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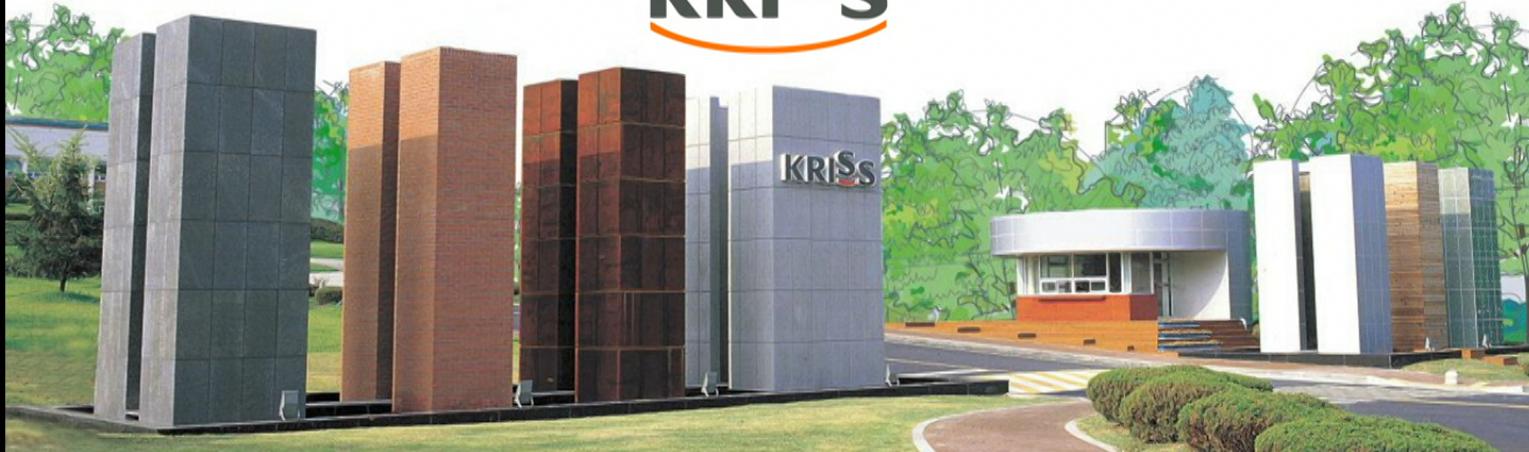
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Abstract:

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**SQUID system engineering in KRISS**

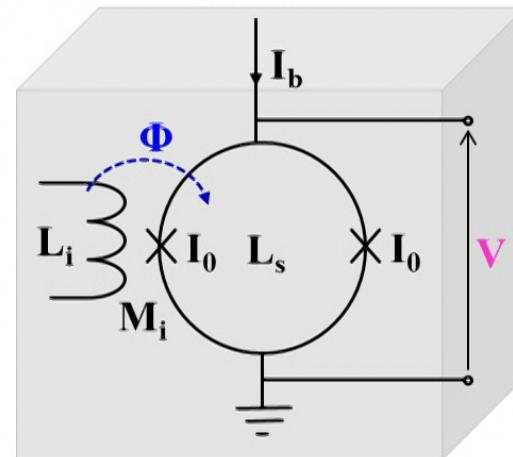
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Flux-to-Voltage converter

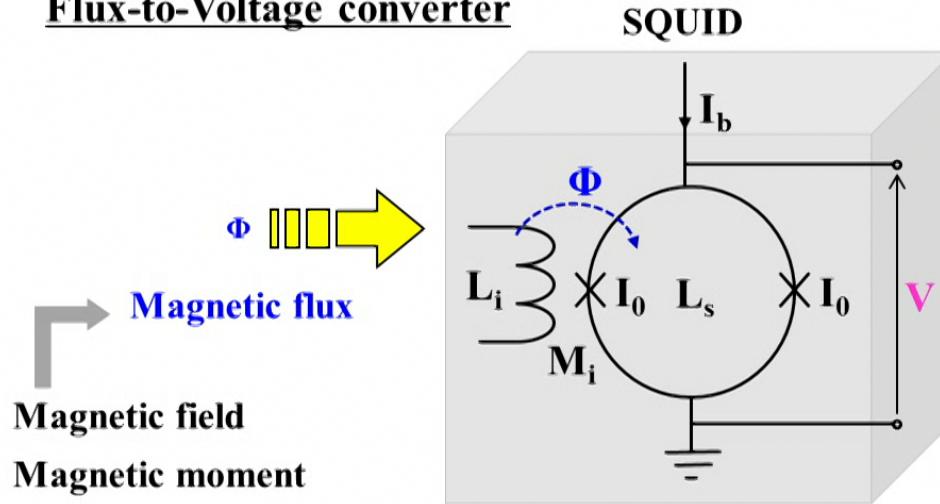
SQUID



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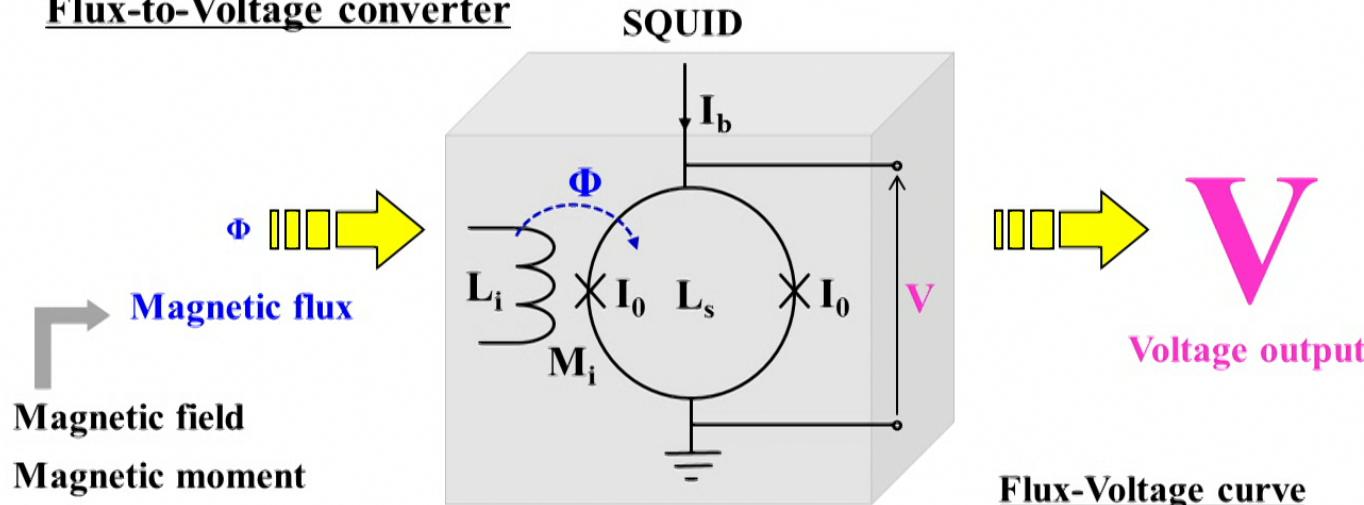
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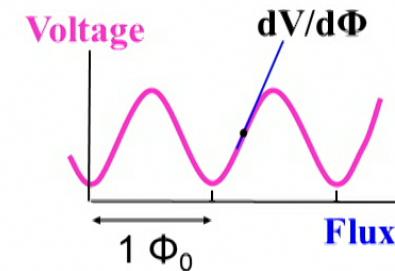
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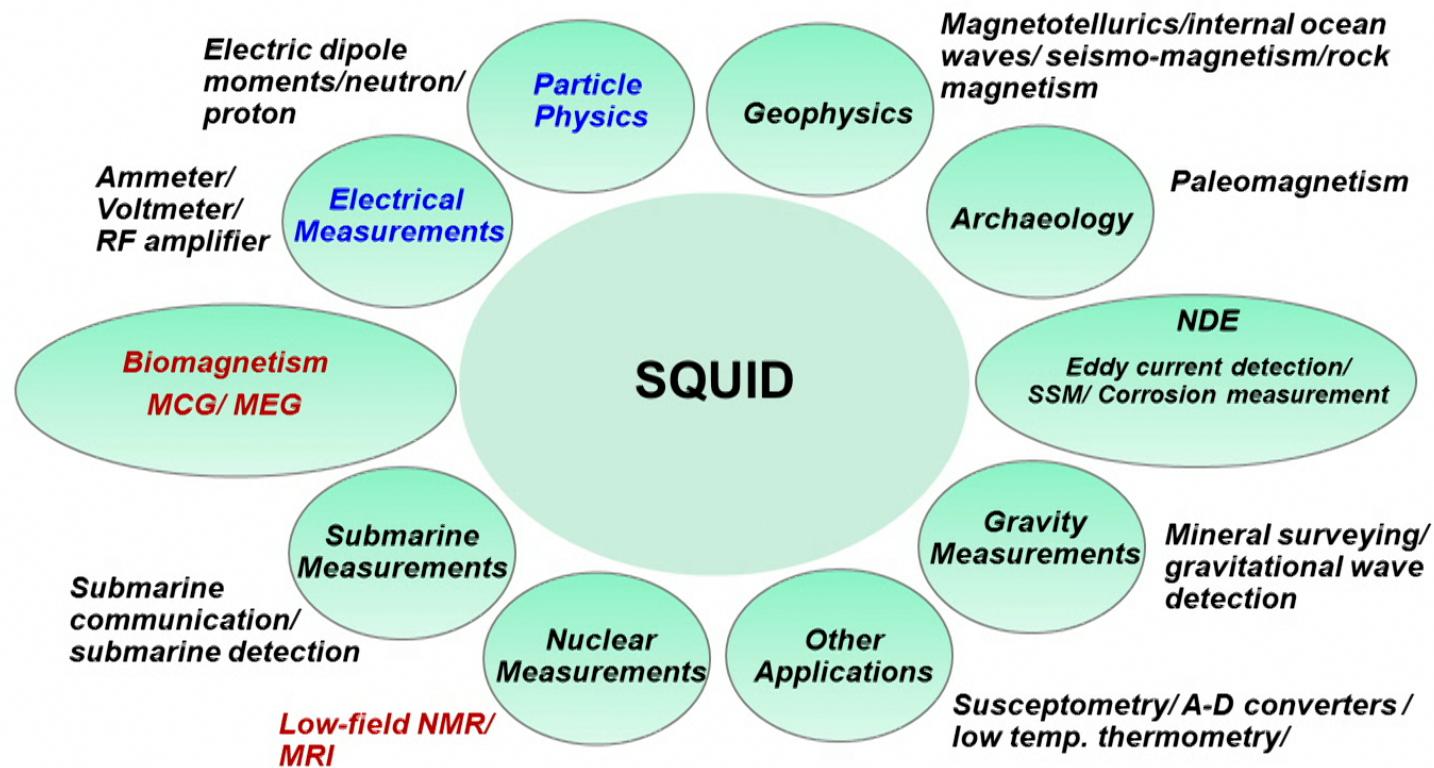
## SQUID



## Flux-Voltage curve



# Applications of SQUID



# Performance of SQUID system

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## Physical

**Sensitivity (Field noise, noise temperature, etc.)**

**Bandwidth**

**Slew rate**

**Dynamic range**

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## Engineering

**Reliability of operation**

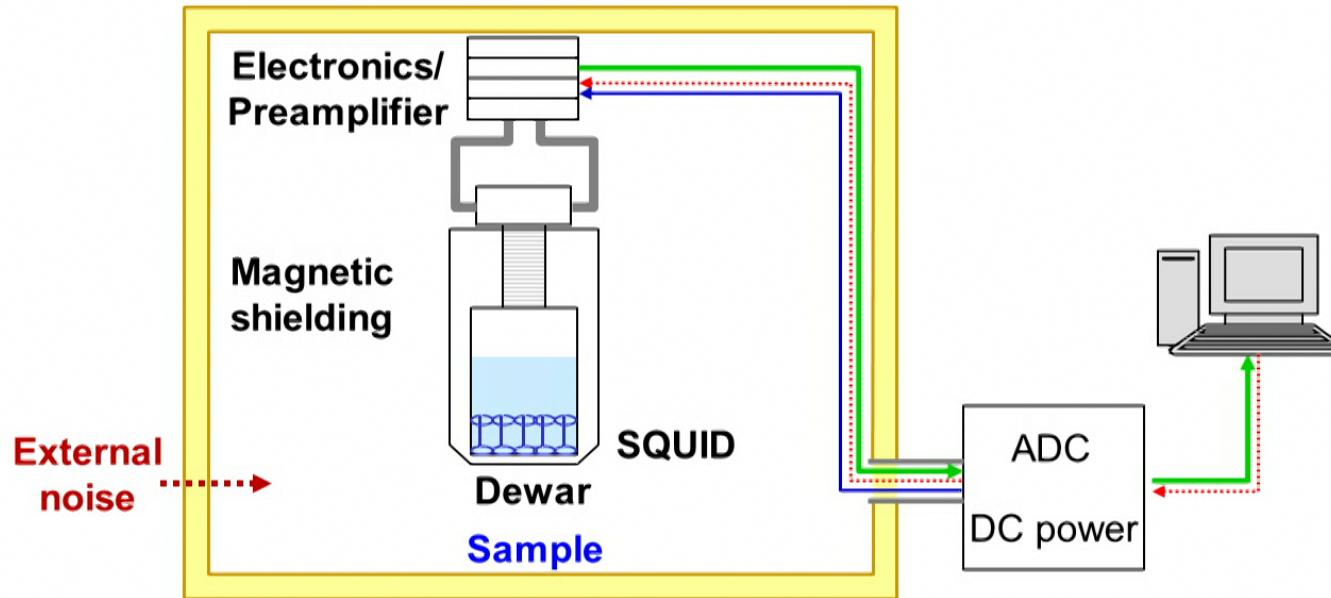
**Yield of fabrication**

**Cost of fabrication and operation**

**Compactness (Space for installation)**

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## SQUID system: Component and noise sources



SQUID system noise: SQUID intrinsic noise + Electronics noise

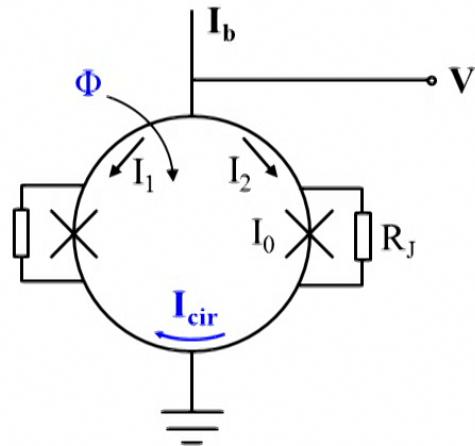
Thermal noise of dewar (superinsulation & thermal shield)

Thermal noise of metals in shielding structure (mumetal & aluminum)

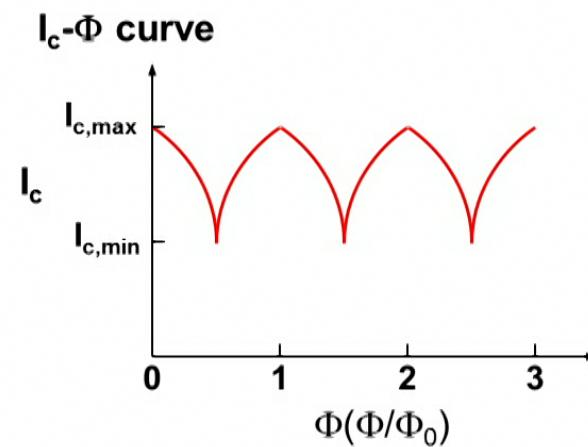
Residual environmental noise, RF interference, Digitization noise

# DC-SQUID

## Basic structure



## Modulation of critical current



## Screening parameter of the SQUID

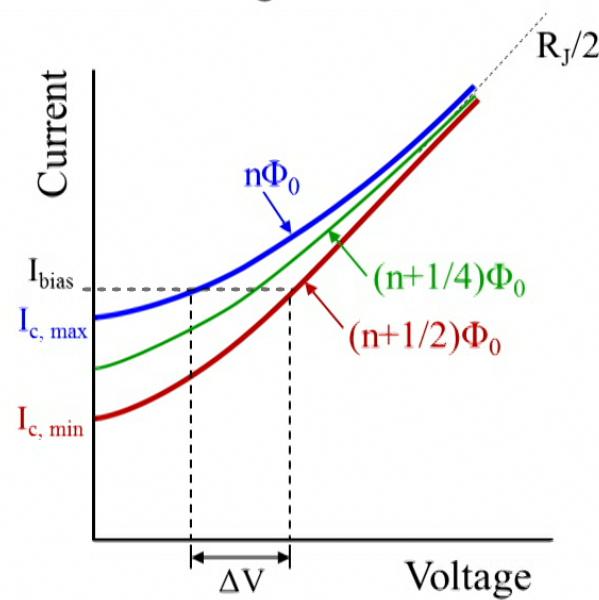
$$\beta_L = \frac{2I_0 L_{sq}}{\Phi_0} = \sim 1$$

$$\Delta I_c = I_{c,\max} - I_{c,\min} \approx \frac{1}{1+\beta_L} 2I_0$$

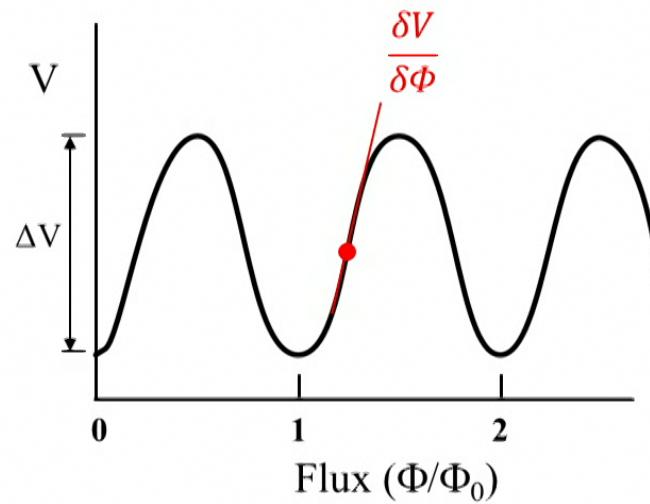
Optimum:  $\beta_L \approx 1$

# Flux modulation of DC-SQUID

Current-Voltage curve



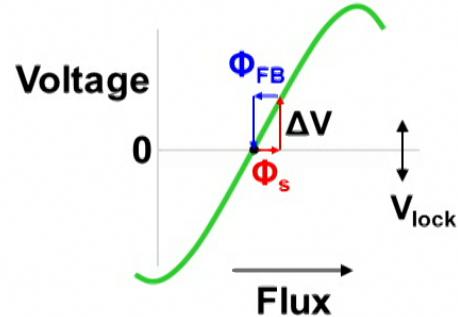
Voltage-Flux curve



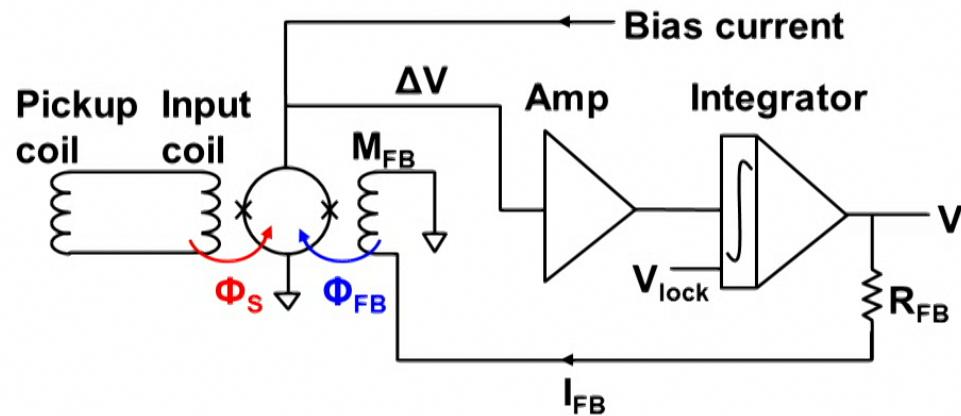
$$\frac{\delta V}{\delta \Phi} \approx \frac{2\beta_L}{1+\beta_L} \frac{R_i}{L_{sq}} \approx \frac{R_i}{L_{sq}}$$

# SQUID readout: Flux-locked loop (FLL)

## Negative feedback



## Flux-locked loop

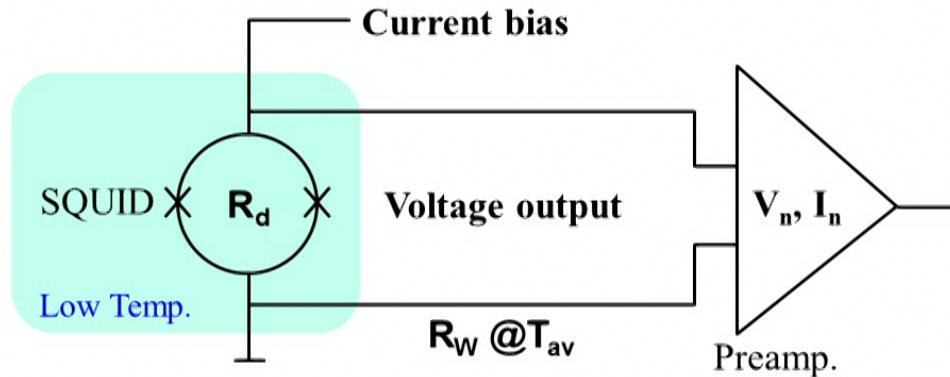


In FLL mode, the flux in the SQUID is kept constant (locked).

$$\rightarrow \text{Output voltage} = I_{FB} \times R_{FB}, \quad I_{FB} = \Phi_{FB} / M_{FB}$$

## Preamplifier noise contribution

In direct readout mode



**Noise of SQUID system:**  $\Phi^2_{\text{intrinsic}} + \Phi^2_{\text{preamp}}$

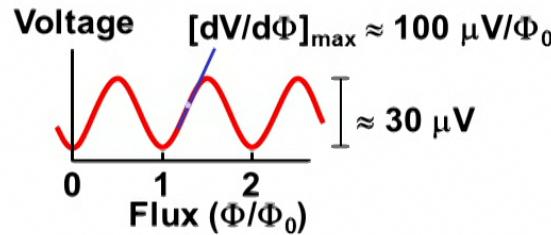
**Preamplifier noise contribution:**  $\Phi_{\text{preamp}} = V_{n,\text{tot}} / (\delta V / \delta \Phi)$

$$V_{n,\text{tot}} = \{V_n^2 + I_n^2(R_d + R_w)^2 + 4k_B T_S R_d + 4k_B T_{av} R_w\}^{0.5} \approx 0.5 \text{ nV}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$$

# SQUID type and preamplifier input noise

## Standard DC SQUID

### Flux-voltage curve



$$dV/d\Phi: 100 \mu\text{V}/\Phi_0$$

If, preamplifier noise:  $0.5 \text{ nV}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$

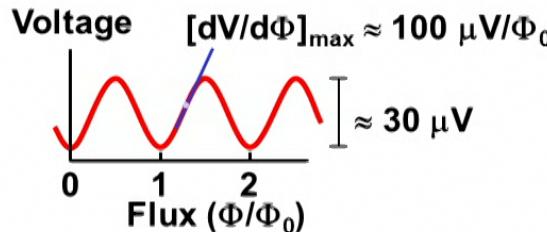
$$\Rightarrow 5 \mu\Phi_0/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$$

**Low transfer coefficient :**  
**⇒ Complex readout electronics**

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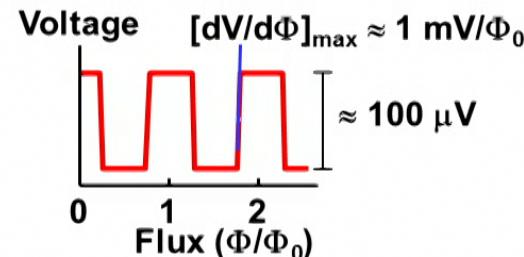
→ 5 μΦ<sub>0</sub>/√Hz

