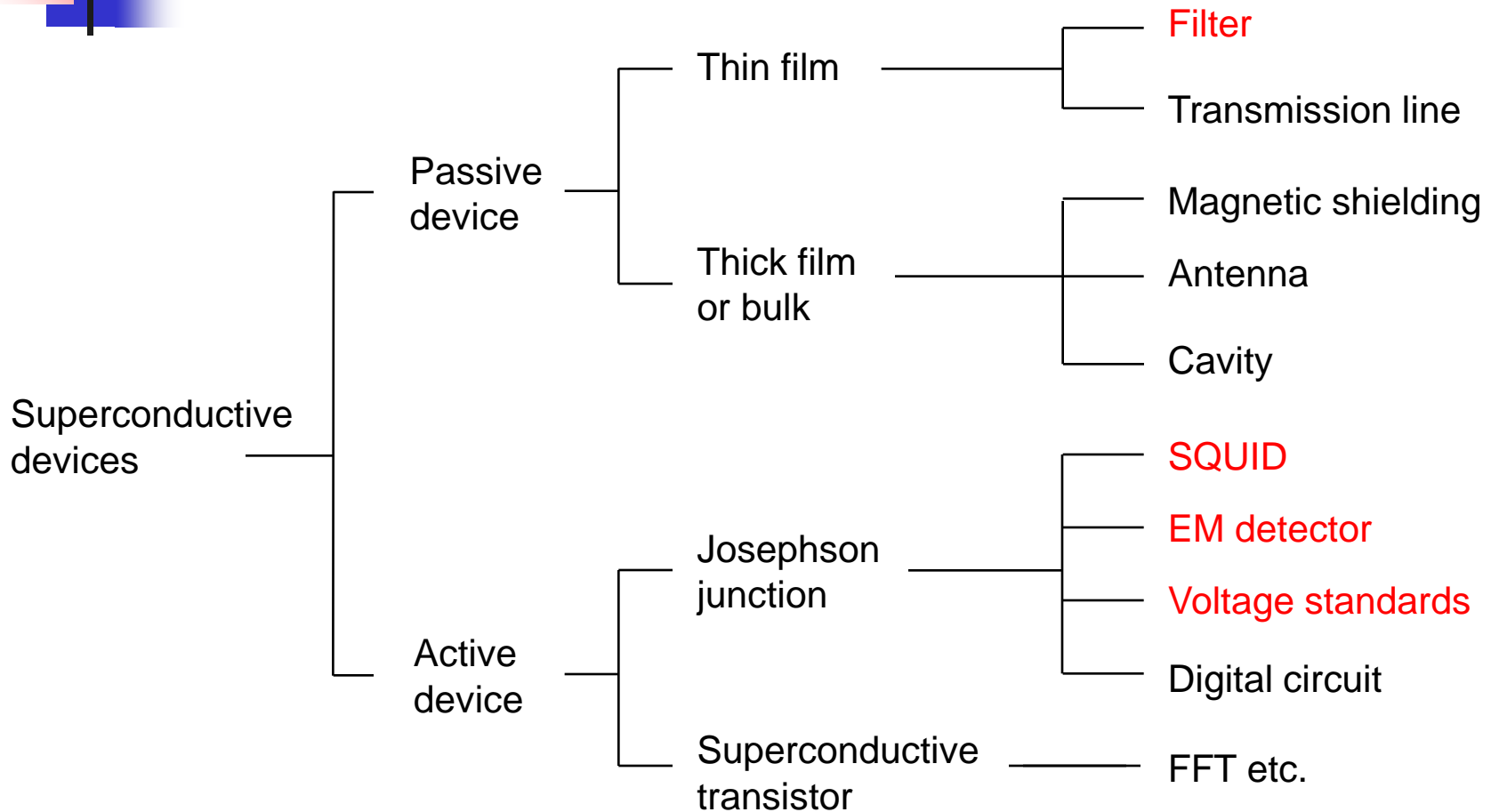


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# Electronic applications of superconductive devices



Devices shown by red color are commercially sold.



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Example of commercially available or  
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# Example of commercially available or practical superconductive systems

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- HTS filters

# **An example of application for 2GHz-band receiving**

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**For diversity receiving**

**Volume: 15L**

**A trial open-air subsystem  
with developed HTS filters for 2GHz band**

<http://pr.fujitsu.com/jp/news/2002/09/20.html>

**FUJITSU**



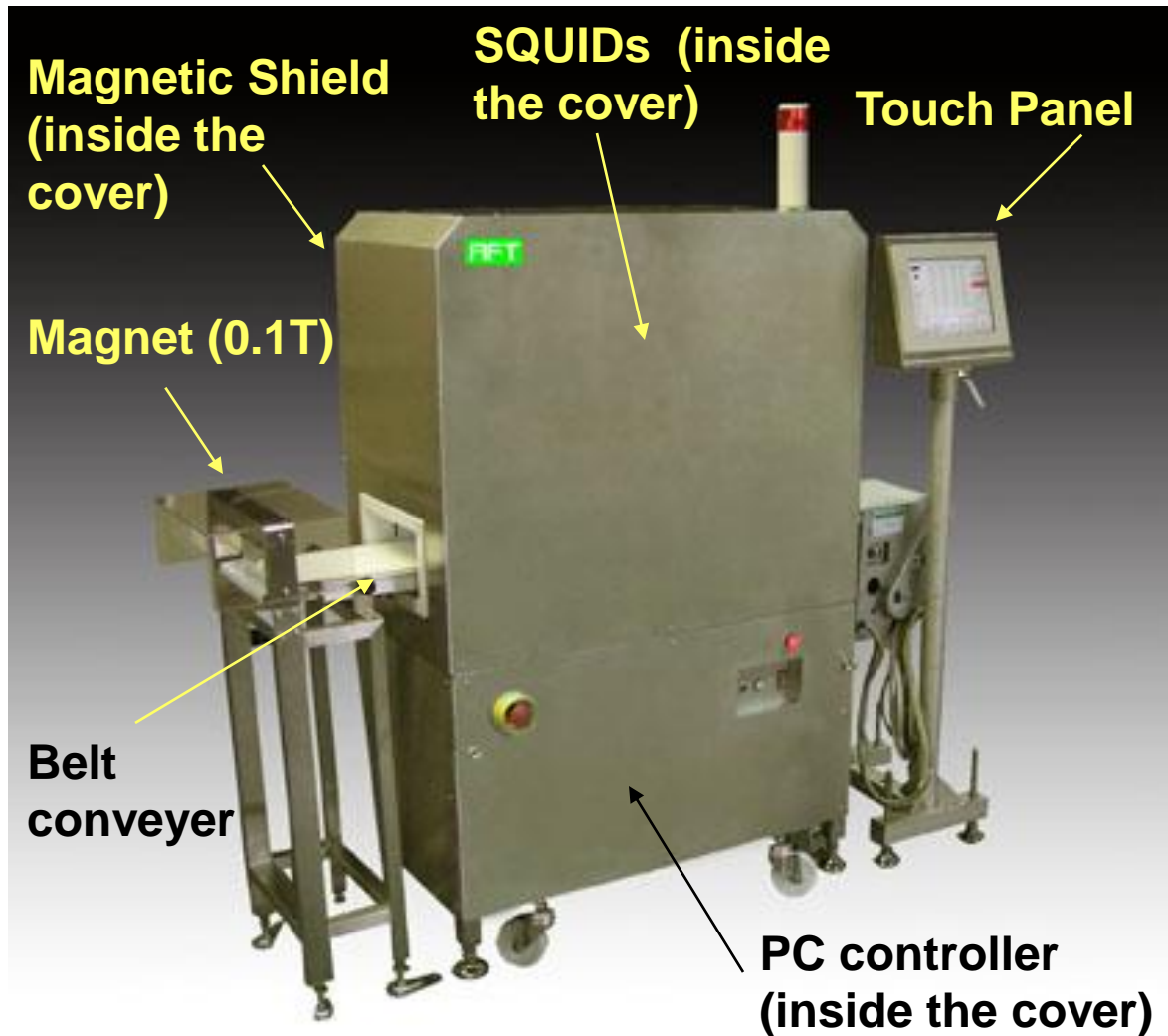


# Example of commercially available or practical superconductive systems

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- HTS filters
- HTS and LTS SQUID systems

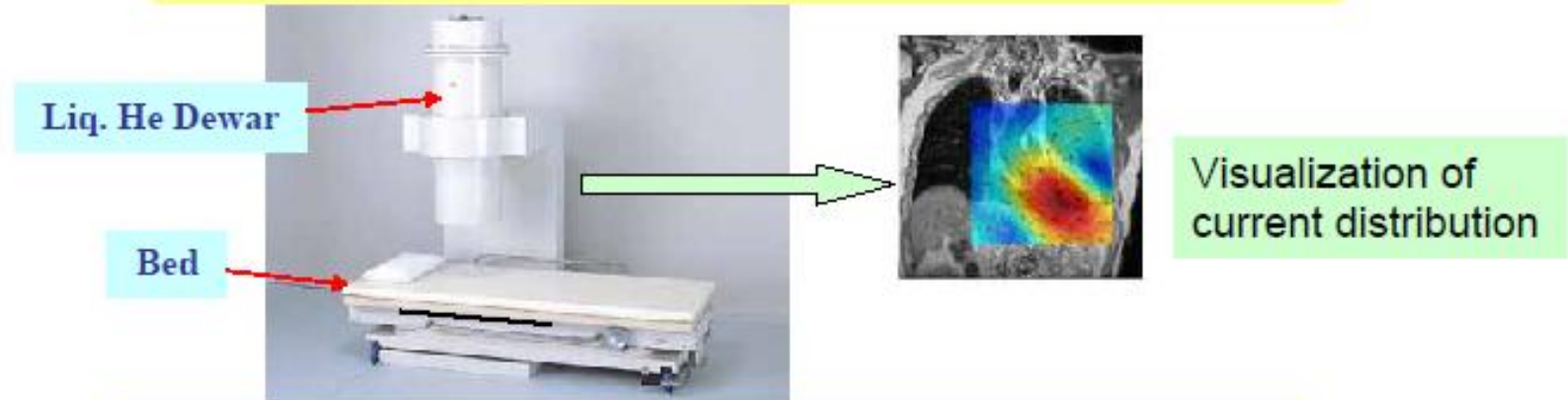
# SQUID for food inspection system



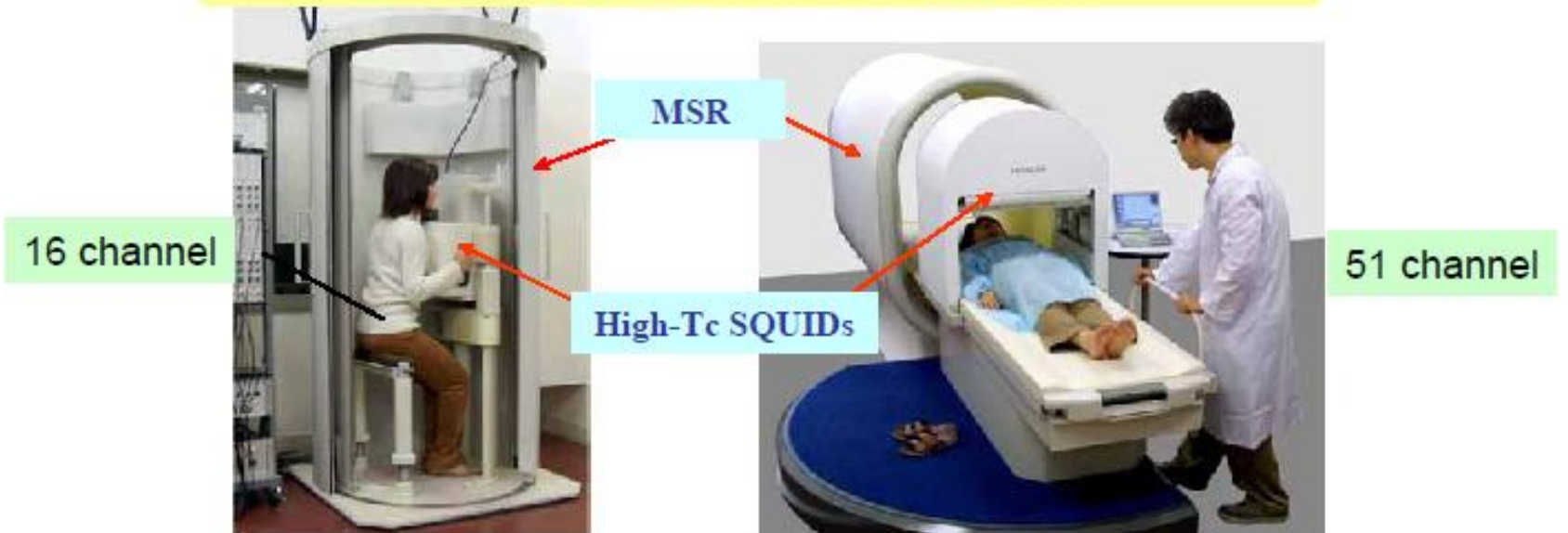
National University Corporation  
Toyohashi Univ. of Technology

Advance Food Tech. Co.,Ltd.  
Sumitomo Electric Hightechs Co.,Ltd.

## Low-Tc 64ch SQUID System



## Prototype High-Tc SQUID System



Suzuki et al., *JJAP*. 43(1) p 117, 2004.

