

ГЕНЕРАЦИЯ ЭЛЕКТРОМАГНИТНОГО ИЗЛУЧЕНИЯ ВНУТРЕННИМИ ДЖОЗЕФСОНОВСКИМИ КОНТАКТАМИ В ВЫСОКОТЕМПЕРАТУРНЫХ СВЕРХПРОВОДНИКАХ

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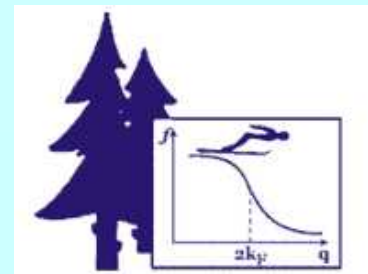
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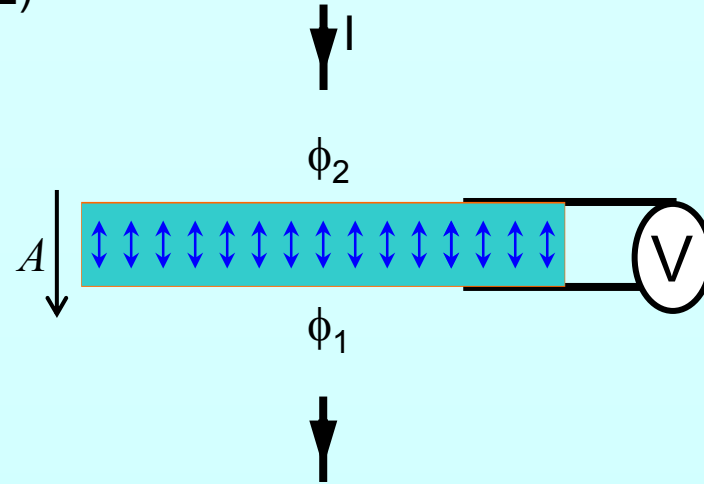
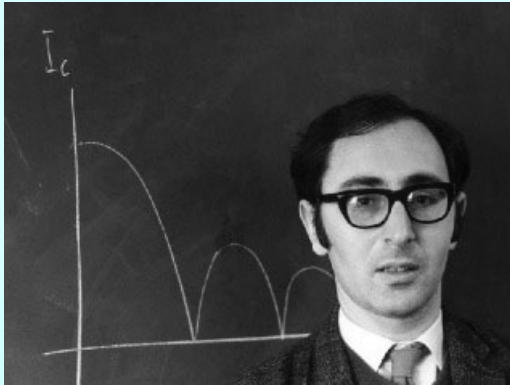


Outline

- History
 - Josephson effects and generation of *em* waves
 - Josephson junctions arrays, synchronization
 - Intrinsic JJ stacks in layered superconductors ($\text{Bi}_2\text{Sr}_2\text{CaCu}_2\text{O}_{8+\delta}$)
- Terahertz radiation from high-temperature superconductors
 - Review of experiments
- Synchronization by internal resonance mode
 - Mechanisms of coupling & structure of coherent state
 - Radiated power, mode damping, features in IV
 - Synchronization in inhomogeneous junction stacks
 - Mechanism of line width
- Mesa arrays

Josephson effects in superconducting tunneling junctions

B. D. Josephson, Phys. Lett. 1, 251 (1962)



- phase difference $\theta = \phi_2 - \phi_1 - \frac{2e}{\hbar c} \int_1^2 A dl$
- dc Josephson effect $I \propto \sin \theta$
- ac Josephson effect $V \propto d\theta/dt$
- alternating tunnel current $I \propto \sin(2\pi f t)$

$$f = 2eV/h \quad f/V = 0.483 \text{ THz/mV}$$

Nobel prize 1973 (with Giaever and Esaki)

Phase dynamics in a single junction

Resistively Shunted Junction Model

Sine-Gordon equation

$$\frac{1}{\omega_p^2} \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial t^2} + \frac{\nu}{\omega_p} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t} - \lambda_J^2 \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial x^2} + \sin \theta = \frac{j_{ext}}{j_J}$$

Parameters:

λ_J Josephson length

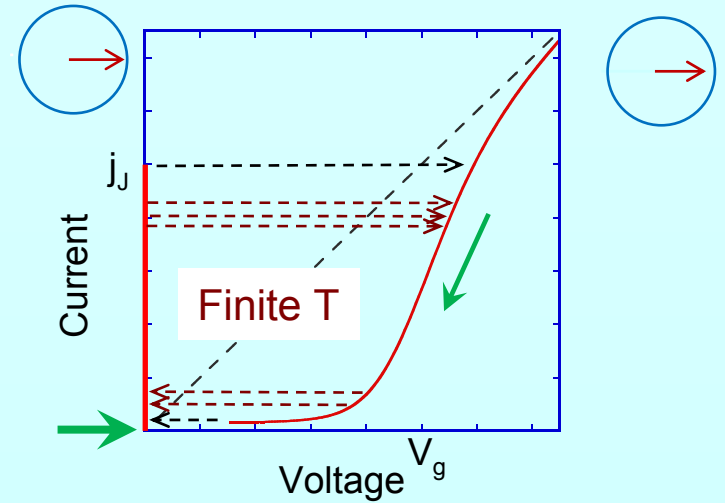
ω_p plasma frequency

$c_s = \lambda_J \omega_p$ Swihart velocity

ν damping parameter

$\beta = 1/\nu^2$ McCumber parameter

underdamped ($\nu \ll 1$) vs overdamped ($\nu \gg 1$)



First observations of radiation out of Josephson junctions

EXPERIMENTAL OBSERVATION OF THE TUNNEL EFFECT FOR COOPER PAIRS WITH THE EMISSION OF PHOTONS

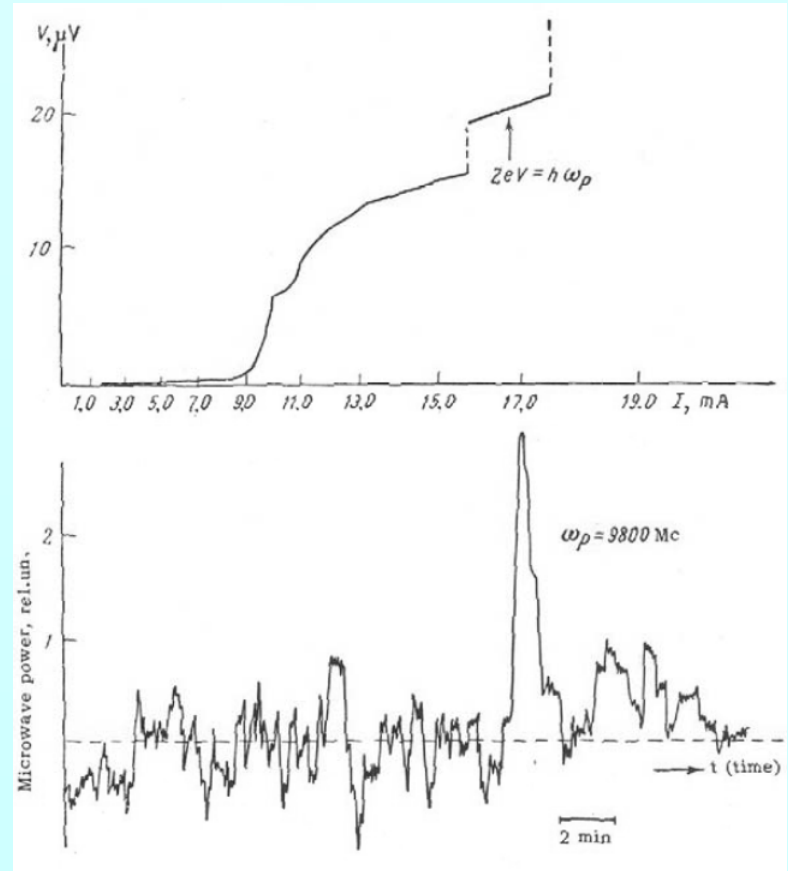
I. K. YANSON, V. M. SVISTUNOV, and I. M. DMITRENKO

Physico-technical Institute for Low Temperatures, Academy of Sciences, Ukrainian S.S.R.

Submitted to JETP editor December 9, 1964

J. Exptl. Theoret. Phys. (U.S.S.R.) 48, 976-979 (March, 1965)

FIG. 2. Initial part of the volt-ampere characteristic (above) and output signal of the detector (below), synchronized in time. The tunnel structure is $\text{Sn-SnO}_2\text{-Sn}$, $T = 1.57^\circ\text{K}$, $H = 1.5 \text{ Oe}$. The resonant frequency of the tuned detector is $\omega_p = 9800 \text{ Mc}$.



Also: D. N. Langenberg *et al.*, PRL **15**, 294 (1965)

Radiation power is very small: $< 10^{-12} \text{ W}$

Dynamic Josephson effects: Shapiro steps

JOSEPHSON CURRENTS IN SUPERCONDUCTING TUNNELING: THE EFFECT OF MICROWAVES
AND OTHER OBSERVATIONS*

Sidney Shapiro

Arthur D. Little, Inc., Cambridge, Massachusetts

Phys. Rev. Letters 11, 80 (1963) (Received 13 June 1963)

Irradiate Jos. junction \rightarrow
steps at $V_m = mh f_{\text{ext}}/2e$

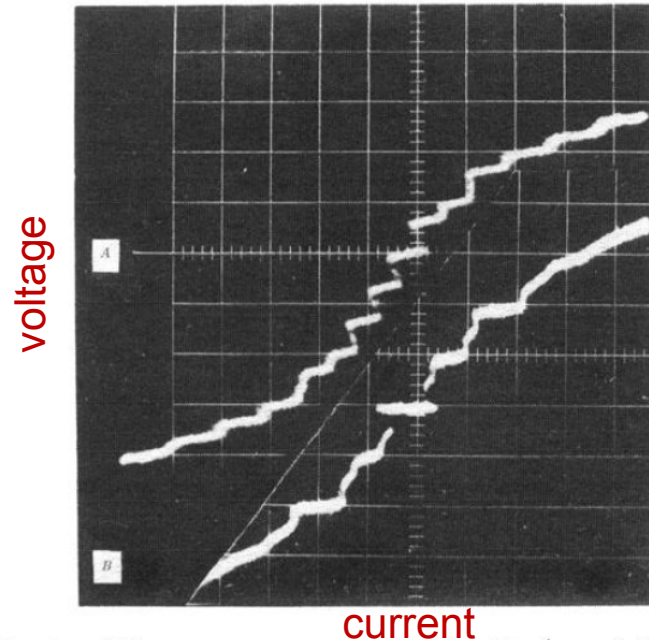


FIG. 3. Microwave power at 9300 Mc/sec (A) and 24850 Mc/sec (B) produces many zero-slope regions spaced at $h\nu/2e$ or $h\nu/e$. For A, $h\nu/e = 38.5 \mu\text{V}$, and for B, $103 \mu\text{V}$. For A, vertical scale is $58.8 \mu\text{V/cm}$, horizontal scale is 67 nA/cm ; for B, vertical scale is $50 \mu\text{V/cm}$, horizontal scale is $50 \mu\text{A/cm}$.

Dynamic Josephson effects: Fiske resonances

= cavity modes excited by oscillating Josephson current

Coon and Fiske, Phys. Rev., **138**, A744 (1965)

Kulik, Pis'ma ZhETF, **2**, 134 (1965)

D. N. Langenberg *et al.*,

PRL **15**, 294 (1965)

Field evolution of IVs

$l=4\lambda_J$, $v=0.1$

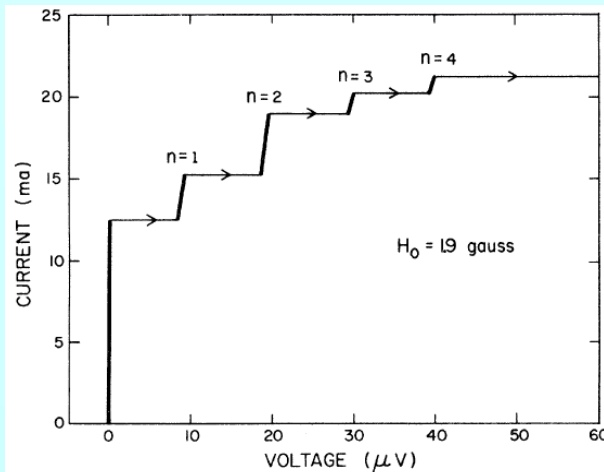
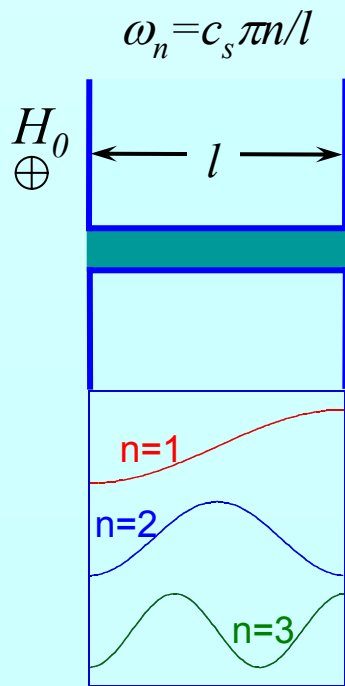
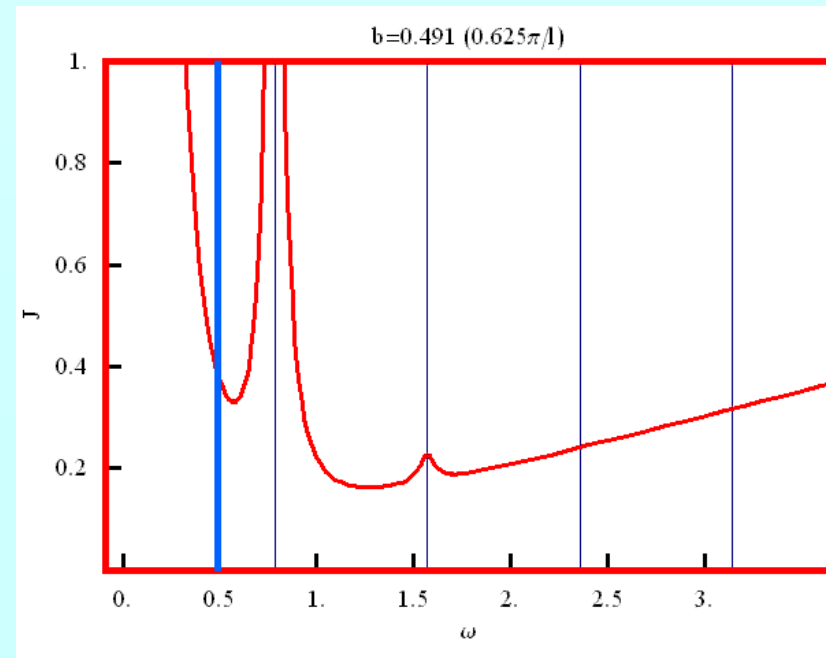


FIG. 2. A typical I - V curve for the Sn-Sn-oxide-Sn junctions used in these experiments. The voltage separation of the modes (labeled by n) corresponds to a frequency separation of approximately 4.6 Gc/sec. By adjusting the magnitude of H_0 , a greater portion of each mode could be observed as well as several other higher modes.