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## DROS

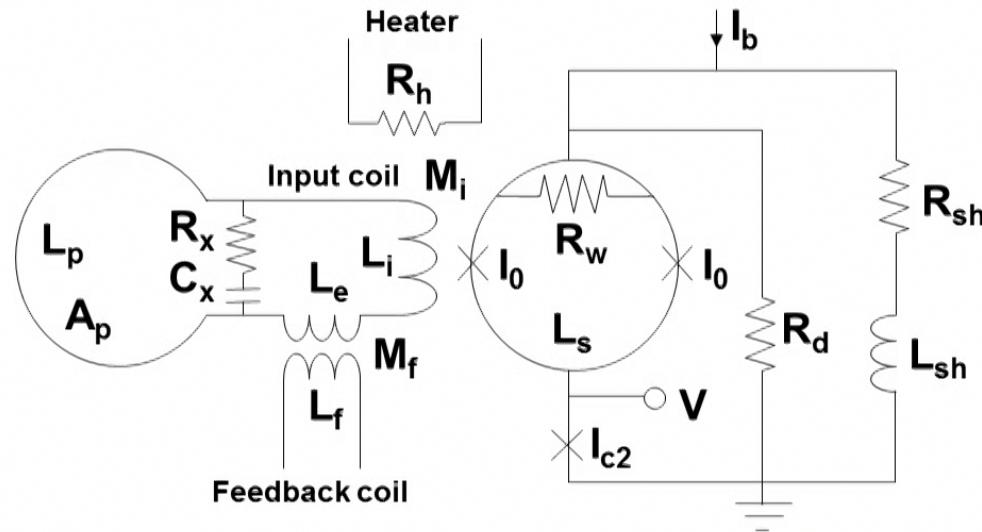
(Double relaxation oscillation SQUID)

### Flux-voltage curve

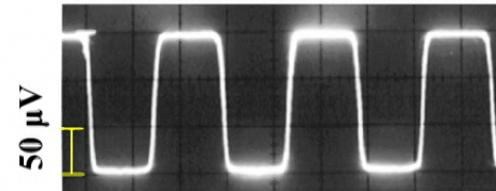


**High flux-to-voltage transfer**  
⇒ Compact readout electronics  
**Large modulation amplitude**  
⇒ Stable against offset drift

## DROS: Circuit diagram

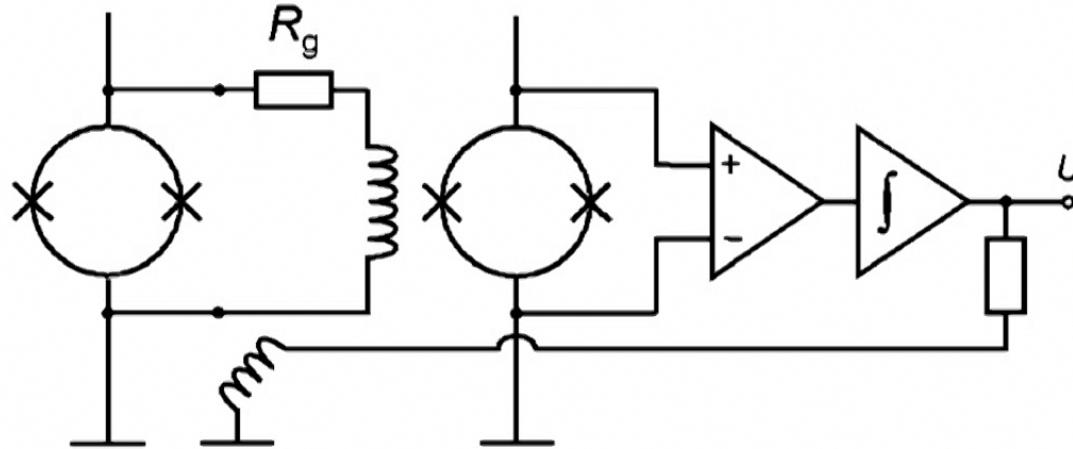


Typical flux-voltage curve



## 2-stage SQUID

Detector SQUID



Amplifier SQUID

Use a second SQUID as the amplifier of the first (detector) SQUID  
→ Noise contribution of room-temperature electronics is negligible  
Low system noise:  $< 1 \mu\Phi_0/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$

# Control electronics

## Others



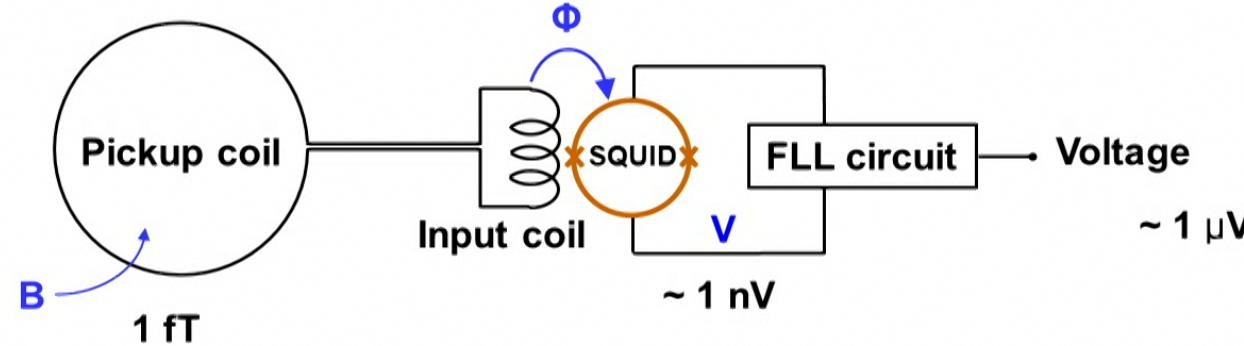
- Installation space
- Fabrication cost
- Electricity consumption
- Reliability (maintenance) issue
- Power-line (Ground) noise



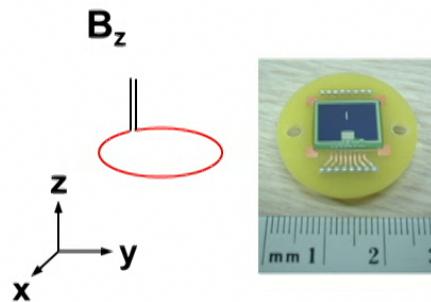
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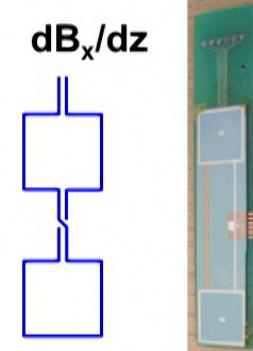
## Pickup coils for field detection



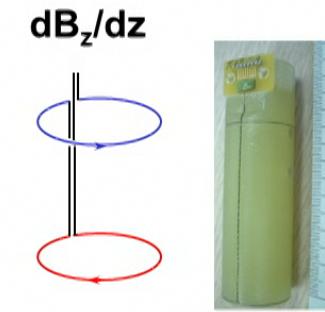
Magnetometer



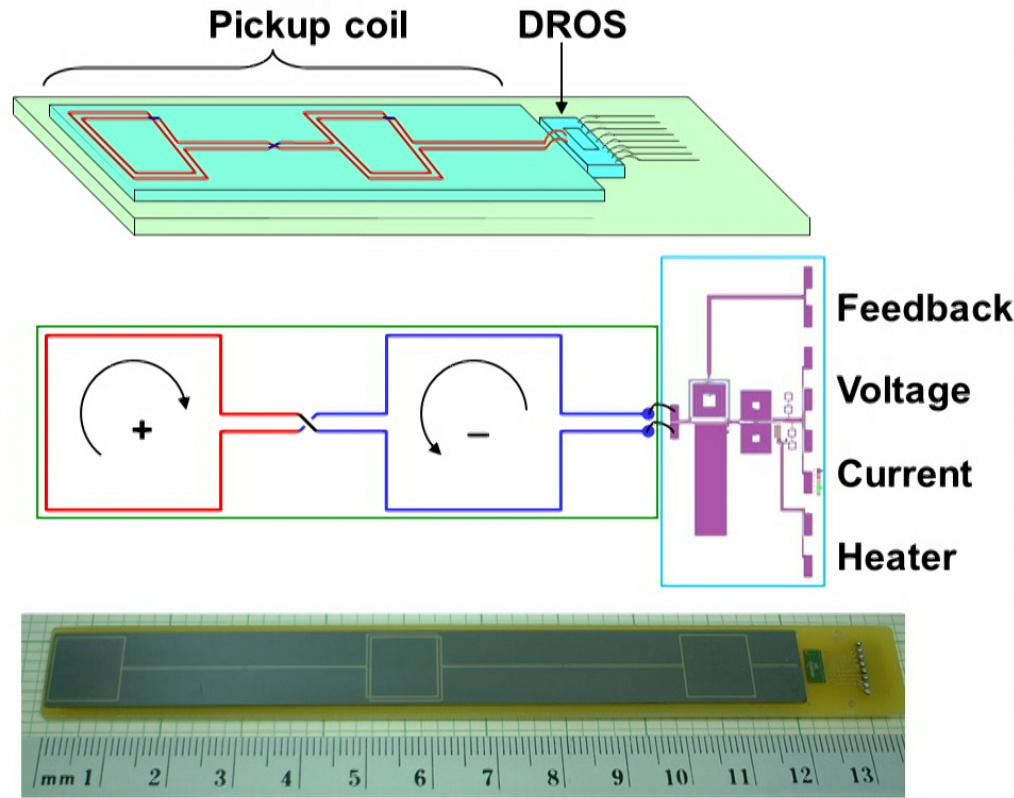
Planar gradiometer



Axial gradiometer

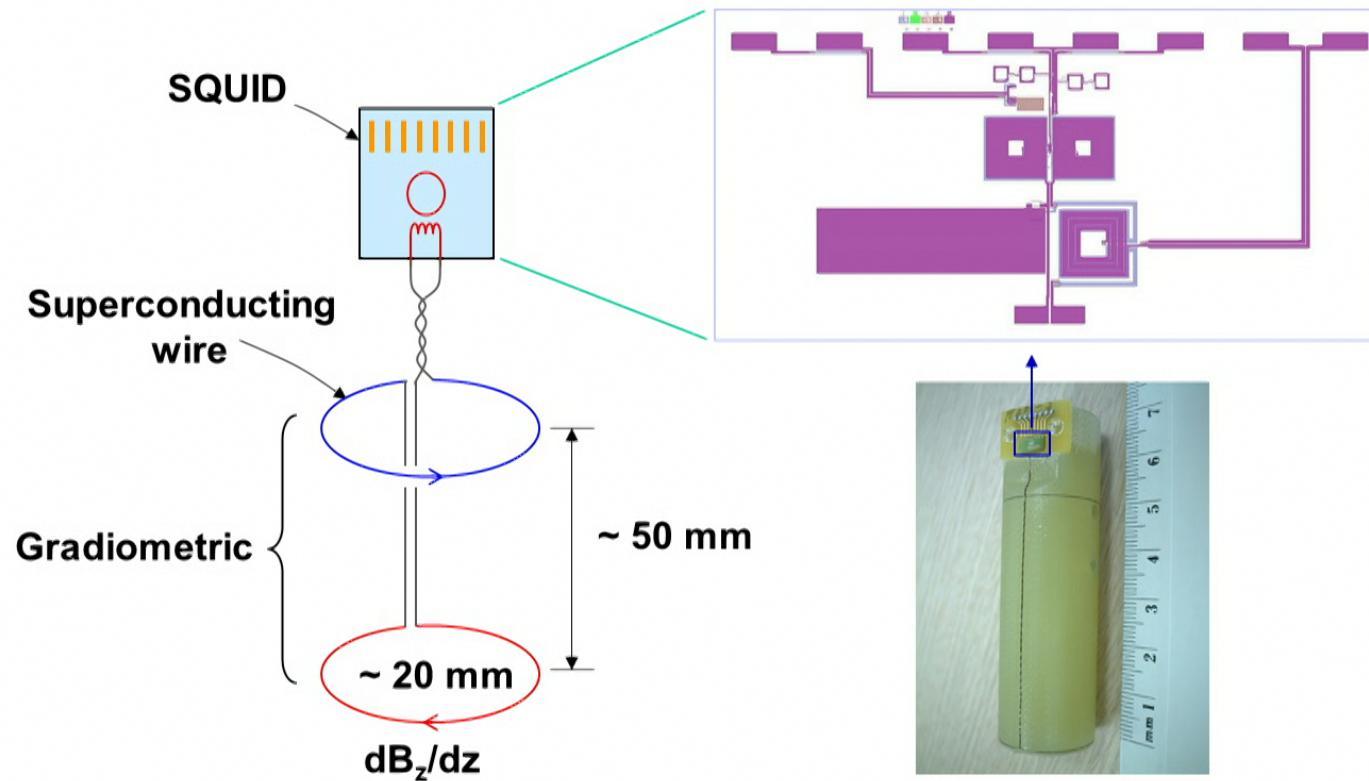


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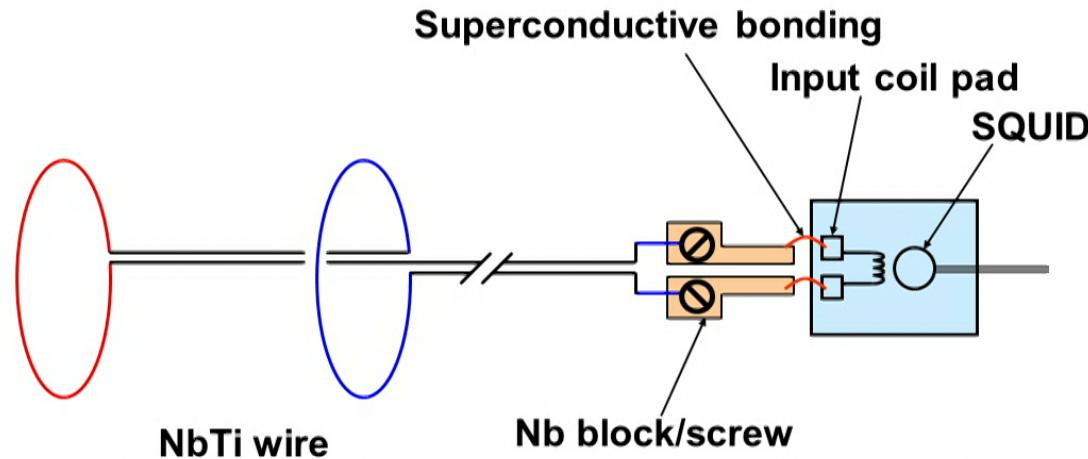


- + Higher balancing using photolithography
- Stress-free mounting of wafer on the substrate needed

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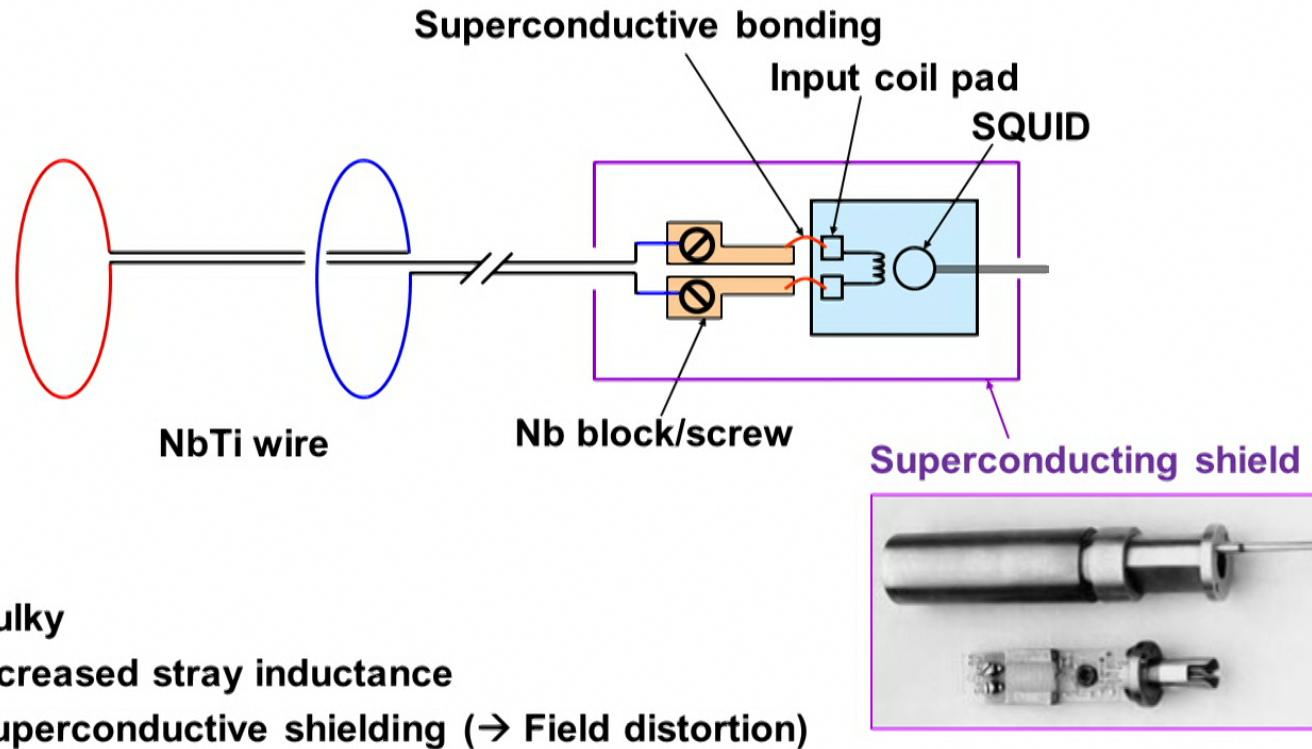


## Conventional gradiometer bobbin



- Bulky
- Increased stray inductance
- Superconductive shielding ( $\rightarrow$  Field distortion)
- Long distance between SQUID and pickup coil  
(More frequent liquid-He refill)

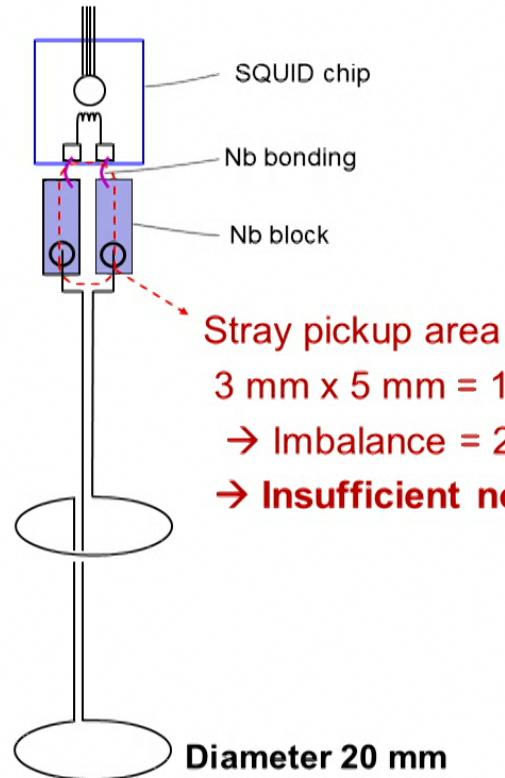
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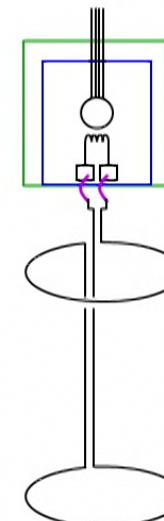
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# Axial gradiometers

## Conventional-2



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Stray pickup area :  
 $0.3 \text{ mm} \times 2 \text{ mm} = 0.6 \text{ mm}^2$   
→ Imbalance = 0.1 %

## Standard insert and dewar

Gradiometer



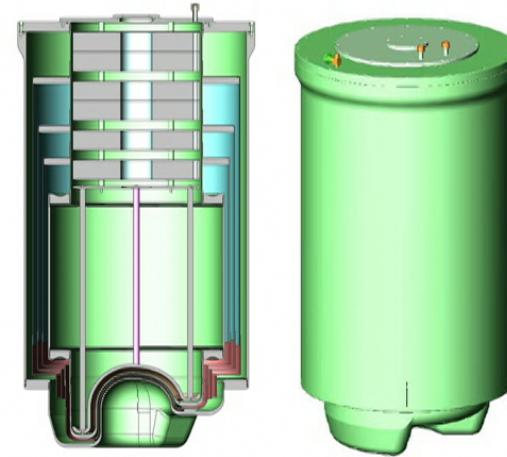
Sensor helmet



Insert



Dewar



## High quality fiberglass reinforced plastic

Conventional tube

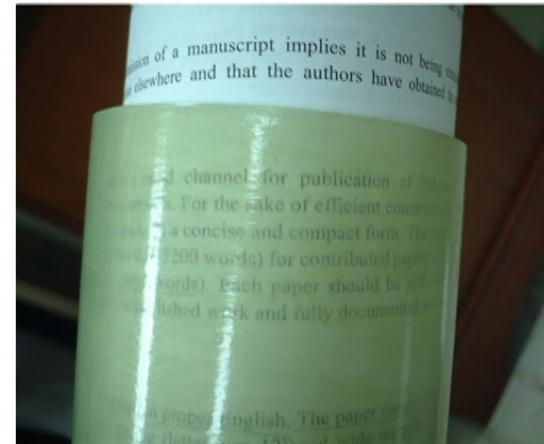


- Poor vacuum sealing
- Lamination

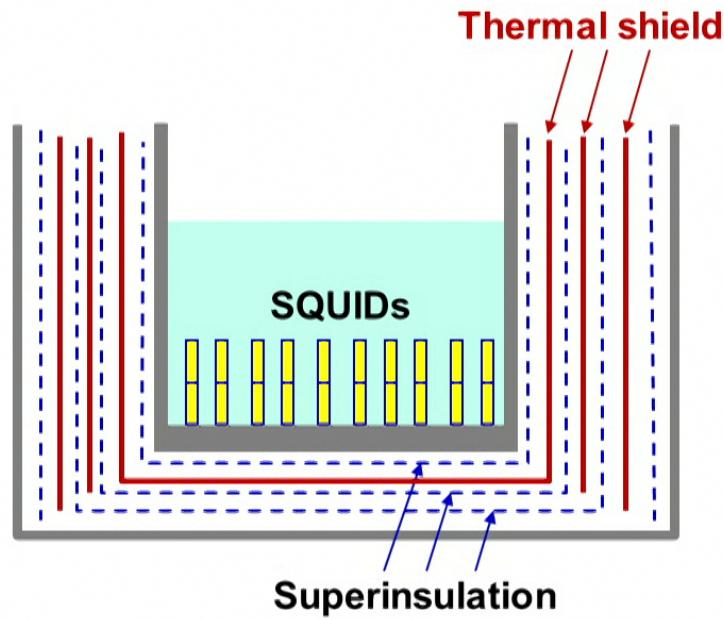
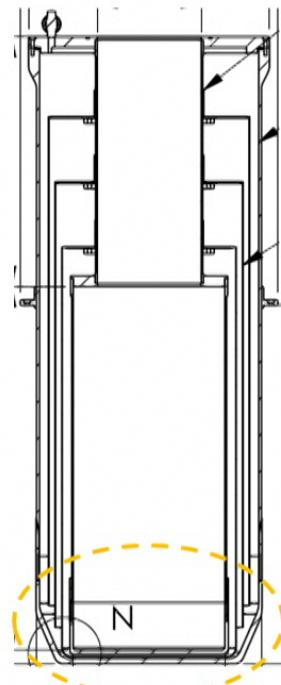
**Dewar:**

- Multiple layers of superinsulations (~ 70 layers): large surface area
- Plastic, Nylon, cryogenic getter, etc: high-vacuum is difficult ( $\sim 10^{-3}$  Pa)