Suzuki et. al, *Japanese Biomagnetism 2004*

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# Example of commercially available or practical superconductive systems

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- HTS filters
- HTS and LTS SQUID systems
- LTS SIS mixers (for ozone monitoring system, for radio observatory)

# Ozone monitoring system installed in 4K refrigerator



# Nobeyama radio observatory



SIS mixers  
inside

From NRO home page

[http://www.nro.nao.ac.jp/~nro45mrt/pictures/photo/image6/img203\\_800.jpg](http://www.nro.nao.ac.jp/~nro45mrt/pictures/photo/image6/img203_800.jpg)



# Example of commercially available or practical superconductive systems

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- HTS and LTS SQUID systems
- LTS SIS mixers (for ozone monitoring system, for radio observatory)
- LTS voltage standard systems

# Voltage standard system



From HYPRES home page  
<http://www.hypres.com/>



# High-speed digital circuit development



# Present status of high-speed digital technology

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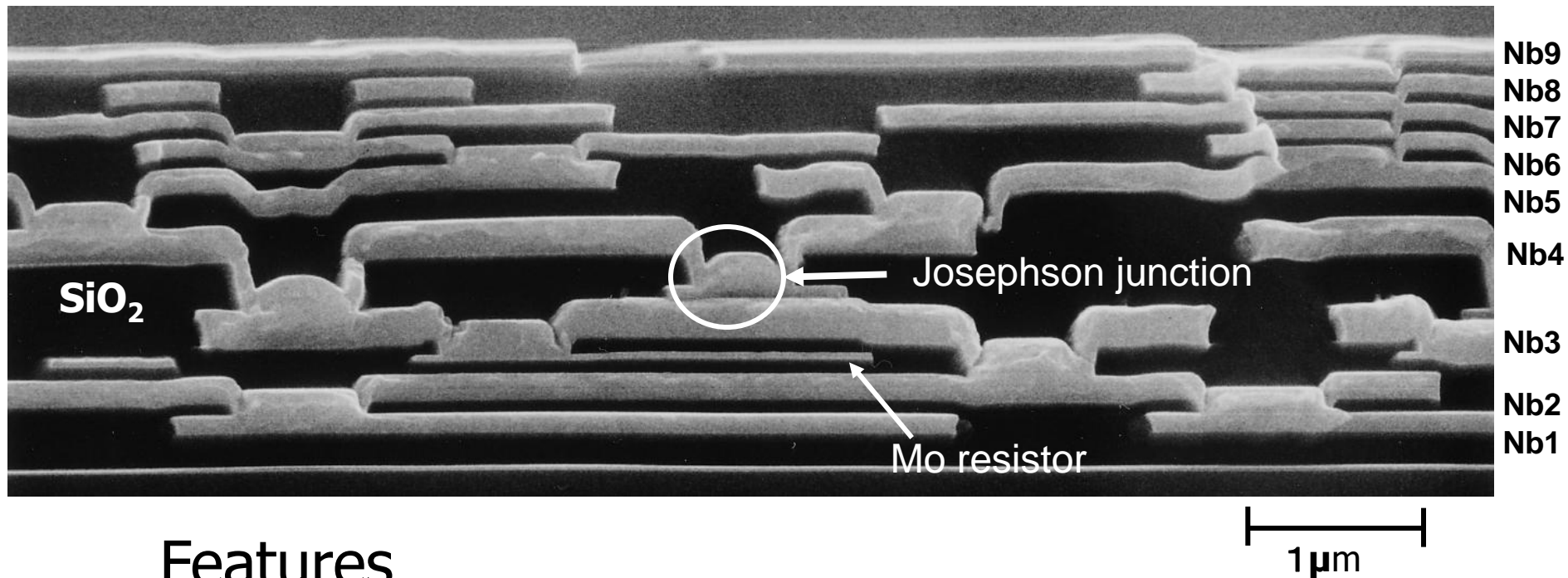
## LTS circuits

- LSI design technology  
Semiconductor LSI designer can design SFQ LSIs.
- Fabrication Process technology  
One million JJ circuits are possible to make.
- High speed circuit operation  
20-50 GHz clock operation is feasible.

## HTS circuits

- Fabrication Process technology  
100 JJ circuits are possible to make.
- Circuit operation  
A few tens JJ circuits are feasible to operate.

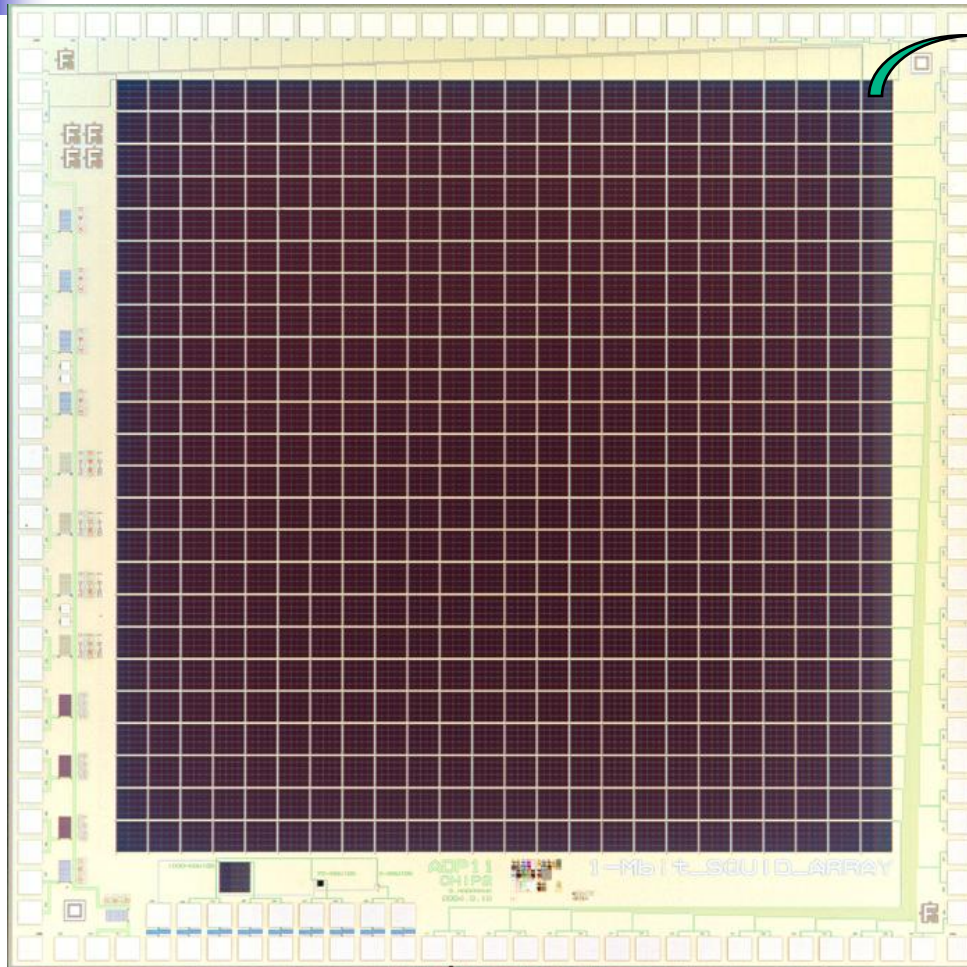
# Niobium junction integration



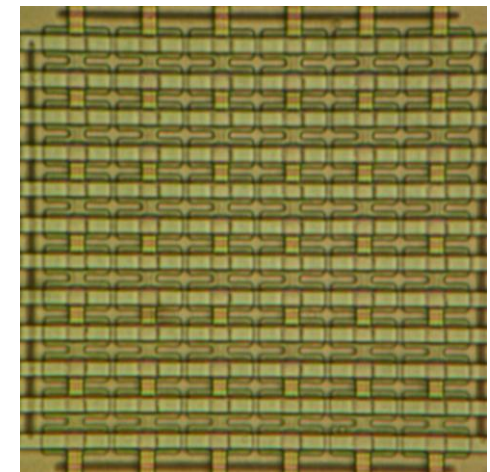
## Features

- Planarized 9 Nb layers
- Nb/AlO<sub>x</sub>/Nb with critical current density of 10 kA/cm<sup>2</sup>
- Minimum junction size: 1 μm<sup>2</sup>

# One million SQUID array for process check



Magnified view of 1/25 of one unit cell of the left-hand side picture

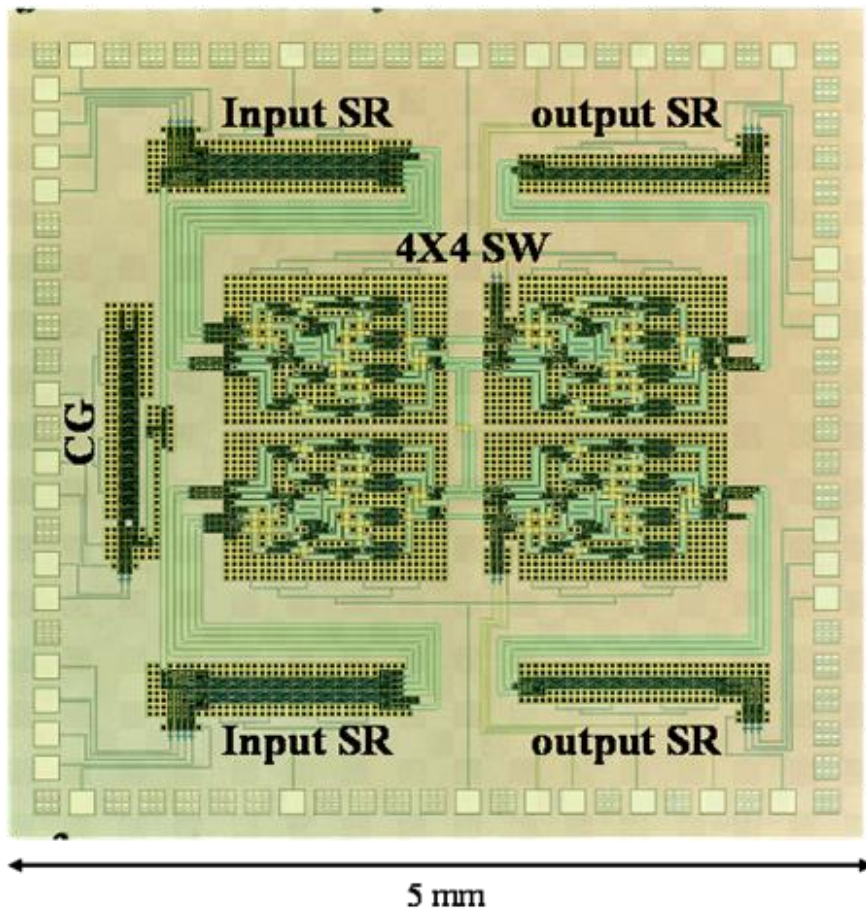


72 SQUID array

Left-hand side chip includes  
 $72 \times 25 \times 24 \times 24 =$   
1,036,800 SQUIDs

Chip size: 8mm  $\times$  8mm

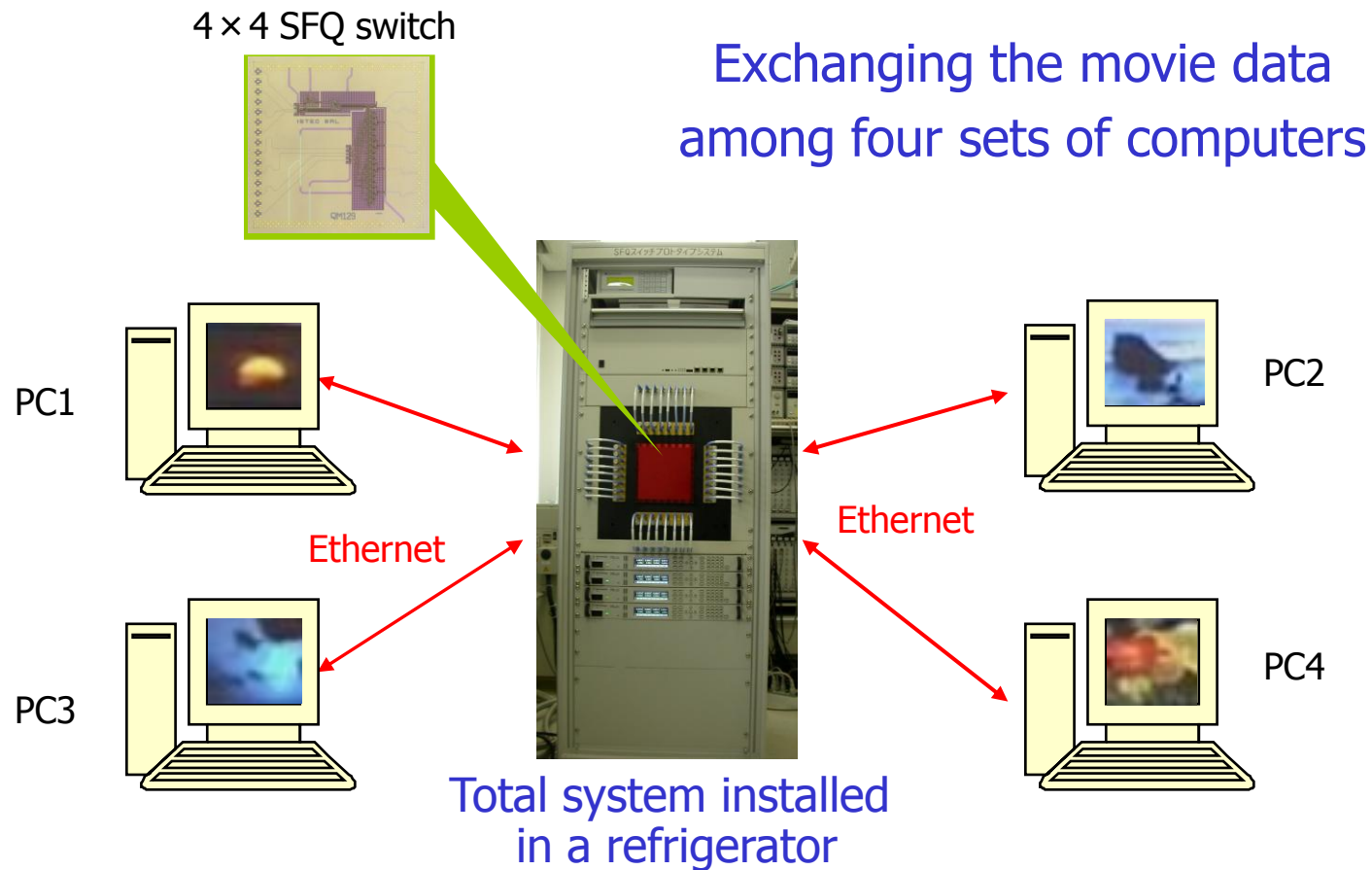
# LTS 4 × 4 SFQ switch



Number of JJ: 2812 JJ  
(4 × 4 switch part: 1478 JJ)  
Maximum clock frequency: 45 GHz