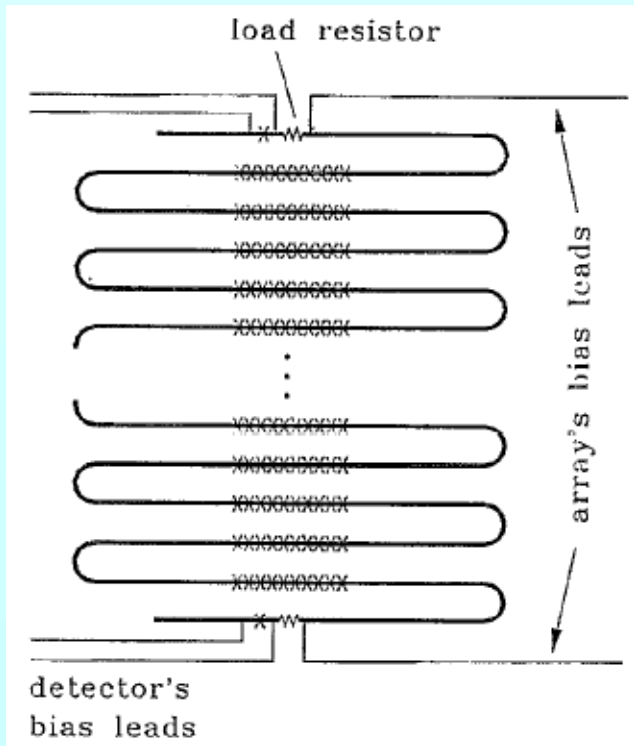
Coupling can be tuned
by magnetic field

Josephson junction arrays

T. D. Clark, Phys. Lett. **A 27**, 585 (1968)

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One-dimensional array



Achievement:

S. Han *et al.*, APL **64**, 1425 (1994):

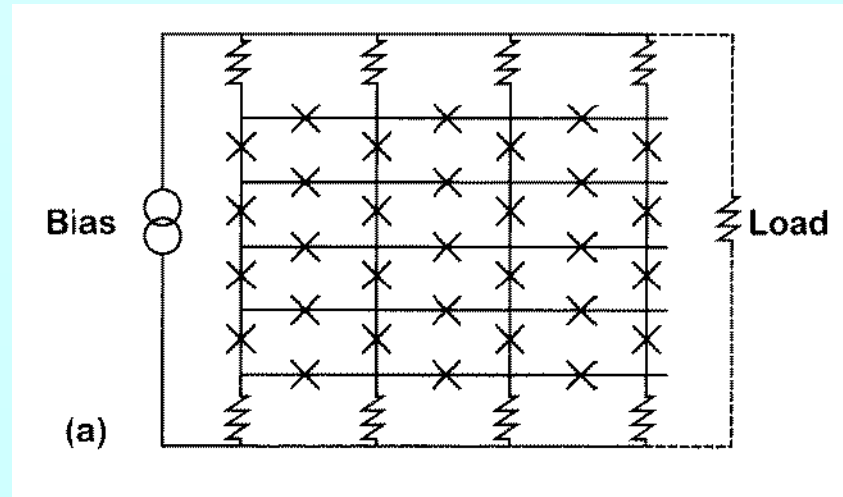
500 Nb/AIO_x/Nb junctions, 47 μW at 394 GHz

Reviews:

A. K. Jain *et al.*, Phys. Rep. **109**, 309 (1984)

M. Darula *et al.*, Sup. Sci. Tech. **12**, R1 (1999)

Two-dimensional array

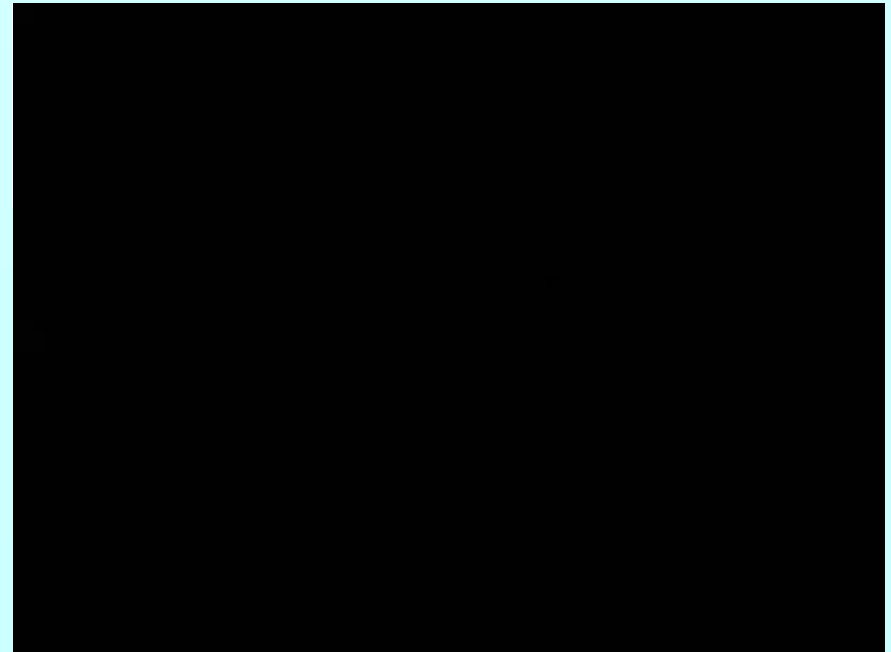
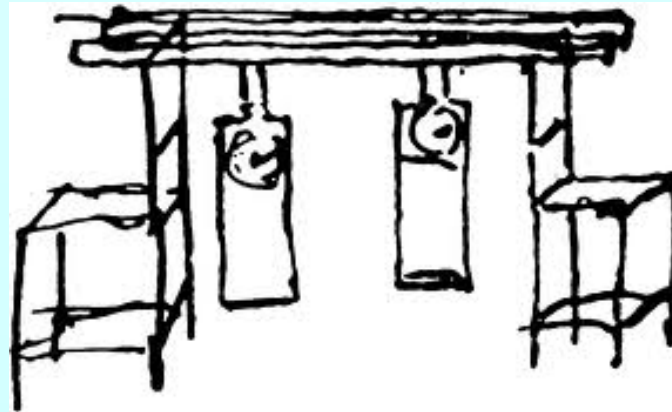


Synchronized oscillations: $P \propto N^2$

Synchronization

adjustment of rhythms of oscillating objects due to their weak interaction

Christiaan Huygens, 1665



Large Number of oscillators:
Synchronization transition
Kuramoto, 1975

Synchronization problem

Linear array of point junctions

Wiesenfeld, Colet, Strogatz, Phys. Rev. Lett., **76**, 404 (1996)

$$\frac{\hbar}{2e r_j} \dot{\phi}_j + I_j \sin \phi_j + \dot{Q} = I_B, \quad j = 1, \dots, N \quad (1)$$

$$L \ddot{Q} + R \dot{Q} + \frac{1}{C} Q = \frac{\hbar}{2e} \sum_{k=1}^N \dot{\phi}_k, \quad (2)$$



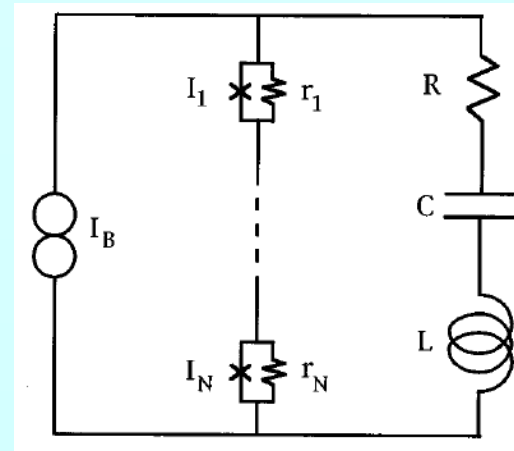
Kuramoto model (1975)

$$\dot{\theta}_j = \omega_j - \frac{K}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N \sin(\theta_j - \theta_k + \alpha),$$

Synchronization order parameter

$$\sigma e^{i\psi} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N e^{i\theta_k},$$

$$0 \leq \sigma \leq 1$$



Self-consistent analysis:

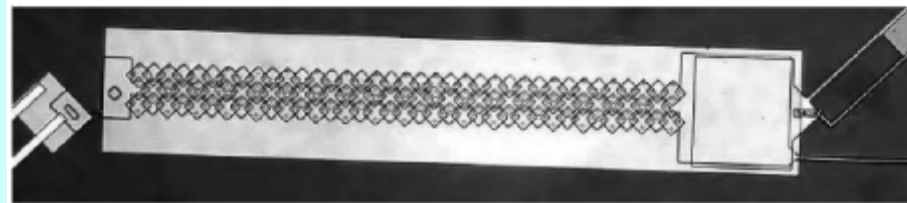
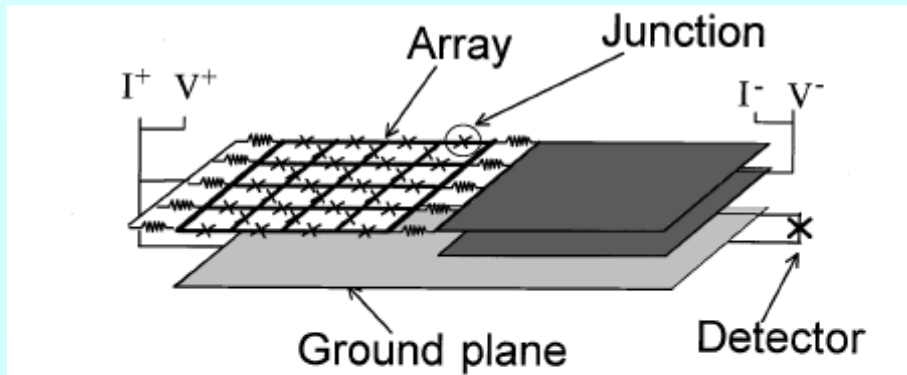
$$\text{E.g., for } \alpha = 0 \text{ and } g(\omega_j) = \frac{\gamma / \pi}{(\omega_j - \bar{\omega})^2 + \gamma^2}$$

Synchronization transition at $K_c = 2\gamma$

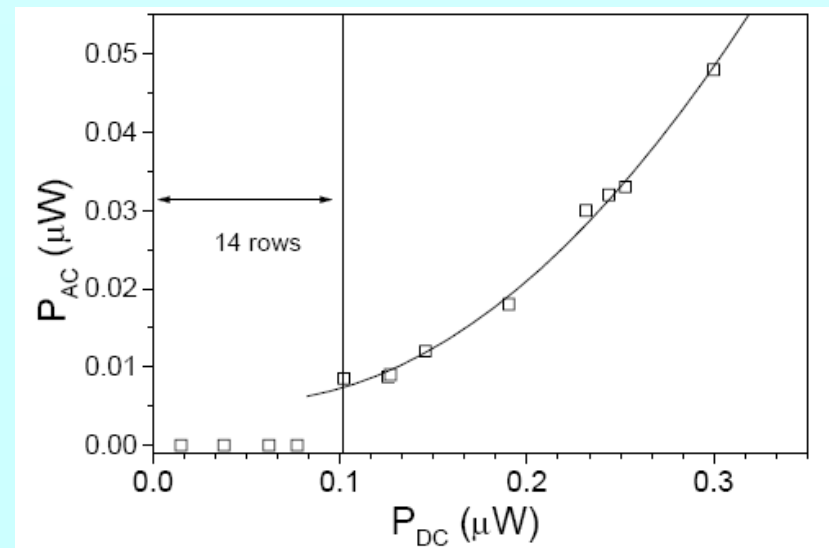
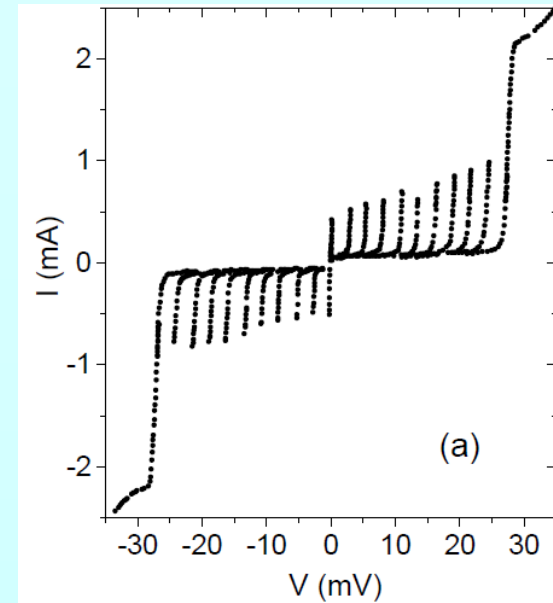
$$\sigma = \sqrt{1 - 2\gamma / K} \quad \text{for } K > K_c$$

Synchronization via coupling to common resonance

P. Barbara *et al.*, PRL **82**, 1963 (1999)
Nb/Al/AIO_x/Nb-junctions, 150 GHz



3x36



Coherent emission from large arrays of discrete Josephson junctions

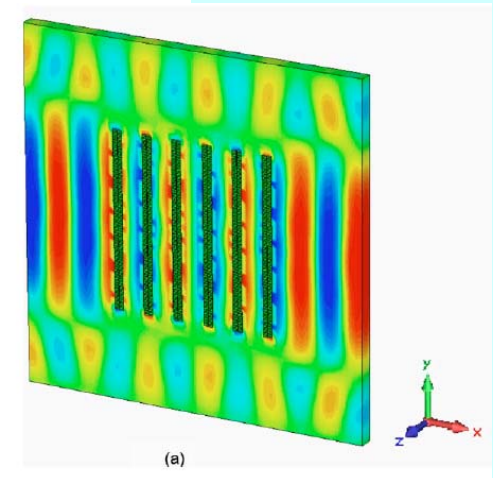
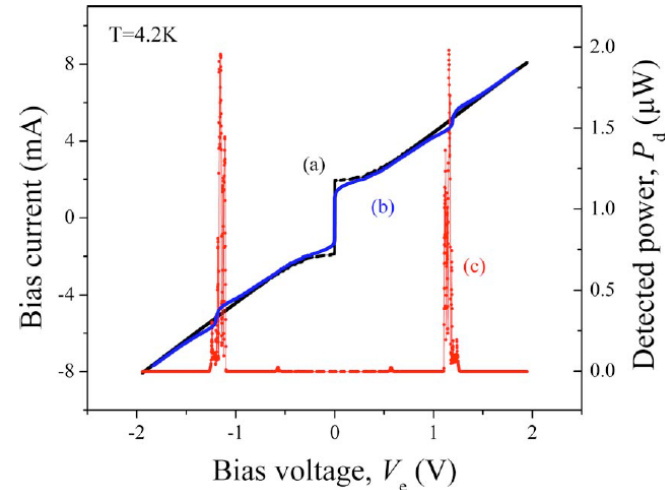
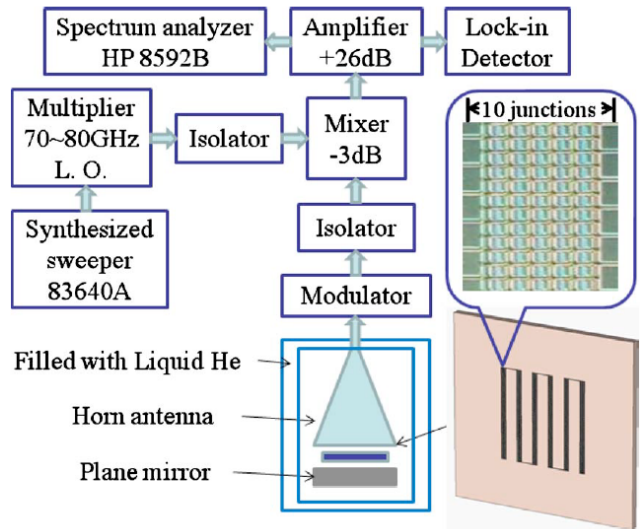
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1D array of Nb-Al₂O₃-Al-Al₂O₃-Nb SINIS junctions