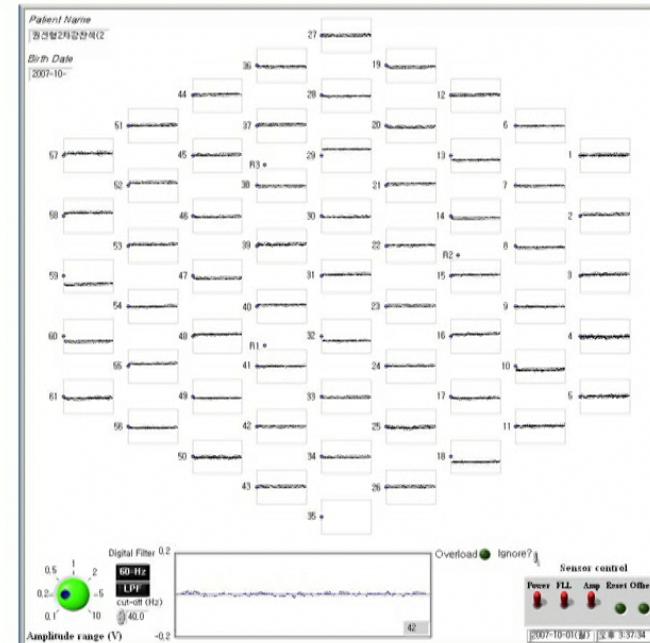
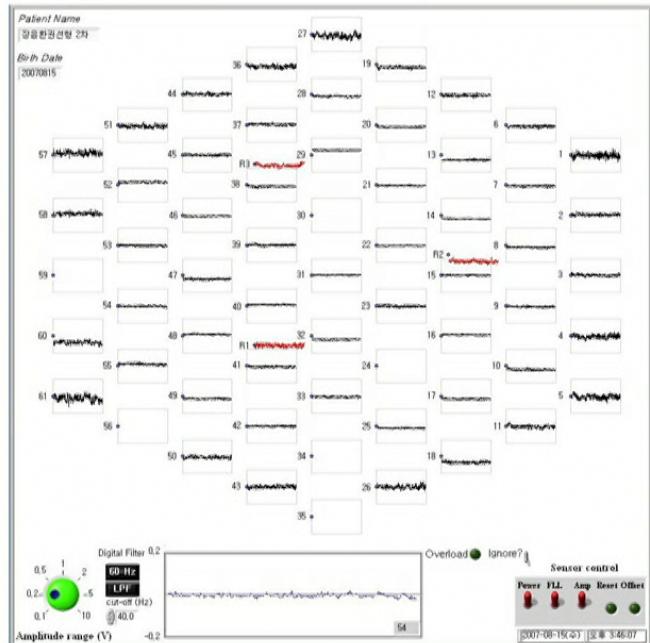
Transparent FRP tube (KRISS)



# Eddy current noise

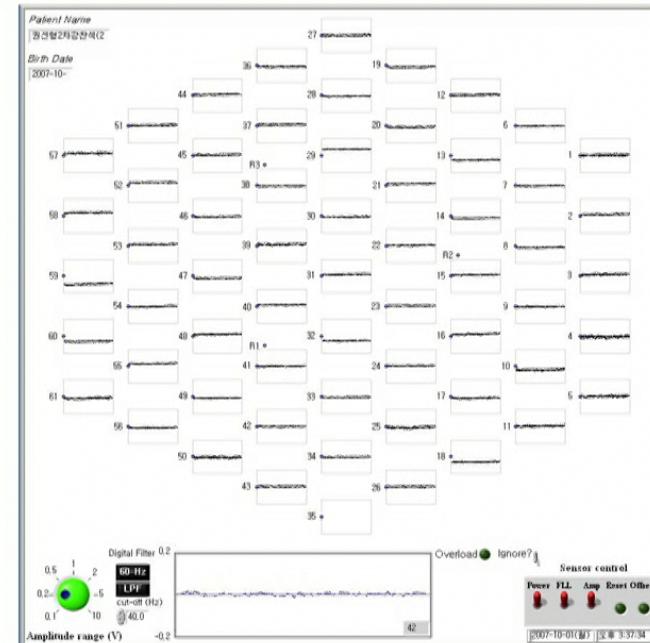
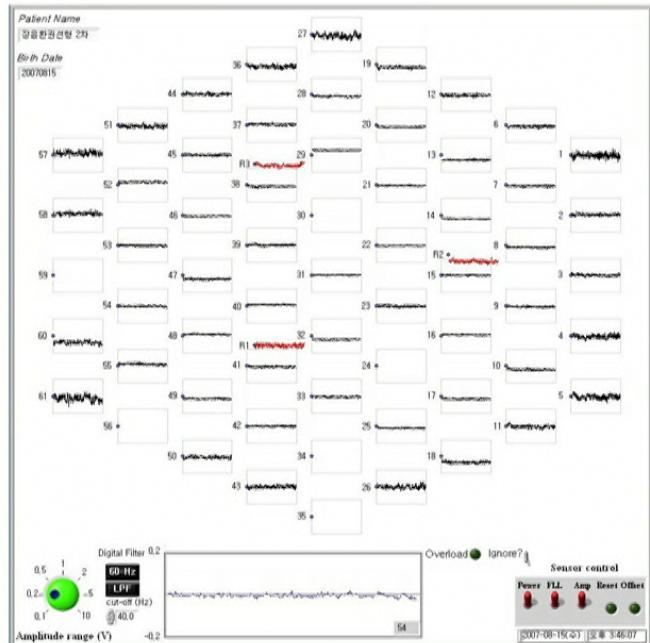


# Eddy current noise by thermal shield



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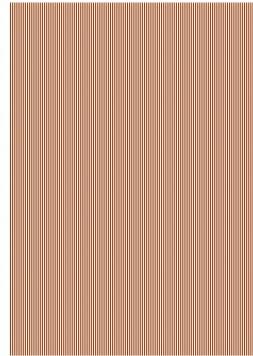
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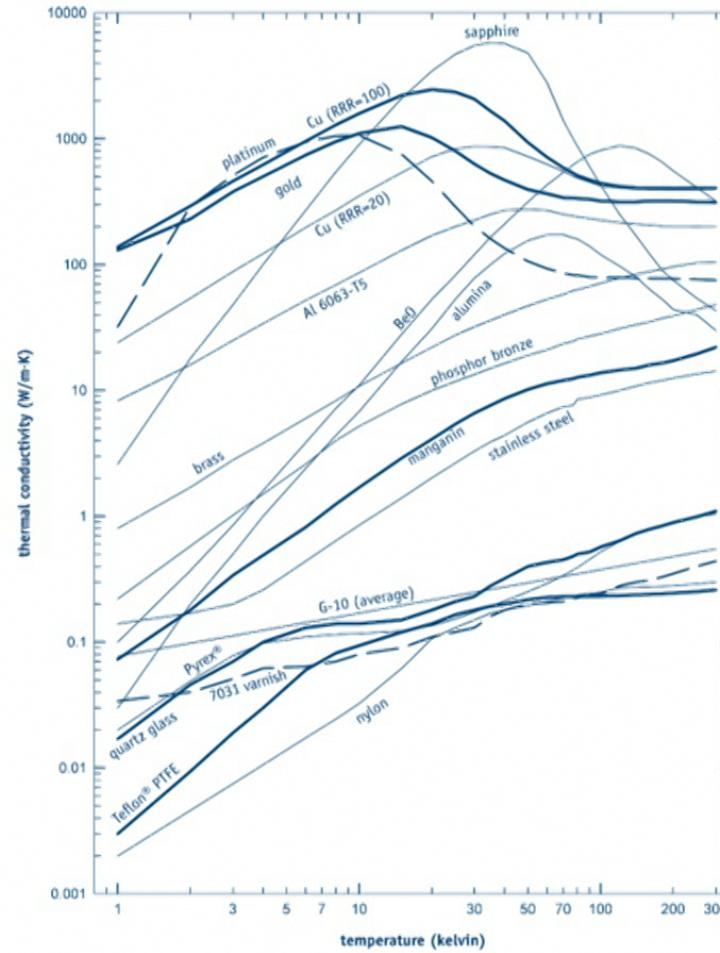
# Thermal noise in thermal shield

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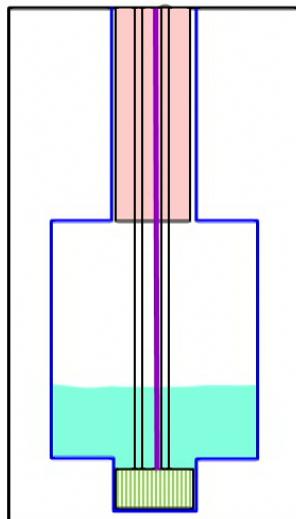
Insulated Cu wire  
(Coil foil or Mesh)

Non-metallic thermal shield



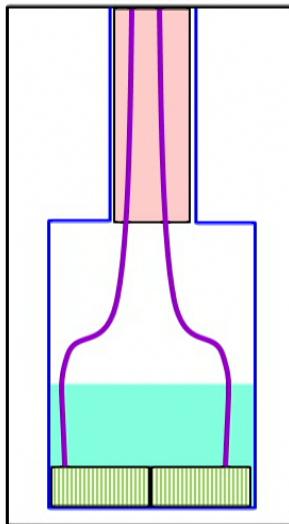
## Dewar: Low thermal input

Standard dewar



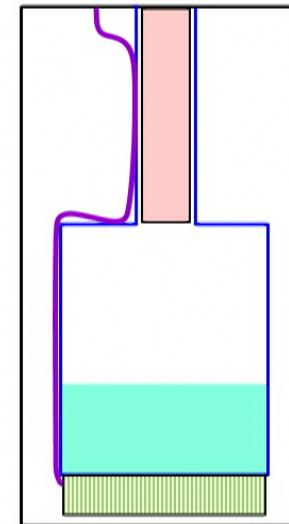
Insert structure  
Vibration  
Large neck diameter

Reduced neck



Low thermal input from neck  
Less insert vibration

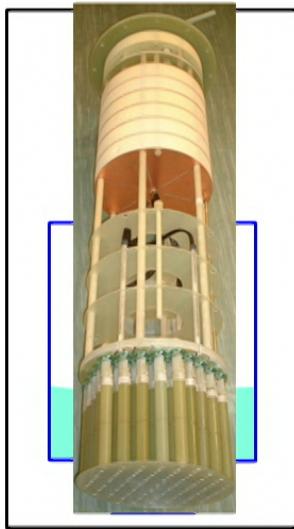
SQUID-in-vacuum



Low thermal input from neck  
No insert vibration  
Chemically stable  
Closer to sample

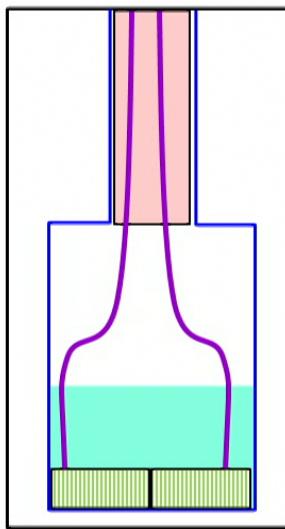
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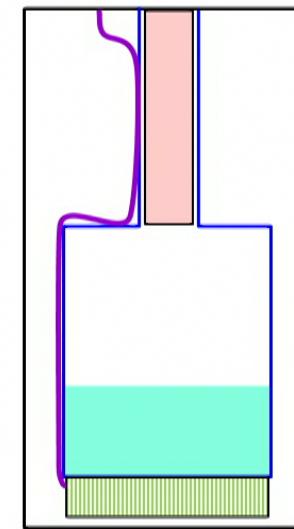
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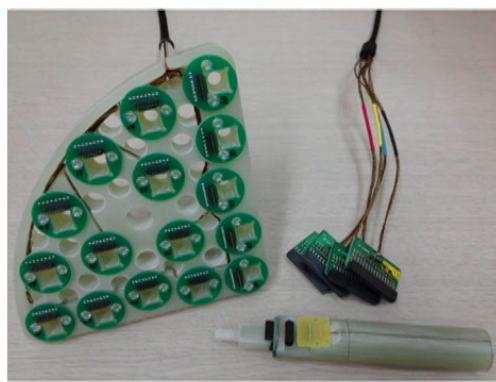
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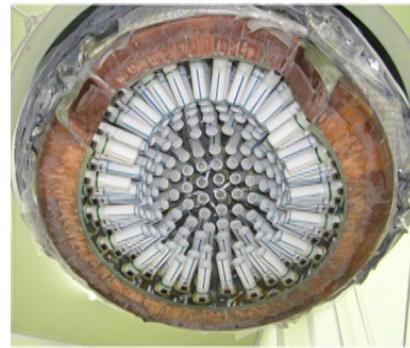
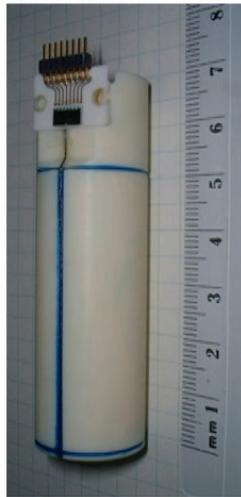
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## Divided 64-channel axial gradiometers



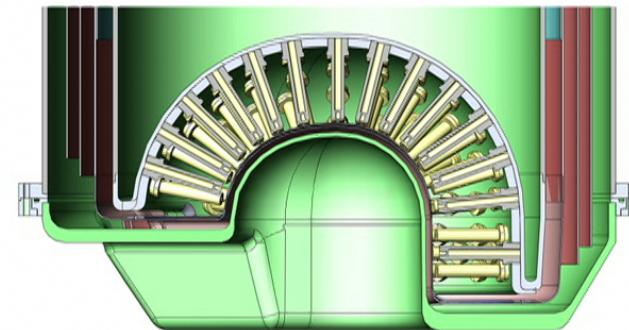
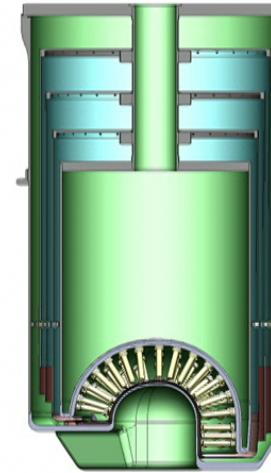
**Fixed directly into inner bottom**

# SQUID-in-vacuum helmet system



Axial first-order gradiometer

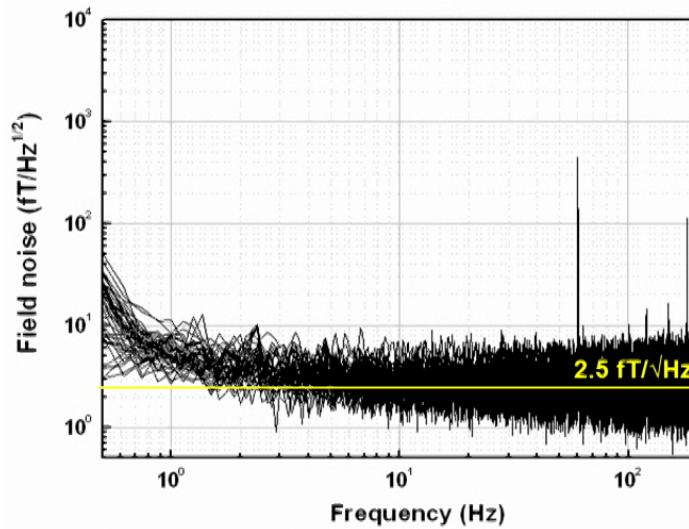
Lower boil-off of LHe  
Closer distance bet. SQUID and room temp.  
Magnetic contamination free from L-He



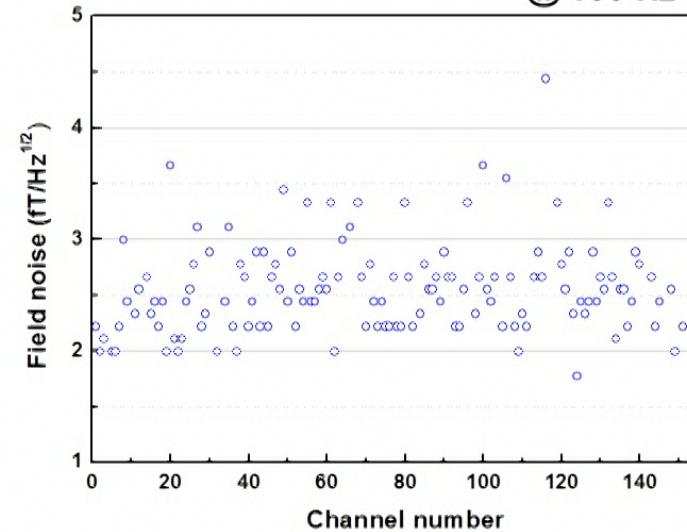
# Magnetic field noise of SQUID-in-vacuum

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Conductive cooling, 1AG

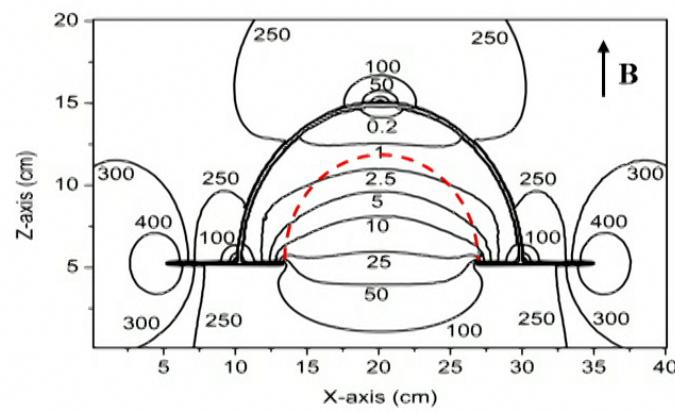
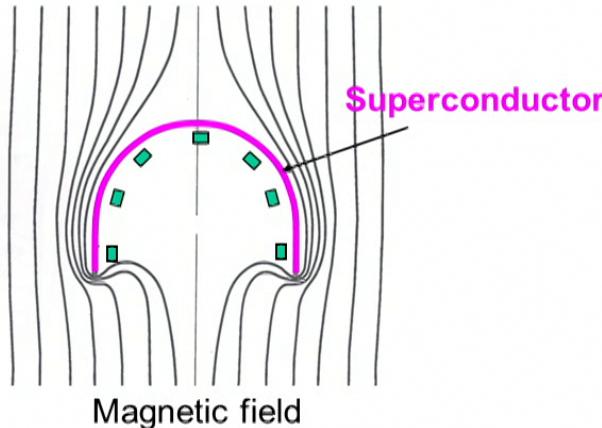


@ 100 Hz

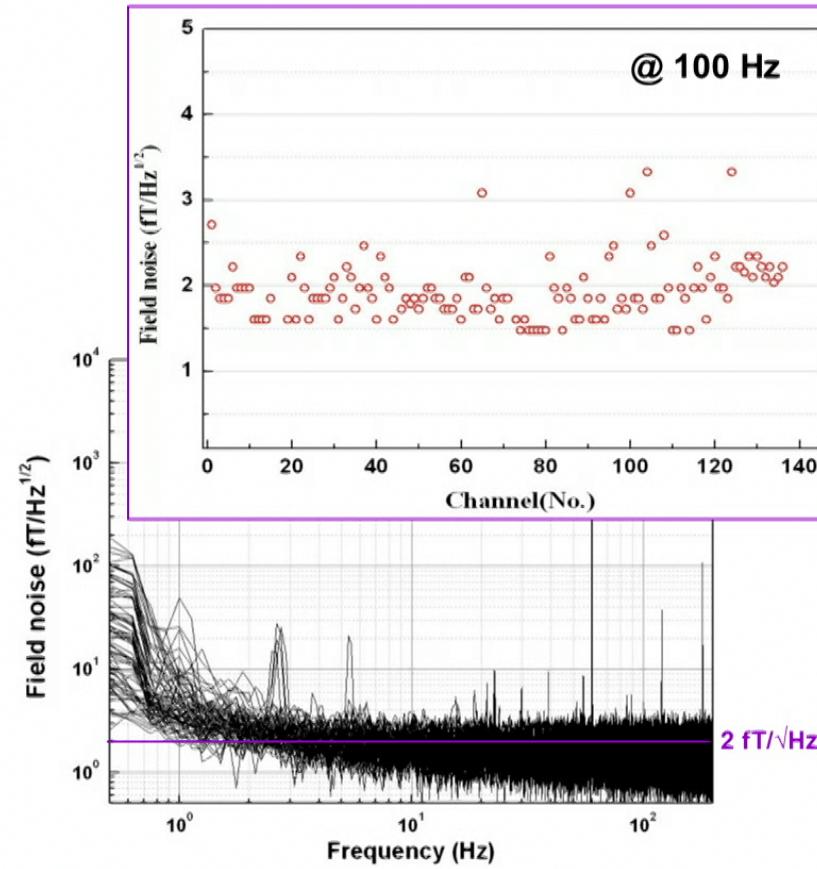
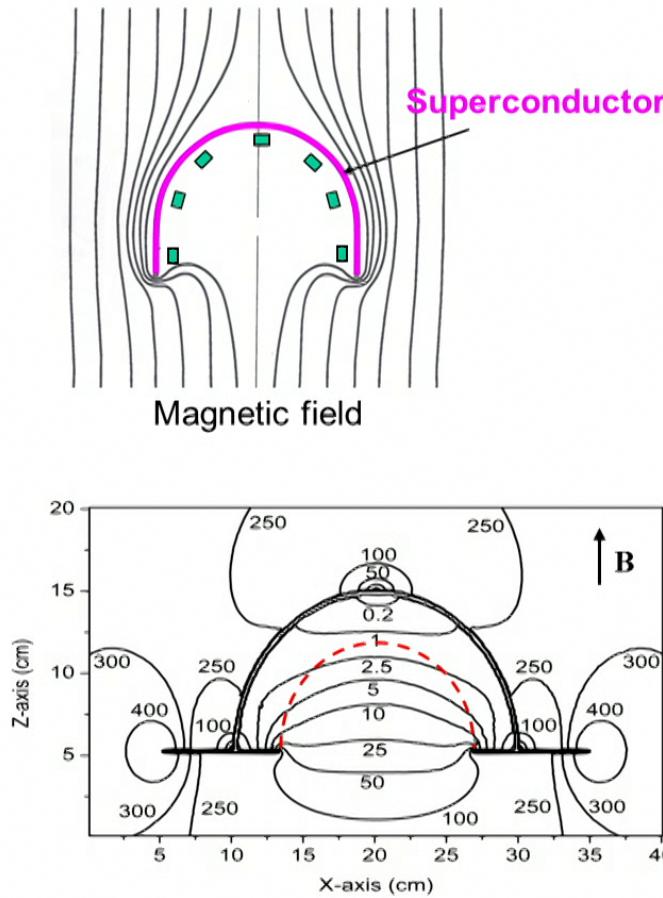


No vibration peak from boiling of liquid helium

## Superconductively-shielded magnetometer



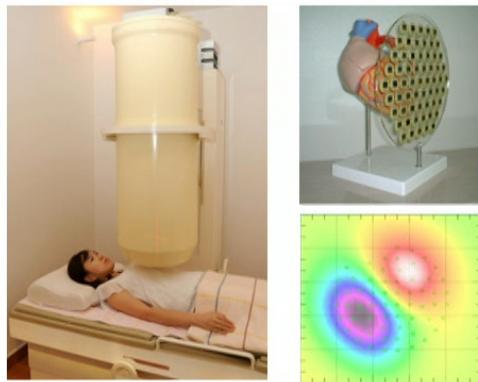
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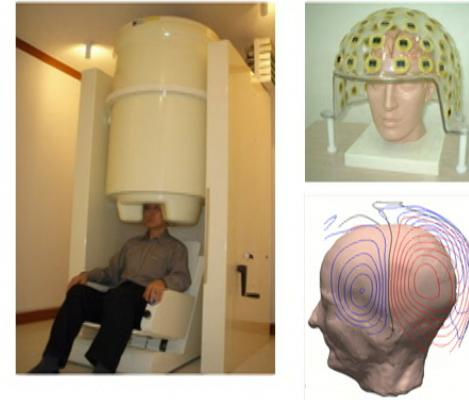
Shielding of dewar thermal noises