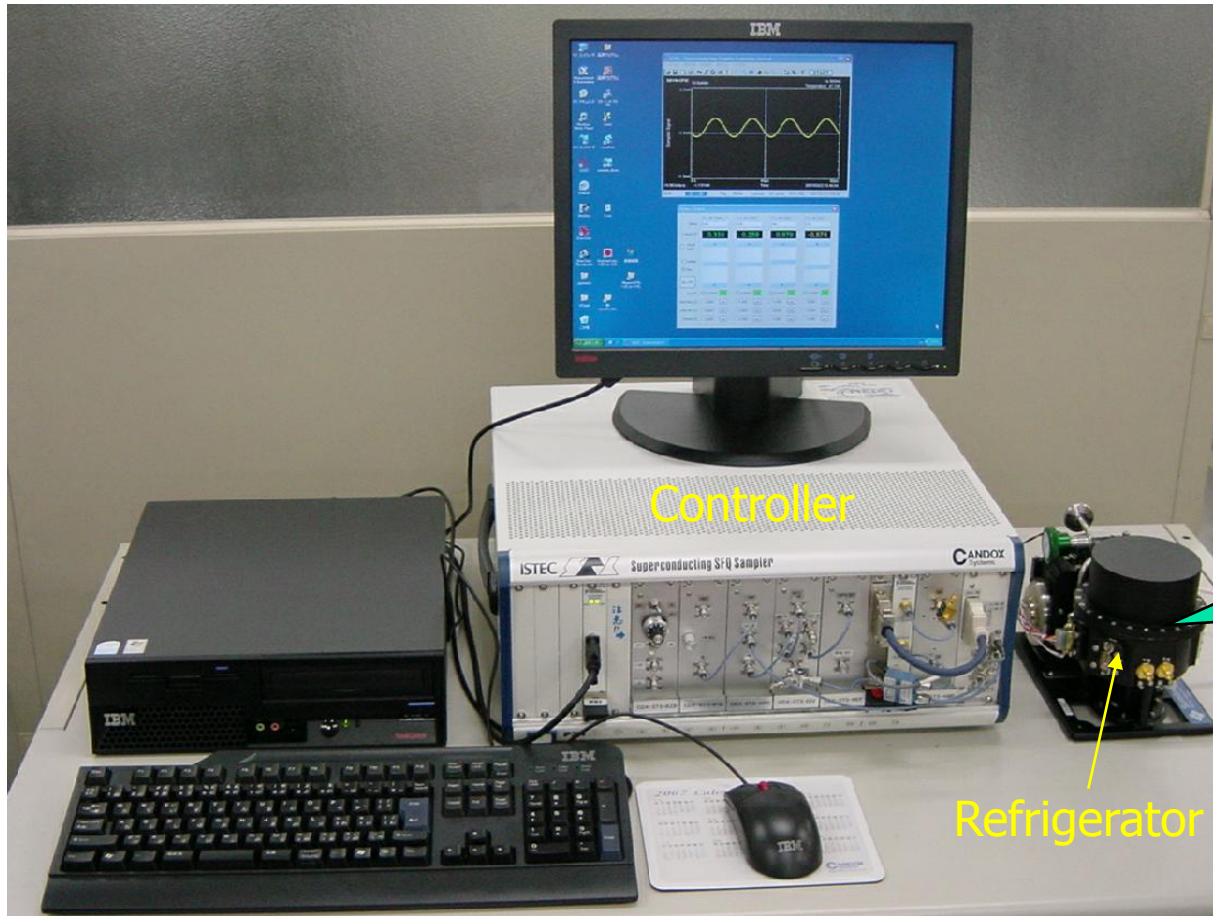
Ref: S.Yorozu et al, HPSR 2004

# Superconductive LAN system with SFQ switch

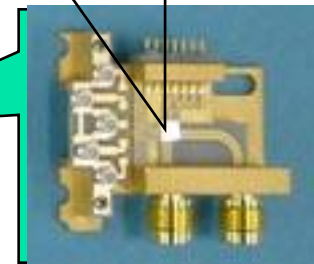
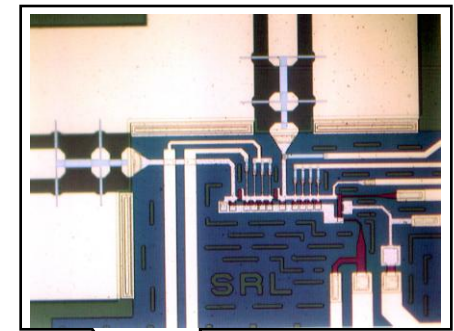


Ref: Y.Kameda et al, ISEC2007

# HTS sampler system



HTS sampler chip  
(2.5 mm $\square$ )



High frequency  
module (24.7 g)



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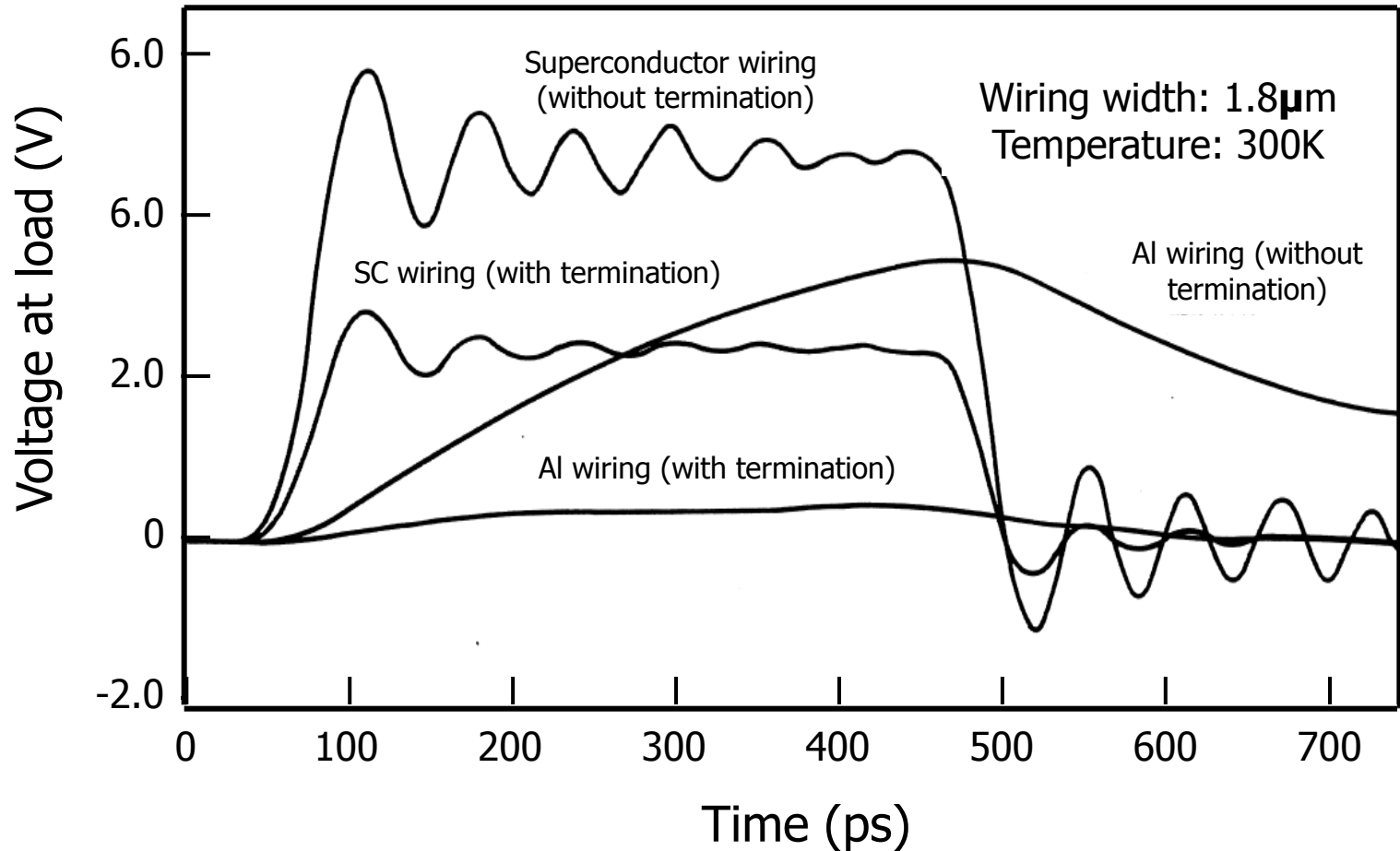


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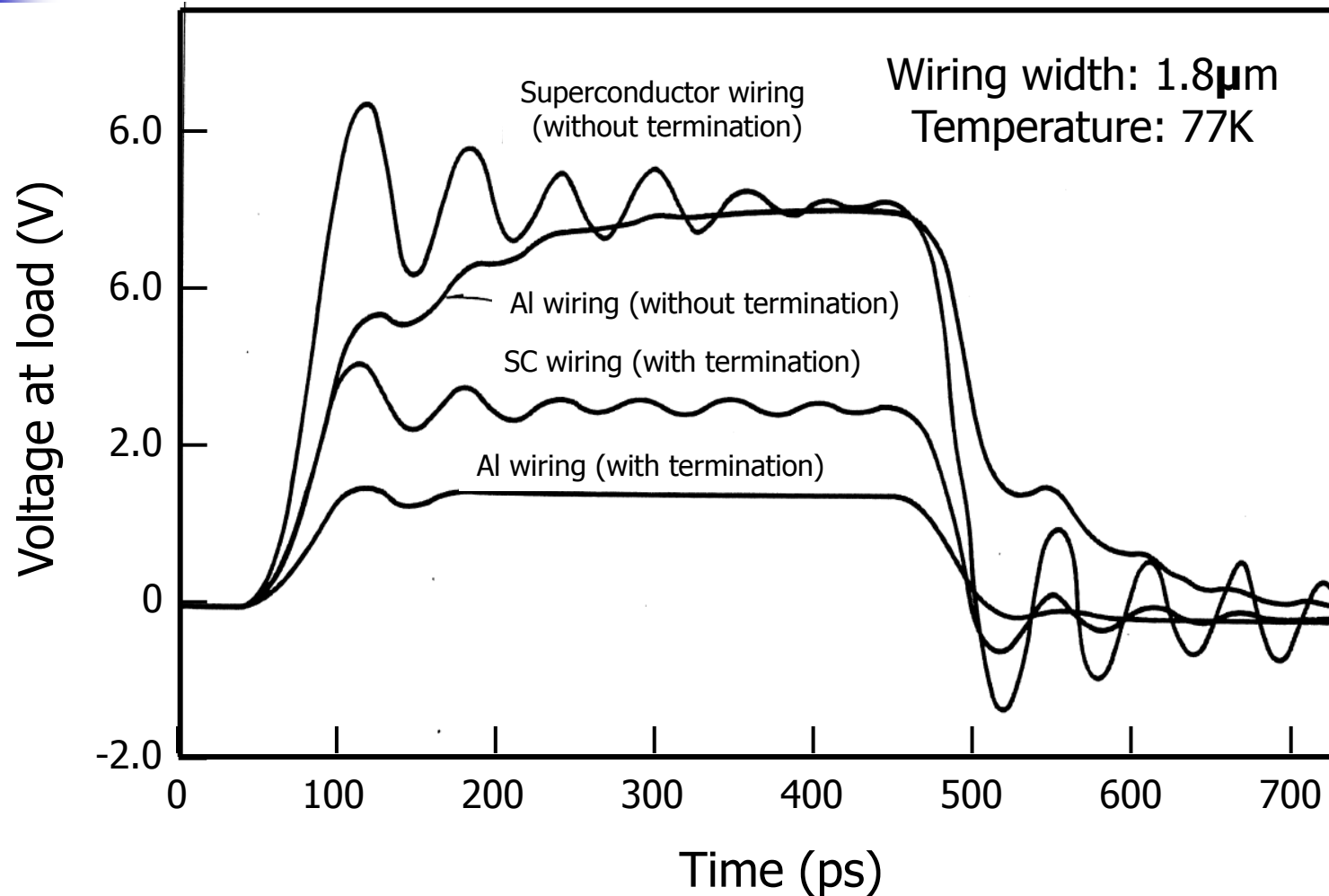
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- Wirings (LSI wirings, printed circuit board, co-axial cables, and all other cables)

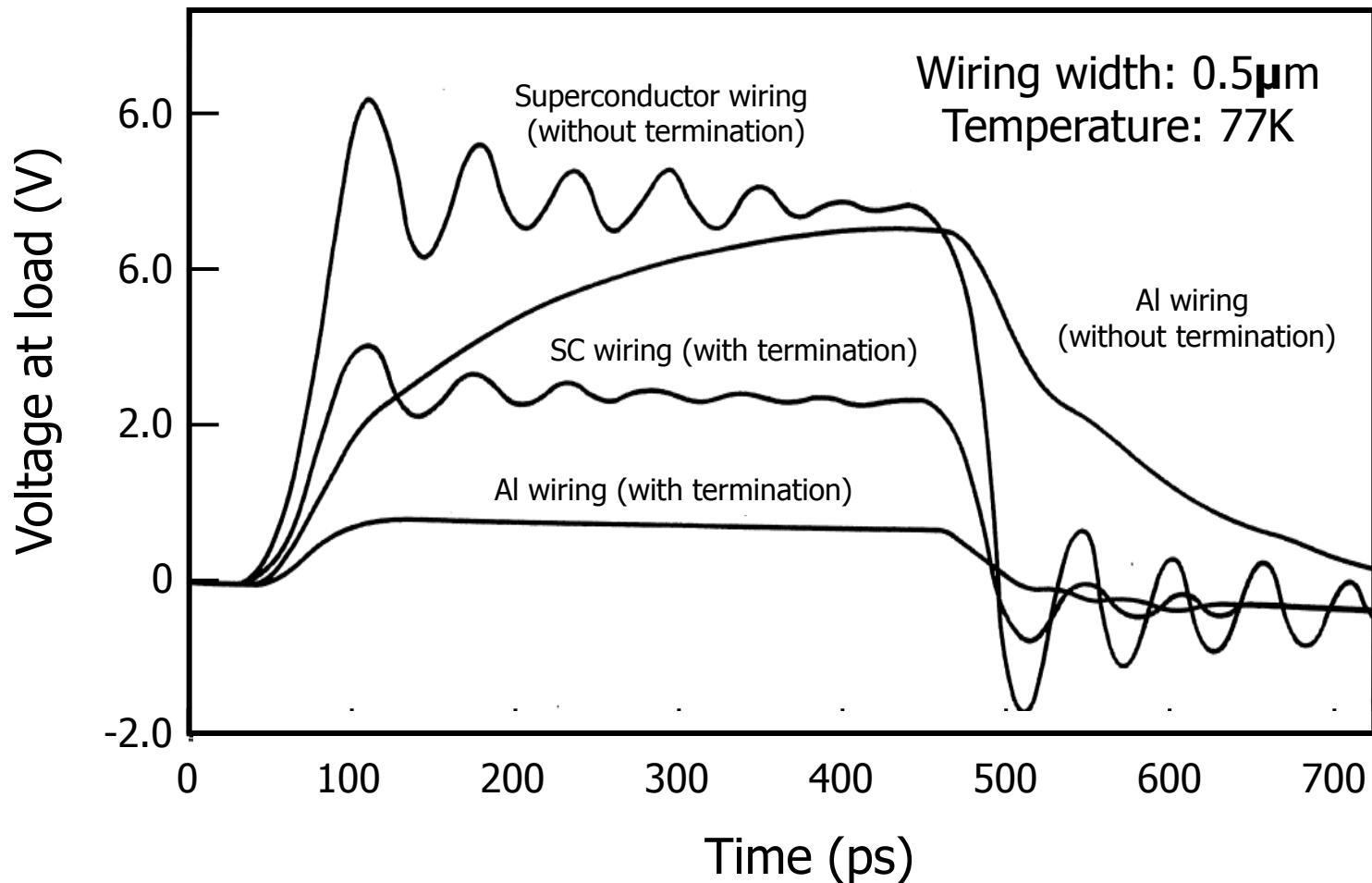
# LSI operation at 300K with 1.8 $\mu\text{m}$ width wiring