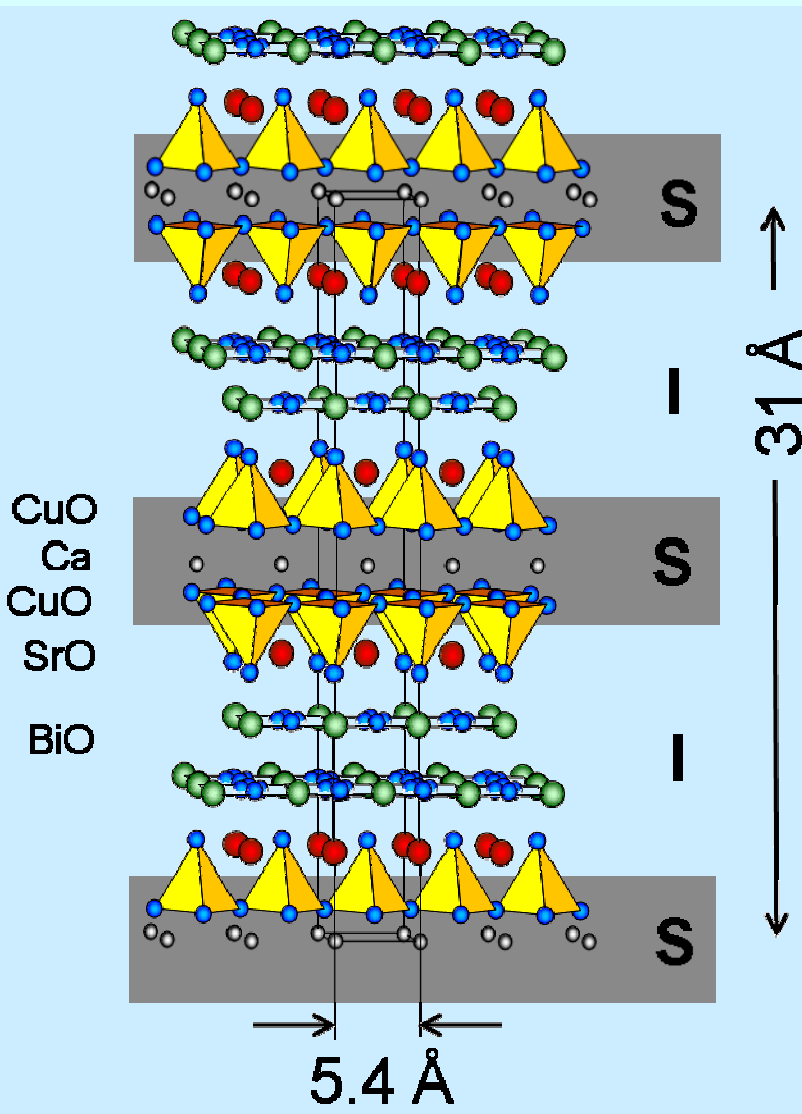


(a)

FIG. 1. (Color online) Schematic diagram of the measurement setup. Right side shows schematically a large series array of $N=7500$ SINIS Josephson junctions, equally divided into six subarrays on the substrate. Above it, the enlarged view is a photo of a small part of the meandering structure.

Frequency is limited by the superconducting gap:
~ 0.7 THz for Nb

Layered High- T_c superconductors



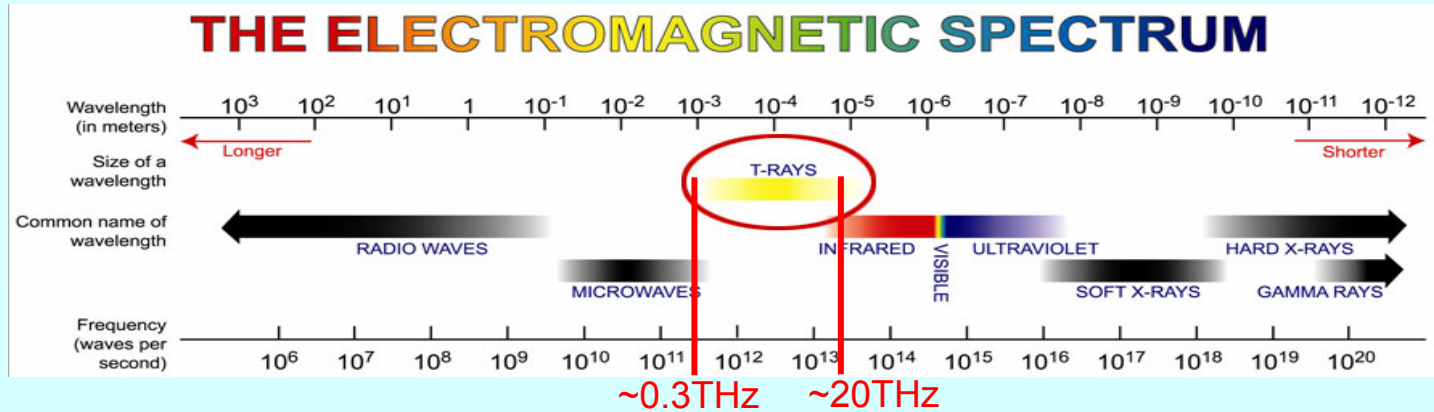
Bi₂Sr₂CaCu₂O_{8+δ} (BSCCO) T_c up to 90 K
H. Maeda *et al.* 1988

anisotropy 400-1000

$s = 1.56$ nm 640 junctions/ μm

$\Delta = 30\text{-}60$ meV
 $f < 15$ THz

Terahertz em waves



Potential applications

- new spectroscopy
- medical imaging
- security screening
- quality control

No commercial efficient compact continuous coherent THz sources

QCL: Quantum Cascade Lasers

DFG: Difference-Frequency Generation

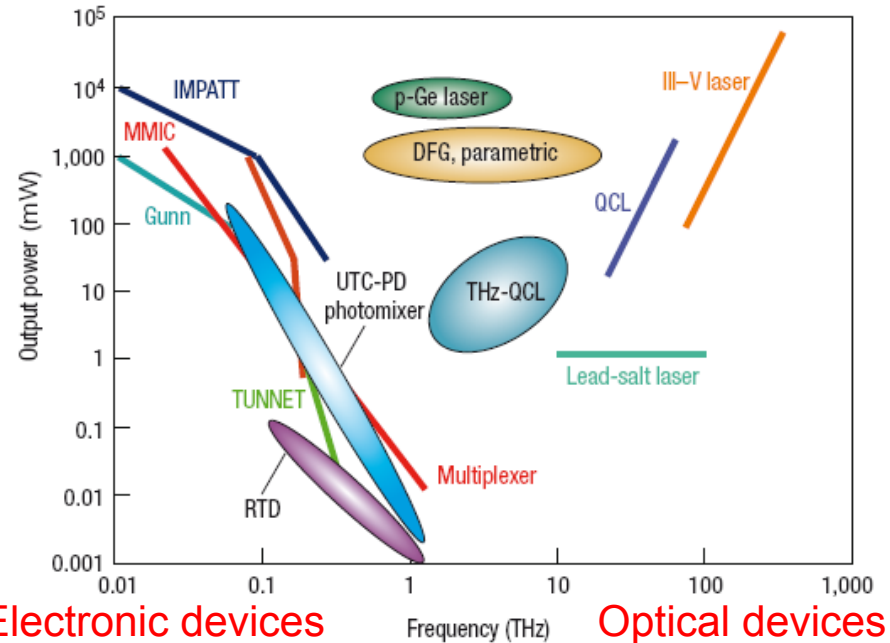
IMPATT: impact ionization avalanche transit-time diode

MMIC: microwave monolithic integrated circuit

TUNNET: tunnel injection transit-time diode

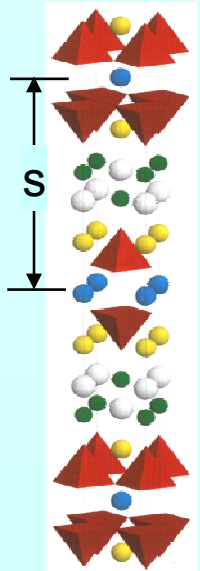
RTD: resonant tunnel diode

Tonouchi, "Cutting-edge THz technology", Nature Photonics 1, 97 (2007)



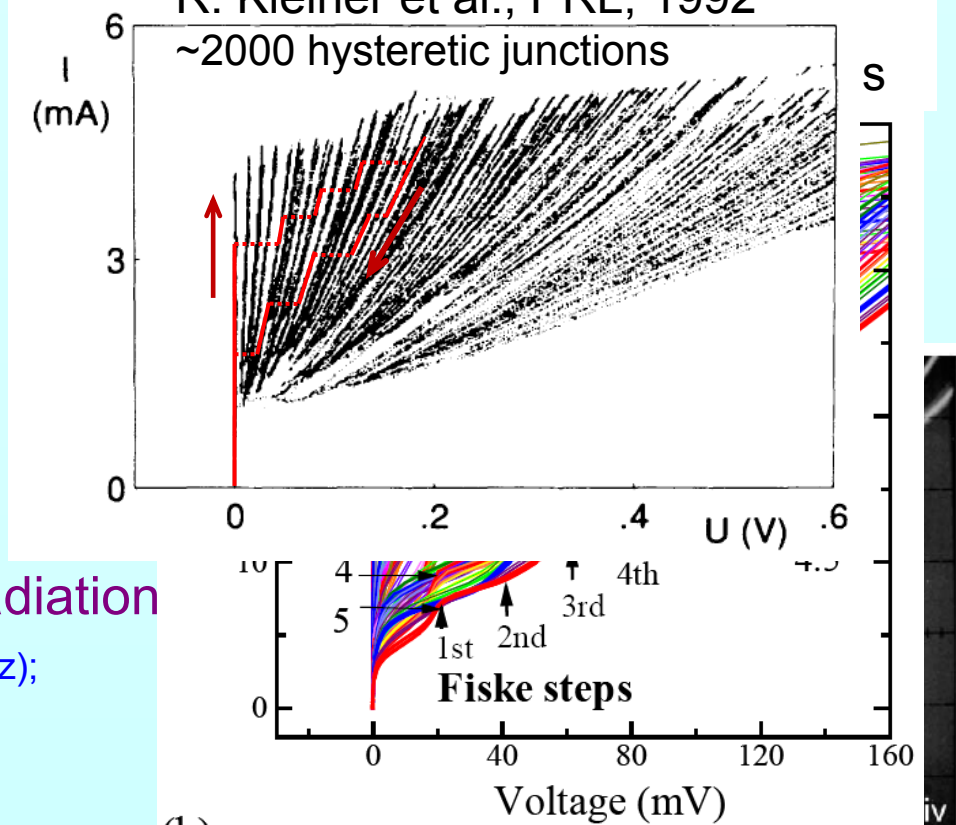
Intrinsic Josephson effect

BSCCO

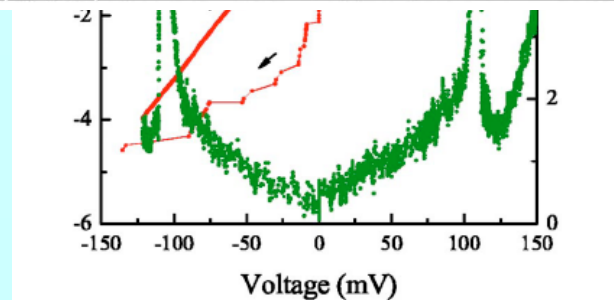


- Multiple branches
Kleiner *et al.*, 1992 ...
- Fiske resonances
Irie *et al.*, 1998; ... Kim *et al.*, 2005
- Shapiro steps
Wang *et al.*, 2000, 2001;
Latyshev *et al.*, 2001 ...
- Detection of Josephson radiation
Hechtfisher *et al.*, 1997 (6-120GHz);
Batov *et al.*, 2006 (0.5THz)...
- ...

R. Kleiner et al., PRL, 1992



Y: 1 μ A/div
T: 6 K
(0, 2.3)



Challenge:

Synchronize oscillations in all junctions

Concept: Using internal resonance as a synchronizator

Phase dynamics in stacks

Maxwell equations
+ material relations
for superconductor



Reduced equations for phases φ_n
and fields h_n

$$j_z = \sigma_c E_z + j_J \sin \varphi_n$$

$$j_x = \sigma_{ab} E_x + \frac{c\Phi_0}{8\pi^2 \lambda_{ab}^2} \rho_n$$

$$E_z \approx \frac{\Phi_0}{2\pi c s} \frac{\partial \varphi_n}{\partial t}; E_x \approx \frac{\Phi_0}{2\pi c} \frac{\partial \rho_n}{\partial t}$$

Parameters:

λ_{ab}, λ_c London penetration depths

$\gamma = \lambda_c / \lambda_{ab}$ anisotropy

$\omega_p = \frac{c}{\sqrt{\epsilon_c} \lambda_c}$ plasma frequency

σ_{ab}, σ_c quasiparticle conductivities

s interlayer spacing

$\lambda_J = \gamma s$ Josephson length

$$\frac{\partial^2 \varphi_n}{\partial t^2} + v_c \frac{\partial \varphi_n}{\partial t} + \sin \varphi_n - l^2 \frac{\partial h_n}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$\left(l^2 \nabla_n^2 - 1 \right) h_n + \frac{\partial \varphi_n}{\partial x} + v_{ab} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{\partial \varphi_n}{\partial x} - h_n \right) = 0$$

Sakai *et. al.*, 1993; Bulaevskii *et. al.*, 1994

Reduced parameters:

$$h = \frac{2\pi\gamma s^2 B}{\Phi_0} \quad t \rightarrow \omega_p t \quad x \rightarrow \frac{x}{\lambda_J}$$

$$v_c = \frac{4\pi\sigma_c}{\epsilon_c \omega_p} (\approx 0.002)$$

$$v_{ab} = \frac{4\pi\sigma_{ab}}{\epsilon_c \gamma^2 \omega_p} (\approx 0.1) \quad l = \frac{\lambda_{ab}}{s}$$