# SQUIDS for Biomagnetism

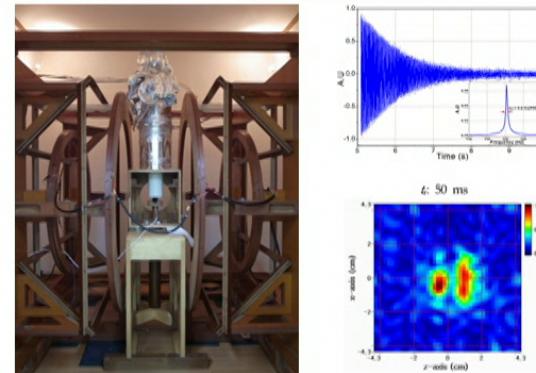
## Magnetocardiography



## Magnetoencephalography



## MRI at ultra low field



# Magnetocardiography (MCG)

## System



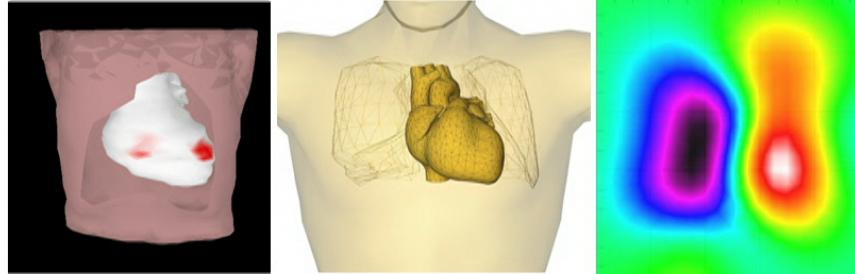
## Dewar/Gantry



## 64-ch sensor

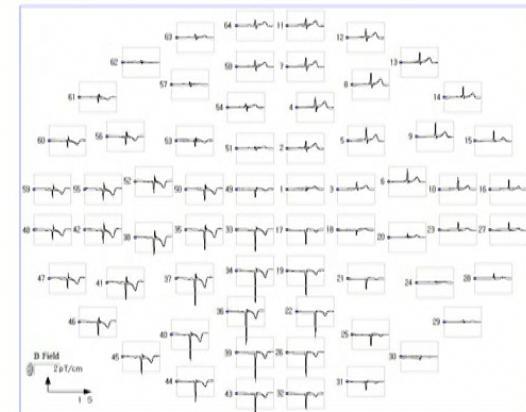


## Analysis



Ischemic heart disease  
Arrhythmia

## Signals



# Magnetoencephalography (MEG)

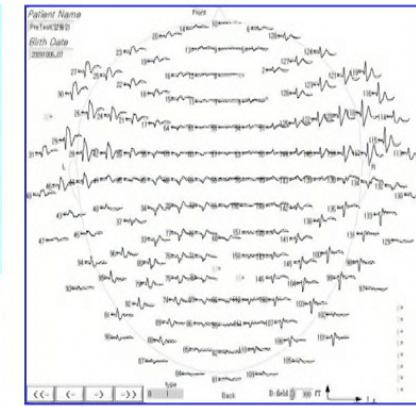
MEG system



Sensor helmet

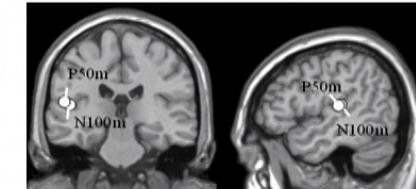


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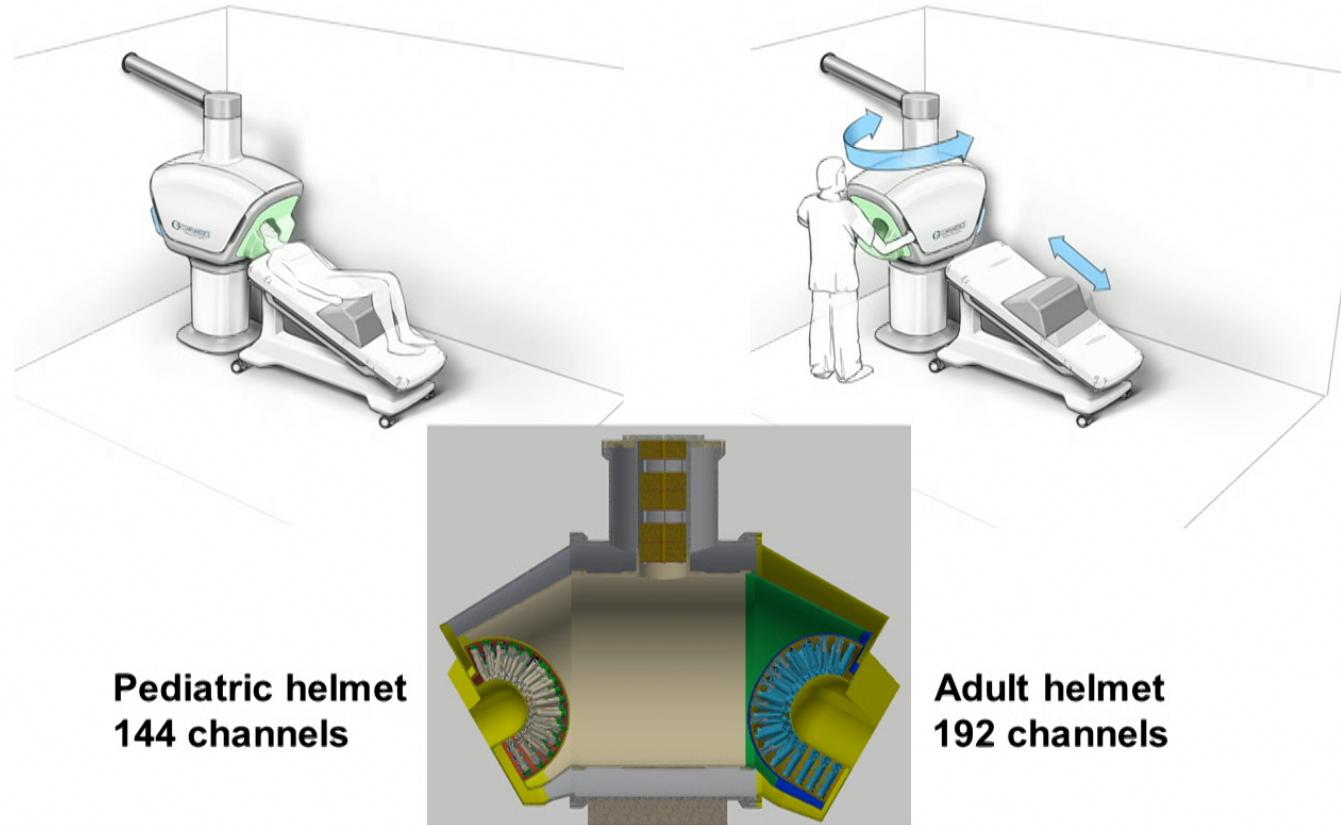
- High temporal & spatial resolution
- Non-contact & Non-invasive
- Measure neural activity  
→ Study and diagnosis of brain function  
(Pre-surgical mapping, localization of epileptic sources, Brain development, Autism, diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease, cognition study, fetal diagnosis, etc)

Source analysis



# Next-generation MEG system

LifeSpan MEG: From baby to elderly (two helmets in one dewar)

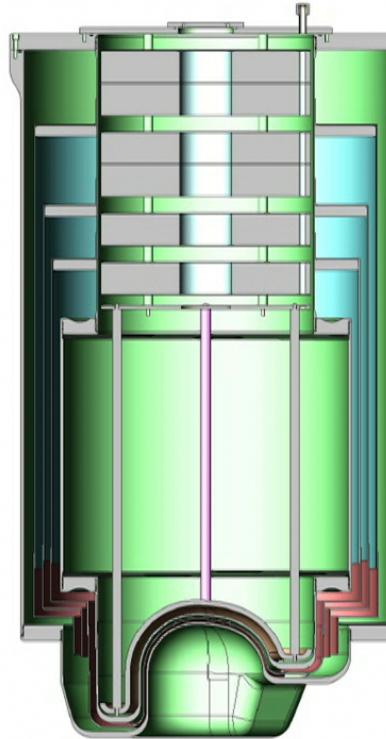


## Method of cooling

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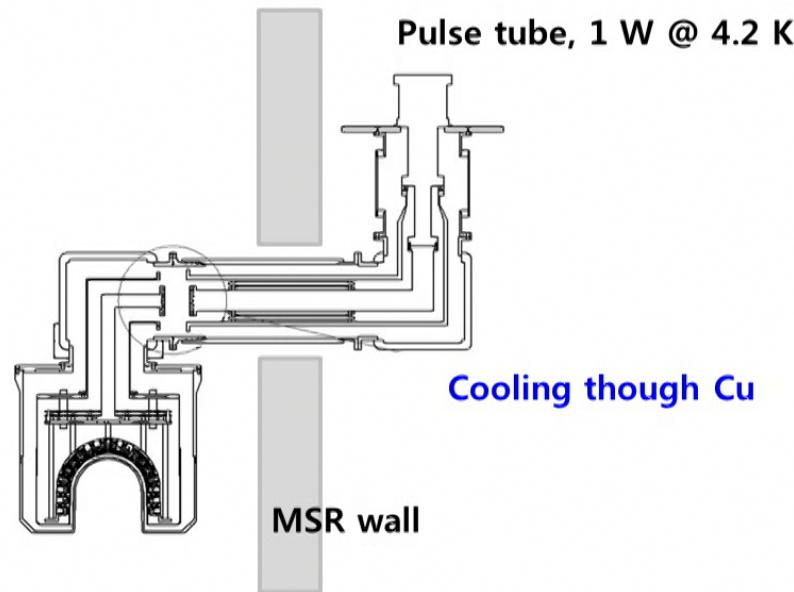
- Liquid helium refill (weekly)
- Cryocooler (pulse tube)
- Reliquefier

## Liquid He cooled SQUID system



**Liquid volume:** ~ 90 L  
**Boil-off rate:** ~ 12 L/d  
**Refill weekly**  
(~ \$1,500/week)

## Cryocooler operated SQUID system

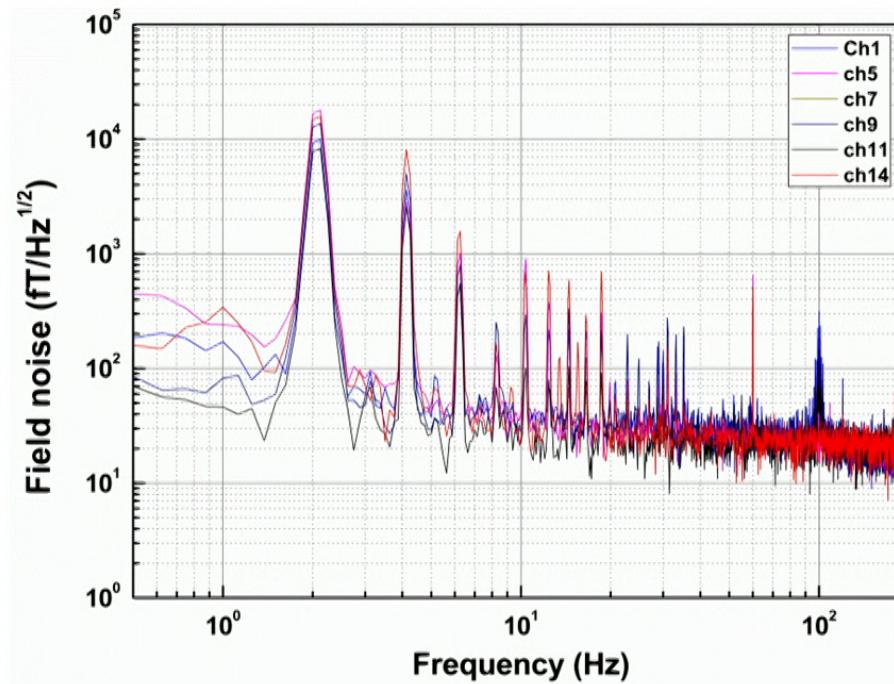


### Trade off:

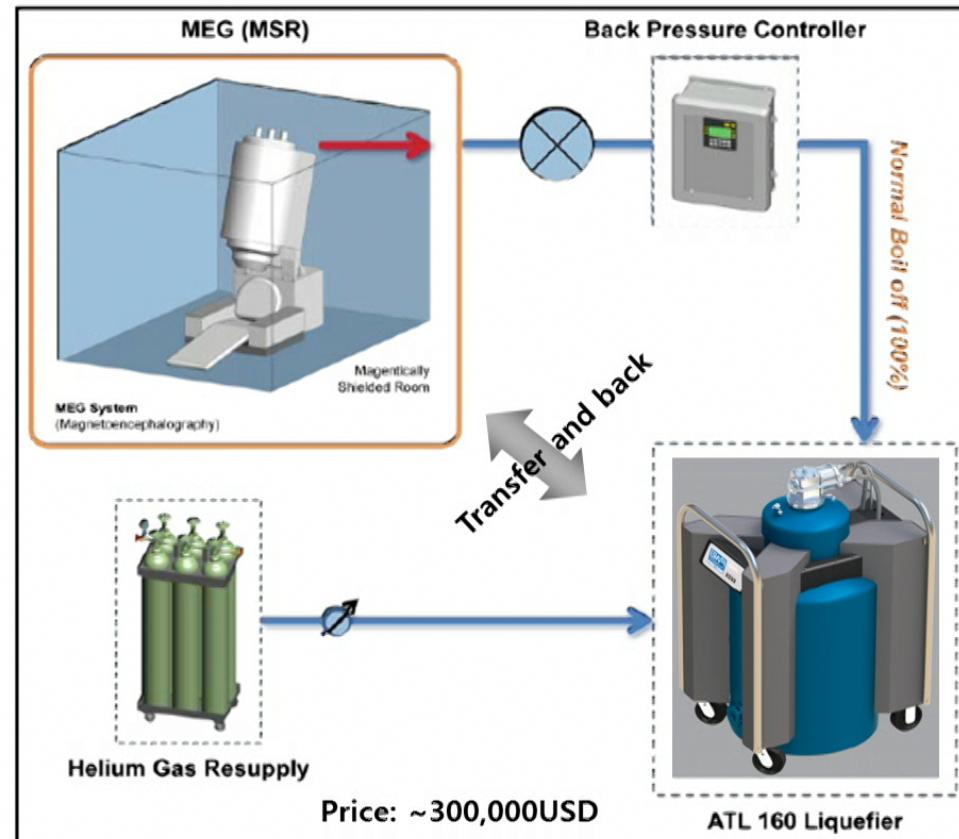
- Reduction of vibration and cryocooler magnetic noise
- Cooling effectiveness through a conductor

# Noise of cryocooler cooled SQUID

## Magnetic field noise

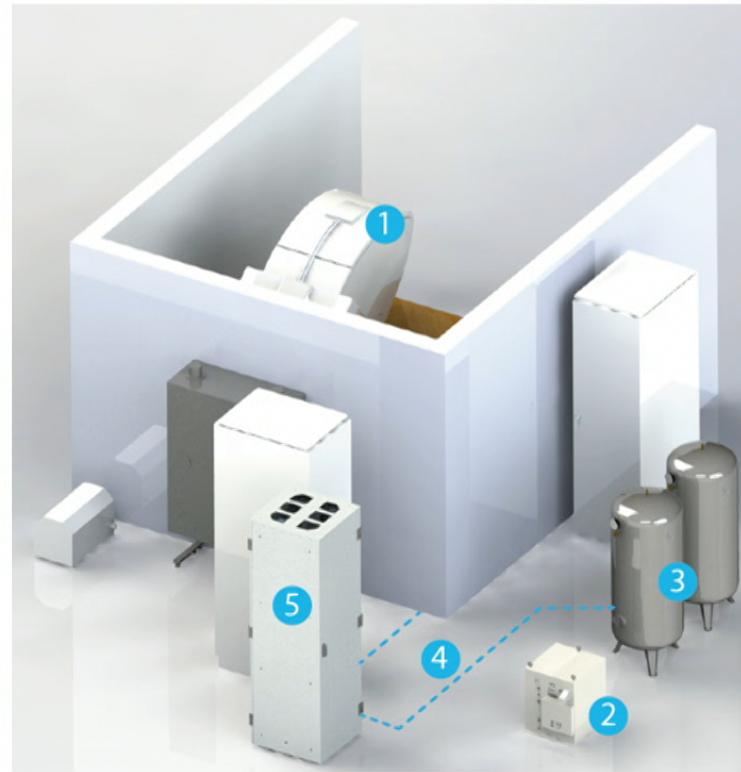


# Quantum Design approach



Inconvenience (Moving the liquefier and back)  
Loss

## Elekta Reliquefier MEG



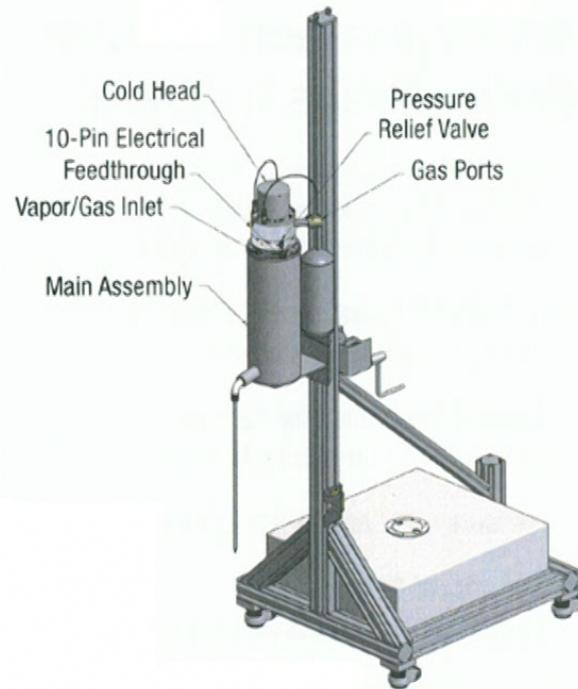
**Reliquefier ON:** Night

**OFF:** MEG measurement

**Recovery rate:** 80-85% (regeneration interval: 6~8 months)

**Magnetic noise from stationary pulse tube**

# Continuous reliquefaction?



*Cryomech model*

**Liquefaction rate?**

**Vibration/Magnetic noise?**

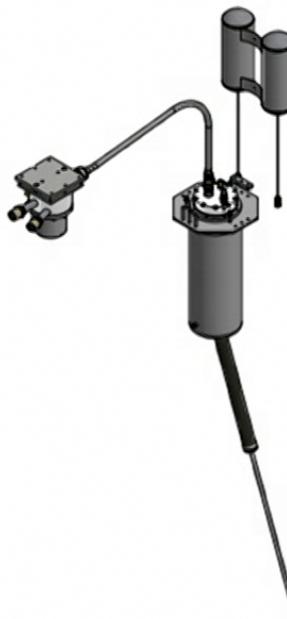
**Modification of the transfer tube?**

**Transfer loss?**

**Installation issue?**

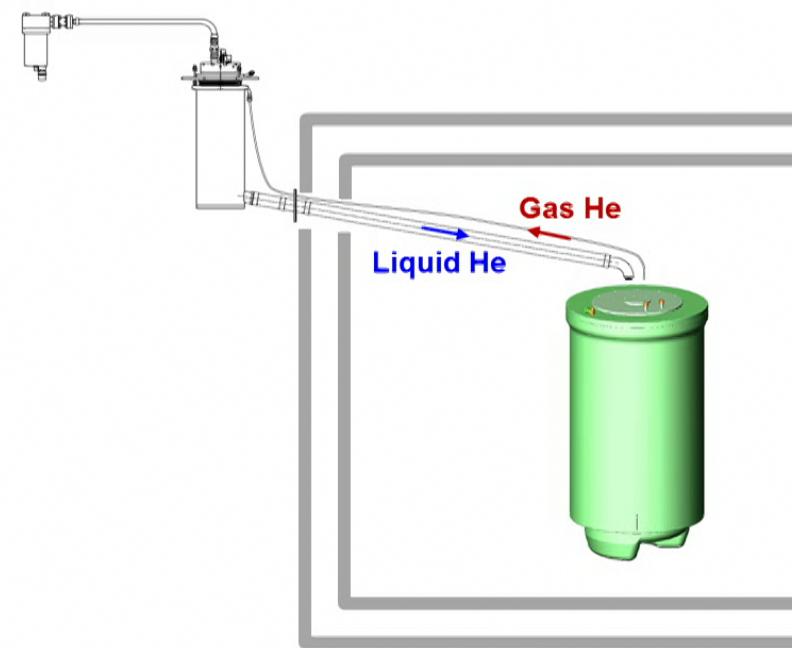
## Reliquefier: Mounting type

Ceiling mounting



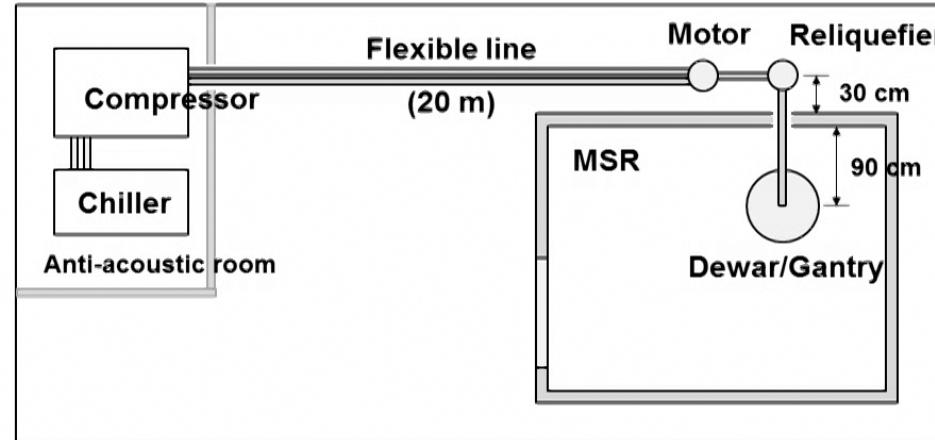
- + Less transfer loss
- Needs higher ceiling (+ 1 m)

Wall mounting



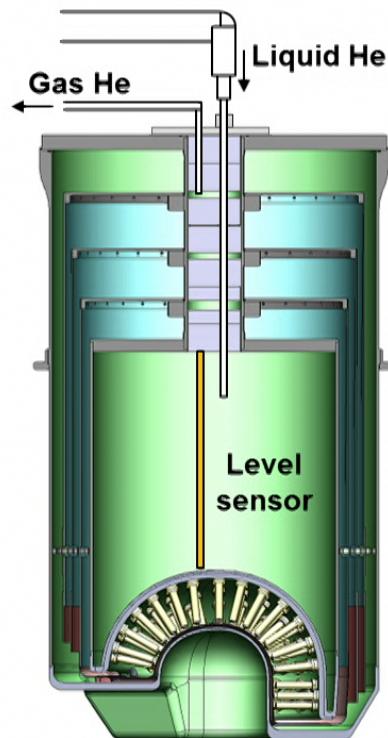
- Larger transfer loss
- + Lower ceiling height