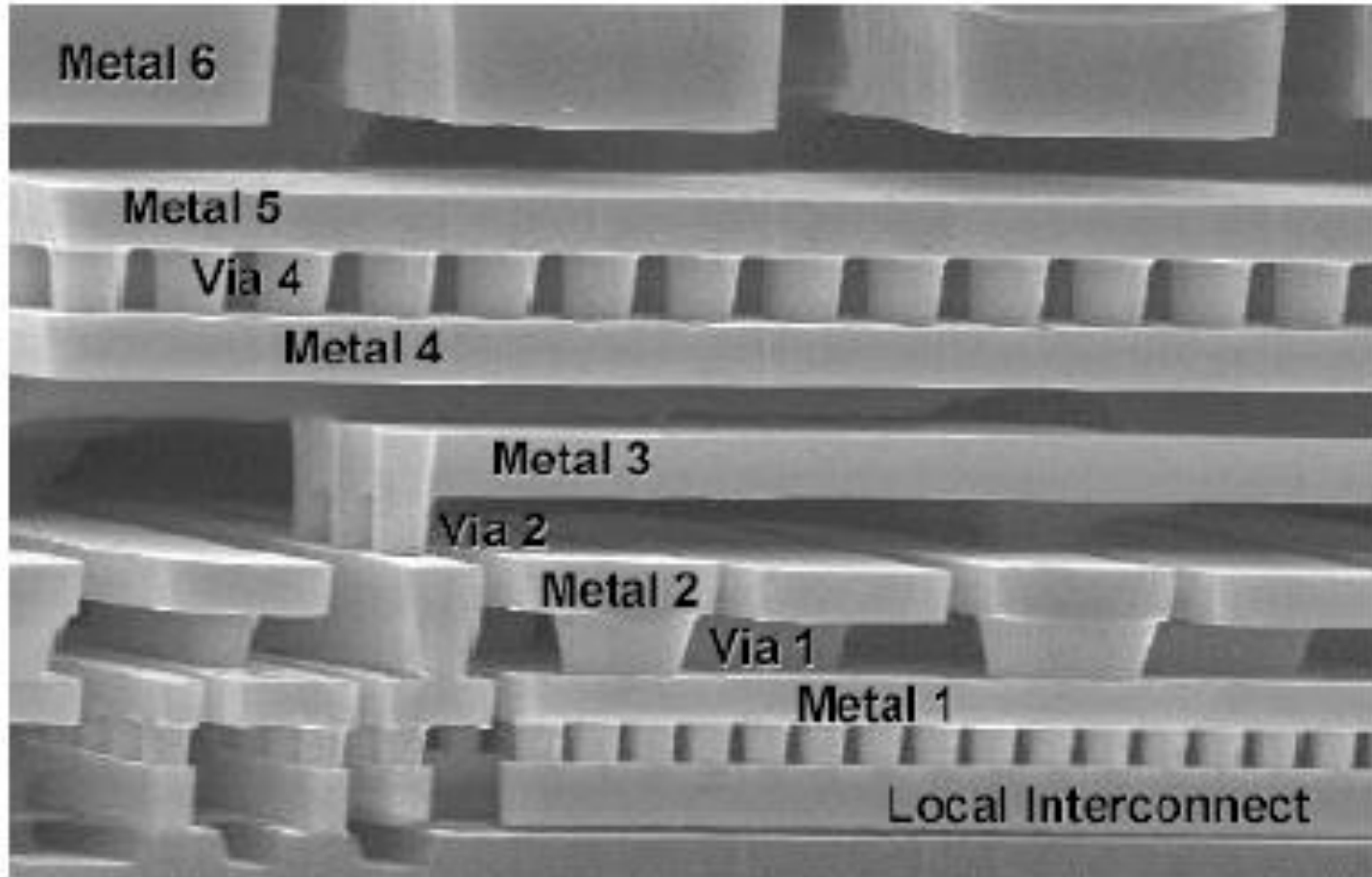
# LSI operation at 77K with 1.8 $\mu\text{m}$ width wiring



# LSI operation at 77K with 0.5 $\mu\text{m}$ width wiring



# LSI cross section



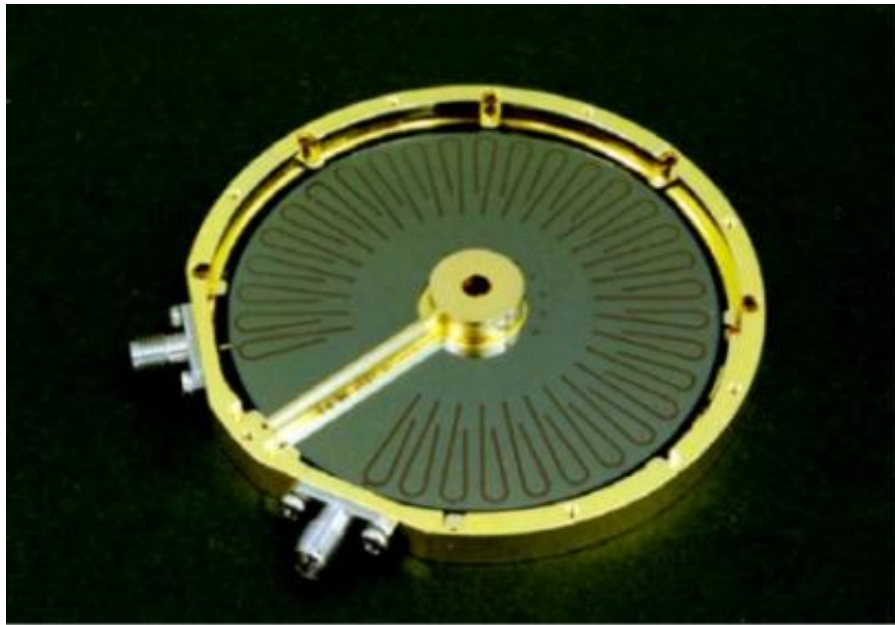


# RTS material application to passive devices

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- Wirings (LSI wirings, printed circuit board, co-axial cables, and all other cables)
- Microwave components (filters, antennas, transmission lines and cavities)

# Superconductive filters



HTS filter should be installed in a refrigerator.



RTS filter can be used as it is.



Easy for installing in a base station



# RTS material application to passive devices

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- Wirings (LSI wirings, printed circuit board, co-axial cables, and all other cables)
- Microwave components (filters, antennas, transmission lines and cavities)
- Magnetic shielding



## Low-Tc 64ch SQUID System

Superconductive magnetic shielding will be used with conventional high- $\mu$  shielding

## Prototype High-Tc SQUID System

16 channel



Suzuki et al., *JJAP*. 43(1) p 117, 2004.

MSR

High-Tc SQUIDs



51 channel

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# RTS passive devices

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- Basically we can apply RTS materials to any passive electronic components and systems.
- It is most important whether the RTS material can be processed to desired shape and it exhibits necessary performance.
- Present HTS materials have some restrictions such as substrate selection and high processing temperature.



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# Effects of thermal noise

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- Passive devices are not fatally affected by thermal noise.
- Performance of active devices are strongly affected by thermal noise.

- Thermal noise

$$V_n = \text{SQRT}(4k_B T R B)$$

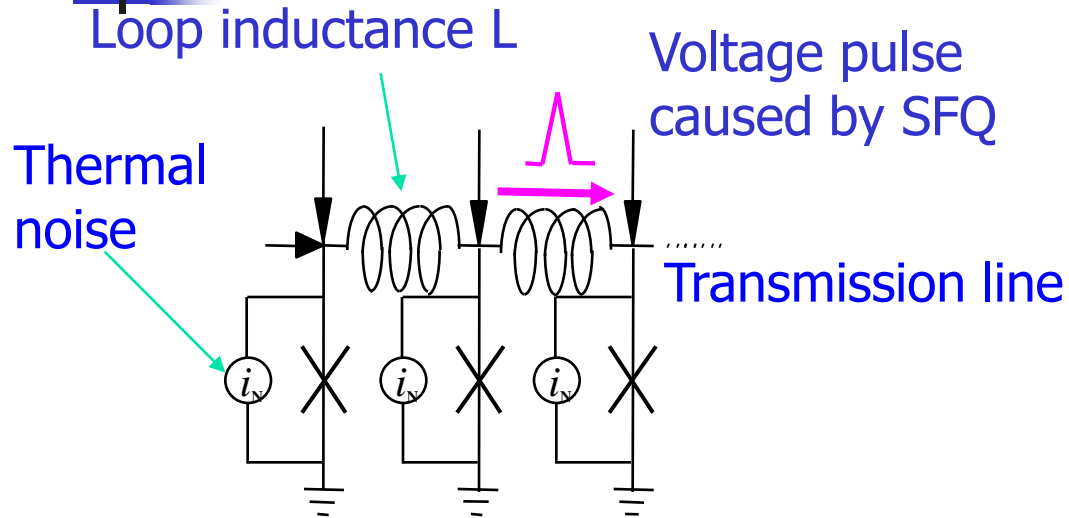
$$i_n = \text{SQRT}(4k_B T B / R)$$

$$P_n = 4k_B T B$$

$$P_n = 16.56 \text{ nW} @ 300\text{K}, B = 1\text{THz}$$

$$0.232 \text{ nW} @ 4.2\text{K}, B = 1\text{THz}$$

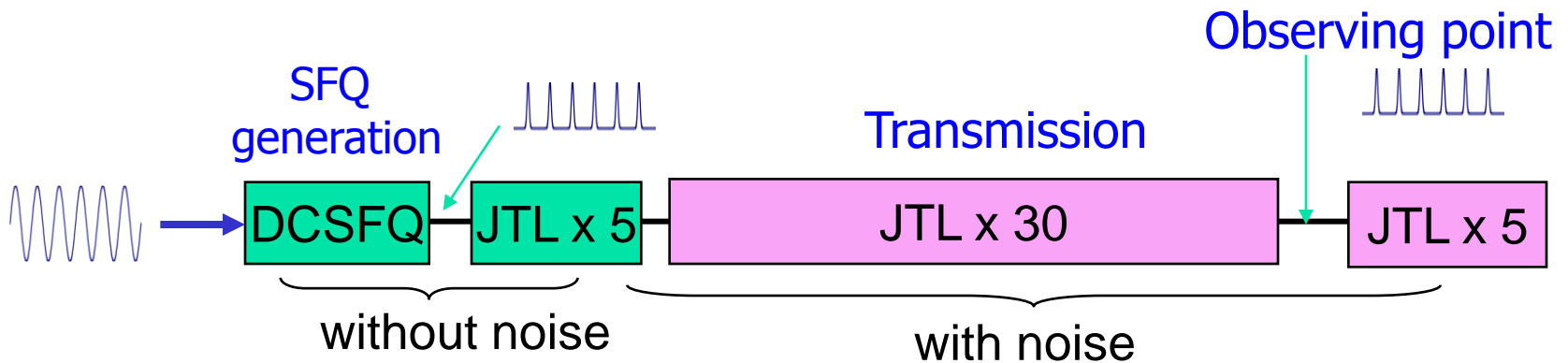
# Josephson Transmission Line (JTL)



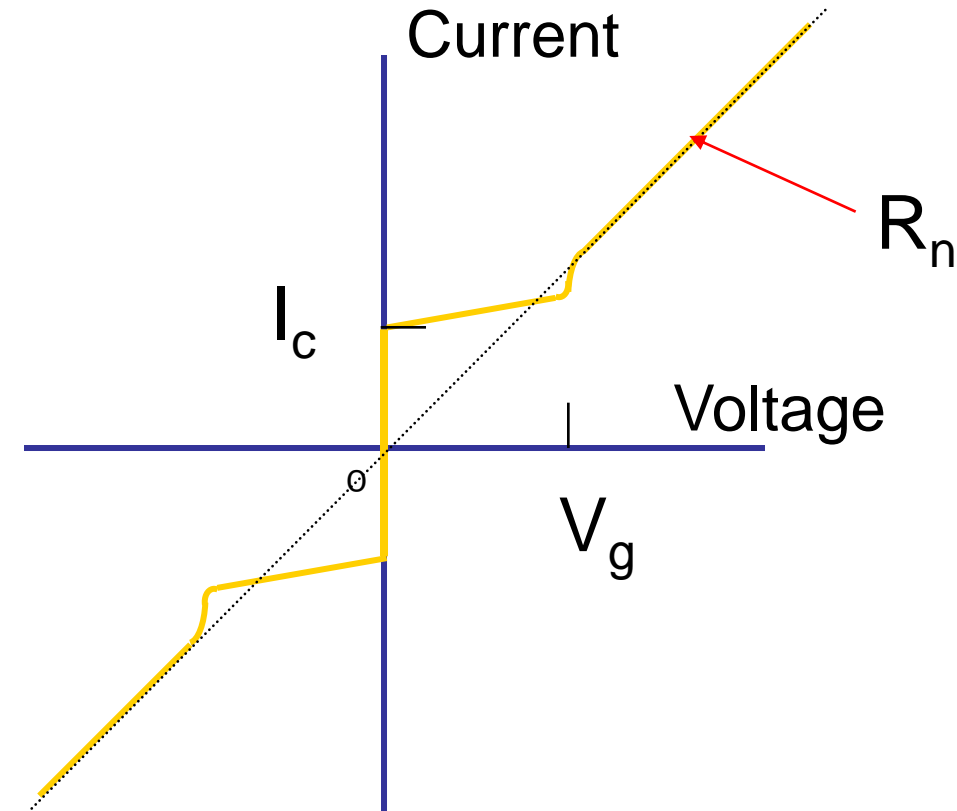
$$L I_C = 0.5 \phi_0$$

$$\beta = 1$$

$$i_N = \sqrt{\frac{4k_B T B}{R}}$$



# $I_c R_n$ product of Josephson junction

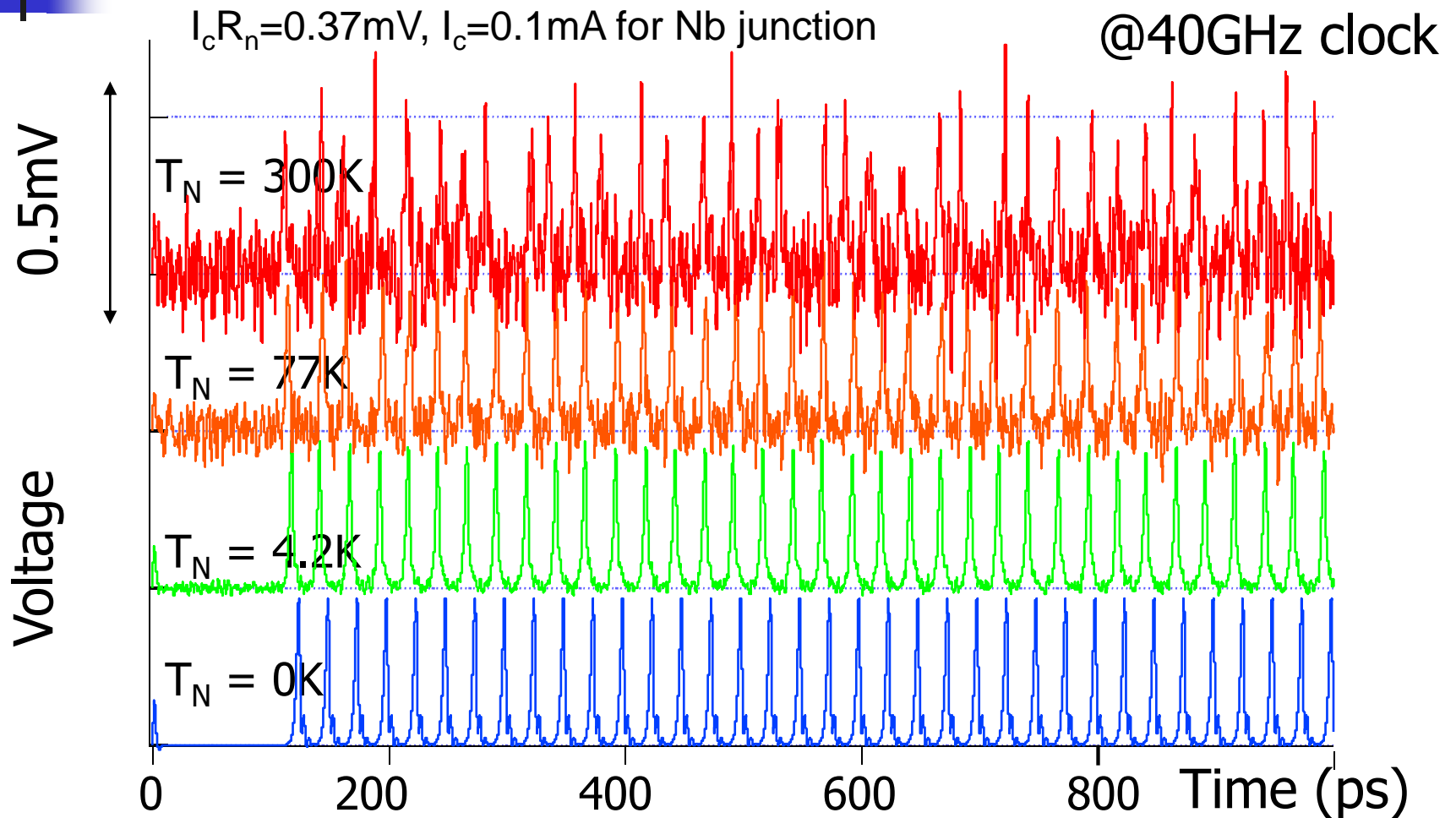


$I_c R_n$  product is an important parameter for digital circuit.