Plasma

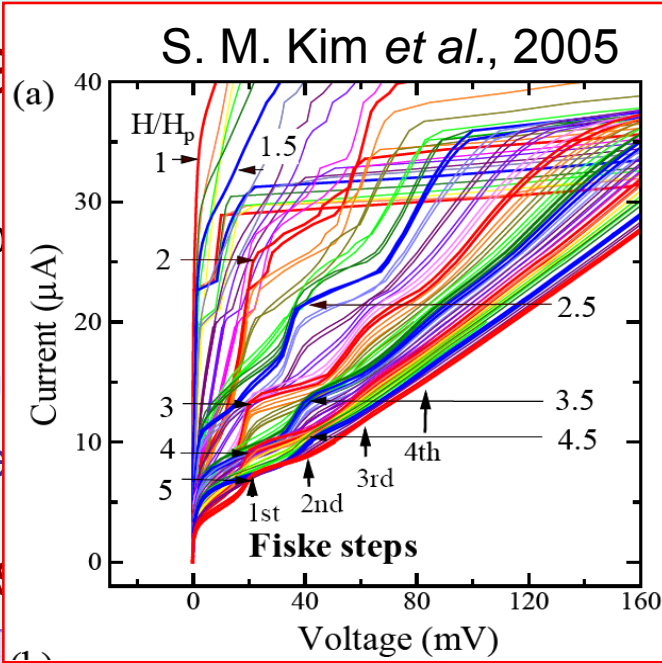
and Fiske modes

$$\omega_p^2(k, q) = \omega_{p0}^2 + \dots$$

ω_{p0} Josephson

$q = 0$: in-phase

Finite-size

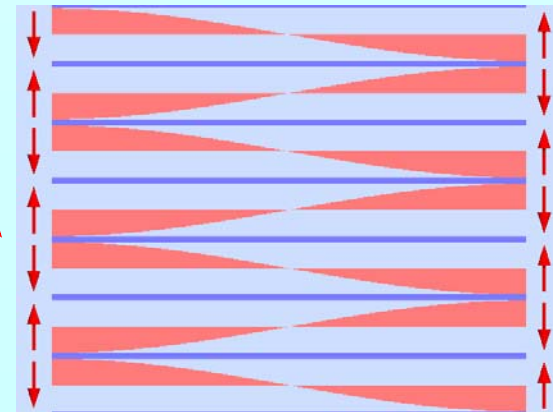
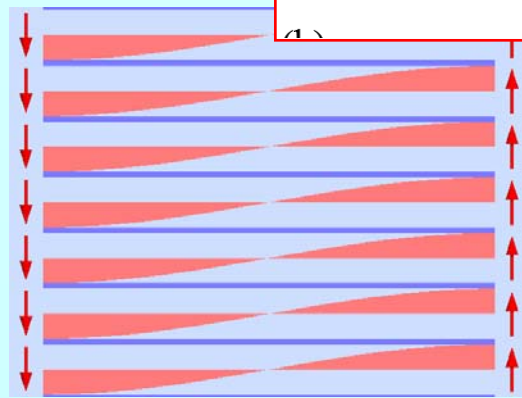


$$c_0 = c / \sqrt{\epsilon_c}$$

London penetration depth

$$c_\pi = \underbrace{(s/2\lambda_{ab})}_{\sim 1/300} c_0$$

nodes



In-phase mode, $\omega_{m,0} = c_0 k_m$

$$\omega_{1,0}/2\pi = 1\text{THz at } L=43 \mu\text{m}$$

- Can synchronize oscillations in many junctions
- Generates outgoing radiation

Anti-phase, $\omega_{m,\pi} = c_\pi k_m$

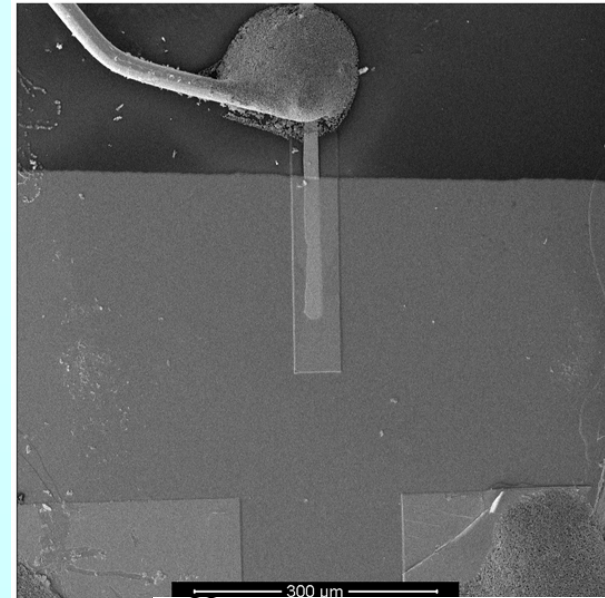
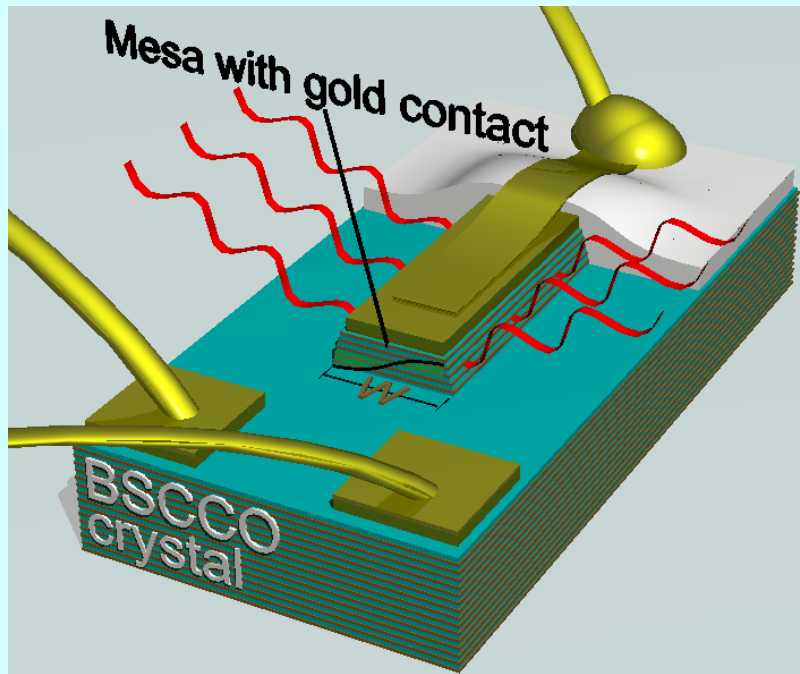
- Excited by Josephson vortex lattice (Fiske steps in magnetic field)

Homogeneous oscillations at $H=0 \rightarrow$ no direct coupling

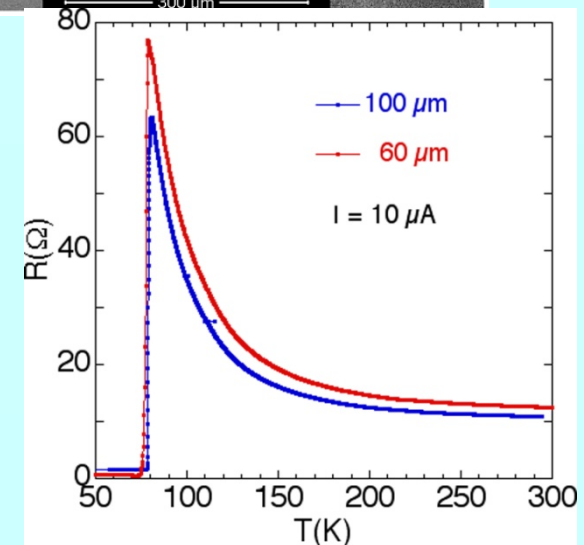
Coherent THz radiation from $\text{Bi}_2\text{Sr}_2\text{CaCu}_2\text{O}_8$ mesas

Ozyuzer, *et al.*, Science **318**, 1291 (2007)

Recent Review: Welp, Kadowaki and Kleiner, NATURE PHOTONICS **7**, 702(2013)

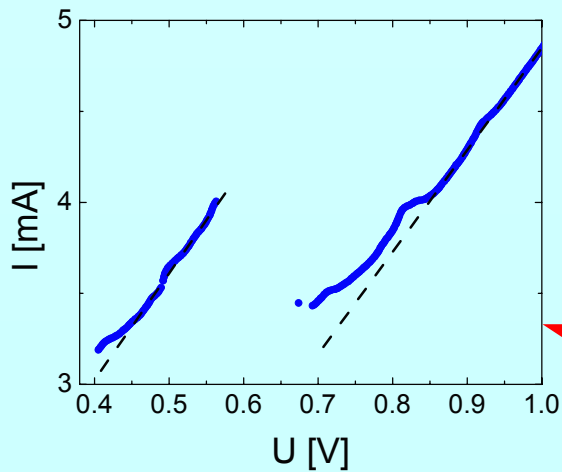
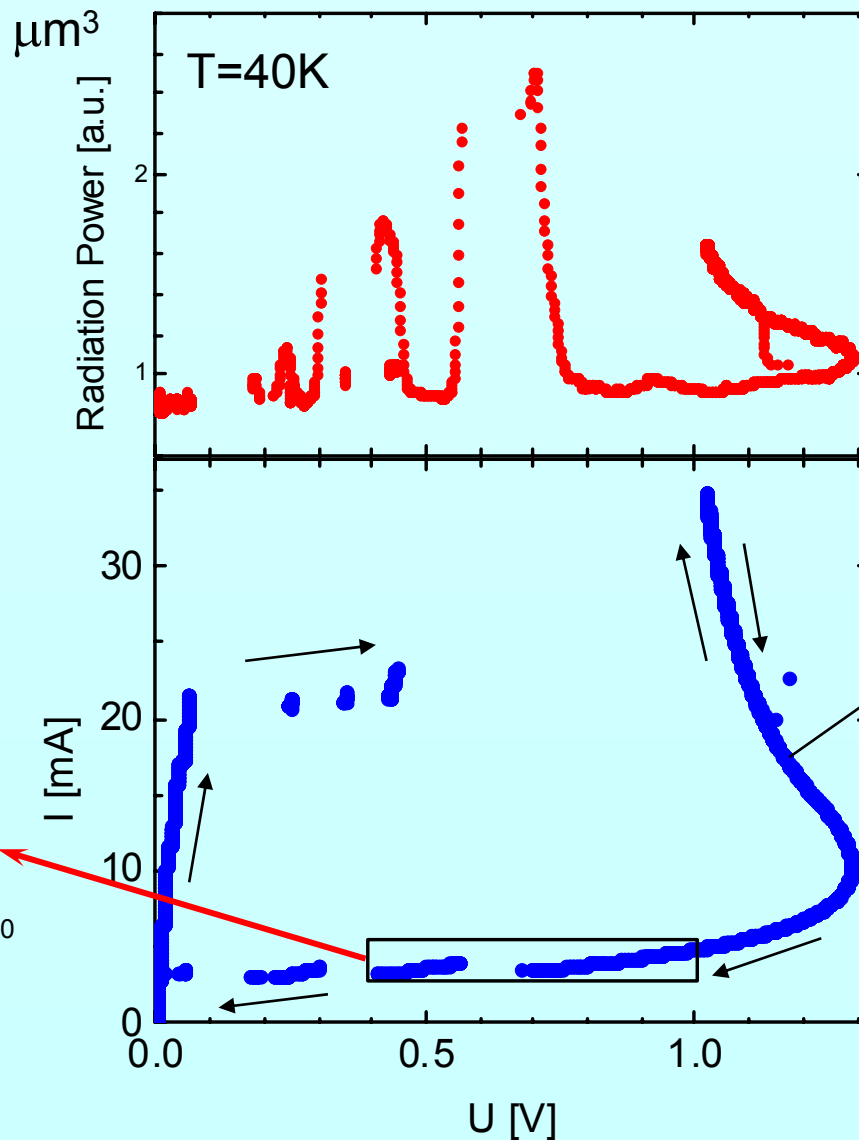


Ar-ion milling, photolithography;
 $w = 40\text{-}100 \mu\text{m}$, $\sim 1 \mu\text{m}$ high, $300 \mu\text{m}$ long

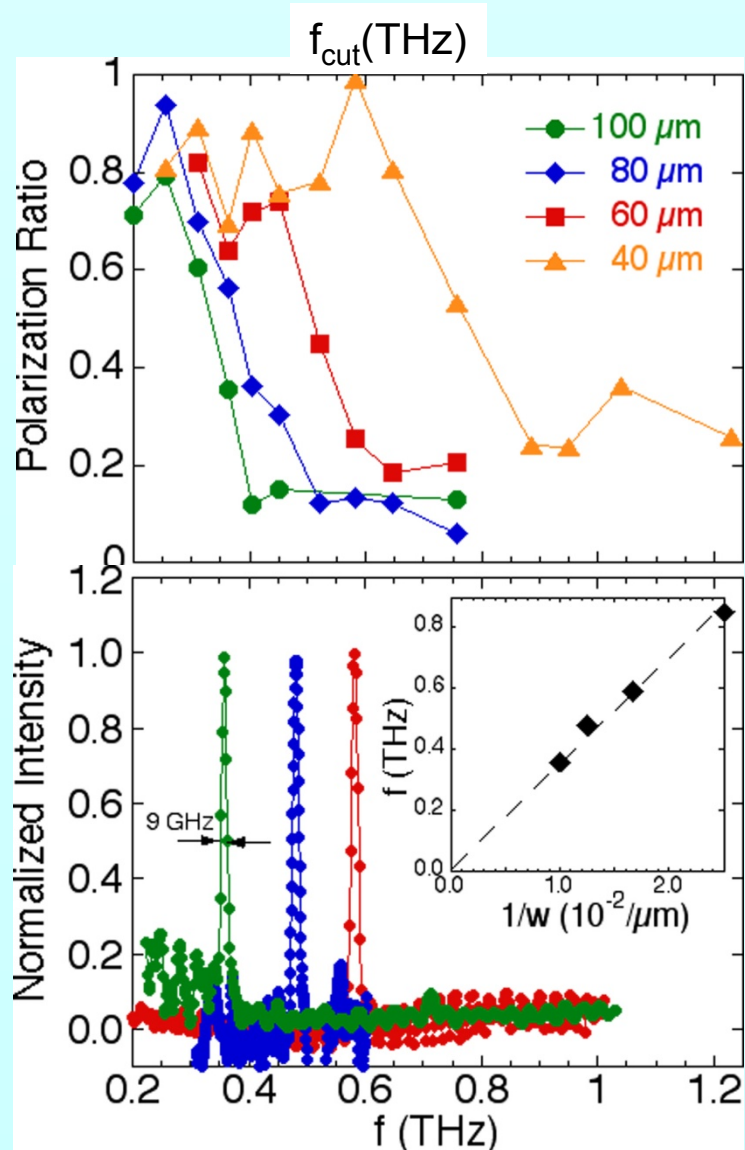


Transport and radiation (bolometer)

L. Ozyuzer, Mesa KK03: $100 \times 300 \times 1$



Radiation frequency

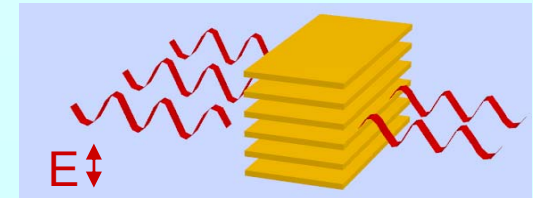
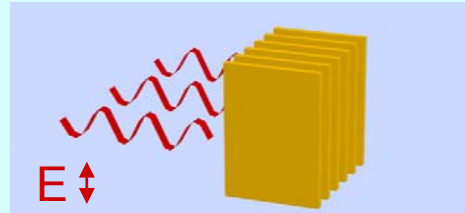


Parallel-plate filters:

TE: cut-off for waves

TM: no cut-off

with $f < f_{\text{cut}} = c/2d$



Frequency:

1. Satisfies Josephson relation
2. Increases with decreasing width, roughly $\sim 1/w$.

cavity resonance $f = c_0/2nw$;