## Reliquefier-based cooling

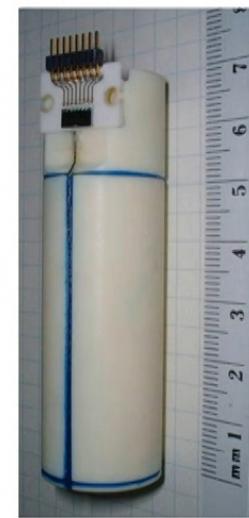


## SQUID and dewar

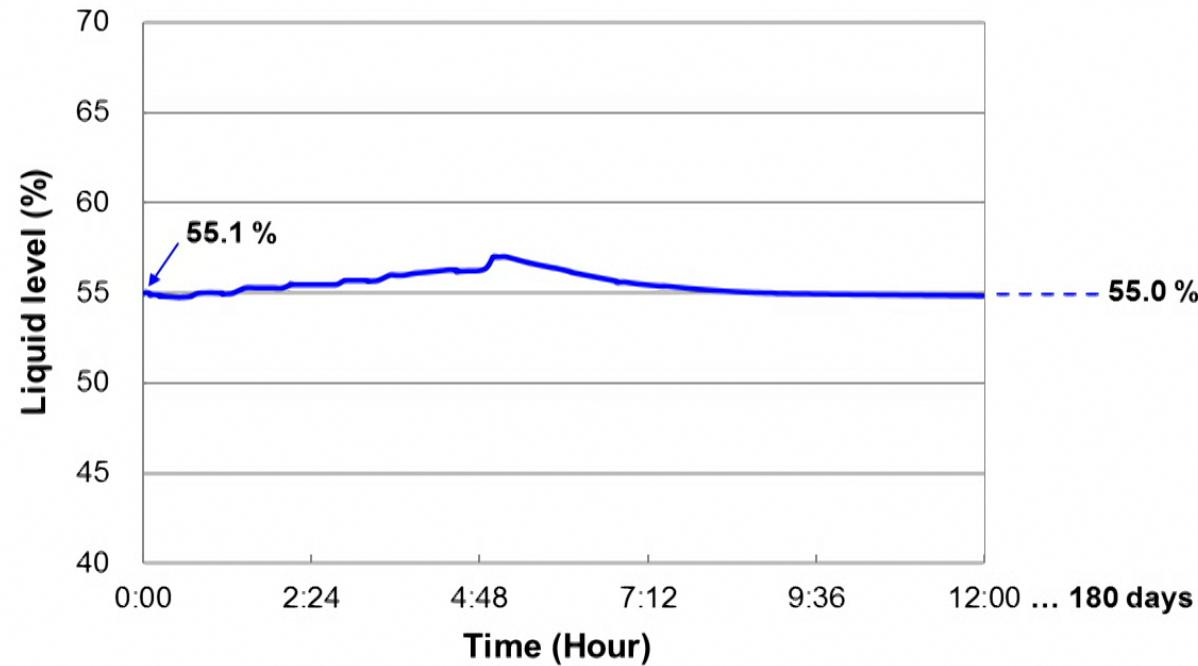
SQUID-in-vacuum



SQUID gradiometer

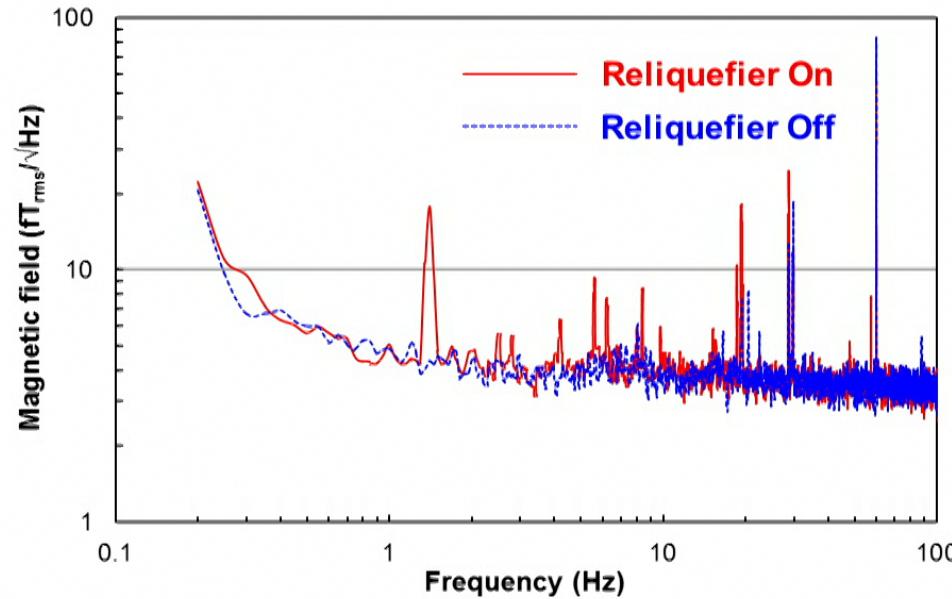


## Liquid level change: 0% loss



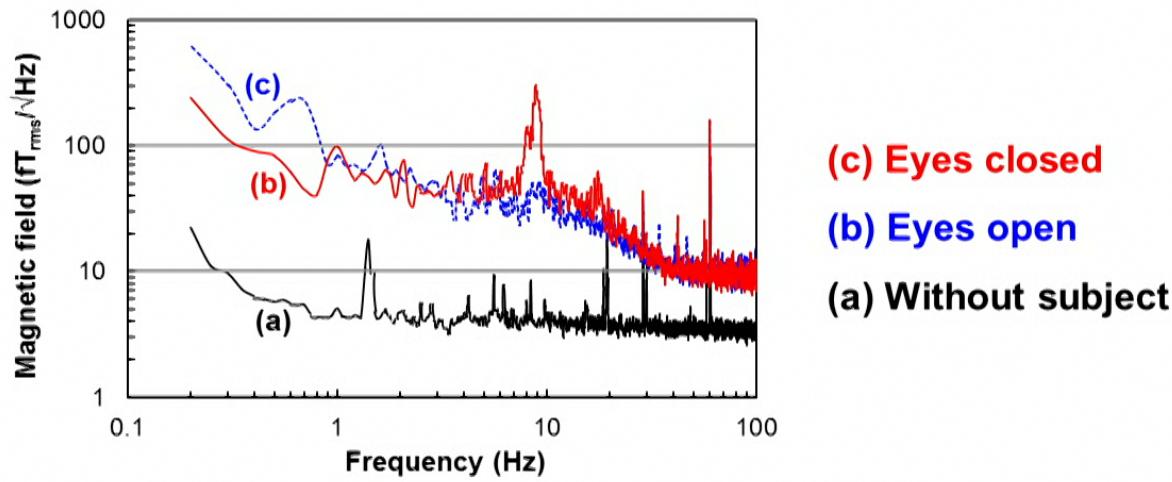
**During the first 6 months, 0% loss in the liquid level.  
Second 6 months, 0% loss.**

## System noise: Comparison

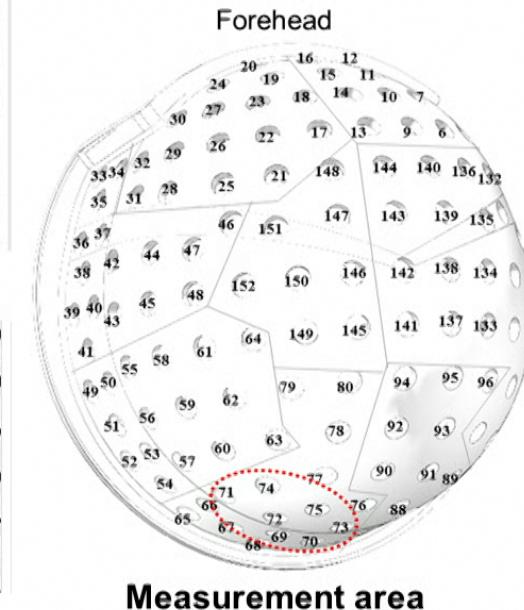
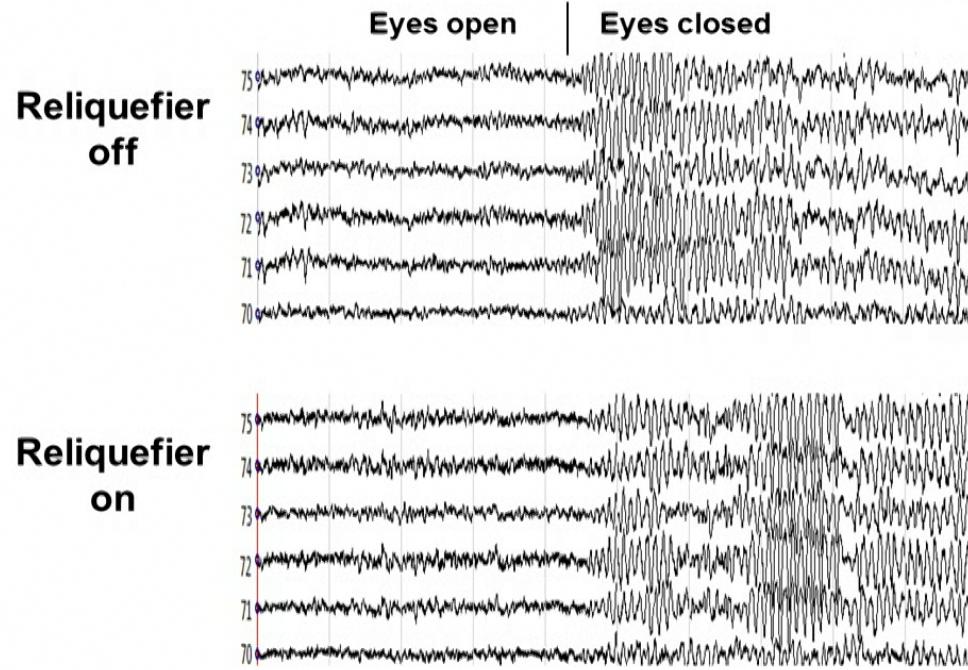


Further optimization possible  
Reference channels for common noise rejection

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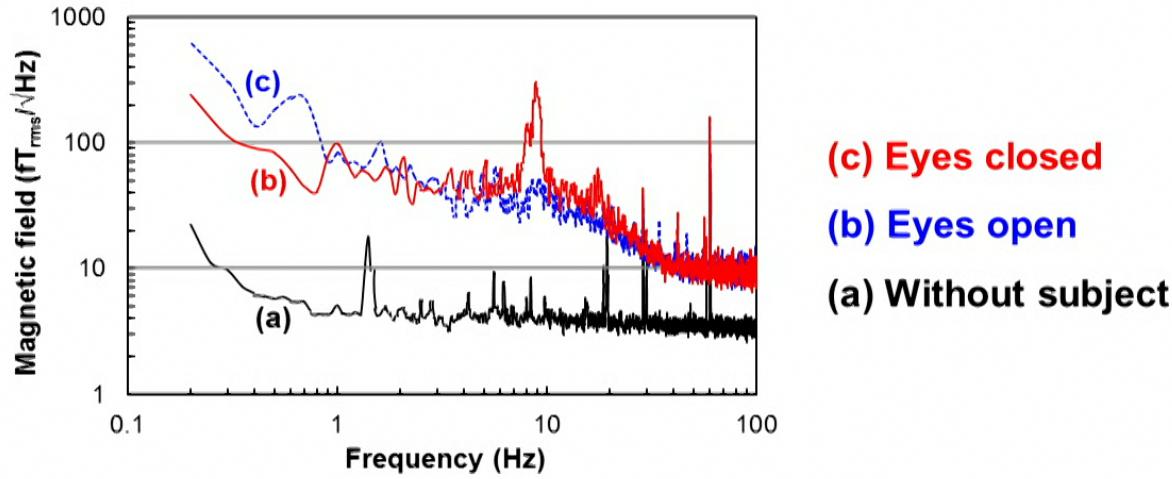


# Comparison of brain signal: Reli. On vs. Off



Reliquefier does not introduce appreciable noise on the brain signal (noise).

## System noise: Comparison



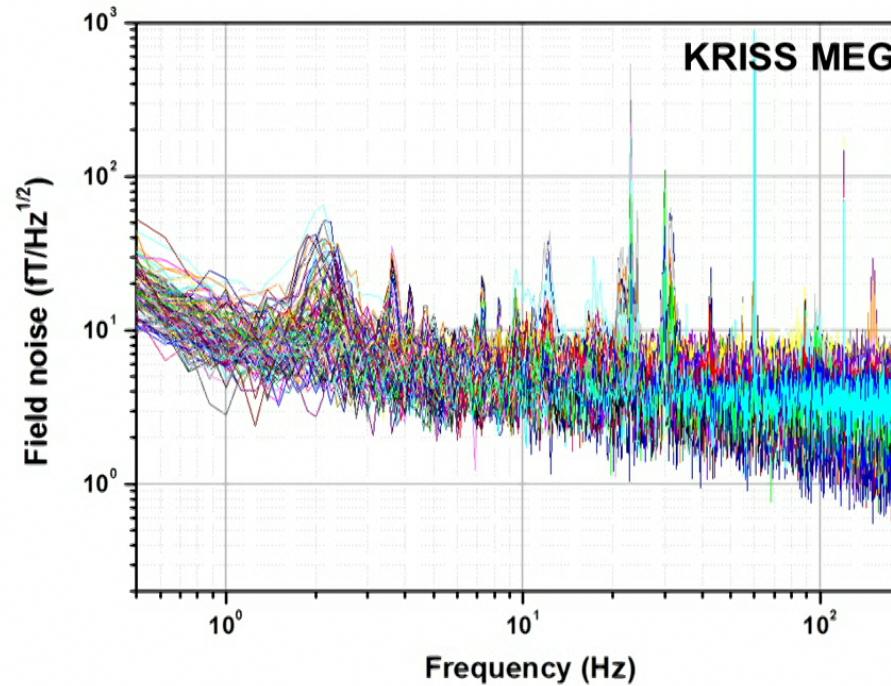
(c) Eyes closed

(b) Eyes open

(a) Without subject

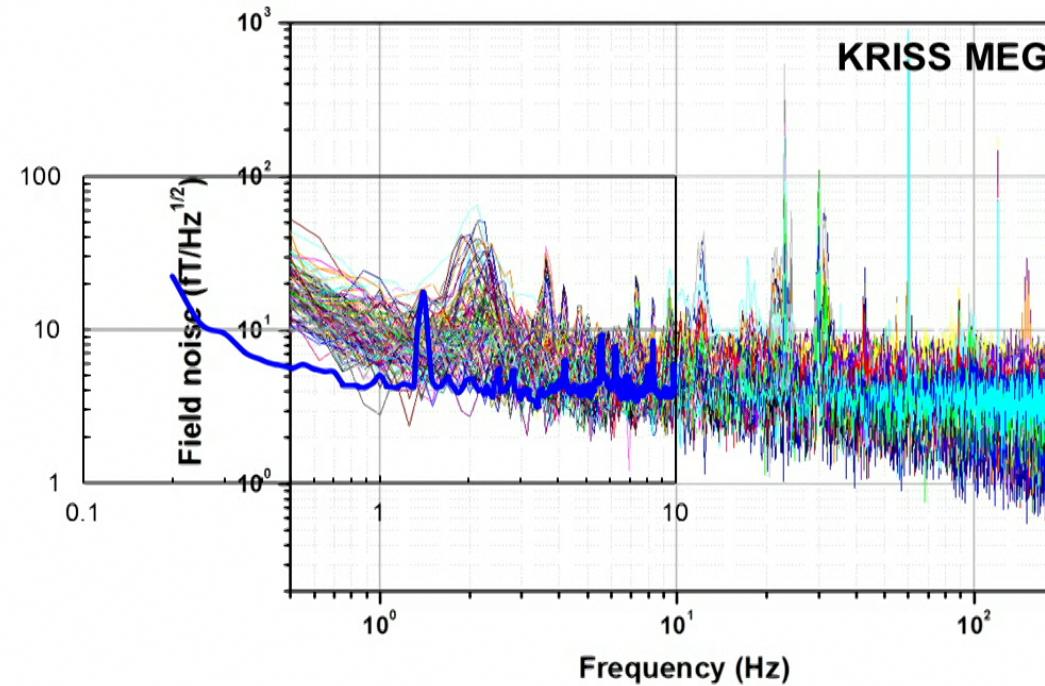
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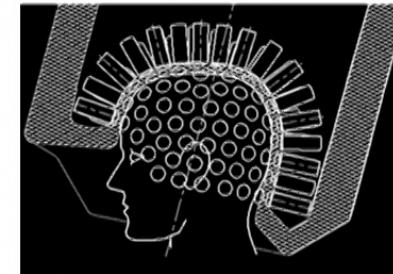
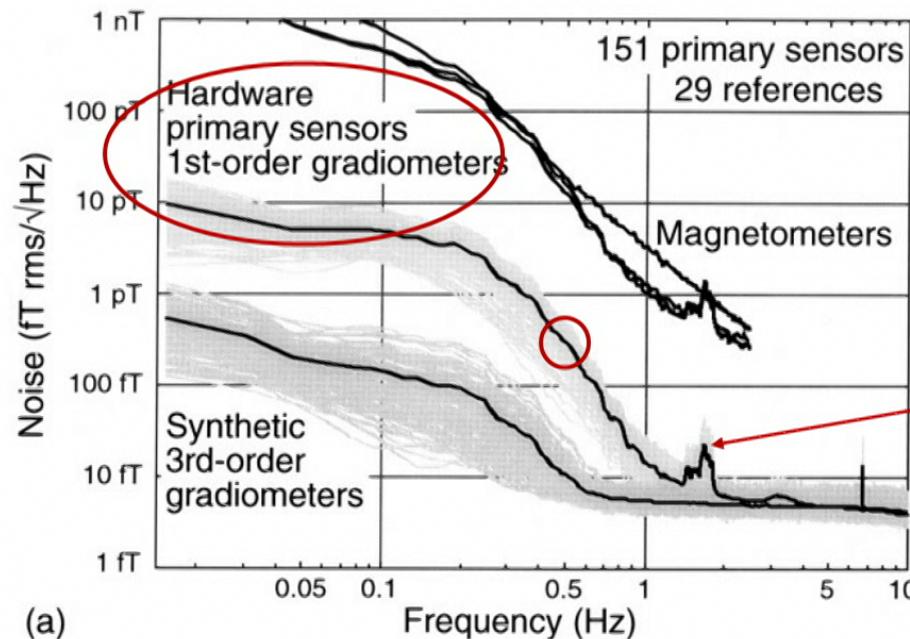


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# Comparison with direct liquid-He cooled MEG-2



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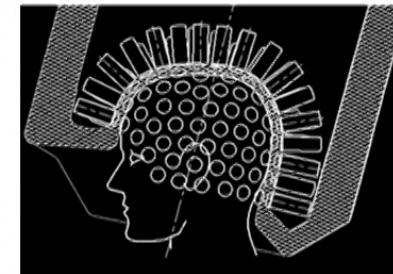
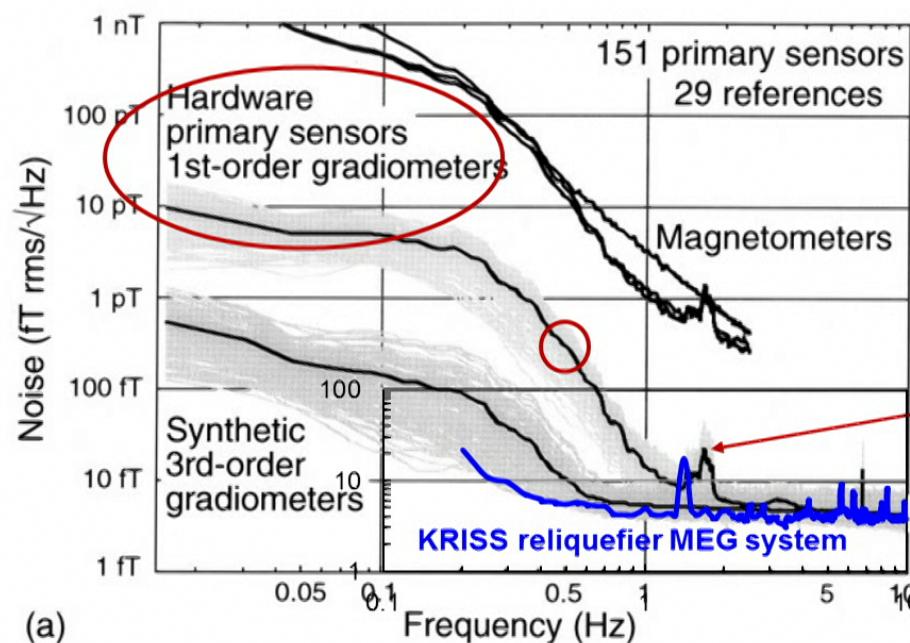
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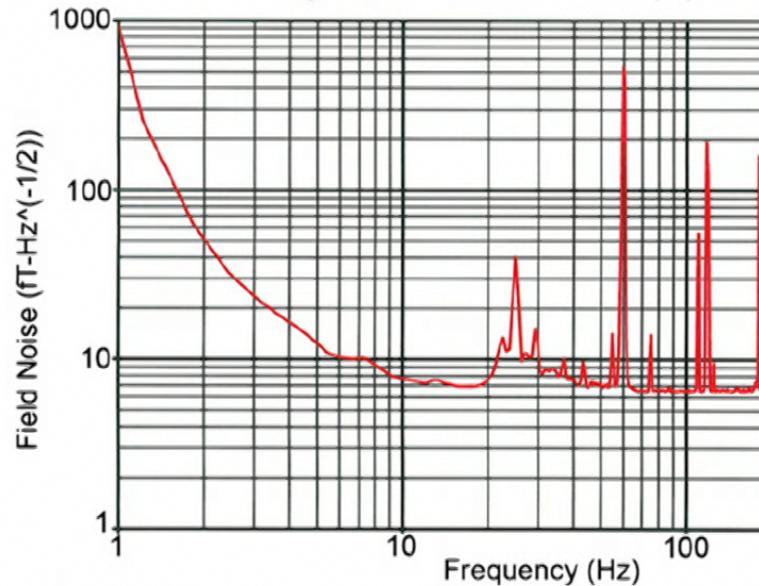
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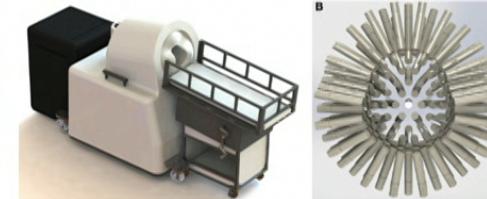
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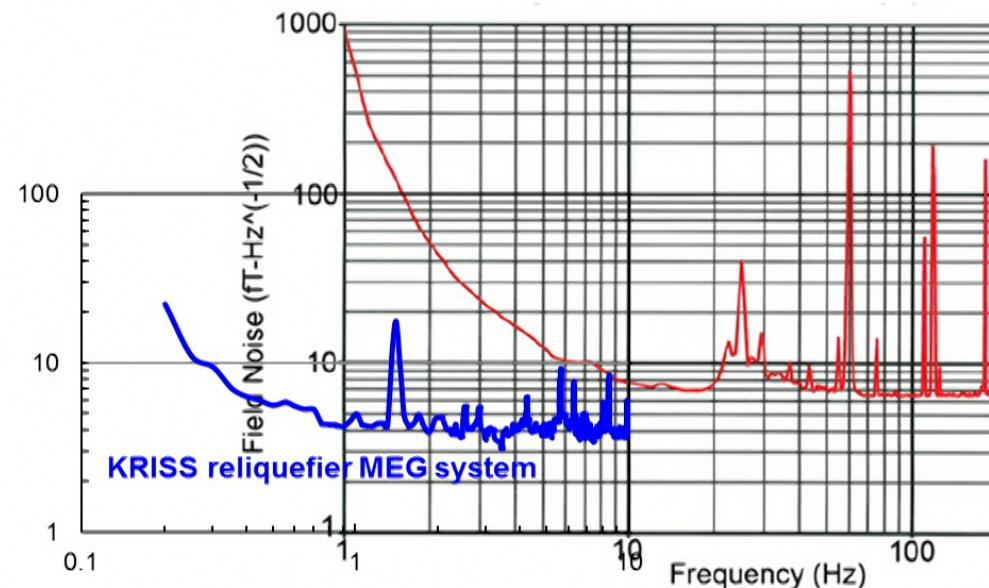