$$T = \Phi_0 / 2\pi I_c R_n$$

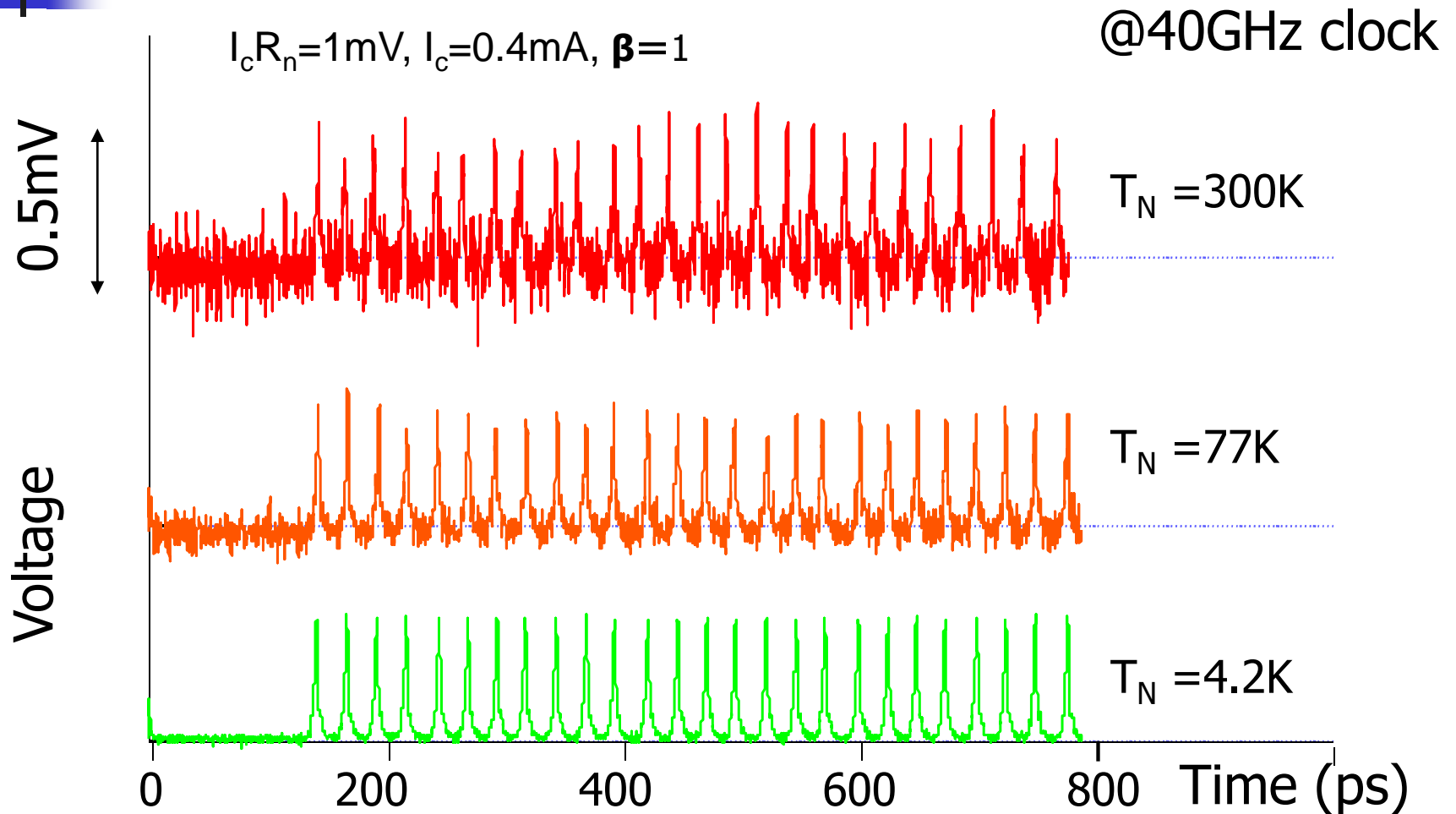
Current-Voltage characteristics of a Josephson junction

# Temperature dependence of SFQ pulse waveform



Simulated by Akira Yoshida

# Temperature dependence of SFQ pulse waveform for larger $I_c$ and $I_c R_n$



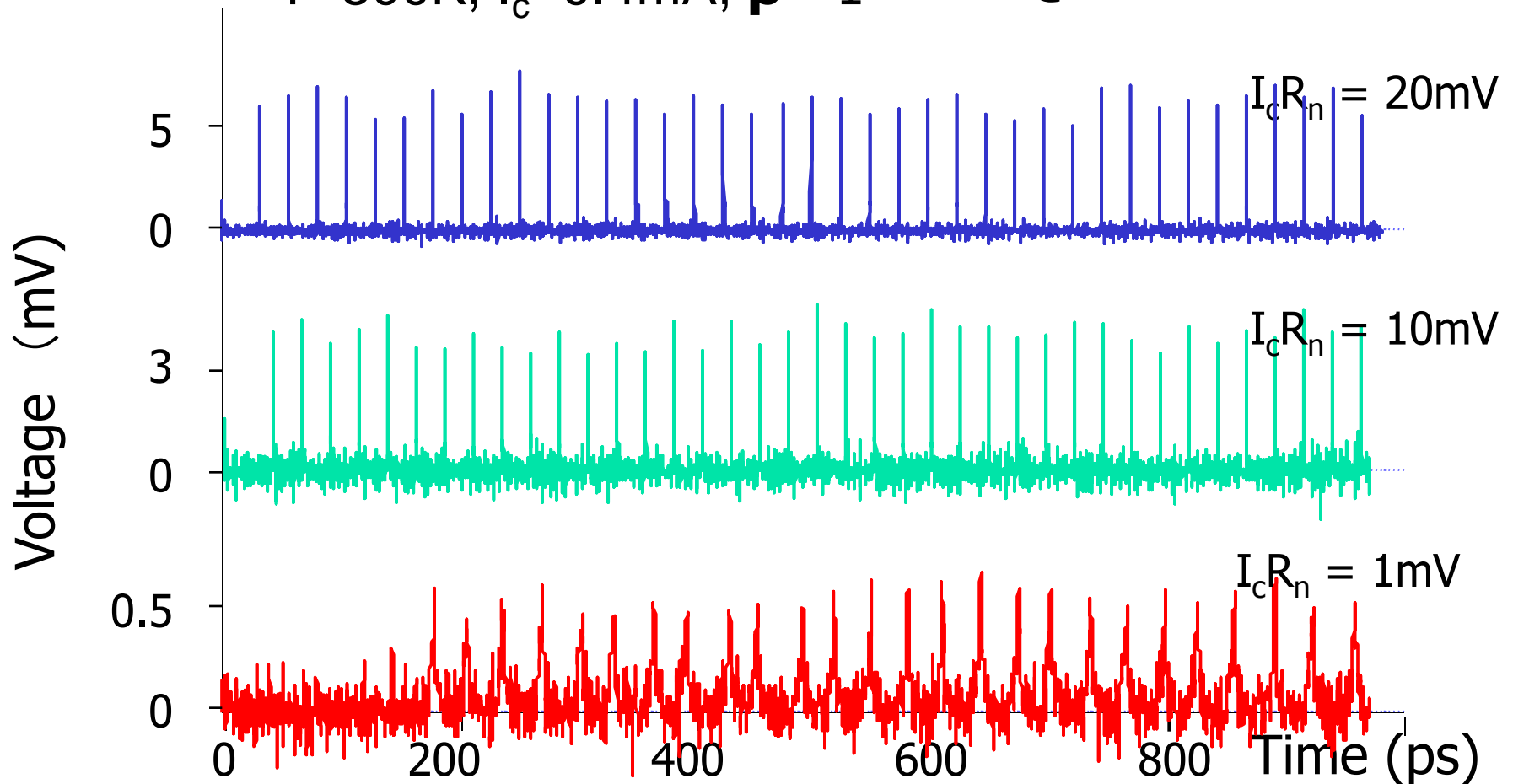
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# $I_c R_n$ dependence of SFQ pulse waveform at room temperature

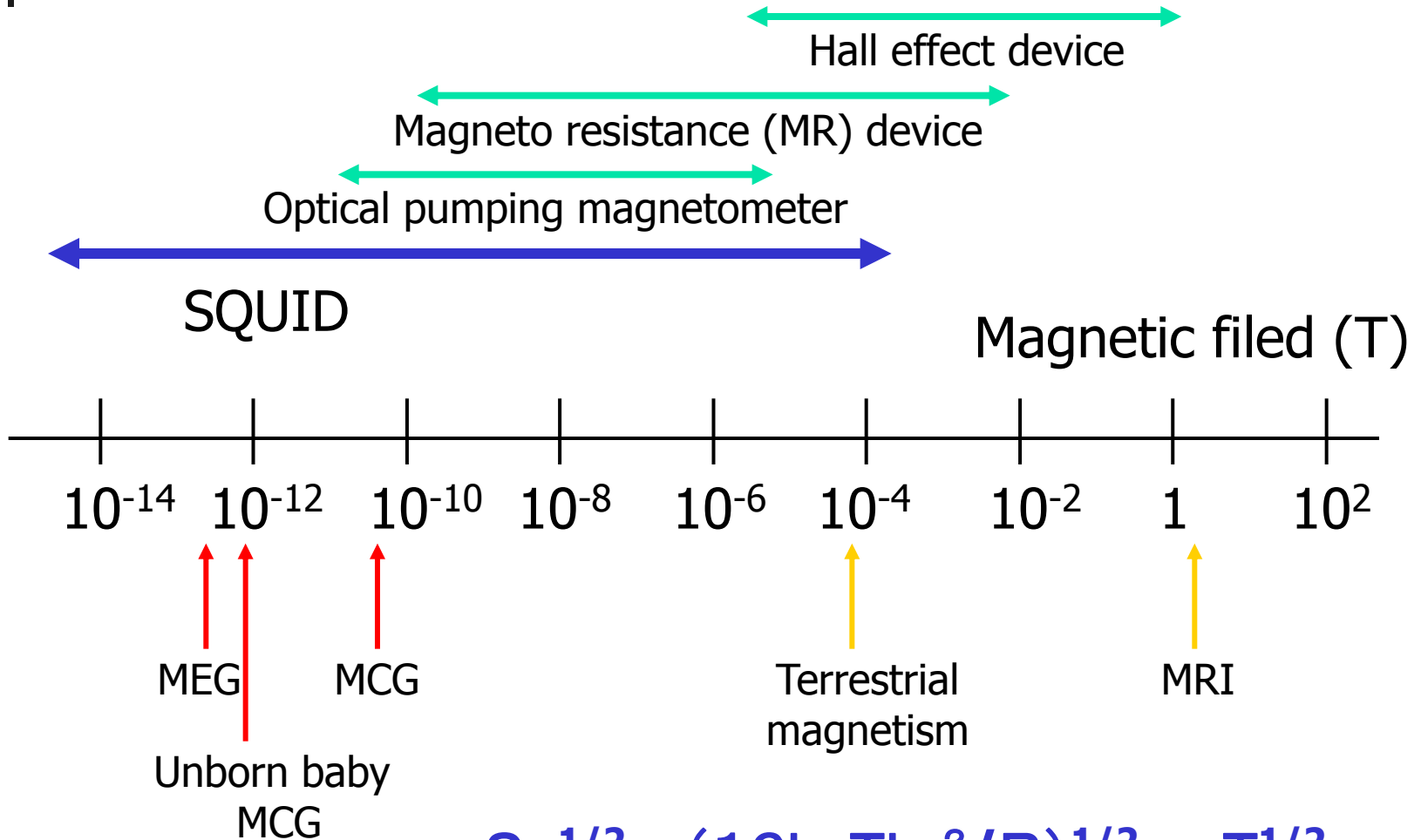
$T=300\text{K}$ ,  $I_c=0.4\text{mA}$ ,  $\beta=1$