$f = 0.52$ THz for $w = 80 \mu\text{m}$, $n \approx 3.5$

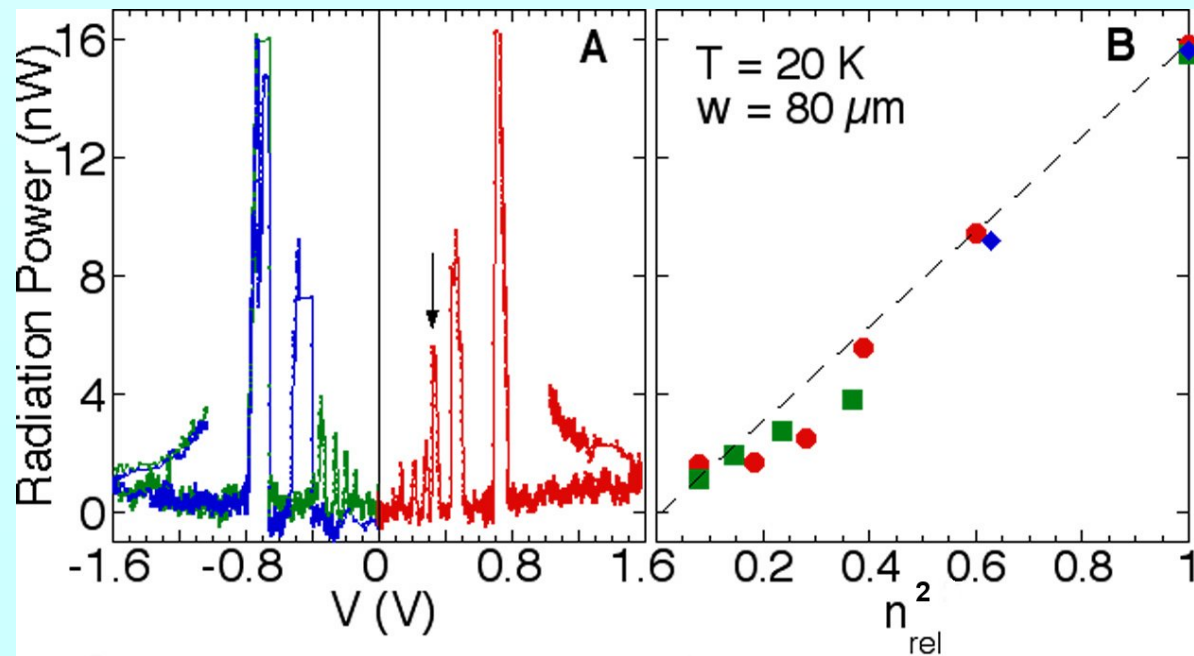
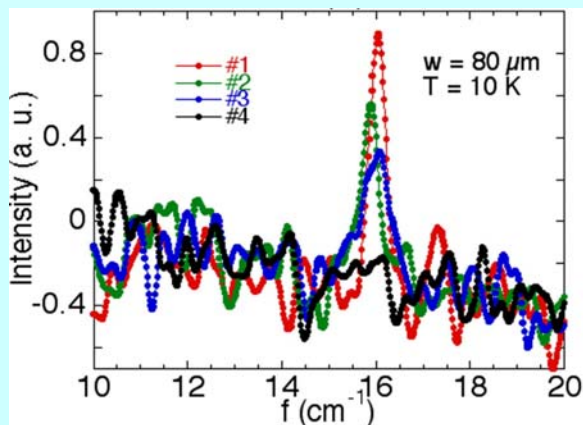
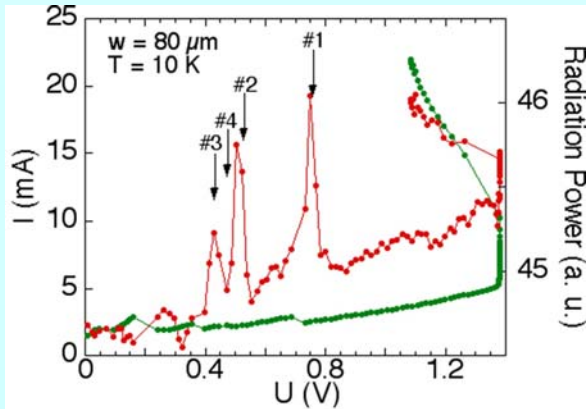


Emitted power:
Initial: $\sim 0.5 \mu\text{W}$
Now: up to $50 \mu\text{W}$

Coherent emission

Variable number of emitters n (= resistive junctions)

Radiation frequency does not depend on n



Coherent: $P \sim n^2$

Direct observation of standing waves in mesas

PRL **102**, 017006 (2009)

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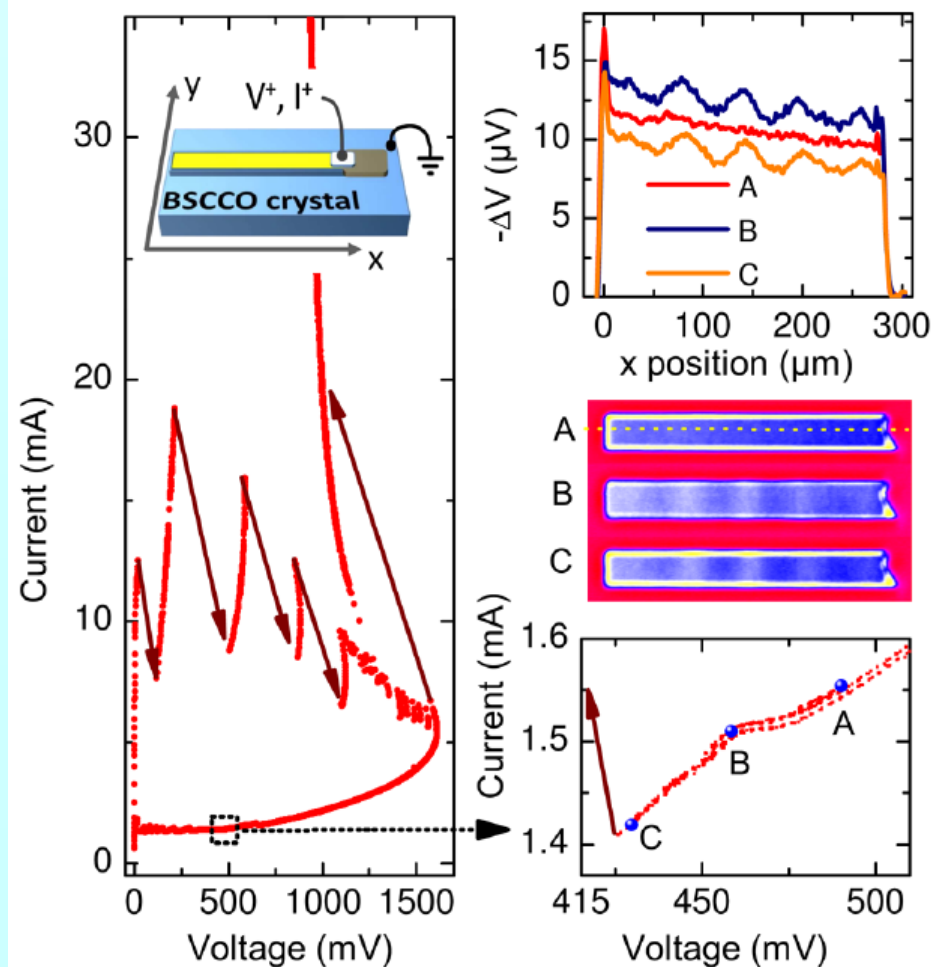
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Emissions in low-bias and high-bias regimes

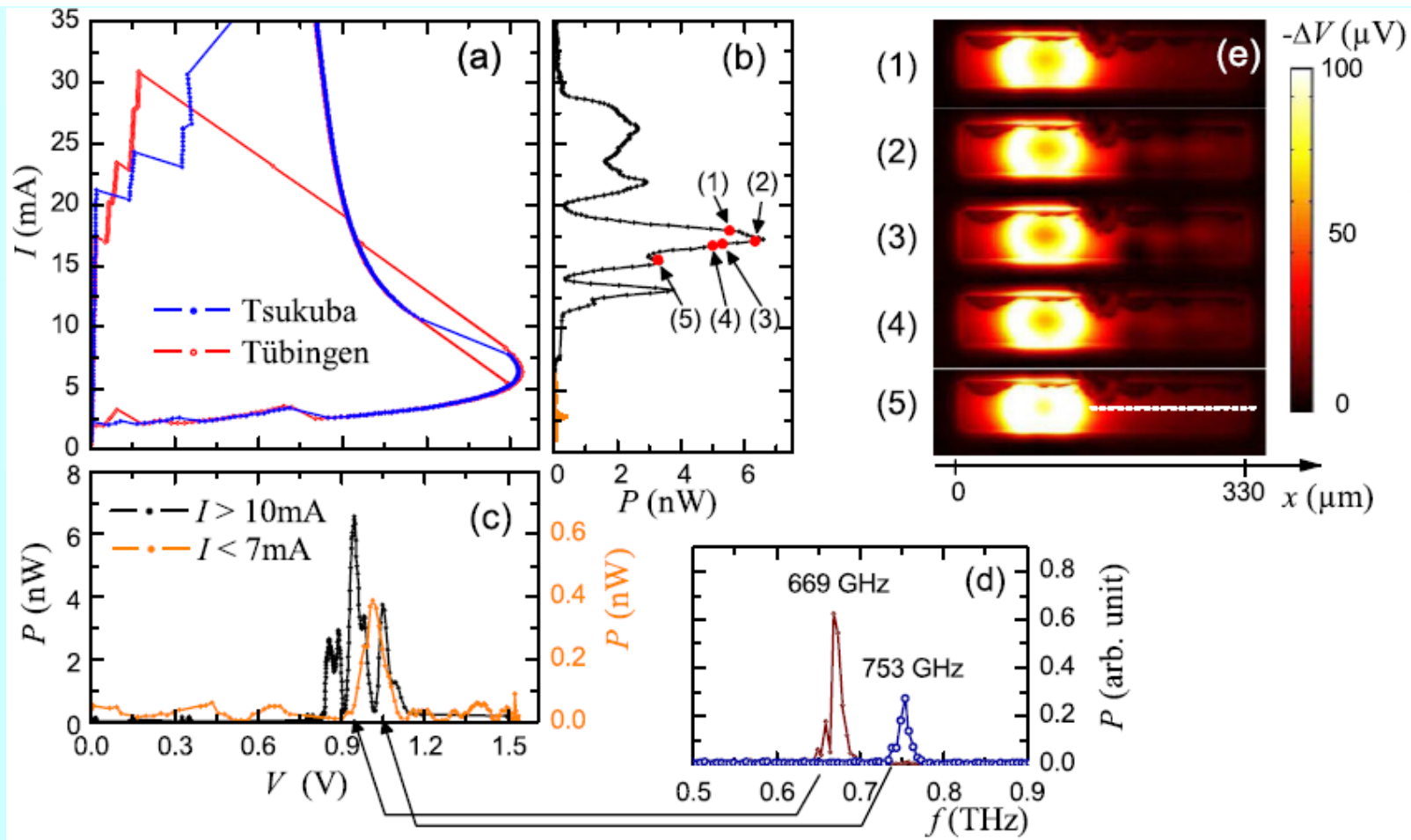
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Hot-spot instability

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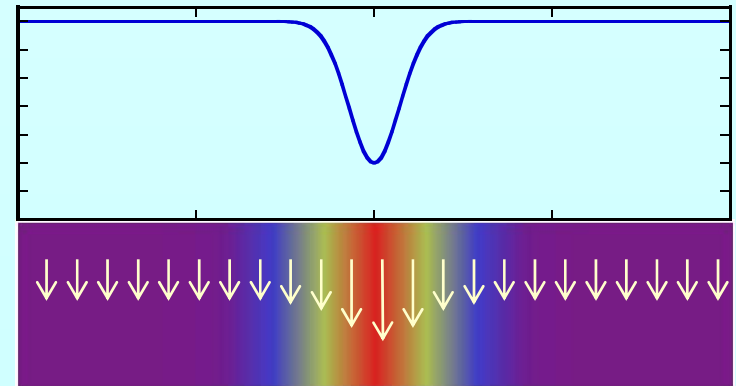
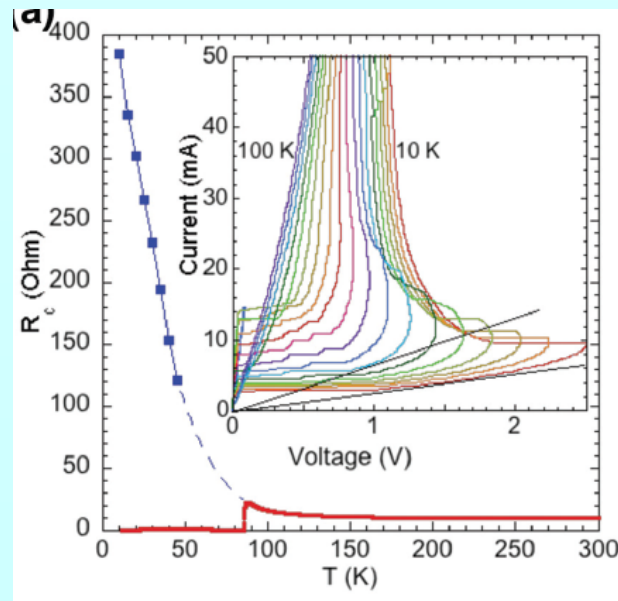
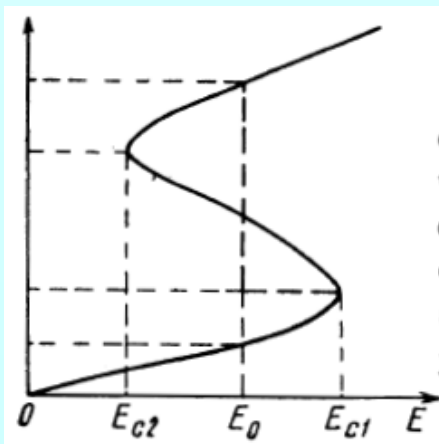
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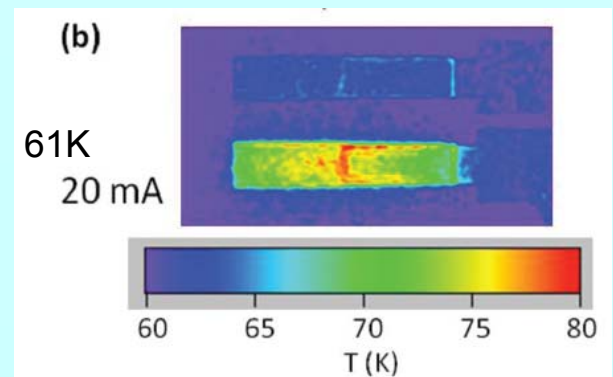
NONUNIFORM CURRENT DISTRIBUTION IN SEMICONDUCTORS WITH NEGATIVE DIFFERENTIAL CONDUCTIVITY

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Benseman *et al.*,
J. of Appl. Phys. **113**, 133902 (2013)