**Tristan Artemis 123**  
**Axial gradiometer**  
(baseline 60 mm)  
L-He cooled

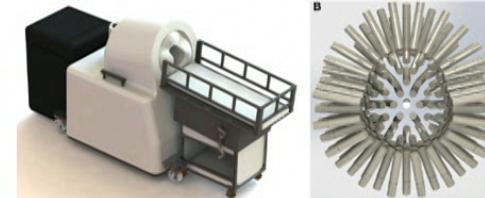
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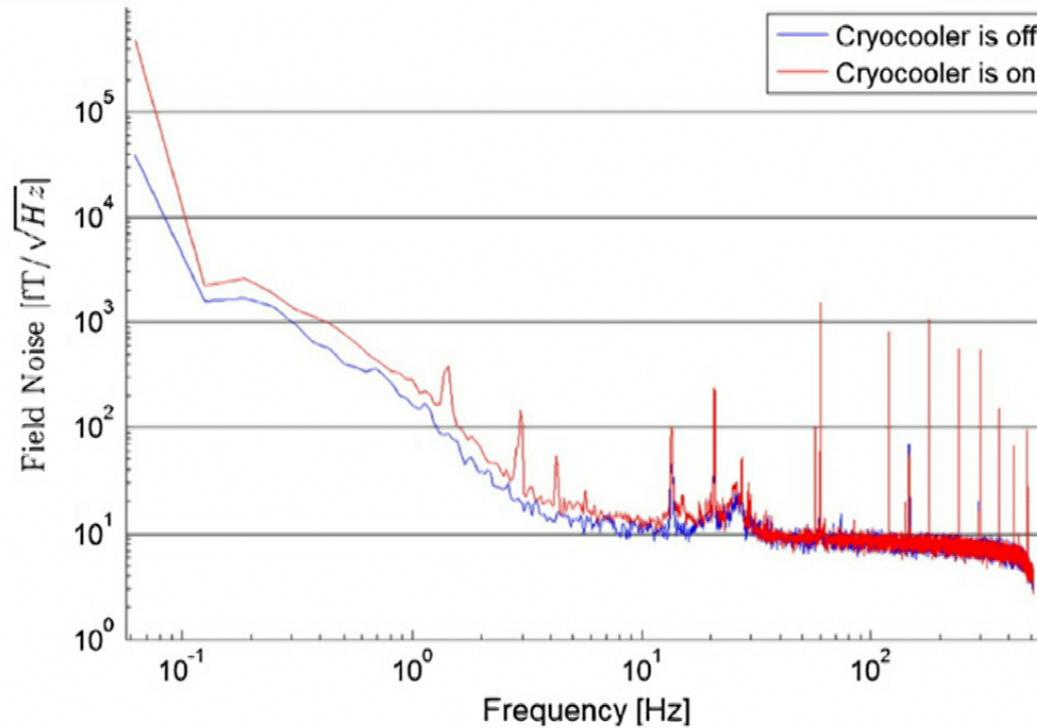
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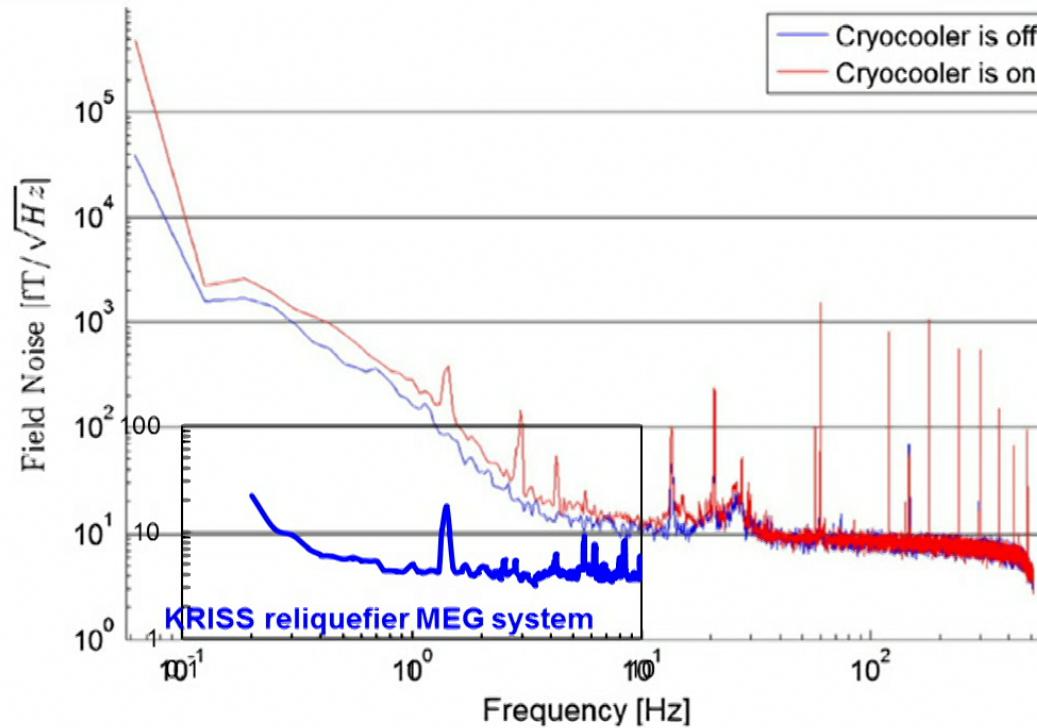


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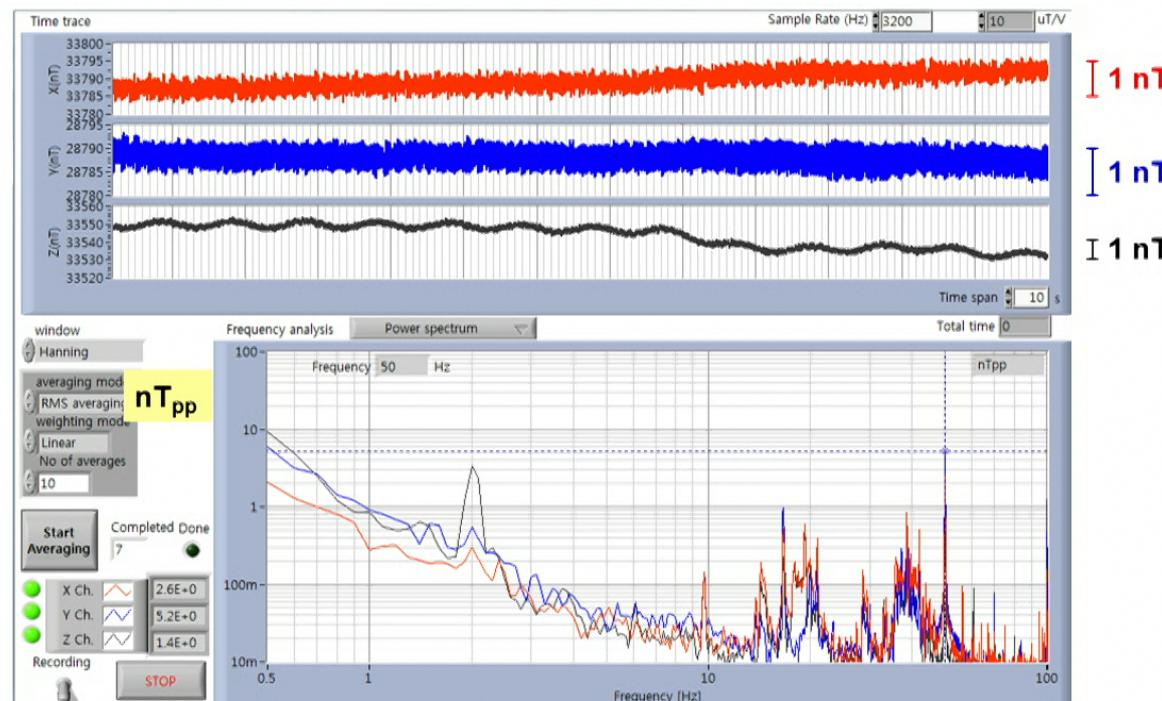
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## Content

# SQUIDs for ARIADEN, pEDM and Axion



# **Environmental noise**



**MEG signal: ~ 0.0001 nT**

## Low-frequency drift: 100~1000 nT

## Vibration noise: ~ 1 nT

## 60-Hz peak: 10~100 nT

## Shielding

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### **ARIADNE: Magnetic & Superconductive**

- Environmental noise
- Thermal noise (Tungsten mass)
- Dewar thermal noise

### **pEDM: Magnetic & Superconductive**

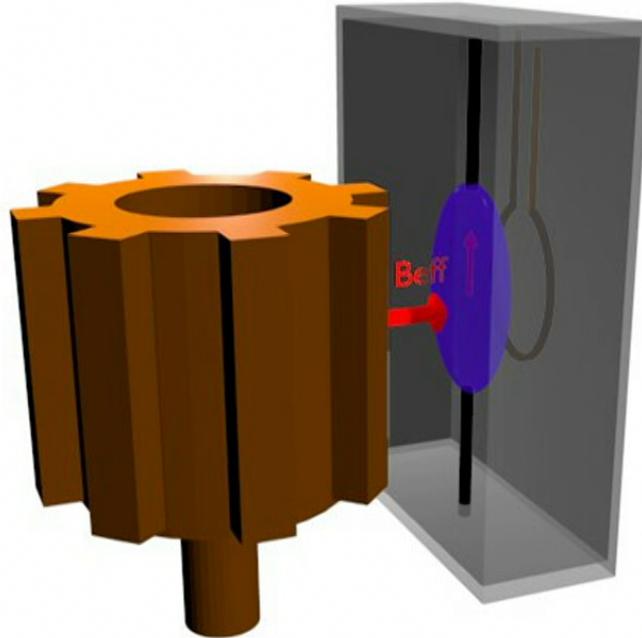
- Environmental noise
- Dewar thermal noise

### **Axion: Magnetic & Superconductive**

- Magnet field (DC)
- Environmental noise

# The ARIADNE axion NMR experiment

Axion Resonant InterAction Detection Experiment (ARIADNE)



11 segments  
Rotation at  $\sim 9$  Hz

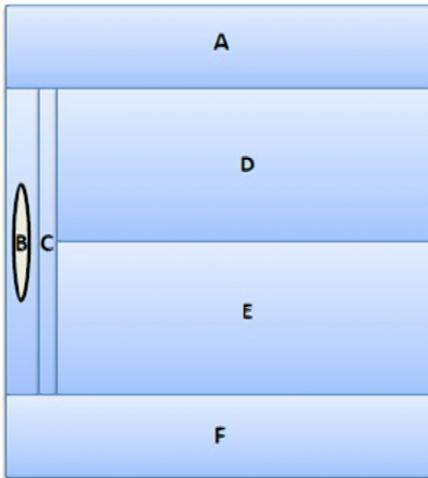
$$\vec{B}_{\text{eff}} \approx \frac{1}{\hbar \gamma_N} \nabla V_a(r) (1 + \cos(n\omega_{\text{rot}} t))$$

NMR signal at  $\sim 100$  Hz

A. Arvanitaki and A. Geraci., *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 113, 161801 (2014).

## Assembly of quartz blocks

Schematic View



Key:

A – Upper Helmholtz Coil

B – Spheroid

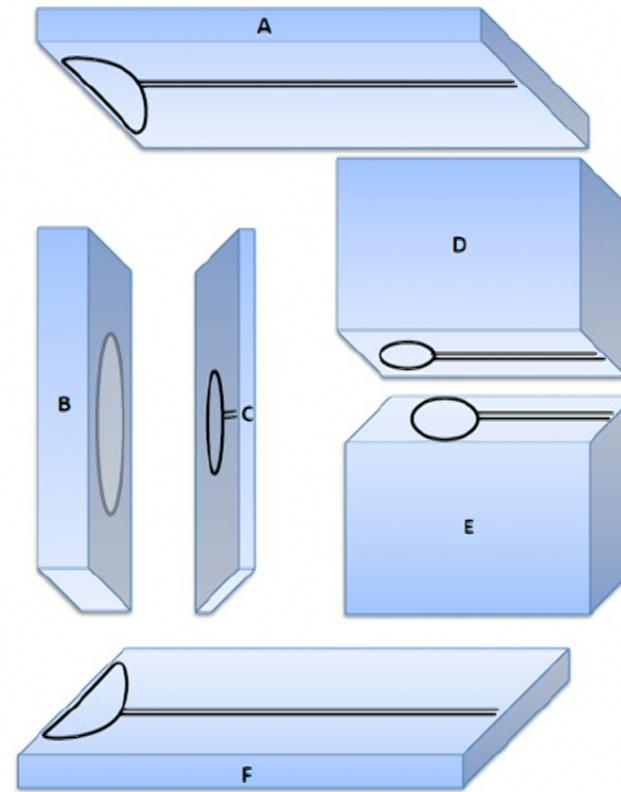
C – SQUID

D – Primary Correction Coil

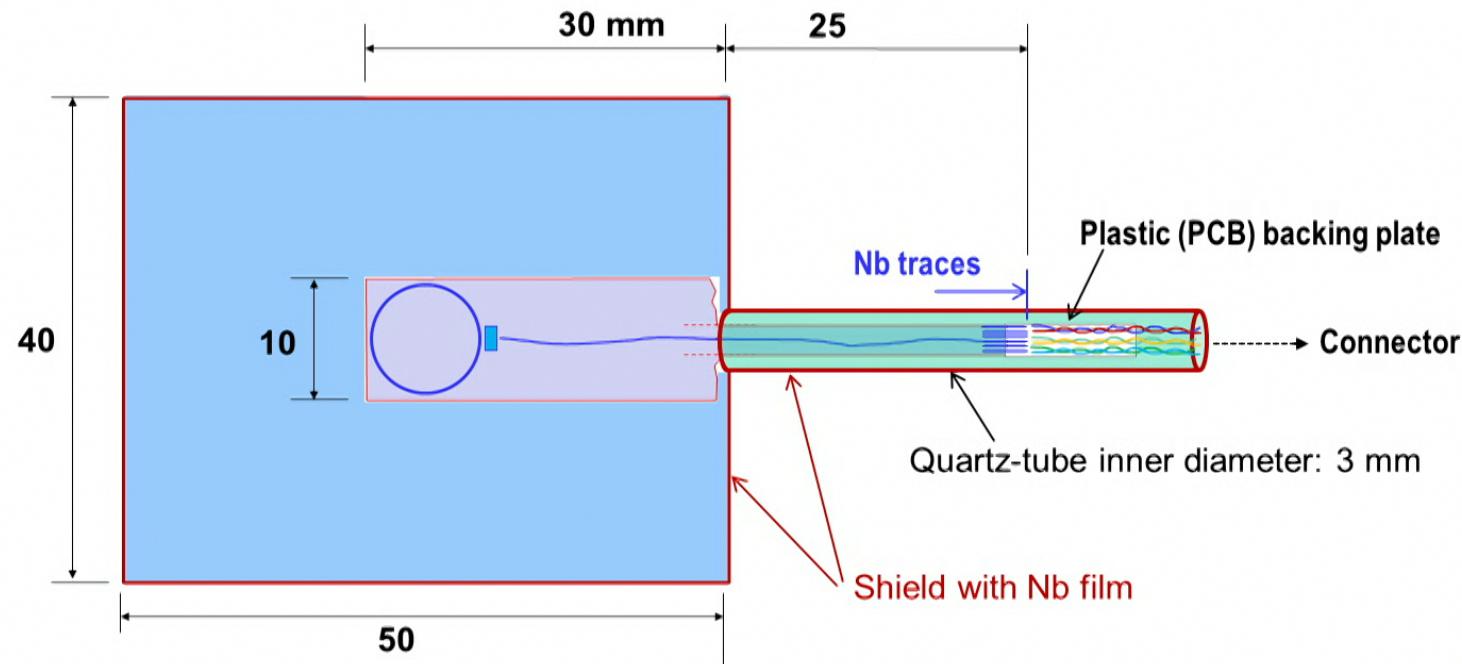
E – Secondary Correction Coil

F – Lower Helmholtz Coil

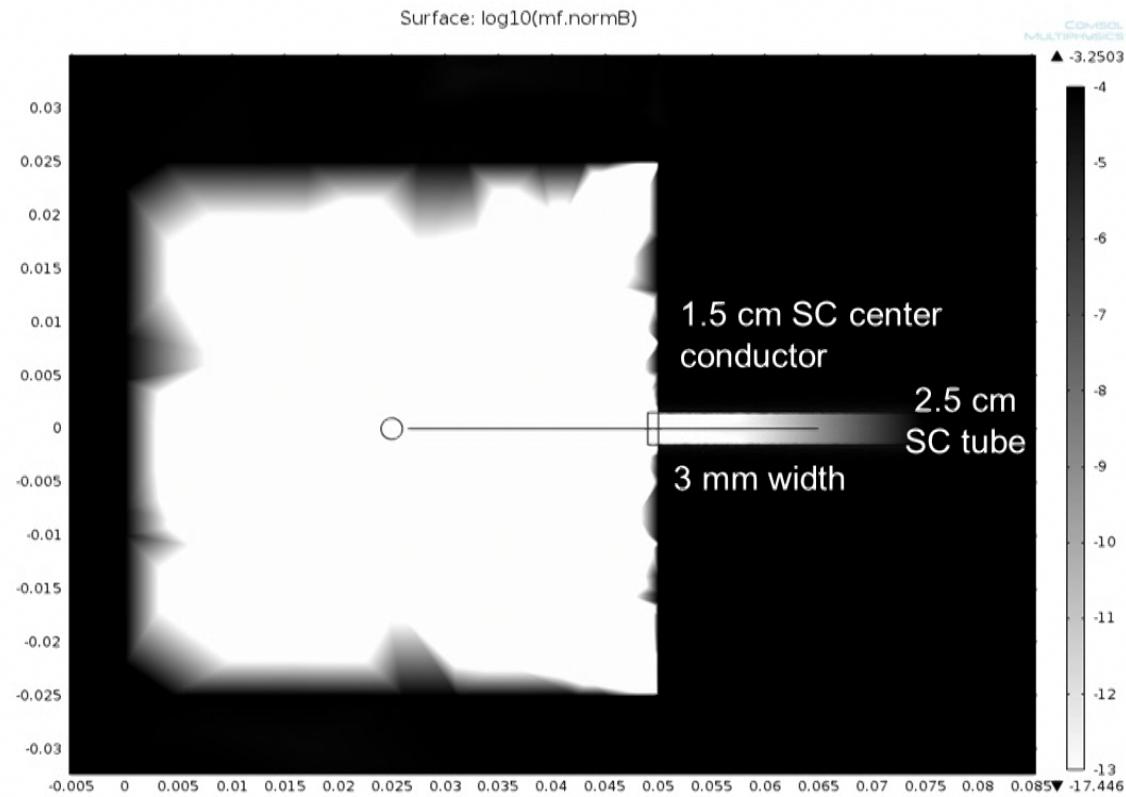
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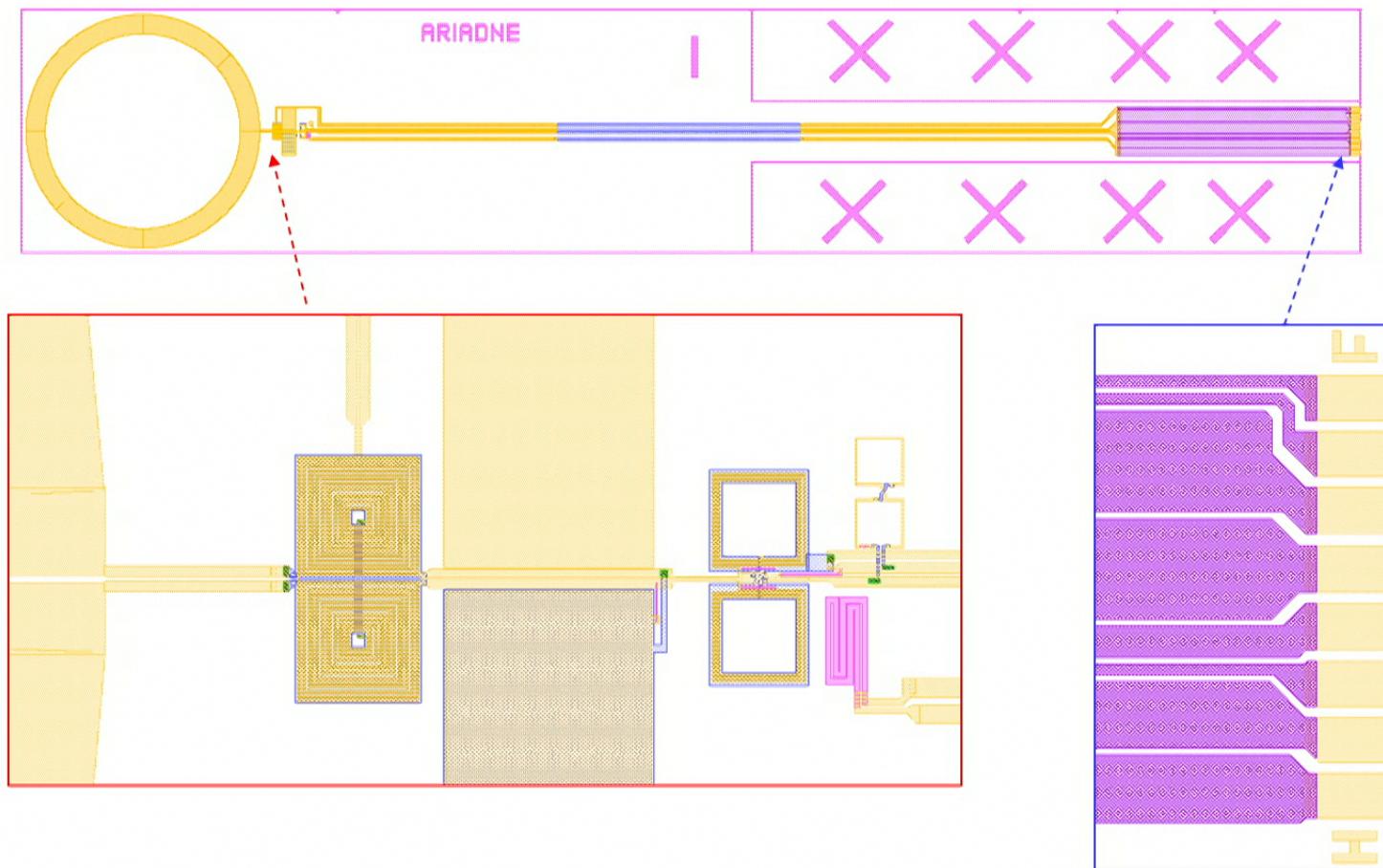
## Magnetometer dimensions & Wiring lines



# Superconductive shielding

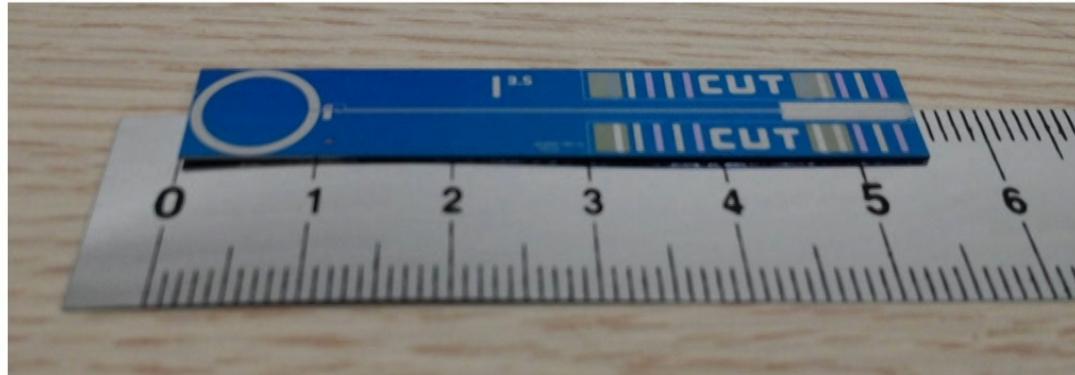


## Whole layout



## Cutting of sapphire substrate

On Si wafer

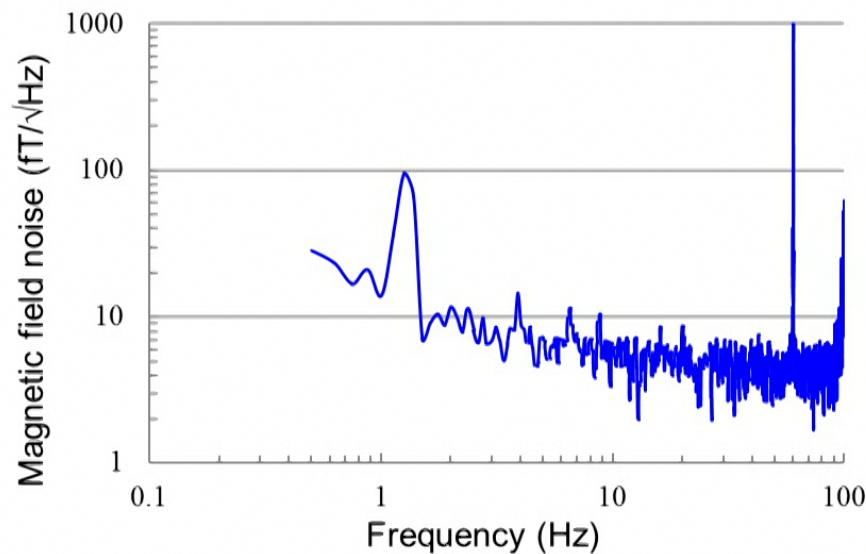


On quartz wafer



## Magnetic field noise

Measured inside a 8-cm thick MSR SQUID near the MSR floor



White noise:  $\sim 4.5 \text{ fT}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}} @ 100 \text{ Hz}$   
(sum of noises, mainly environmental noise)

# SQUID electronics (ARIADNE)

## 3-channel electronics

### FLL

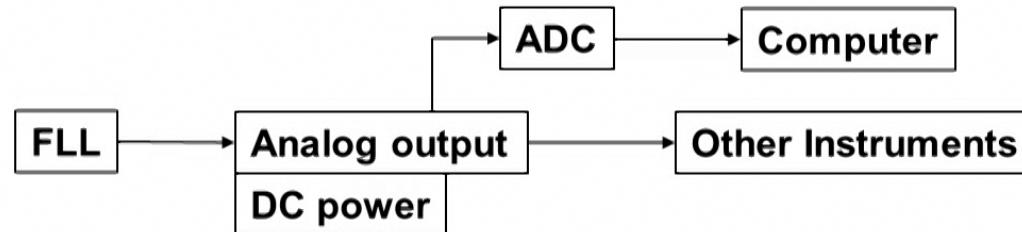
- Preamp: SSM2210, 4 pairs, differential readout

Measurement bandwidth: DC-1 kHz

(Optimum signal frequency: 10~100 Hz)

### ADC

- 24 bit resolution
- 10 kS/s per channel



# Proton electric dipole moment (pEDM)

## Precession of proton spin

- The electric and magnetic fields give spin precession:

$$\frac{d\vec{s}}{dt} = \frac{\vec{\mu} \times \vec{B}}{\gamma} + \vec{d} \times \vec{E}$$

- $B_r = 6$  aT and  $E_r = 3.5$  MV/m induce same vertical spin precession for  $d_p = 10^{-29}$  e-cm (a few nrad/s).
- It should be shielded to 0.1nT/m and compensated, using SQUID-based BPMs.