@40GHz clock



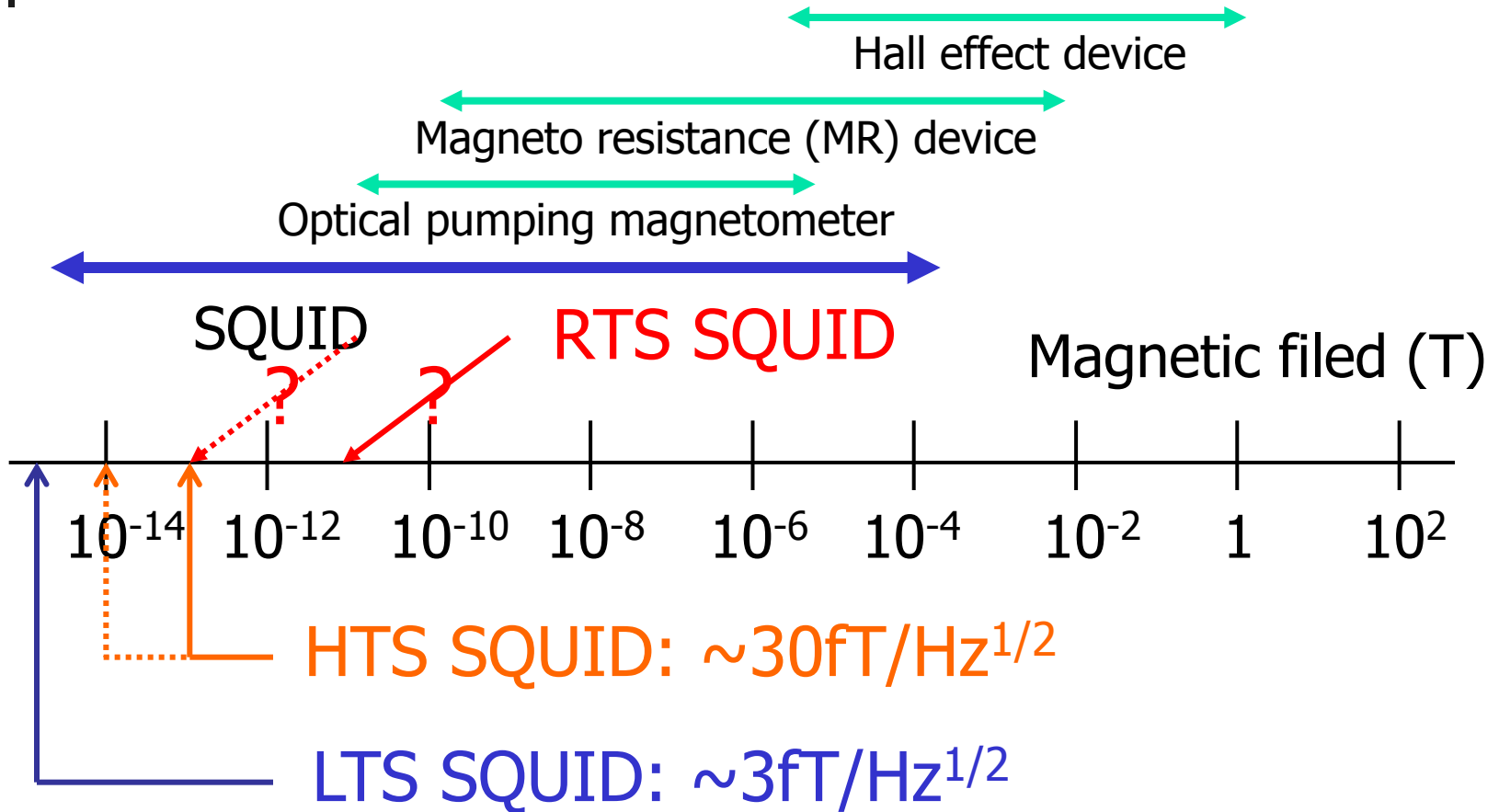
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# SQUID sensitivity



$$S_{\Phi}^{1/2} = (16k_B T L_s^2 / R)^{1/2} \propto T^{1/2}$$

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# SIS mixer (EM detector)

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Noise temperature (Sensitivity limit)

$$\begin{aligned}T_N &= \sim h\nu / k_B \\ &= 48\text{K}@1\text{THz} \\ &= 4.8\text{K}@100\text{GHz}\end{aligned}$$

Experimental result (Example)

$$\begin{aligned}T_N &= \sim 60\text{K}@430\text{GHz} \\ &= \sim 3h\nu / k_B\end{aligned}$$

Ambient temperature: 300K



# RTS material application to active devices

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- Handy SQUID system may be useful for a convenient MCG or other applications.
- SFQ digital circuits are not hopeful because of crucial thermal noise.
- SIS mixers has also problem of thermal noise.
- Voltage standards may be possible if we can make uniform Josephson junction array.

High-quality Josephson junction is a key for active device applications of RTS.



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# Role of LTS, HTS and RTS devices

LTS  
(T=4.2K)

HTS  
(T=77K)

RTS  
(T=300K)

Key feature: High-speed, high-sensitivity and extremely low-noise

- High-speed digital circuit for computers and routers
- High-sensitive SQUID
- SIS mixers

Key feature: Compact system, high-speed, and high-sensitivity

- Digital receiver system for telecommunication
- Compact SQUID
- Measurement systems such as a sampling oscilloscope

Key feature: Refrigerator free and improvement of metal conductivity

- Microwave components
- Wirings
- Magnetic shielding
- Handheld SQUID (?)
- Voltage standards (?)

Lower temperature operation, such as 4.2K operation of HTS devices and 77K operation of RTS active devices, may be possible to improve their performance.

# RTS world



★ : RTS electronic device

Ubiquitous Superconductive Electronics !!!





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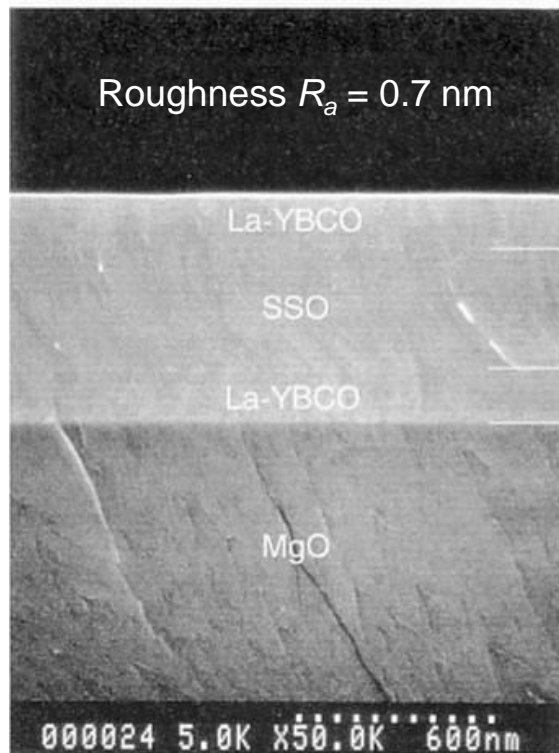


# RTS material should be . . .

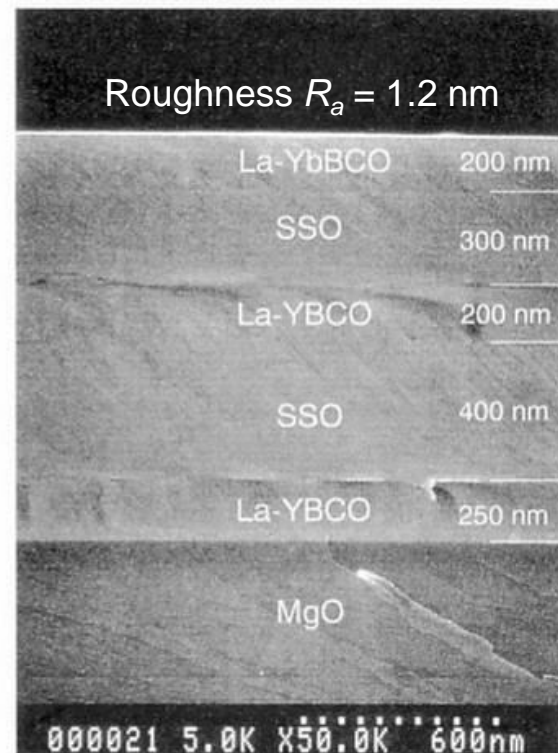
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- easy to process with physical and/or chemical treatment.
- deposited on any substrate at low temperature ( $<200^{\circ}\text{C}$ ).
- stable for long term preservation.
- uniform in nm-scale in the case of active device application.

# 3 HTS layer structure with smooth surface



2-layer structure



3-layer structure

- Optimization of deposition condition with  $\text{SrSnO}_3$  (SSO) insulation layer
- Reproducible deposition of smooth layer with surface roughness less than 2 nm



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- able to carry high current density as high as  $10^7 \text{ A/cm}^2$  .



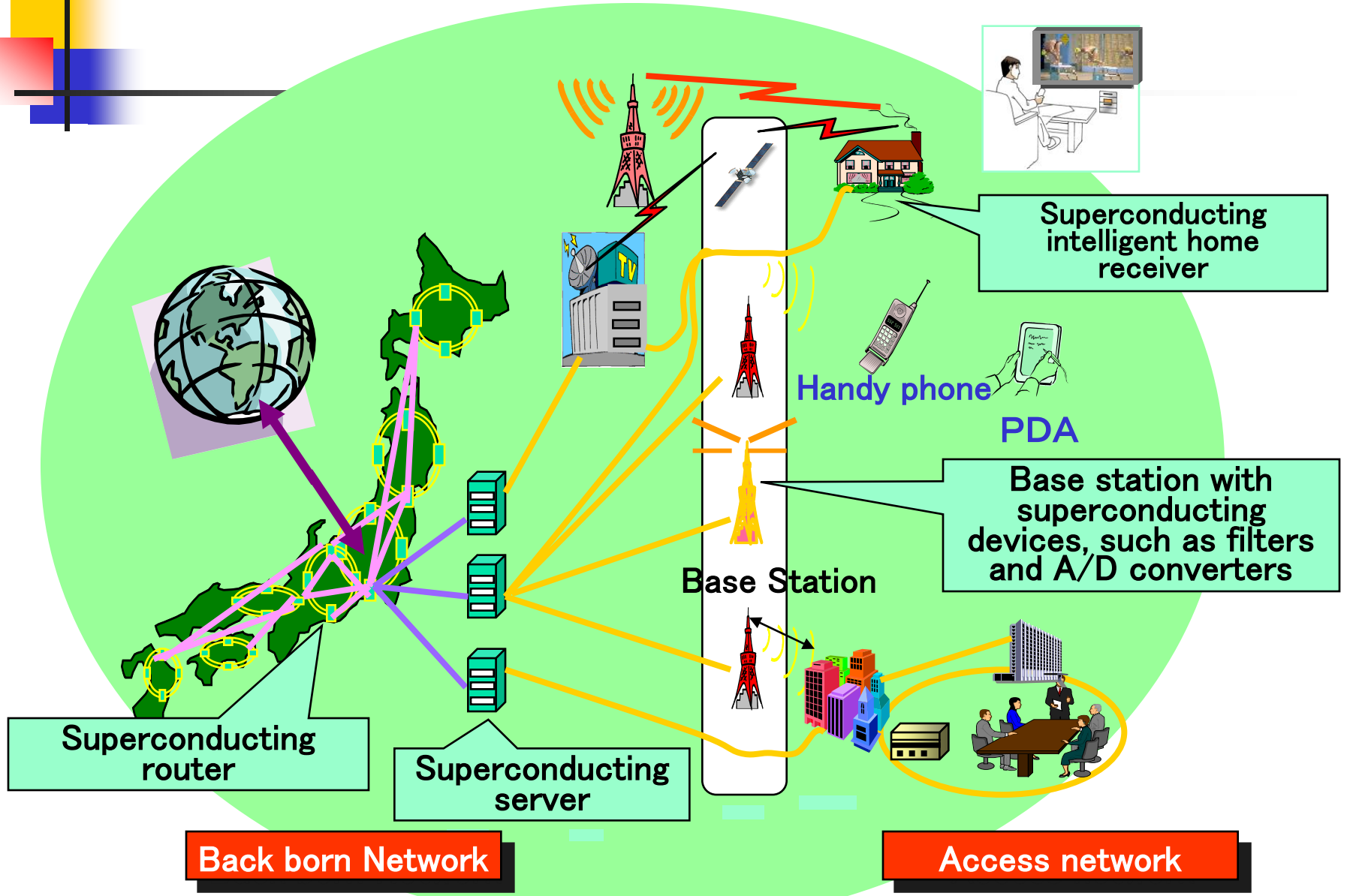
# Conclusion

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- Refrigeration free is the most important nature of RTS materials for electronic applications.
- Passive device applications are quite hopeful in various field of electronics, especially in consumer market.
- Active device applications are doubtful. But, if RTS Josephson junction characteristics exhibit high-quality and uniformity, active devices may be practical.

# Supplements

# Image of HTS and LTS applications



LTS systems

HTS systems

# Difference of HTS and LTS systems from the view point of users



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Big difference is cooling scale !

## ➤ HTS systems

- Operated in a small cooler (sometimes in a palm-top cooler)
- Suitable for small scale system
- Competitors are conventional low-end systems, such as high-speed measurement systems

## ➤ LTS systems

- Suitable for large scale system
- Competitors are conventional high-end systems
- The larger the system becomes, such as supercomputers, the better the performance



# Comparison of HTS and LTS applications referring semiconductors

## Semiconductors

Si vs Compound semiconductors (GaAs, InP, GaN, InAs, InGaAs, etc)

### Applications of Si

Supercomputer  
High-speed processor  
(Large scale systems)

### Applications of Compound Semiconductors

- Optical communication system
- Satellite communication system  
(Small scale high-speed systems)

## Superconductors

Nb vs HTS (Y, Bi, Tl, Hg-systems, etc)

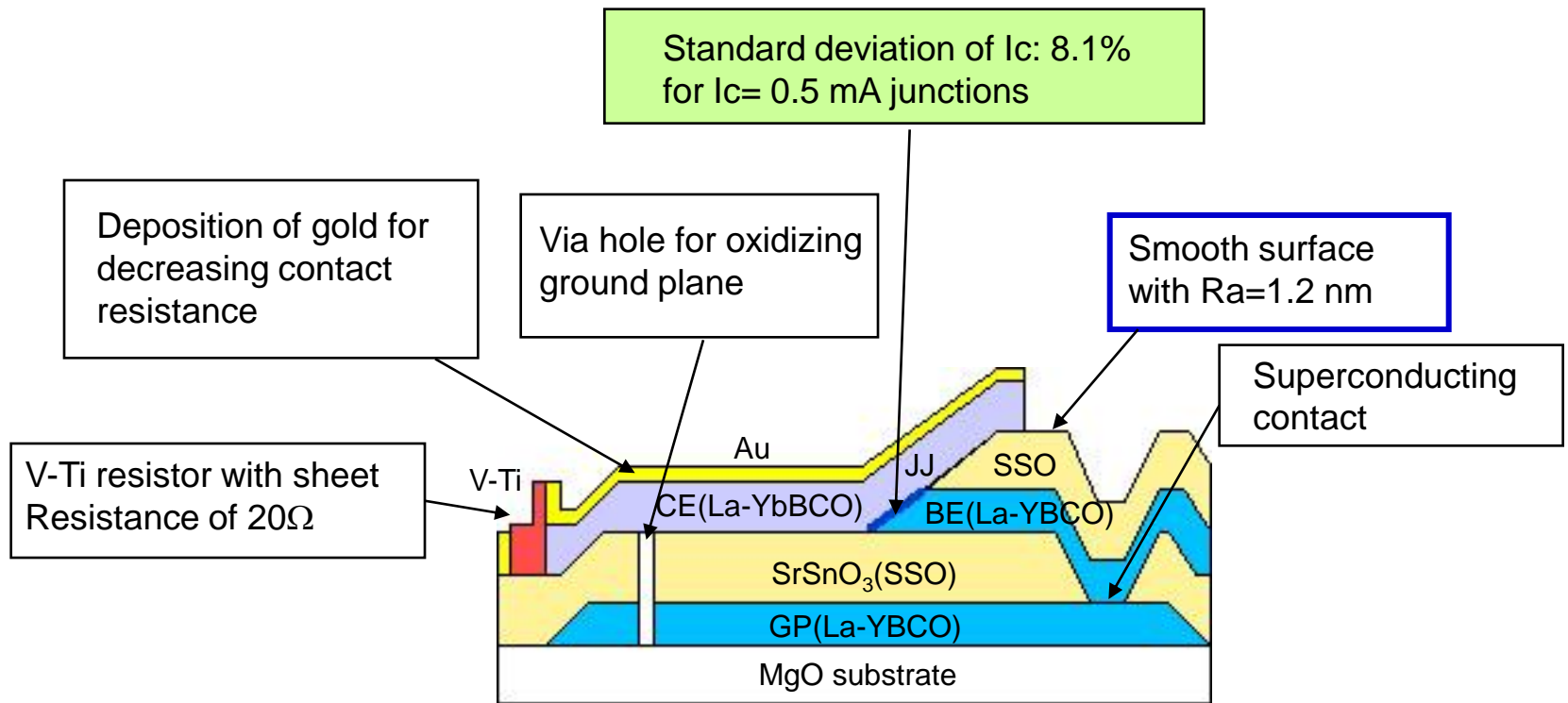
### Applications of LTS

High-speed router  
Large scale low power server  
(Large scale systems)