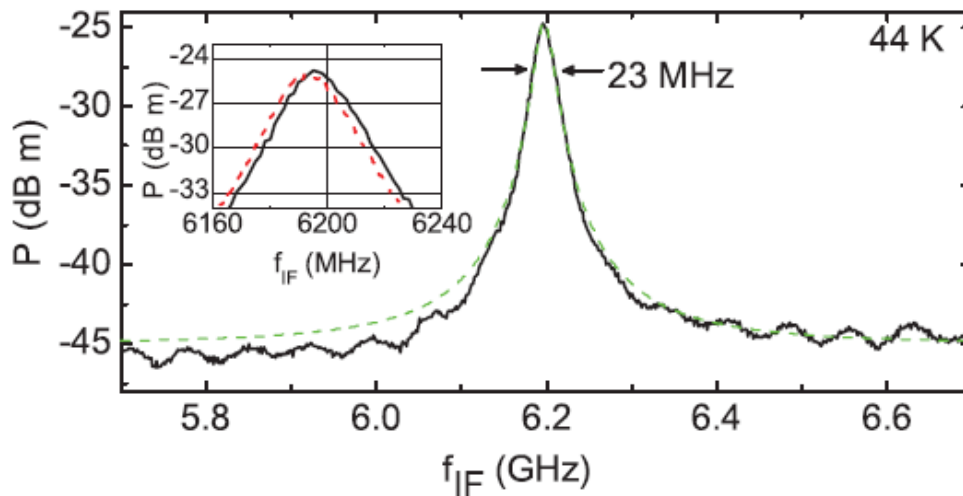
Measurements of line shape

PHYSICAL REVIEW B 86, 060505(R) (2012)



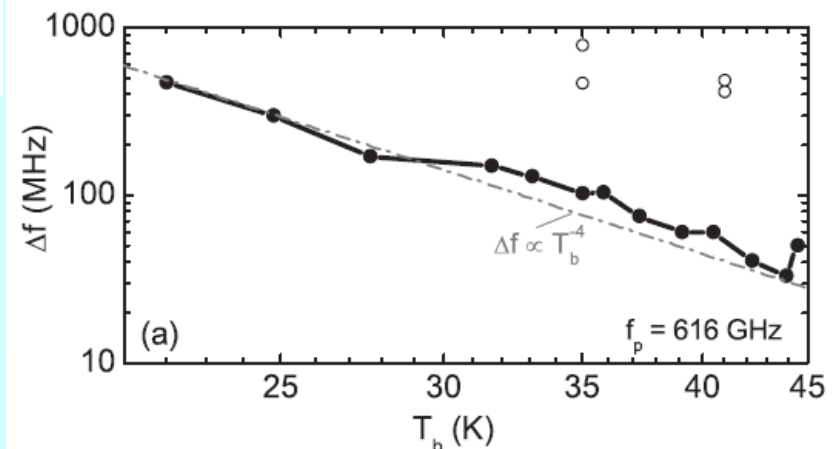
Linewidth dependence of coherent terahertz emission from $\text{Bi}_2\text{Sr}_2\text{CaCu}_2\text{O}_8$ intrinsic Josephson junction stacks in the hot-spot regime

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Detector:
Nb/AlN/NbN integrated receiver
(Koshelets group)

Unexpected T dependence



Scientific issues

- Coupling to the resonance mode
- Structure and stability of coherent states
- Mechanisms of damping of cavity mode
- Limits of radiation power
- Mechanisms of line width

Excitation of in-phase cavity mode

Homogeneous state + External modulation, AEK and L. Bulaevskii, PR B 77, 014530 (2008)

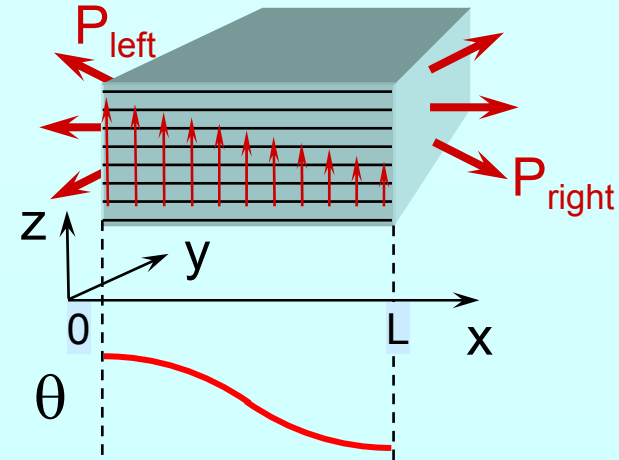
Lateral modulation of the Josephson critical current, $j_J(x) = j_J g(x)$

Equation for c-axis homogeneous phase (reduced form)

$$\frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial t^2} + v_c \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t} + g(x) \sin \theta - \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial x^2} = 0$$

+ radiative boundary conditions

$1/\omega_p$ unit of time
 λ_c unit of length



Resistive state near resonance $\omega_1 = c_0 \pi / L$

$$\theta(x, t) = \omega t + \text{Re}[\psi \exp(-i\omega t)] \cos(\pi x / L)$$

Mode amplitude:
$$\psi \approx \frac{i g_1}{\omega^2 - \omega_1^2 + i \nu \omega}$$

Coupling parameter

$$g_1 = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L \cos(\pi x / L) g(x) dx$$

Damping parameters: $\nu = \nu_c + \nu_r + \nu_b \dots$

$$\nu_c = \frac{4\pi\sigma_c}{\epsilon_c \omega_p} \quad \text{quasiparticle} \quad \sim 10^{-2} - 10^{-3}$$

radiation from edges

radiation to crystal

Cavity quality factor
$$Q_c = \frac{\omega}{\nu \omega_p}$$

Alternating kink state

S.-Z. Lin and X. Hu, PRL **100**, 247006 (2008); AEK, Phys. Rev. B **78**, 174509 (2008)

$$\varphi_n(x, t) \approx \omega t + (-1)^n \varphi_{kink}(x) + \text{Re}[\psi \exp(-i\omega t)] \cos(\pi x/L) + \dots$$

Static soliton (kink) at $x = L/2$

$$\varphi_{kink}(0) \approx 0; \varphi_{kink}(L) \approx \pi$$

$$\text{kink width } l_s \approx \left(\frac{L \lambda_J^2}{16} \frac{\omega_1^2 - \omega^2}{\omega_p^2} \right)^{1/3} \ll L_x$$

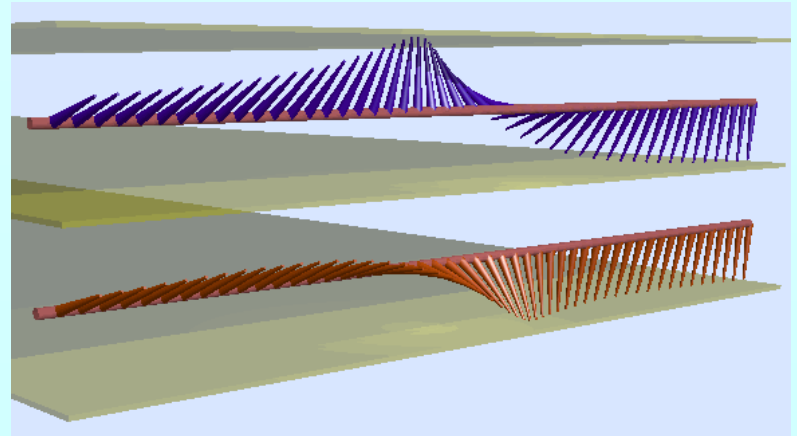
Effective modulation

$$g(x) = \cos[\varphi_{kink}(x)] \approx -\text{sign}(x - L/2)$$

$$\psi = \frac{ig_1}{\omega^2 - \omega_1^2 + i\nu\omega}$$

$$g_1 = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L \cos(\pi x/L) \cos(\varphi_{kink}) dx \approx 4/\pi$$

Maximum possible coupling



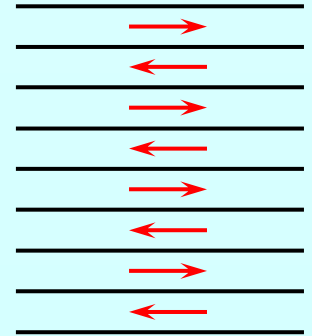
- exists without external modulations
- provides efficient pumping of energy into the cavity mode

Short-scale instability

A.E.K., Phys. Rev. B **82**, 174512 2010

Local plasma frequency $\omega_p(x) \propto \sqrt{g(x)\bar{C}(x)}$

$$\bar{C}(x) \equiv \langle \cos(\omega t + \theta(x, t)) \rangle_t \approx \frac{g_1(\omega_1^2 - \omega^2)}{(\omega_1^2 - \omega^2)^2 + \nu^2 \omega^2} \frac{\cos(\pi x / L)}{2}$$



For decreasing positive $g(x)$ $g(x)\bar{C}(x) < 0$ at $x > L/2$ → source of instability !!

Homogeneous state is only stable if $g(x) = 0$ at $x > L/2$

For alternating-kink state $g(x) \approx -\text{sgn}(x - L/2)$ and

$$g(x)\bar{C}(x) = \frac{(\omega_1^2 - \omega^2)}{(\omega_1^2 - \omega^2)^2 + \nu^2 \omega^2} \frac{|\cos(\pi x / L)|}{2} \geq 0 \rightarrow \text{stable}$$

Radiative boundary conditions for oscillating phase

A.E.K. and Bulaevskii, Phys. Rev. B 77, 014530 (2008)

Phase in resistive state

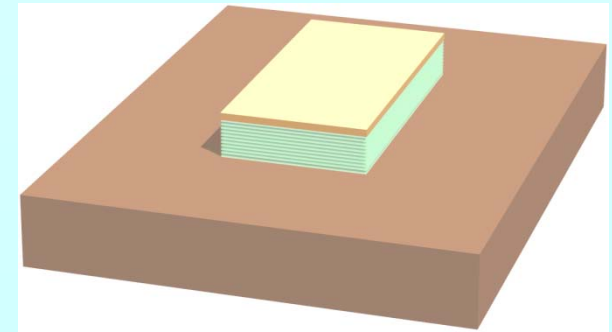
$$\varphi_n(x,t) \approx \omega t + \text{Re}[\theta_{n,\omega}(x) \exp(-i\omega t)]$$

Boundary conditions for homogeneous oscillating phase $\theta_\omega(x) = \langle \theta_{\omega,n}(x) \rangle_n$

Long symmetric mesa

$$\frac{\partial \theta_\omega(L)}{\partial x} = i\zeta \theta_\omega(L) + i\tilde{\zeta} \theta_\omega(0)$$

$$\frac{\partial \theta_\omega(0)}{\partial x} = -i\zeta \theta_\omega(0) - i\tilde{\zeta} \theta_\omega(L)$$

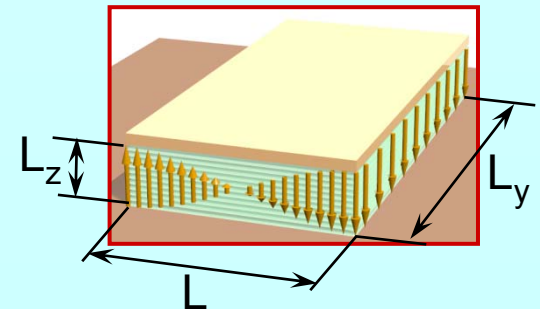


For isolated mesa on metallic plate with thin metallic contact on the top

$$\zeta \approx \frac{k_\omega^2 L_z}{2} \left[1 - \frac{2i}{\pi} \ln \frac{C}{k_\omega L_x} \right]$$

$$k_\omega = \omega/c$$

$$\tilde{\zeta} \approx -\frac{k_\omega^2 L_z}{2} H_0^{(1)}(k_\omega L)$$



Radiation dampings

1. Radiation into free space
(sensitive to mode and geometry)

$$v_r = \frac{4\omega_p \lambda_c^2}{\omega L} \text{Re}[\zeta - \tilde{\zeta}] = \frac{2\omega L_z}{\epsilon_c \omega_p L} [1 + J_0(k_\omega L)] \propto \frac{L_z}{\lambda_\omega}$$

2. Radiation into crystal

Journ. of Phys., **150**, 052124 (2009)

Power flow to the crystal:

$$P_{bottom} = \frac{C_{ab} \Phi_0^2 \lambda_{ab} \omega}{64\pi s^2 L} |\psi|^2$$

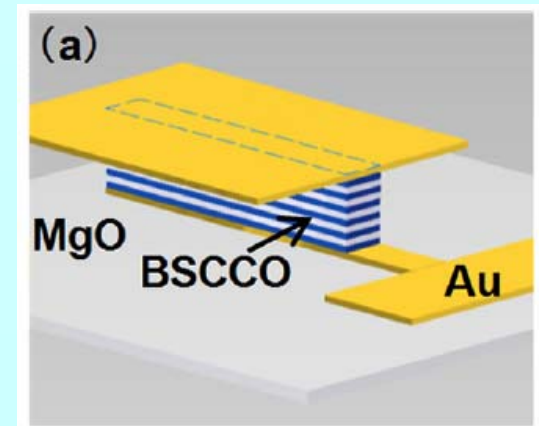
$$v_b = \frac{\lambda_{ab} \lambda_c}{L_x L_z} \approx 0.5$$

$$\frac{v_r}{v_b} \approx \frac{L_z^2}{\epsilon_c \lambda_{ab} L_x} \approx 0.06$$

Dominating mechanism of damping!



Stand alone mesa
Kashiwagi *et al.* JJAP, 2012
An *et al.* APL, 2013



Stand-alone mesa

Japanese Journal of Applied Physics 51 (2012) 010113

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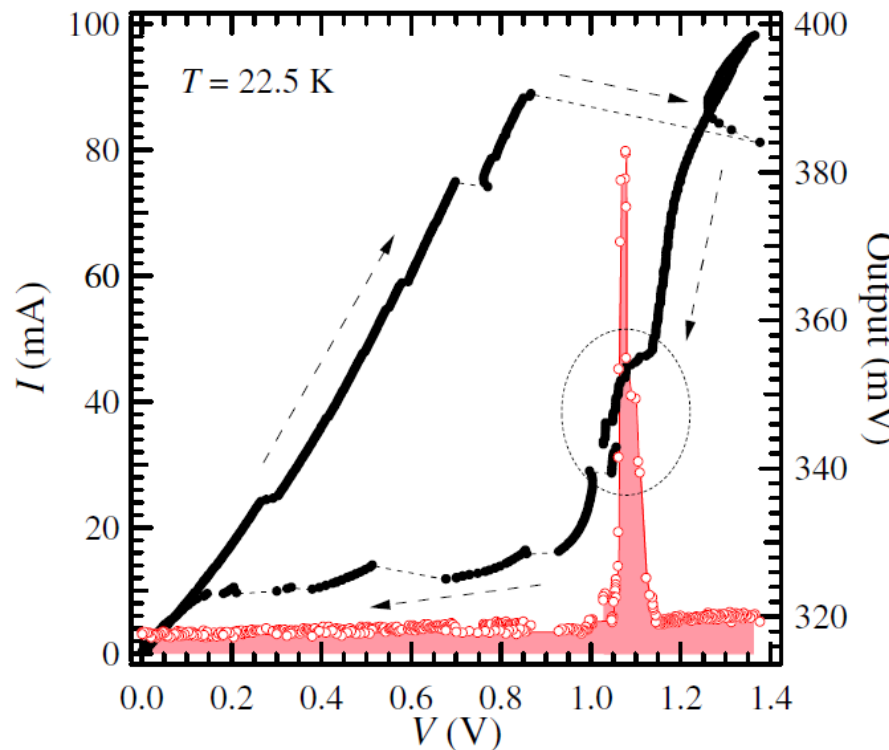
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Centennial Anniversary of Superconductivity

High Temperature Superconductor Terahertz Emitters: Fundamental Physics and Its Applications

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$87 \times 383 \times 1.3 \mu\text{m}^3$



Transport and radiation near resonance

Excess current
(units of j_J)

$$\delta j = \frac{1}{4} \frac{g_1^2 v \omega}{[\omega^2 - \omega_1^2]^2 + v^2 \omega^2}$$