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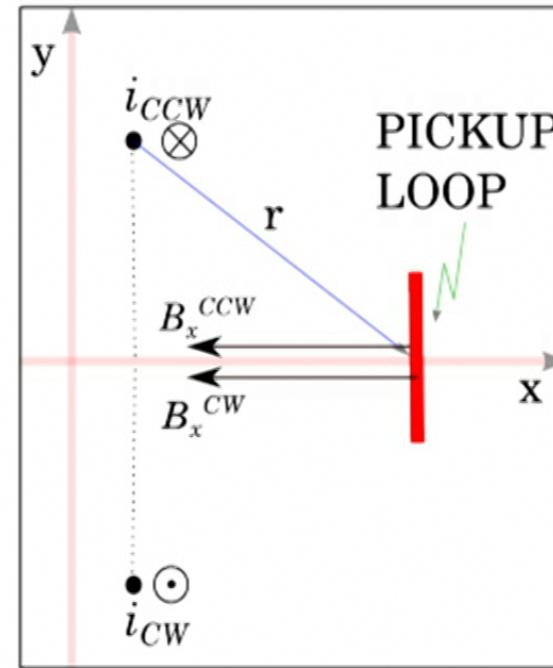
# Magnetic field from proton beams

## B-field sensitivity

$\Delta y = 4\text{pm}$  beam separation

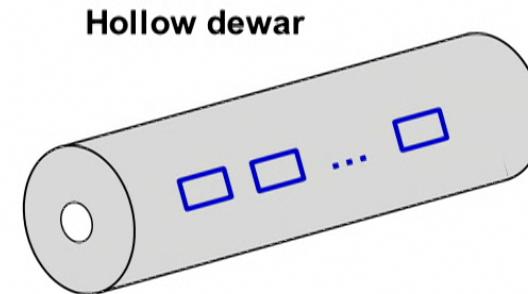
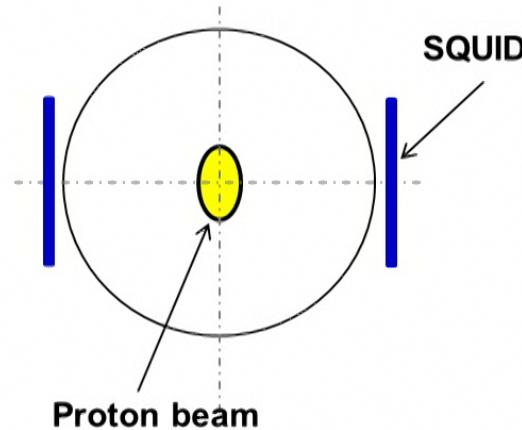
- 2.5 mA current,
- at  $r=2\text{cm}$  from the pickup loop
- modulated at about  $\omega_m=1\text{ kHz}$   
with modulation amplitude  $A=0.1$

$$B_x(r, \omega_m) = \frac{2\mu_0 I \Delta y A \cos(\omega_m t)}{\pi r^2} \approx 2.5 \cos(\omega_m t) \text{ aT}$$



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## Arrangement of magnetometers



Inter-coil distance: 40 mm

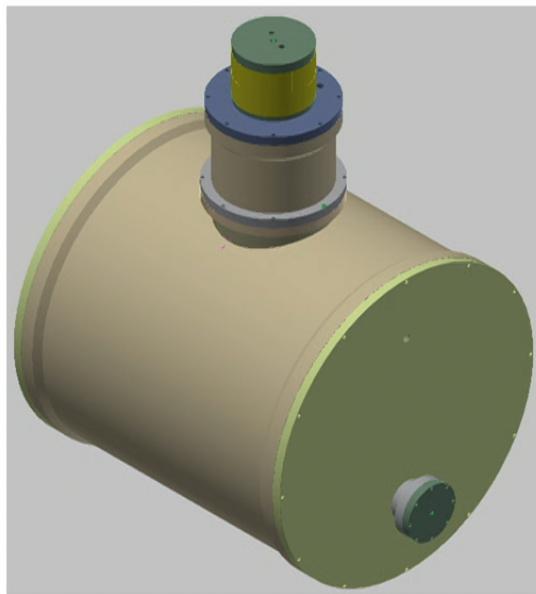
8 channels/side: 16 channels/dewar

Either thin film or wire-wound pickup coil

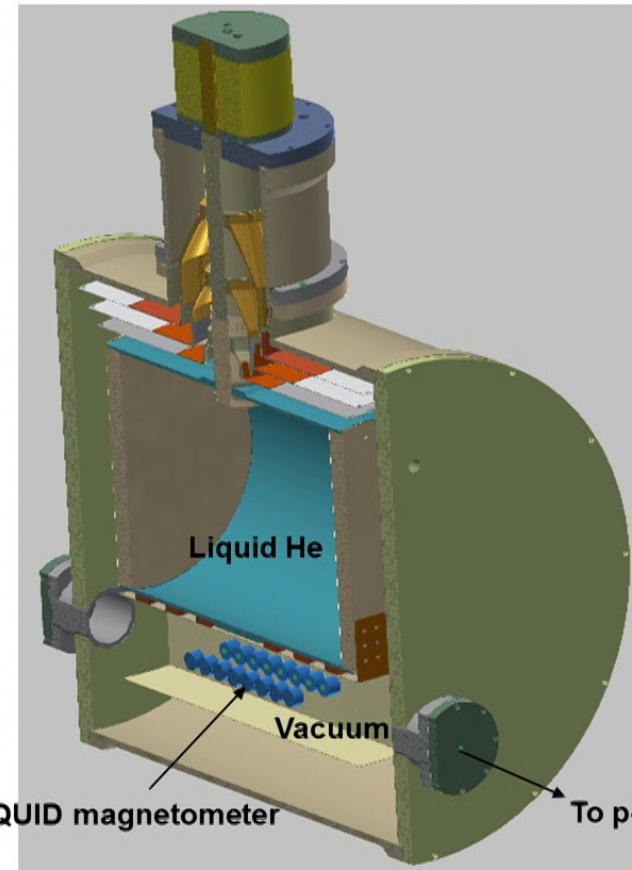
Beam position monitoring using SQUID & Shielding

System sensitivity:  $\sim 0.5 \text{ fT}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$

## Dewar

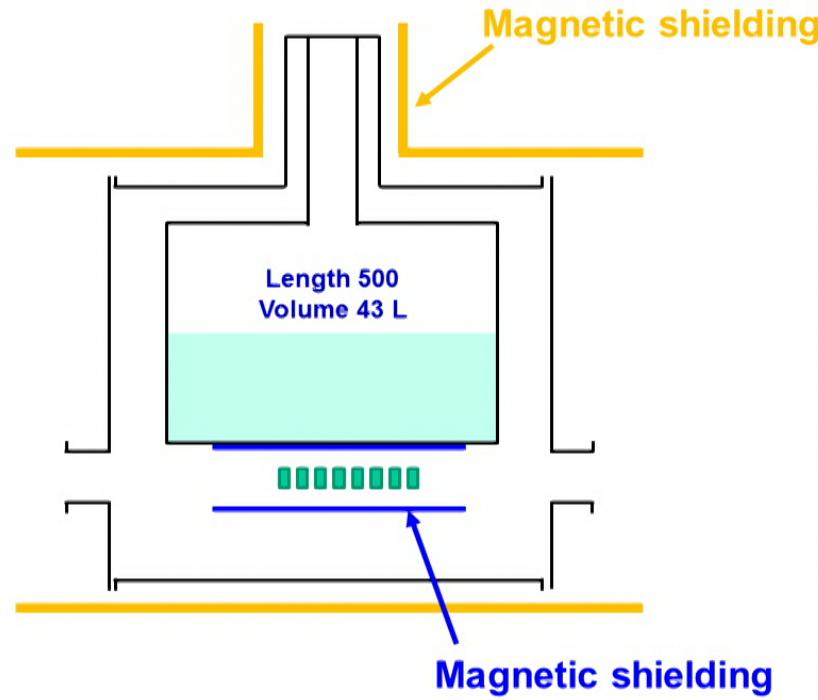


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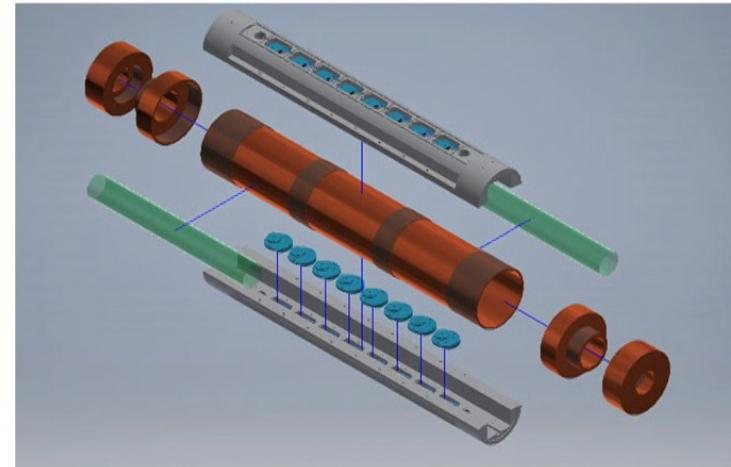
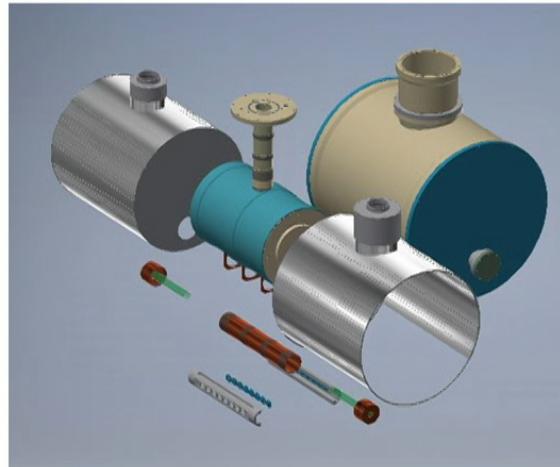


To p-beam line

## Cylindrical magnetic shielding



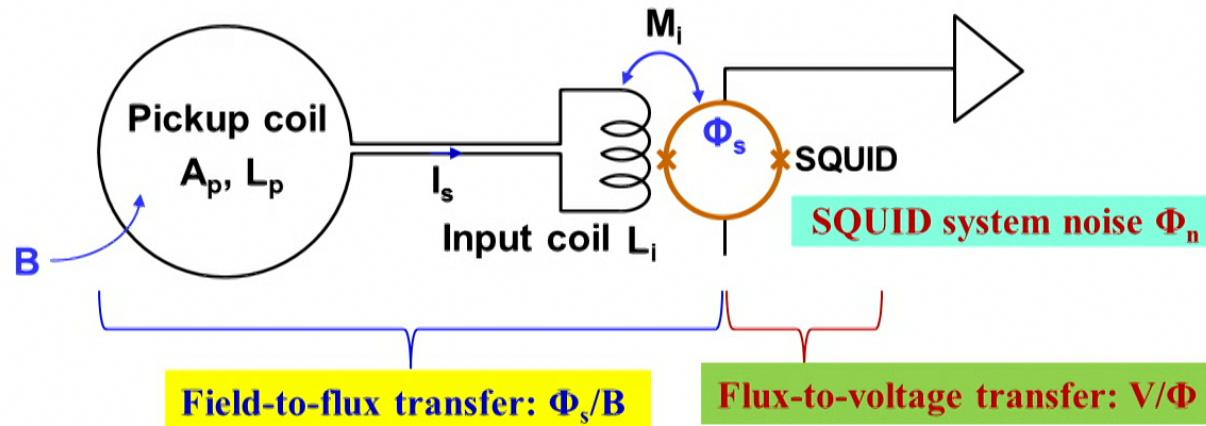
## Beam position monitor



**SQUIDs are superconductively shielded**

- Thermal noise of dewar
- Environmental noise

## Magnetometer: SQUID and pickup coil



**Field resolution at pickup coil:**  $B_n = \Phi_n \cdot (B/\Phi_s)$

Flux at pickup coil:  $B \cdot A_p = (L_p + L_i)I_s$

Flux at SQUID:  $\Phi_s = I_s \cdot M_i = B \cdot A_p \cdot M_i / (L_p + L_i)$

**Field resolution at pickup coil**  $B_n = (L_p + L_i) \Phi_n / (M_i \cdot A_p)$

## SQUID electronics (BPM)

**Flux-lock loop circuits  
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**DC Power/Heater**

**ADC &  
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ADC: 16 bit, 10 kS/s sampling**

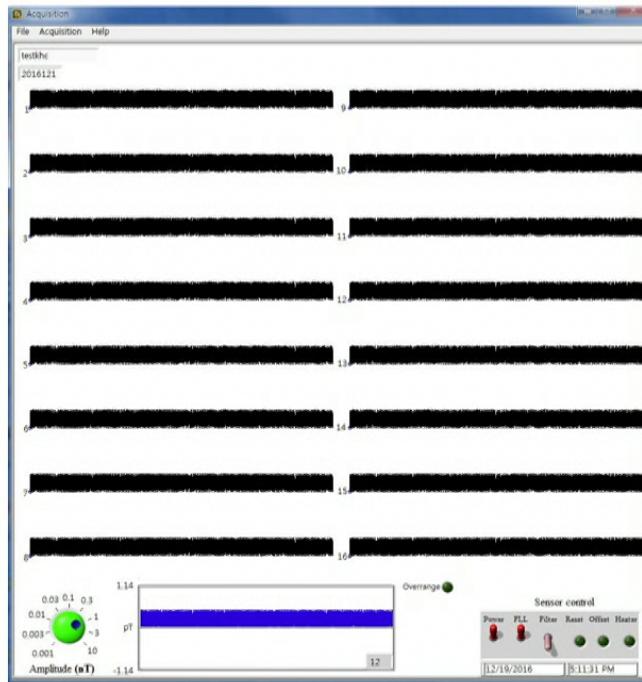


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**Optimal signal frequency range: ~1000 Hz  
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# Acquisition and signal processing

## Software



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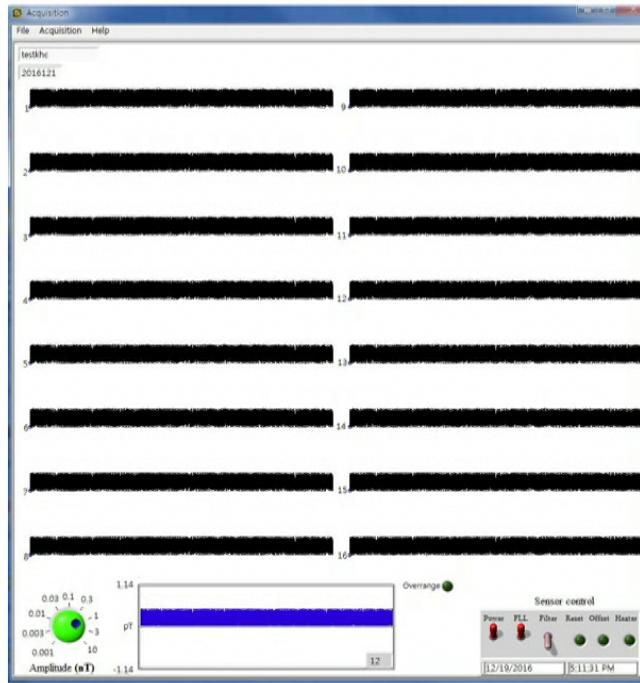


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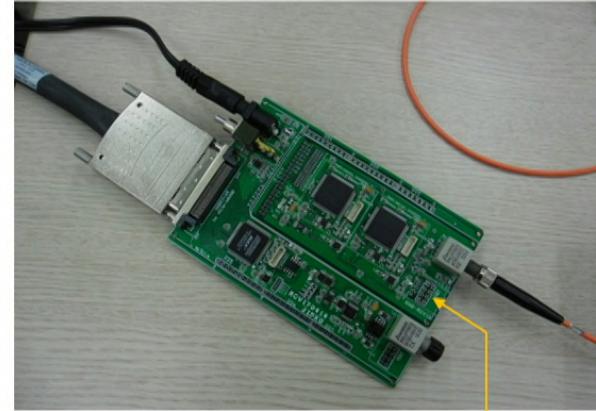
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# Triggered averaging