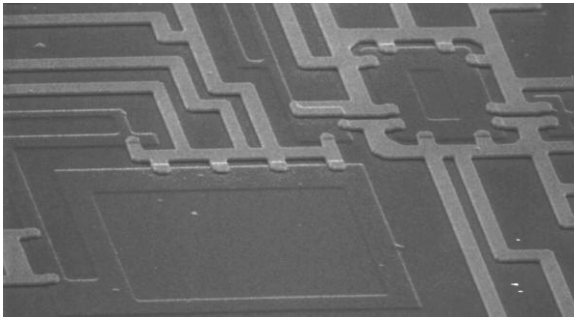
### Applications of HTS

- A/D converter system
- High-speed measurement system  
(Small scale systems)

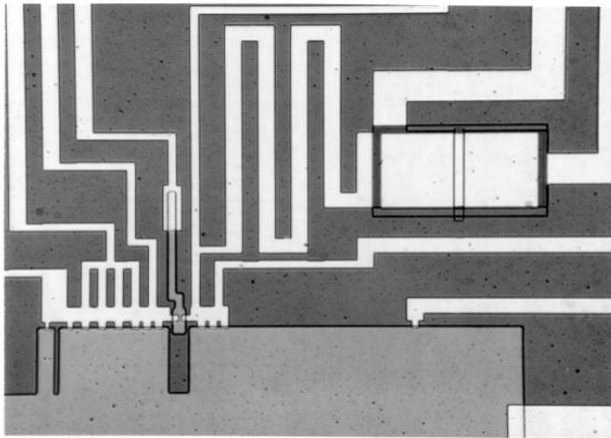
# HTS device structure



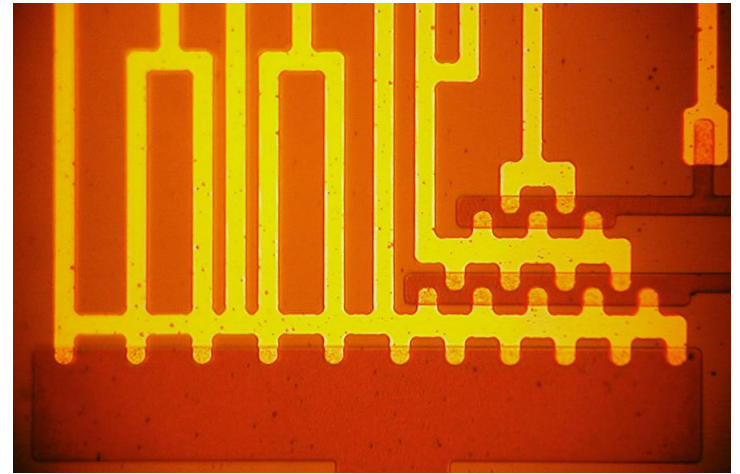
# Demonstration of elementary SFQ circuits



Ring Oscillator (21 JJ, Toshiba) 57 GHz @20K



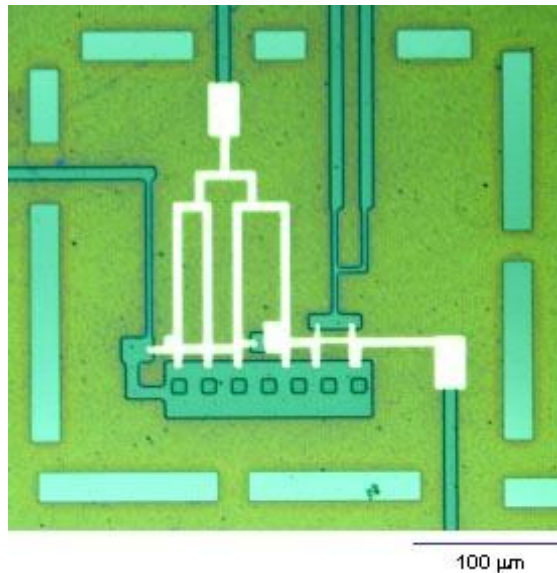
$\Sigma$ - $\Delta$  AD modulator (13 JJ, Hitachi) 100 GHz @20K



SQUID-array interface (25 JJ, SRL)

- Latch-type interface (10 JJ, Fujitsu)  
>1 mV output @30 K
- Sampler circuit with JTL buffer (25 JJ, NEC)  
20 GHz signal observation @35 K
- QOS comparator (10 JJ, SRL)  
82 GHz @40 K

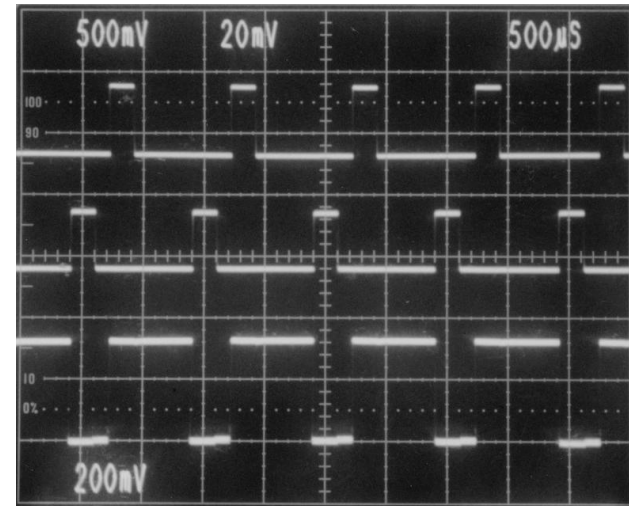
# Design of HTS circuits



Input  
(0.5mA/div)

Reset  
(0.2mA/div)

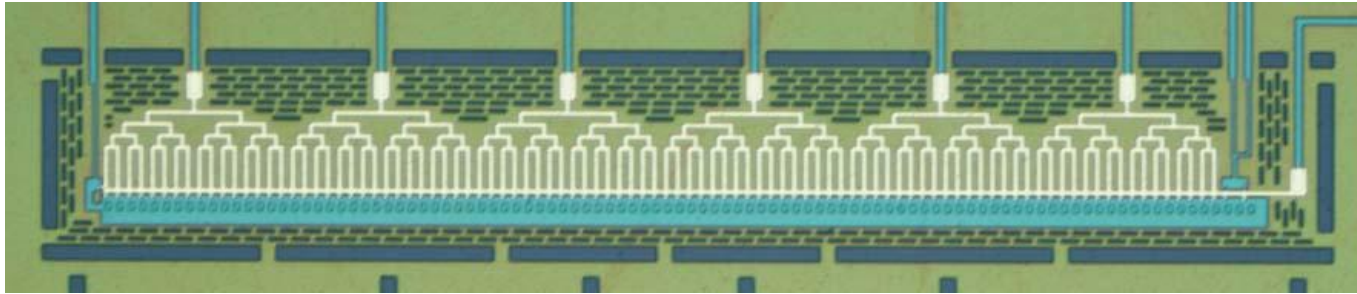
Output  
(0.2mV/div)



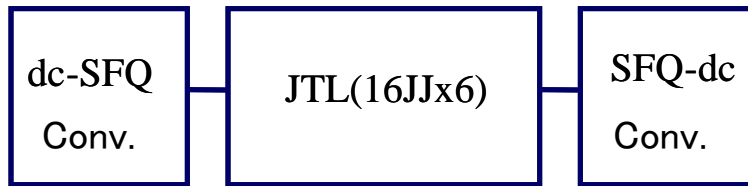
Time (0.2ms/div)

- SFQ-dc circuit suitable for HTS devices was designed.
- Operating margin was increased twice ( $\pm 22\%$ )@22K operation.
- Confluence buffer, splitter, and RS-flip flop circuits were also operated.

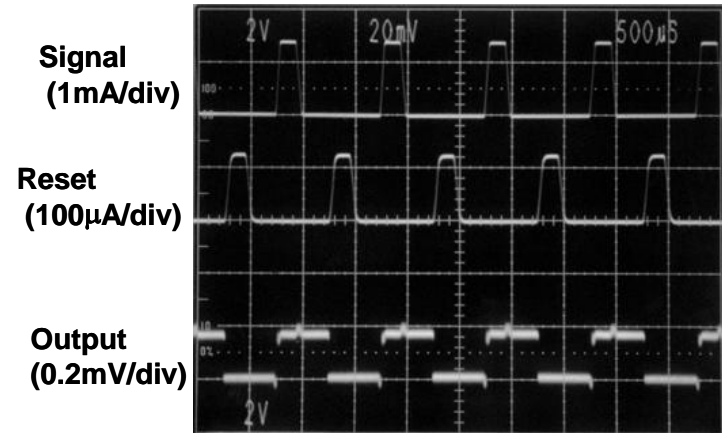
# HTS 100 JJ circuit



Circuit including 101 JJs



Circuit

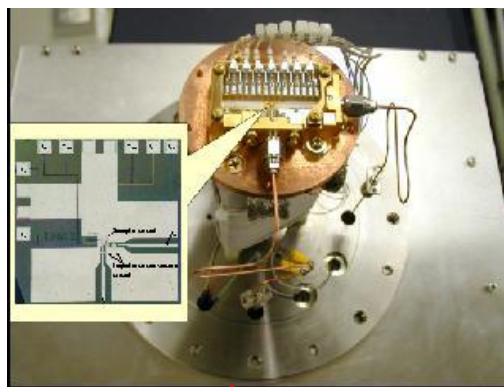


Ref: H.Wakana et al (ISTEC), ISS2004

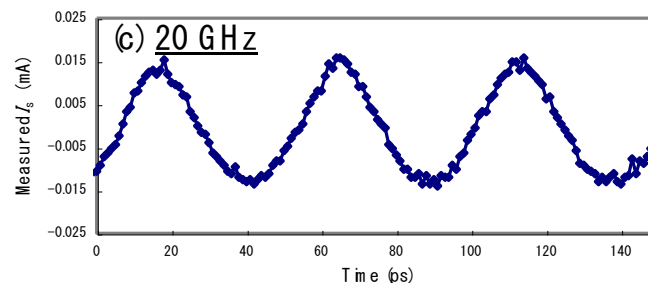
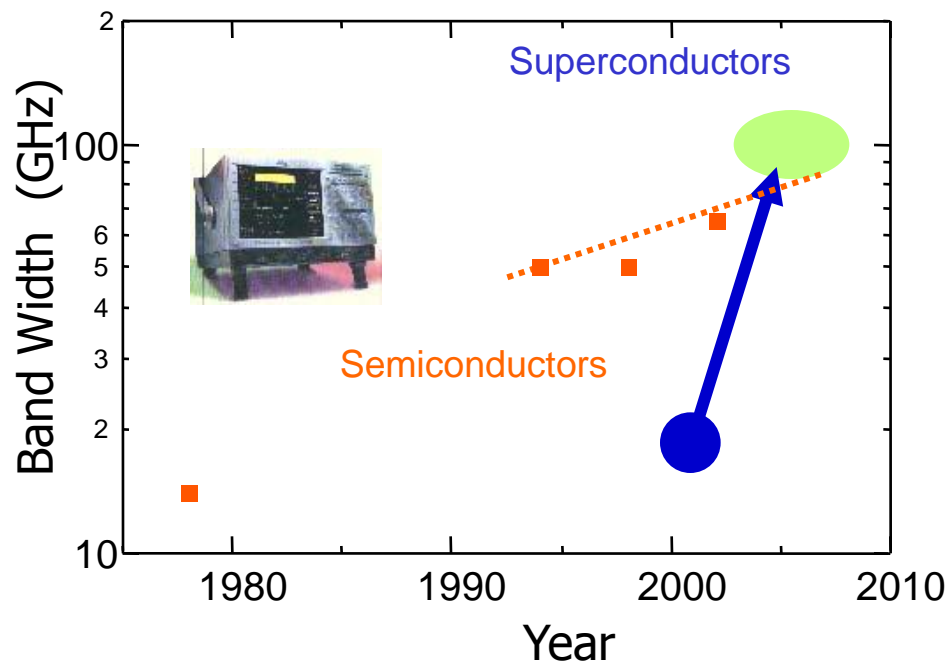
Operation at 29 K

# Superconducting sampling oscilloscope

Sampling Oscilloscope Prototype



Chip and Package



Waveform of 20GHz

Ref: M.Hidaka (NEC) et al., ASC2000



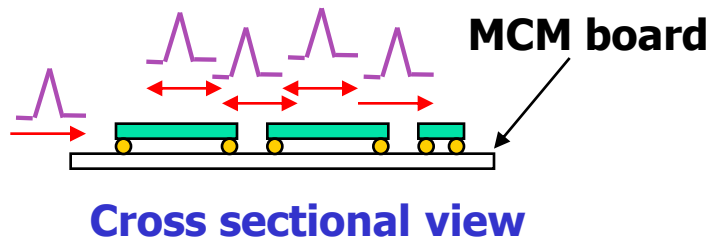
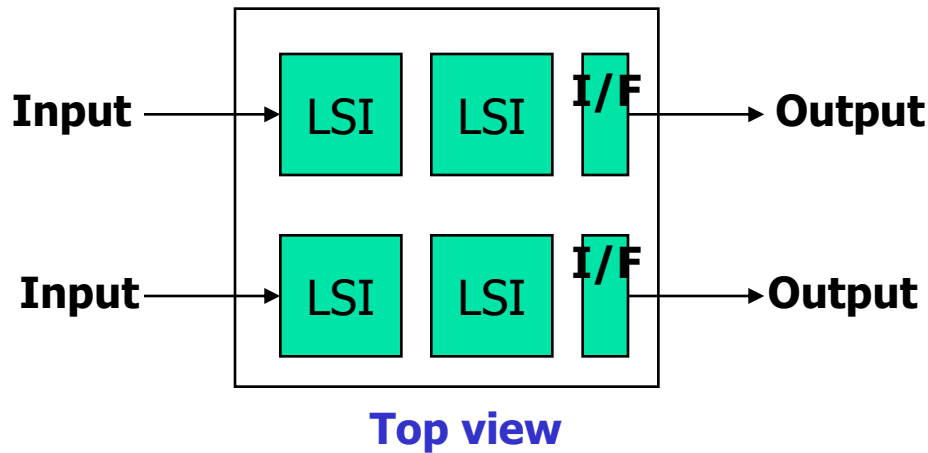
# Research items for low temperature packaging