Similar to: M. Russo and R. Vaglio, Phys. Rev. B 17, 2171 (1978)
(single junction, no radiation)

Energy balance

$$IV = V^2/R + \underbrace{\langle \tilde{E}^2 \rangle L_z^2 / R}_{\delta IV} + P$$

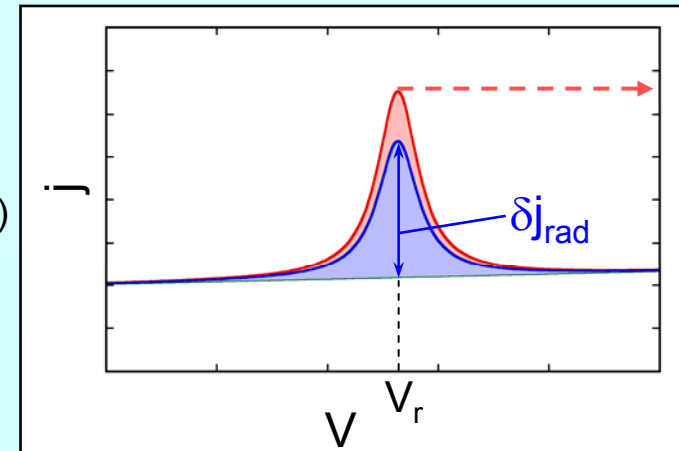
Radiated power

$$P_{edge} = AL_y \frac{\Phi_0^2 \omega^3 N^2}{32\pi^3 c^2} |\psi|^2 \quad A \sim 1 \quad P_{edge} = \frac{v_r}{v} \delta IV$$

In resonance, for $v_r \ll v$ $P_{edge} \propto N^2$
 for $v \approx v_r$ $P_{max} \approx \frac{\pi L_y L^2 g_1^2 j_J^2}{2\omega}$

$g_1 = 0.3, j_J = 500 \text{ A/cm}^2, L_y = 300 \mu\text{m}$
 $\omega/2\pi = 1 \text{ THz}, L = 43 \mu\text{m}$

$\rightarrow P = 1.5 \text{ mW}$



Does not depend on N !

achieved $\sim 50 \mu\text{W}$

Synchronization in inhomogeneous mesas

Number of synchronized junctions

Power of the mode

Emission Power

Feature in IV

Mesas with inhomogeneous cross section

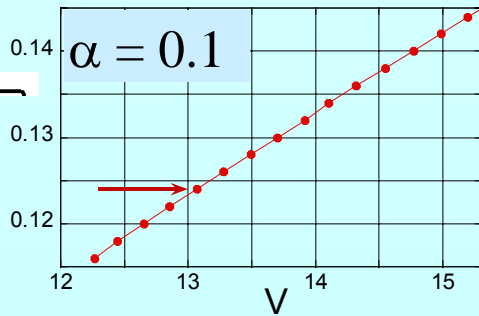


$$\alpha = (L_1 - L_N)/L_{N/2}$$

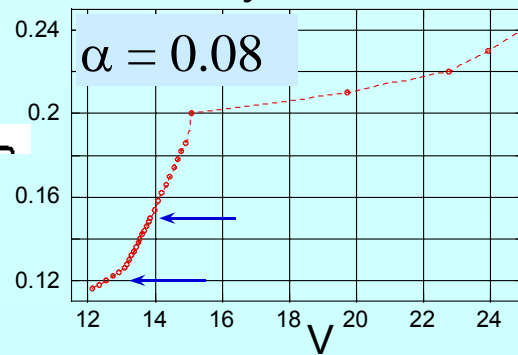
Natural frequencies:

$$\omega_n \propto V_n \propto j_n \propto 1/L_n$$

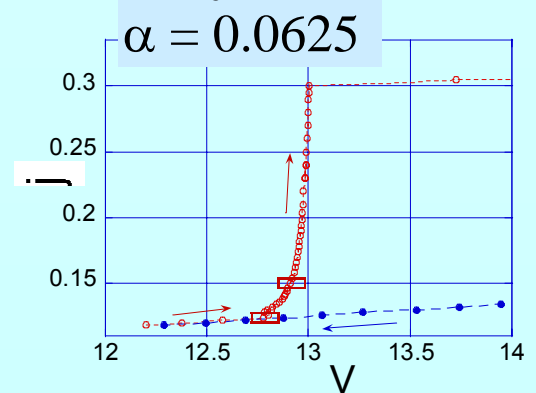
No synchronization



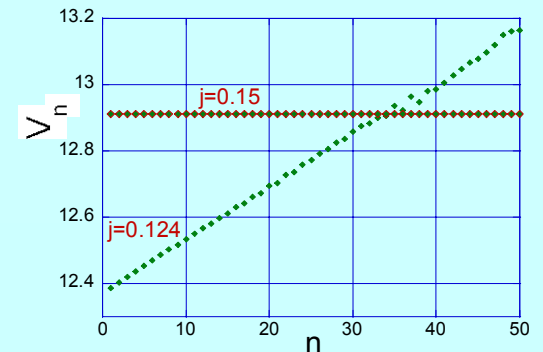
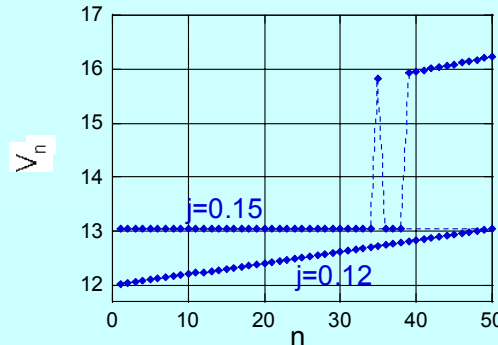
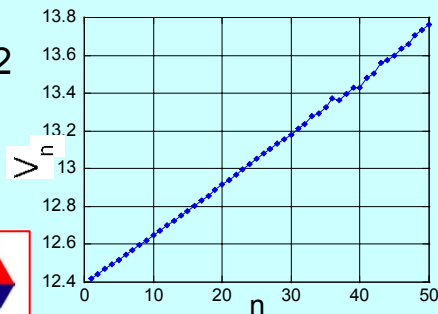
Partial synchronization



Full synchronization

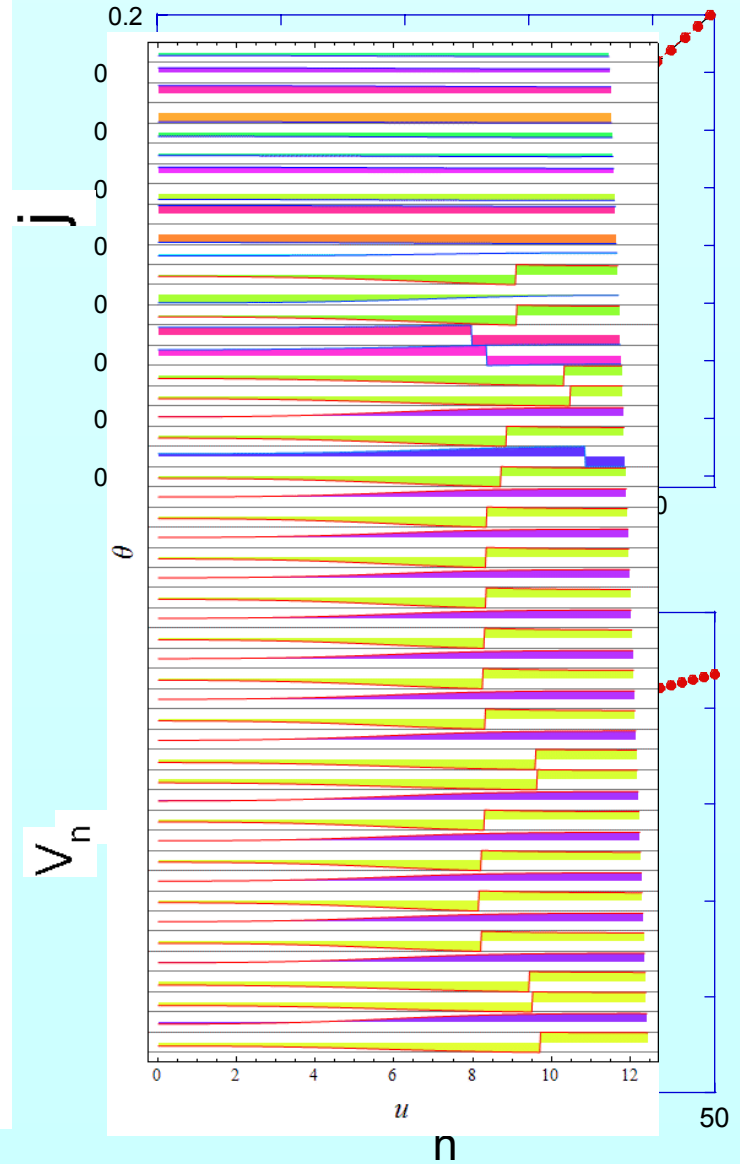
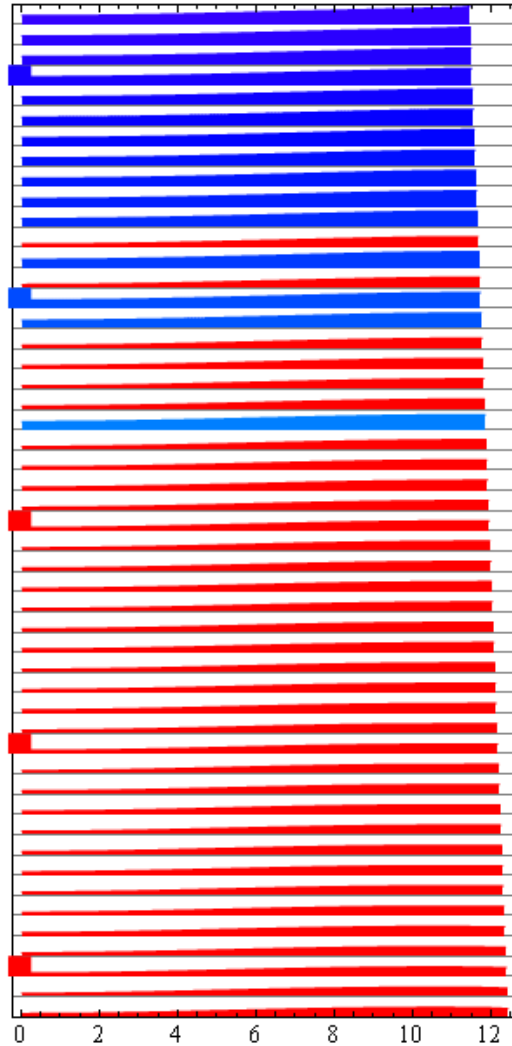
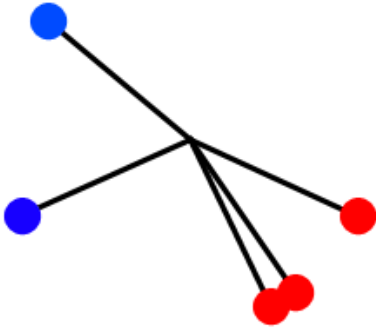


$N=50$
 $v_c=0.01, v_{ab}=0.2$
 $l=50, L_1=12.5$

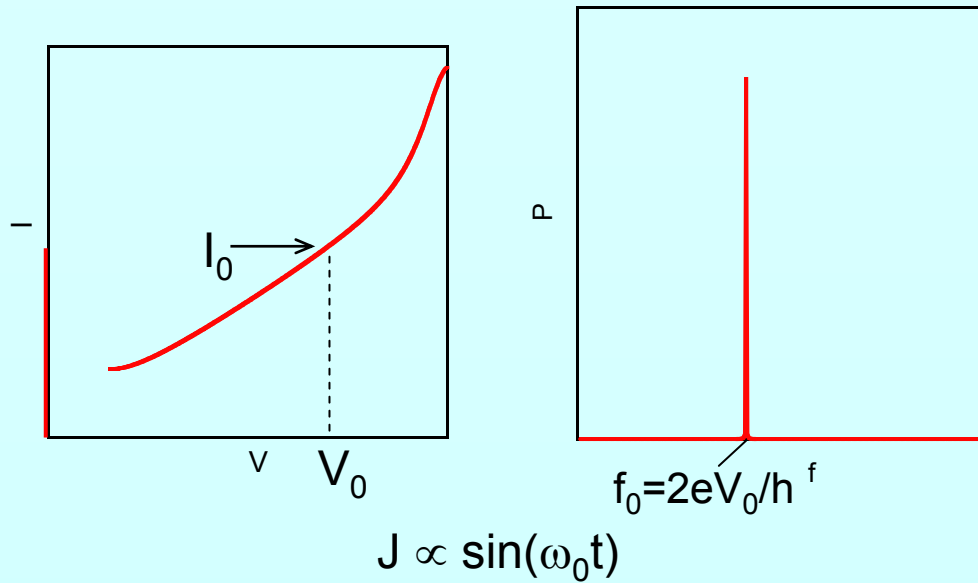


Visualization of electric field

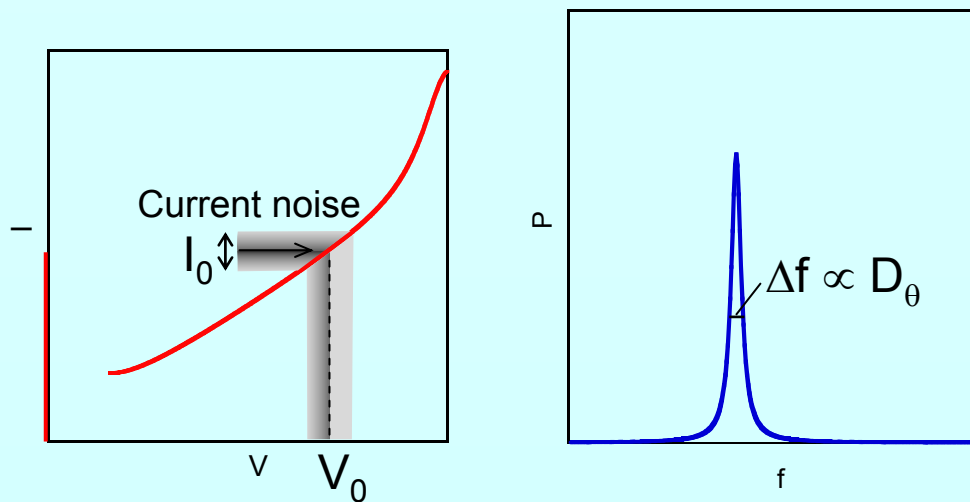
$\alpha = 0.08$



Line width of Josephson radiation



Line width of Josephson radiation



$$J \propto \sin[\omega_0 t + \theta(t)] \quad \theta^2(t) = D_\theta t$$

Single junction:

Line width due to quasiparticle-current fluctuations, $k_B T > \hbar \omega$

Larkin and Ovchinnikov, Zh. Eksp. Teor. Fiz., 1967

Dahm et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. , 1969

$$D_\theta \propto \frac{\langle j_f^2 \rangle}{v^2} \quad \langle j_f^2 \rangle \propto \frac{k_B T}{R} \quad R = V/I$$