Analog trigger input for averaging

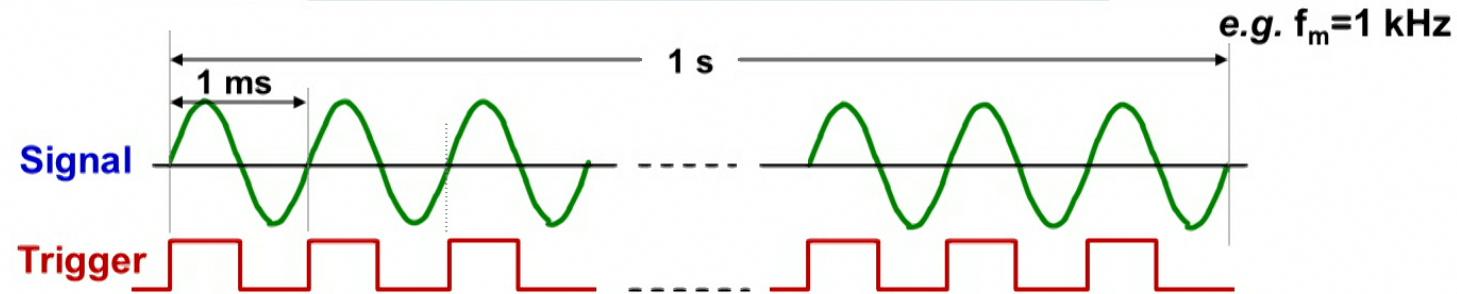
Computer



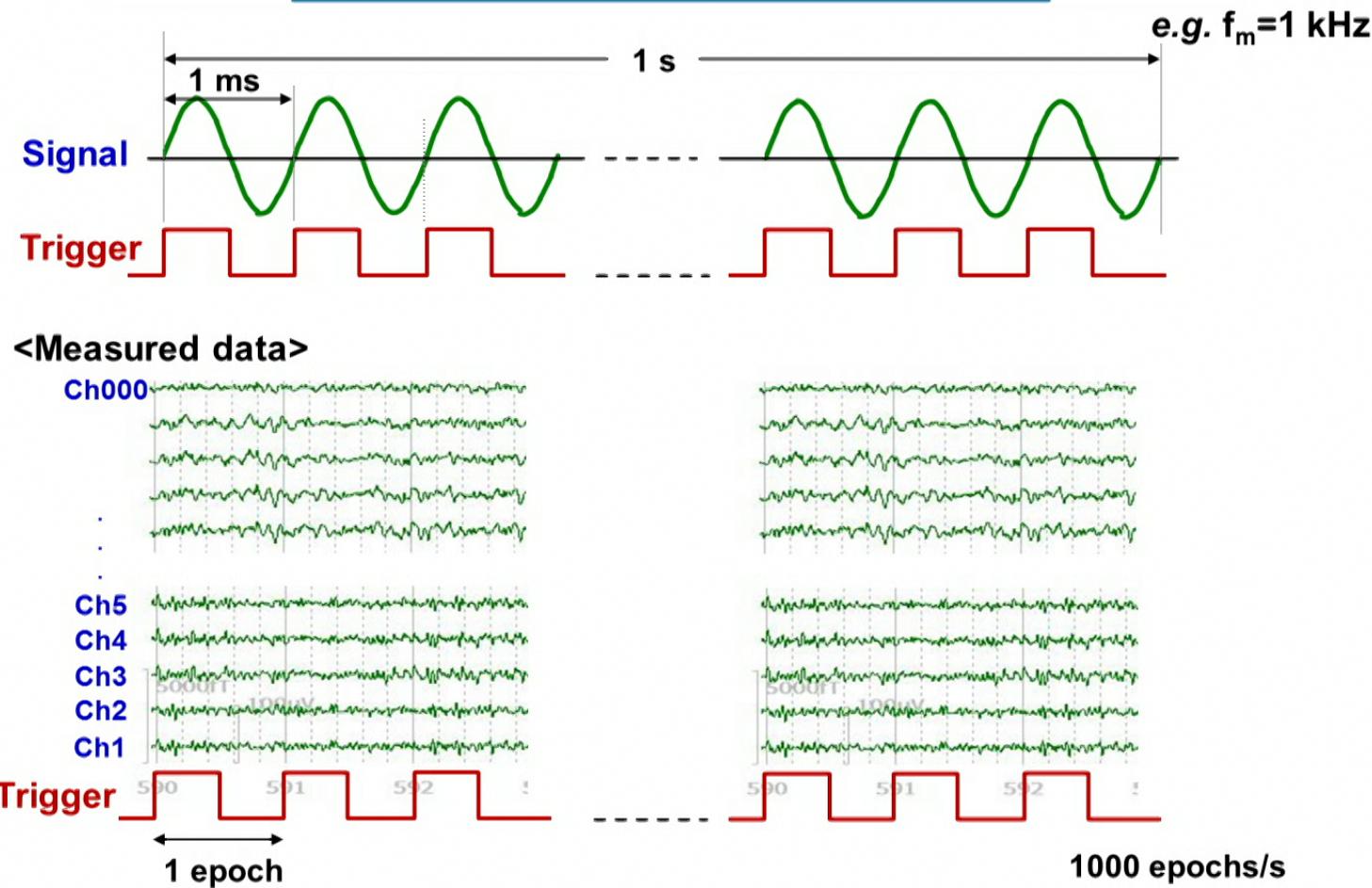
SQUID output

Trigger input

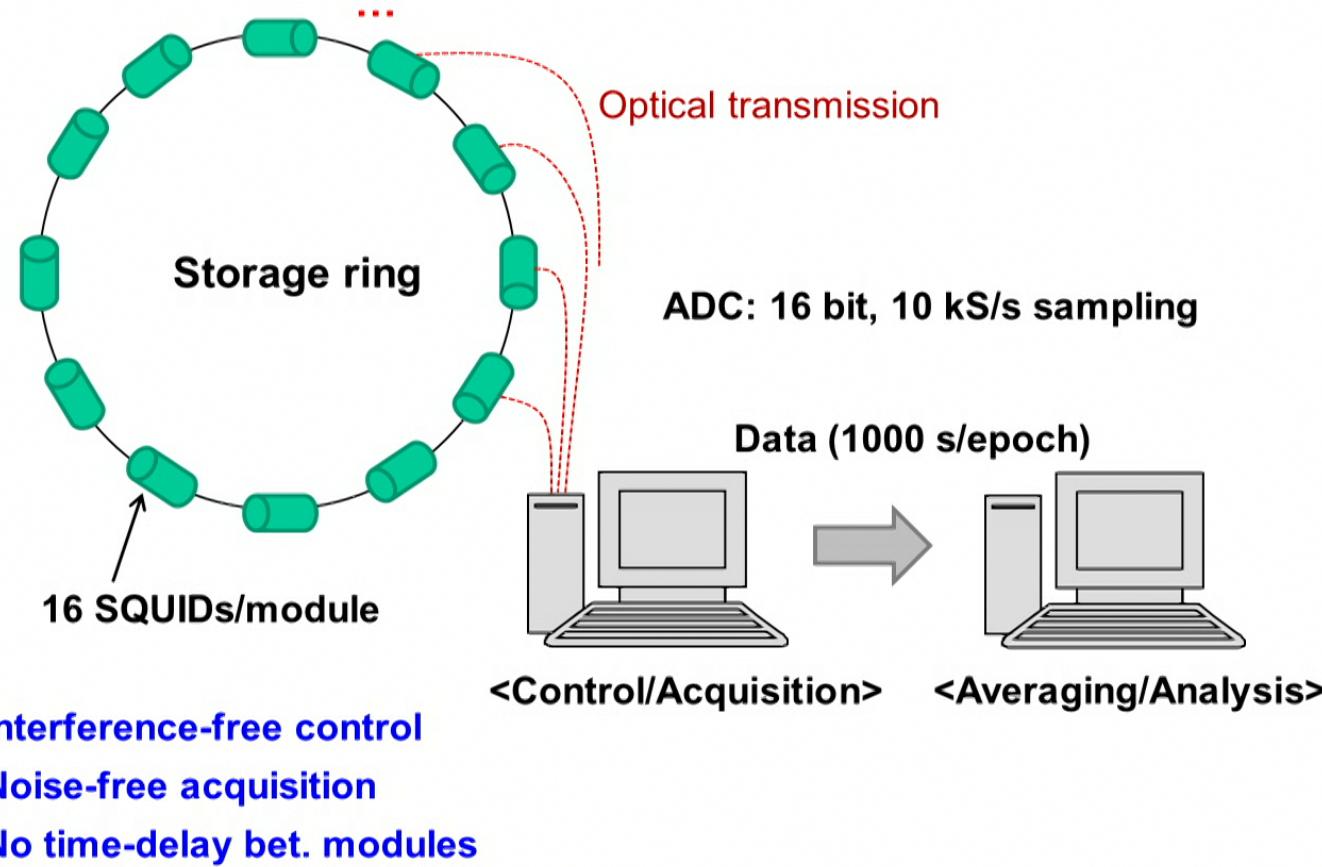
## Signal averaging with triggering



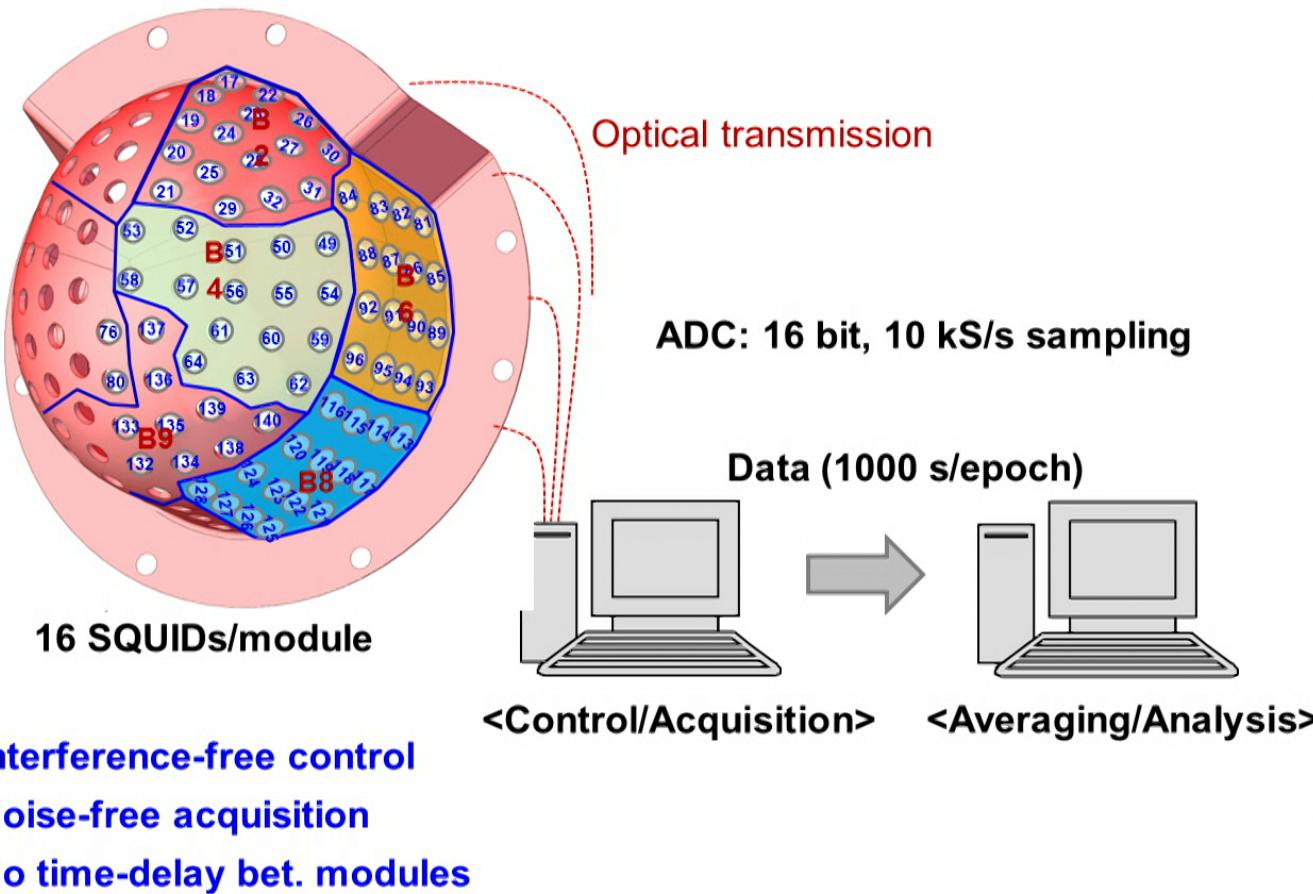
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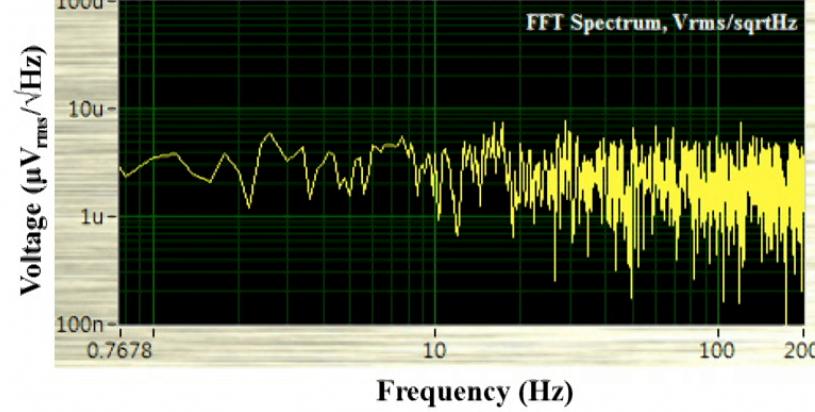
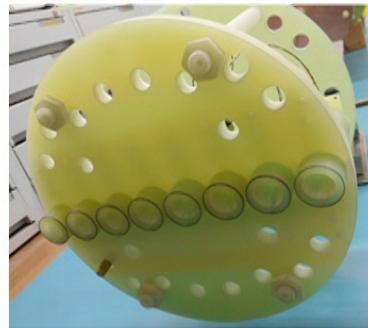
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If target signal amplitude is 1 aT, SNR=37

- Measurement time:  $10^6 \text{ s} = 11.5 \text{ days!}$

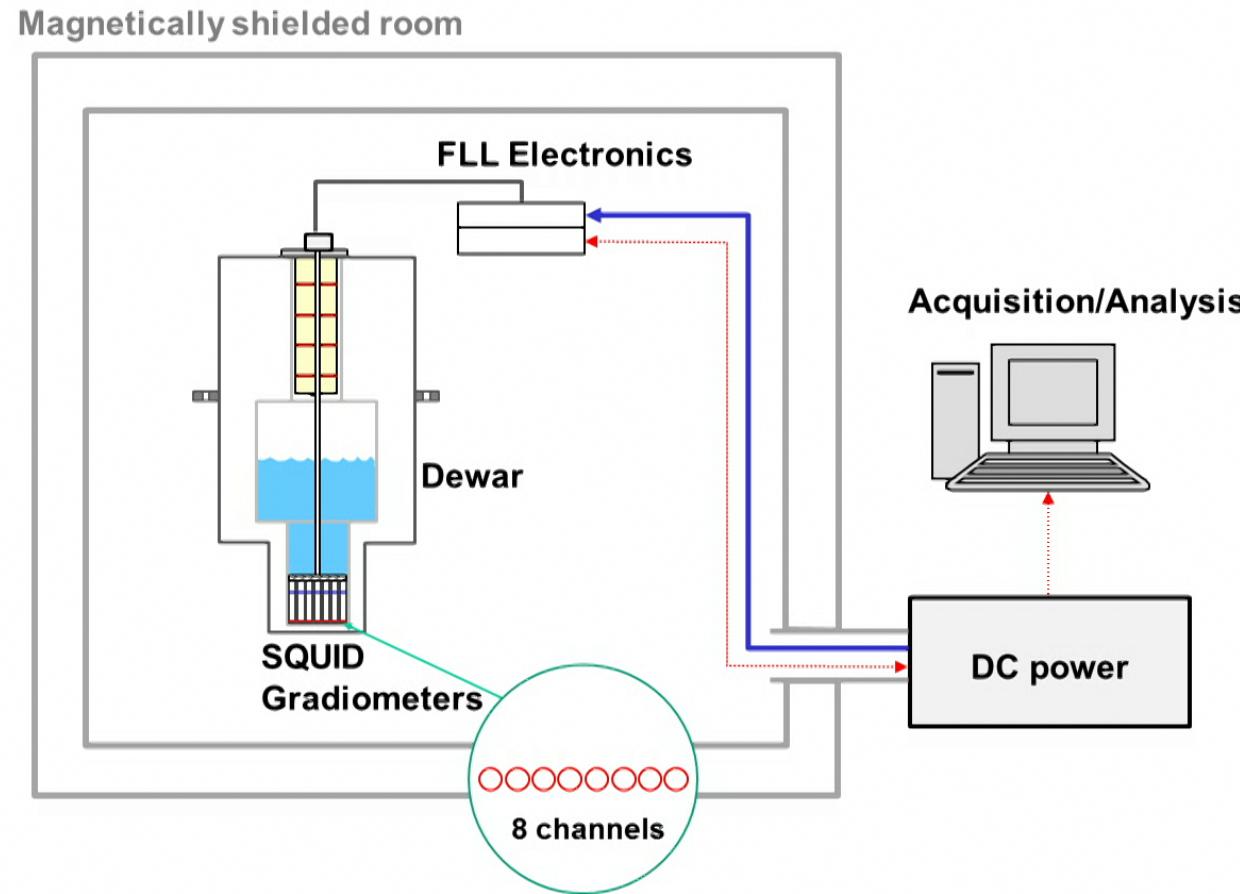
cf) If use 3 fT/√Hz system,  $(3/0.5)^2 = 36$  times longer time needed

## Pretest system (8-channel)

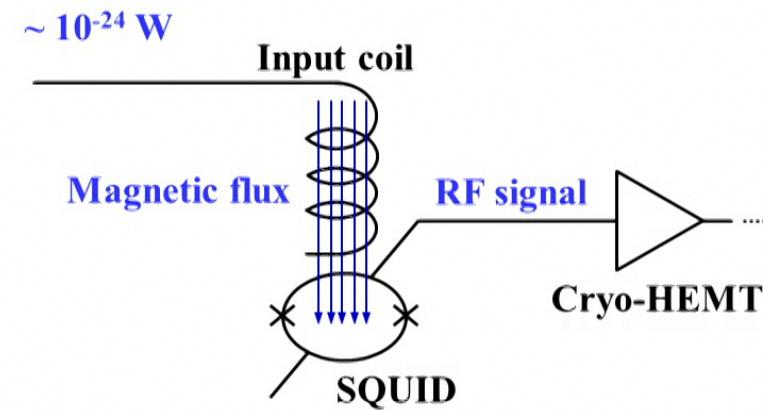
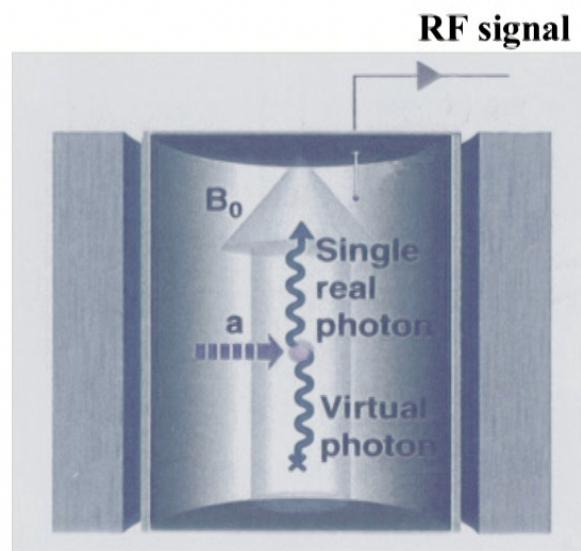


**System sensitivity: 3 fT/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$**

# Pretest SQUID system

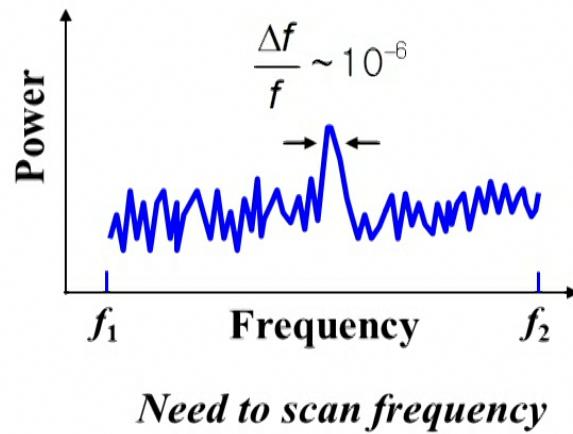


# Axion search experiment



## Why low-noise amplifier?

### Detection of signal peak



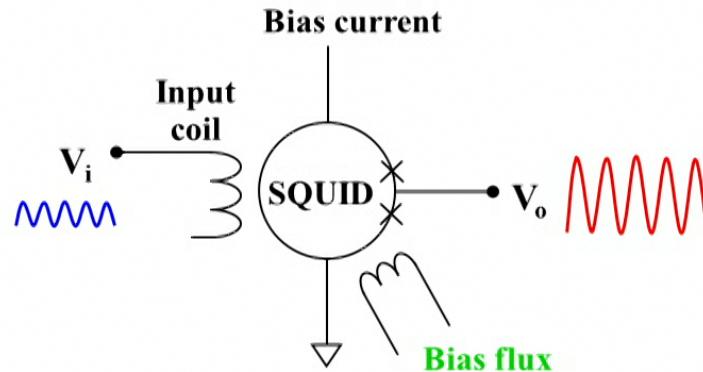
Time to scan the frequency range,  $f_1 \sim f_2$   
=  $\sim (T_s)^2 \cdot (1/f_1 - 1/f_2)$

$T_s$ : System noise temperature  
=  $T(\text{cavity temp.}) + T_n(\text{amp. noise temp.})$

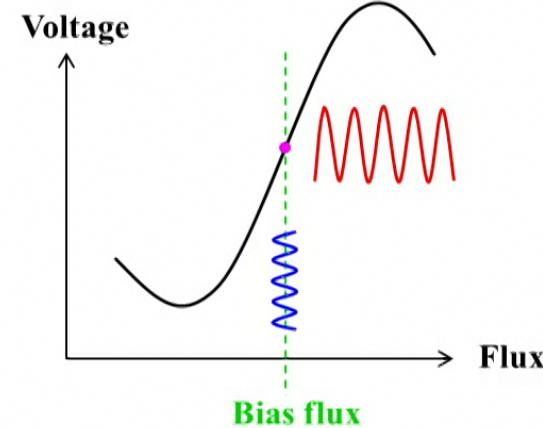
Cooling and low-noise amplifier needed.

## Principle of SQUID RF amplifier

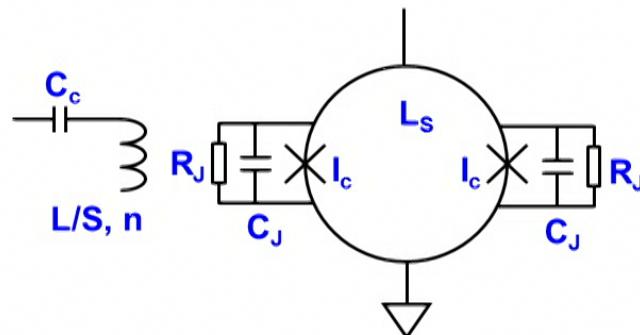
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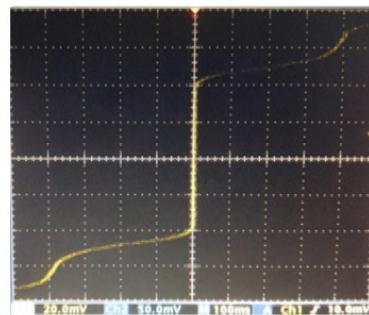
<SQUID output vs. input RF flux>



# SQUID parameters



Current-Voltage



X: 20  $\mu$ V/div  
Y: 5  $\mu$ A/div

## <SQUID>

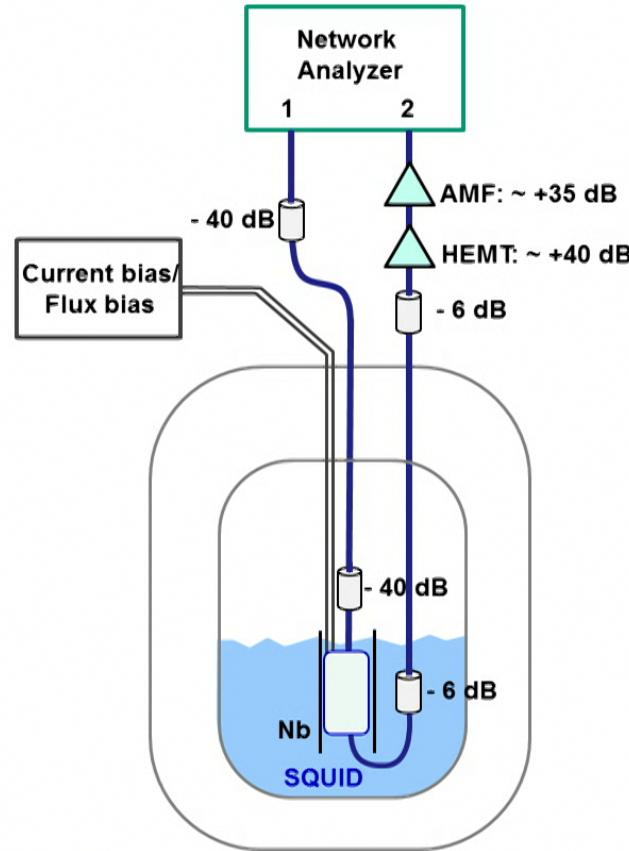
$L_s$ : SQUID inductance  
 $I_c$  or  $I_0$ : Junction critical current  
 $R_J$ : Junction shunt resistance  
 $C_J$ : Junction capacitance

## <Input coil>

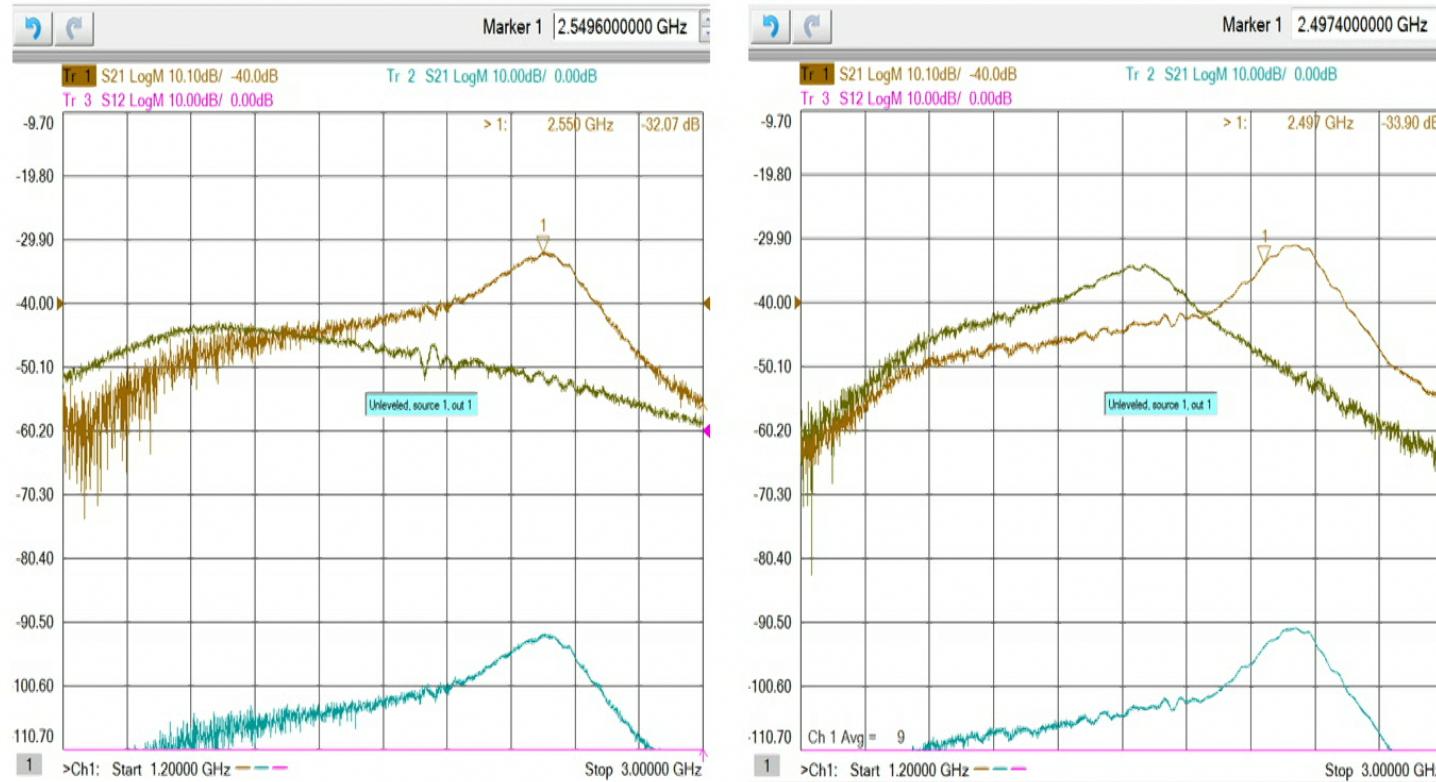
$C_c$ : Coupling capacitance  
 $L$ : Line-width,  $S$ : Space  
 $n$ : Number of turns

Dielectric thickness: fixed

# Gain measurement configuration



# RF amplifier gain



Gain: ~ 20 dB @ 2.5 GHz, BW: ~ 200-300 MHz

# Test in a dilution refrigerator





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