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- Signal conversion from semiconductor to SFQ
- Multi-chip module (MCM)
- Signal conversion from SFQ to semiconductor
- Low temperature cooling
- Latency between low temperature and room temperature

# Superconducting MCM

## Multi Chip Module



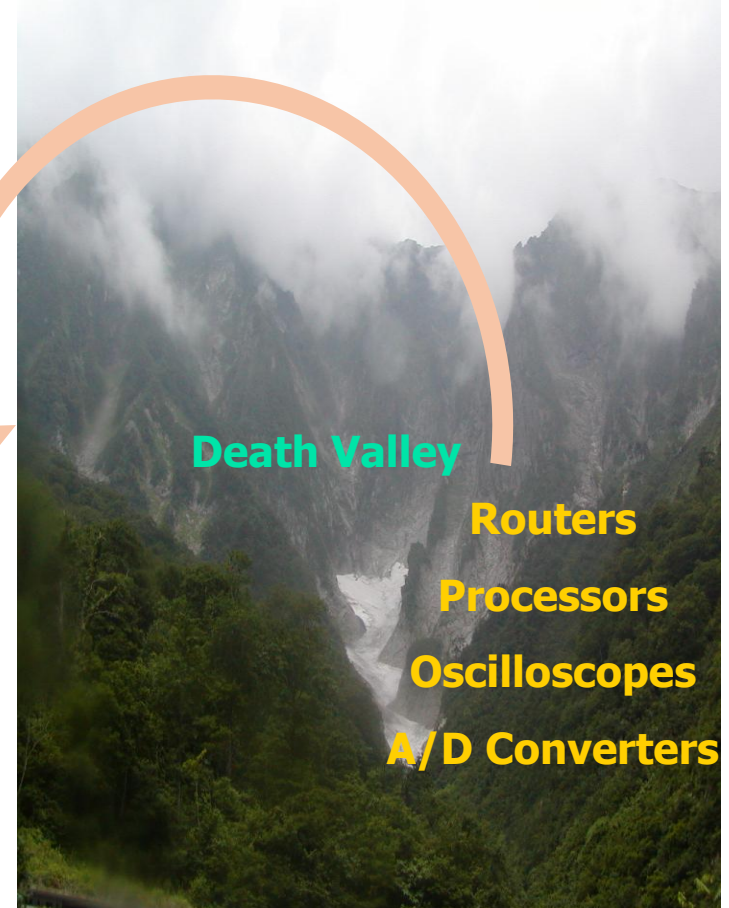
SFQ signal can propagate  
in between LSIs.



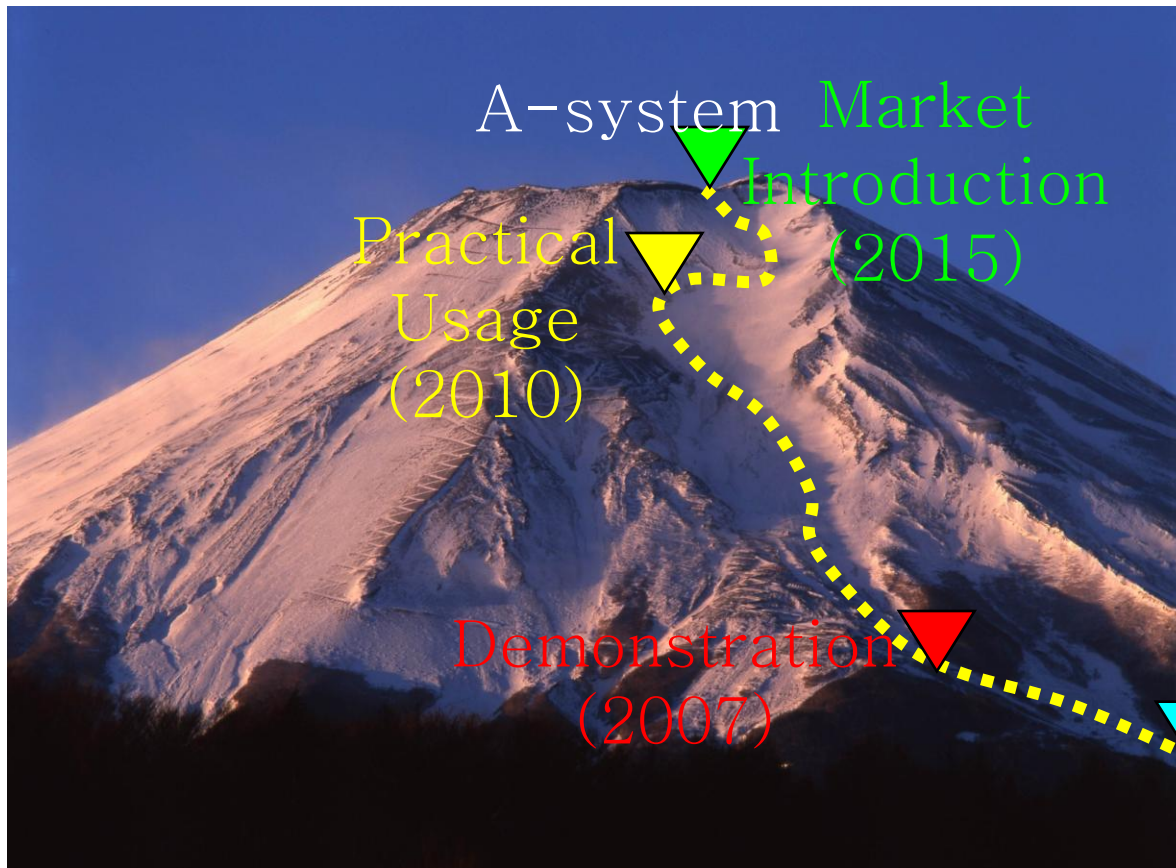
# Overcome the difficulties



Filters  
SQUIDs

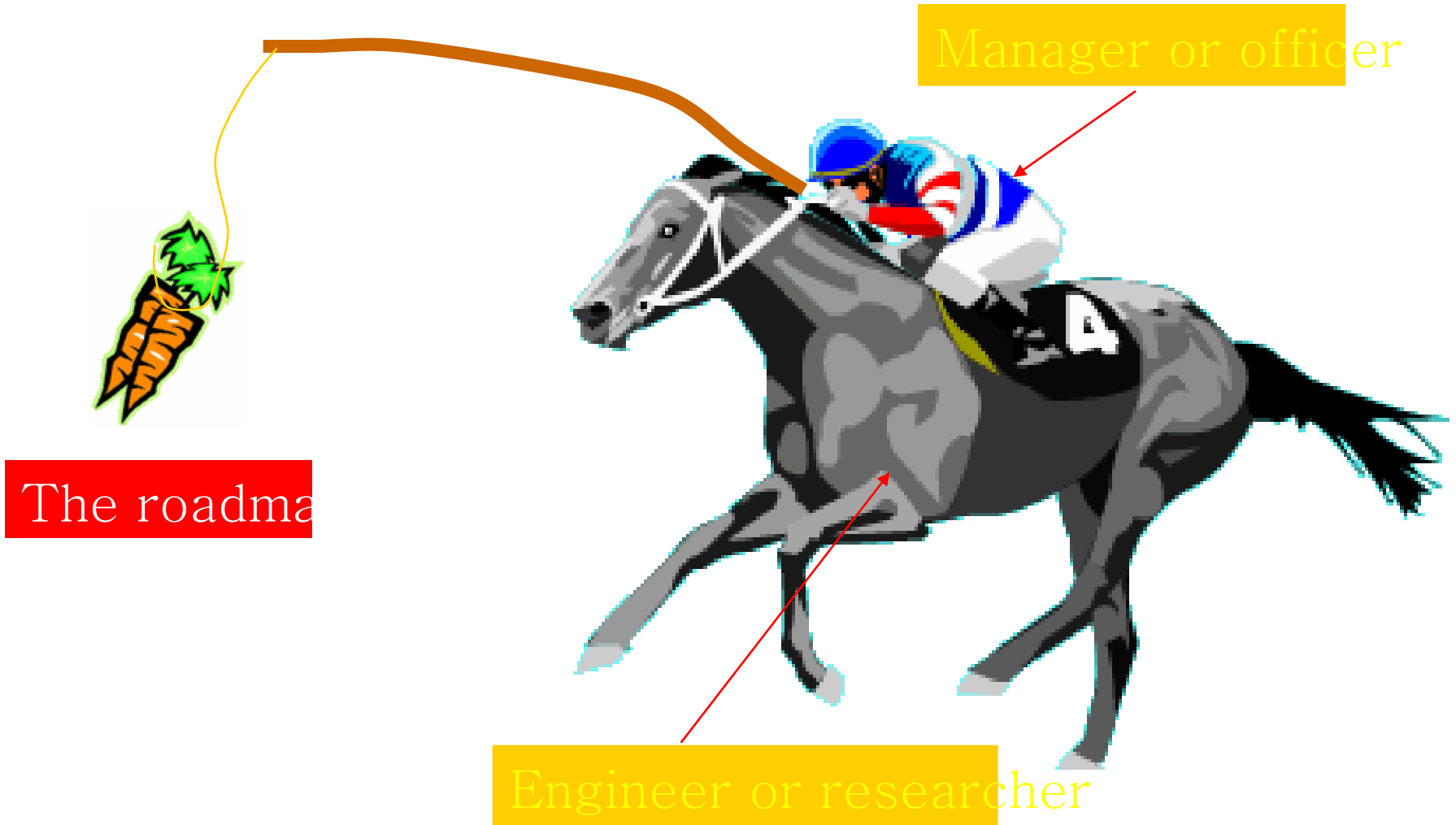


# Technology strategic map



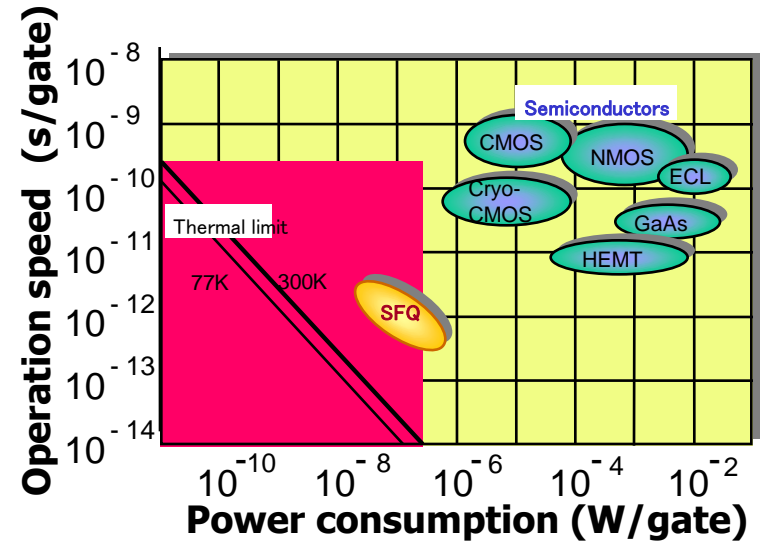
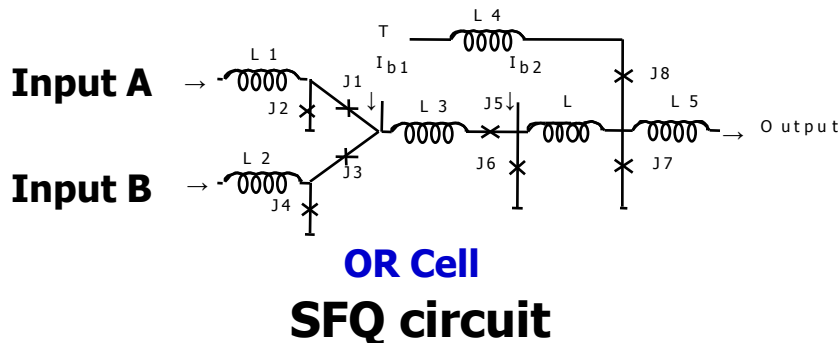
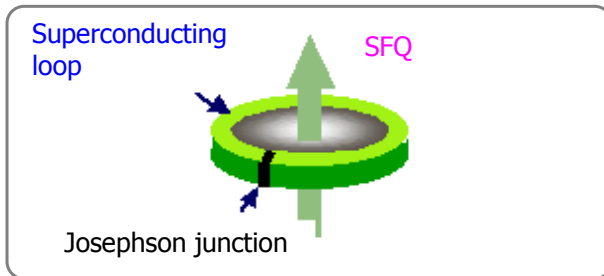
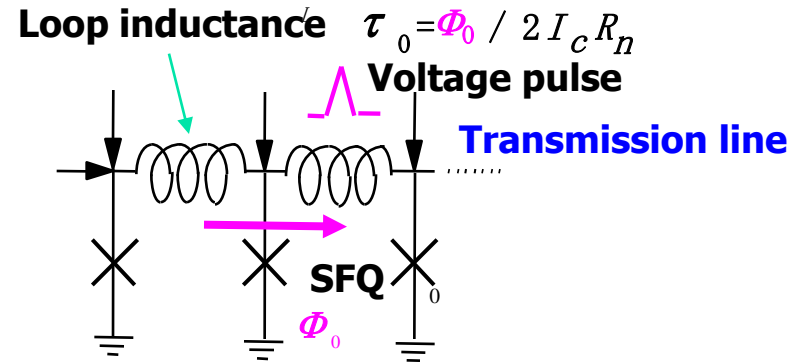
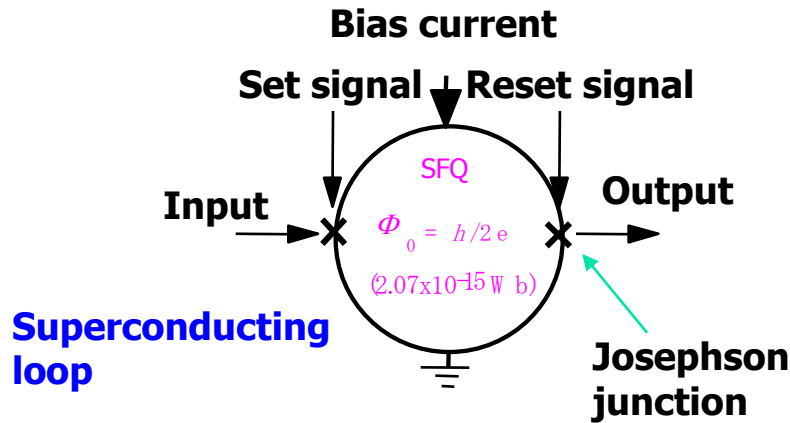
- (1) Technology road map
- (2) Deployment scenario
- (3) Road map

# Hurry up!



Thank you for your kind attention.

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