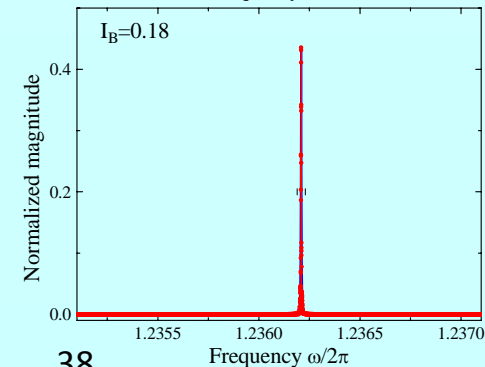
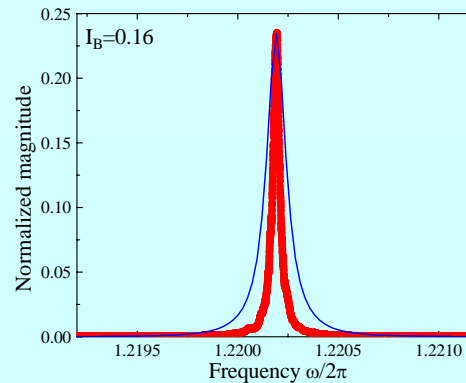
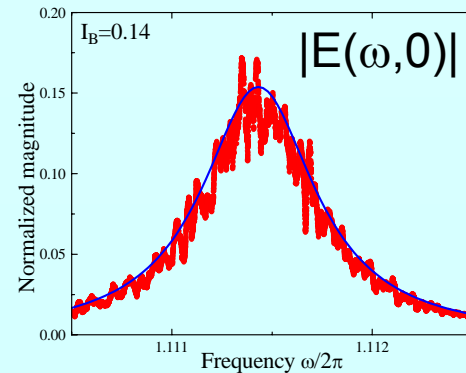
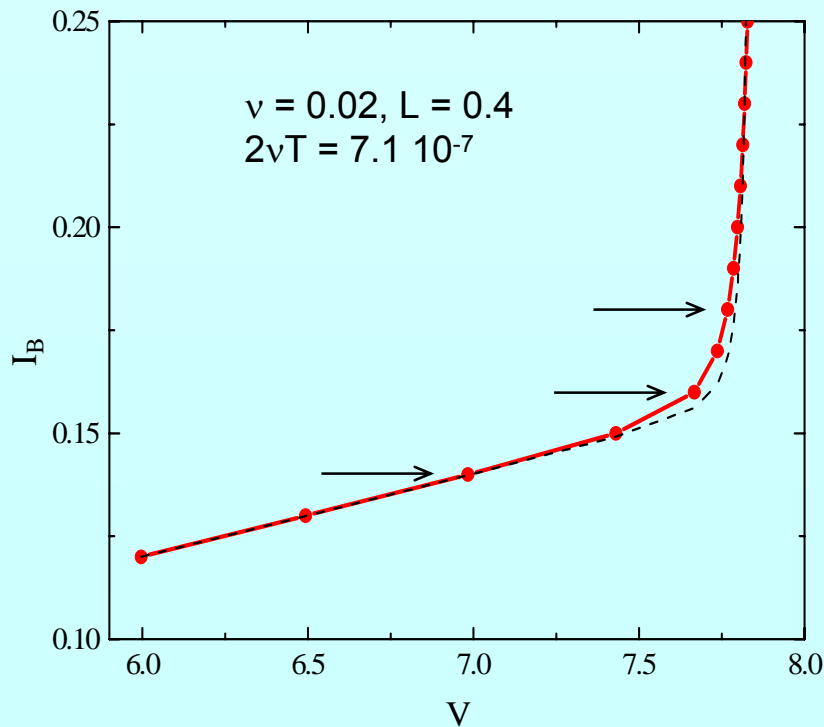
$$v \propto 1/R_d \quad R_d = dV/dI$$

$$\Delta f = \frac{1}{\pi} \left(\frac{2e}{\hbar} \right)^2 \frac{R_d^2}{R} k_B T$$

Line shrinking near cavity resonance

Lin and AEK, Phys. Rev. B, 2013

$$\Delta f = \frac{1}{\pi} \left(\frac{2e}{\hbar} \right)^2 \frac{R_d^2}{R} k_B T$$



Line width of synchronized stack

Dominating quasiparticle current dissipation

Effective noise current

$$\tilde{J} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \tilde{j}_n \quad \langle |\tilde{J}|^2 \rangle = \frac{\langle |\tilde{j}_n|^2 \rangle}{N} \quad \rightarrow 1/N \text{ narrowing}$$

$$\text{Line width} \quad \Delta f_0 = \frac{T}{\pi N L_x L_y v_c \ell^2} \rightarrow \frac{4}{\pi} \frac{R}{N} \left(\frac{e}{\hbar} \right)^2 k_B T \quad R = \frac{s \rho_c}{L_x L_y}$$

Estimate

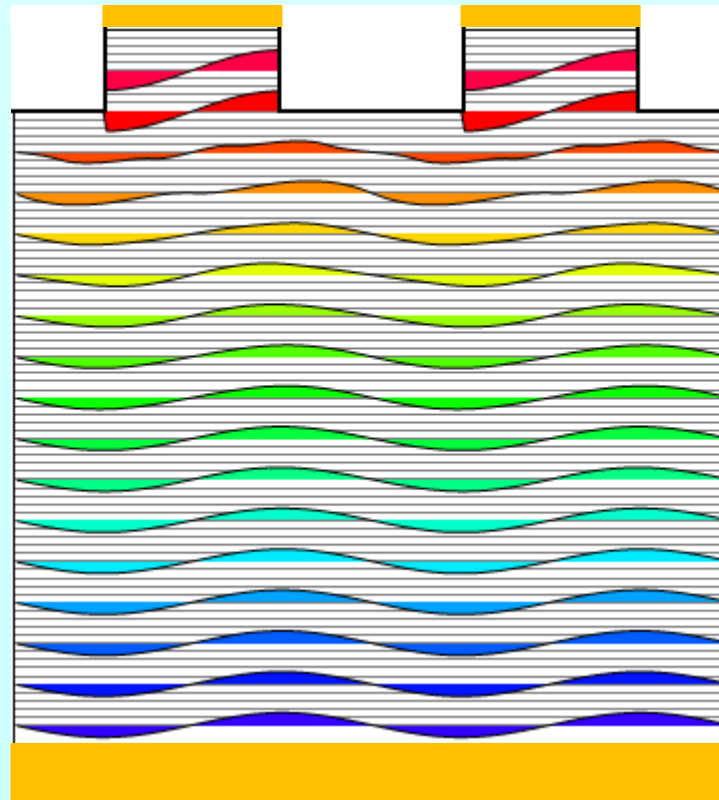
$$\rho_c = 50 \text{ ohm cm}, L_x = 80 \text{ } \mu\text{m}, L_y = 200 \text{ } \mu\text{m}, N = 600, T = 60\text{K} \rightarrow \Delta f_0 = 0.2 \text{ MHz}$$

Much smaller than best experimental observation ($\Delta f_0 \sim 20 \text{ MHz}$)

Mesa arrays

Synchronized mesa arrays → Route to enhance power

Synchronization via base crystal



Radiation field:
Lin and AEK
Physica C **491** 24 (2013)

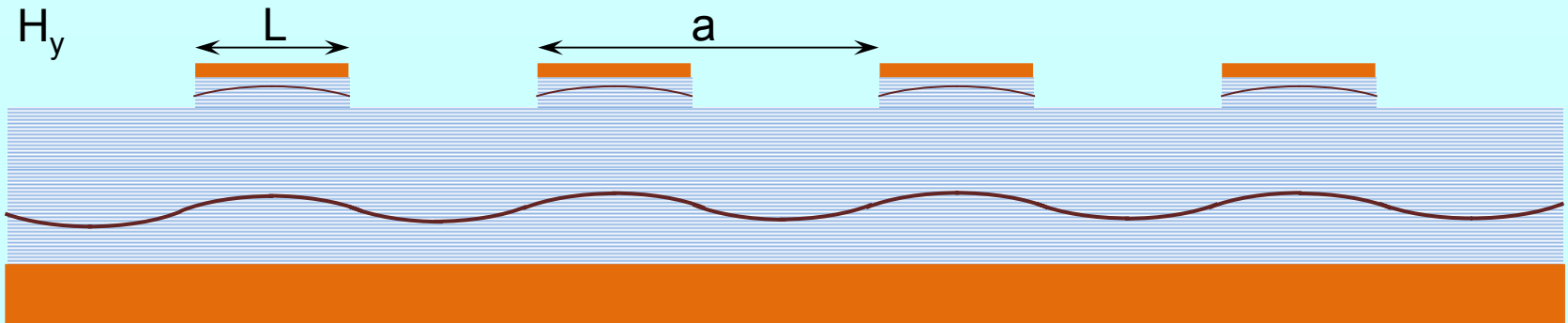
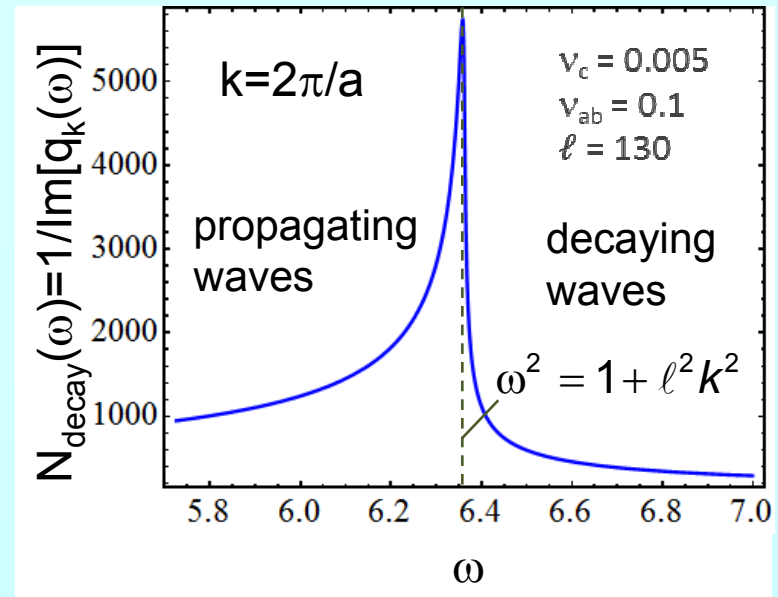
Two resonances

Uniform cavity mode in mesa \rightarrow uniform standing wave in crystal

$$\omega^2 = c^2 (\pi / L)^2 = \omega_p^2 + c^2 (2\pi / a)^2$$

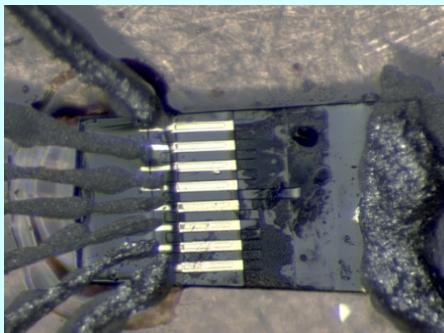
$$a = \frac{2L}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{(c\pi / L)^2}}}$$

Strongest interaction between the mesas

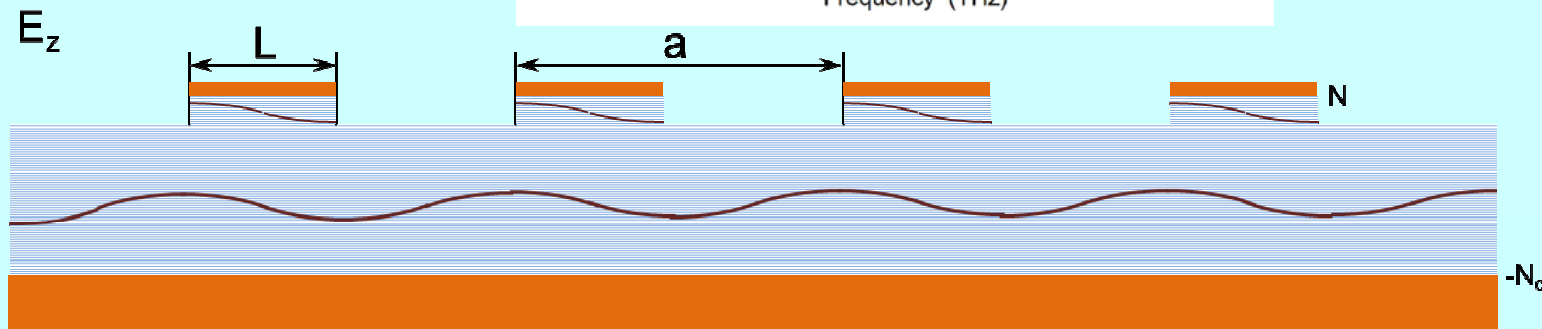
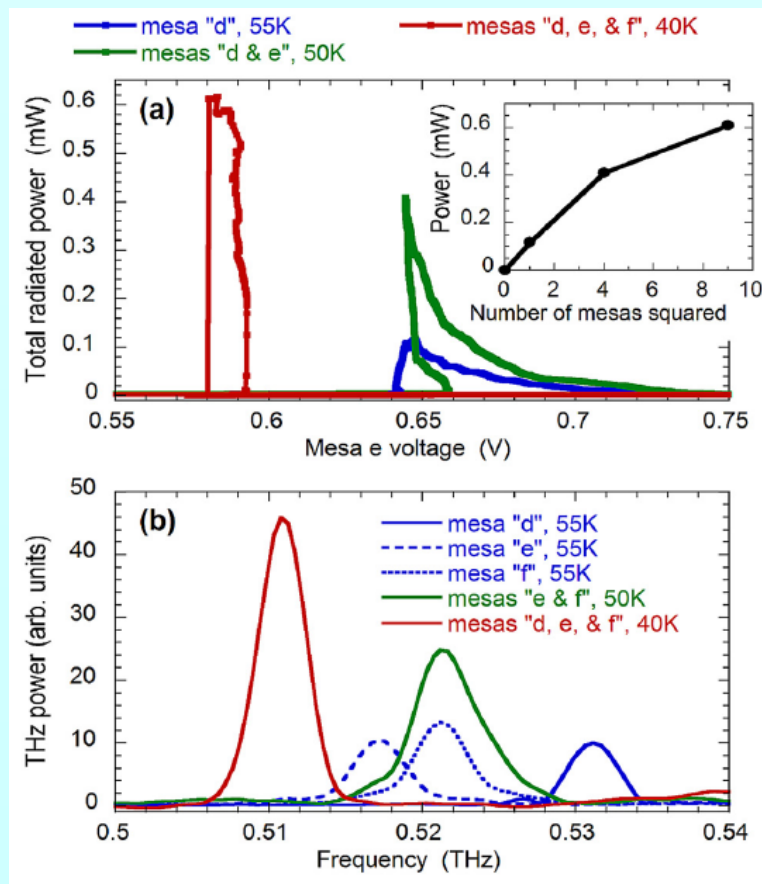


Mesa arrays, experiment

Tim Benseman *et al.*, Appl. Phys. Lett. 103, 022602 (2013): 3 mesas synchronized



Total power up to 610 μW



Summary

- Artificial and intrinsic Jos. junction arrays
- Resonant emission from BSCCO mesas
 - Frequency and polarization → Josephson origin
 - Frequency $\propto 1/\text{width}$, from 0.4 to 0.85 THz, power up to 50 μW
 - Line width ~ 20 MHz
- Scientific issues and properties
 - radiation losses, radiation power in ideal case
 - external and self-generated modulation of Josephson current
 - alternating kink state
 - synchronization in inhomogeneous mesas
 - partial synchronization
 - intrinsic line width
- Mesa arrays

Potential for powerful, efficient and compact THz source!