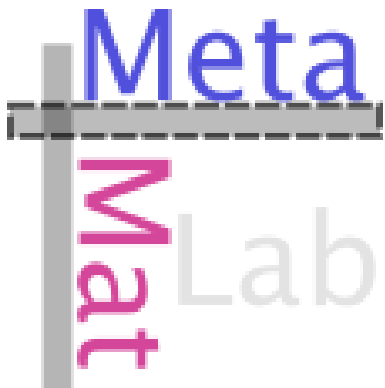


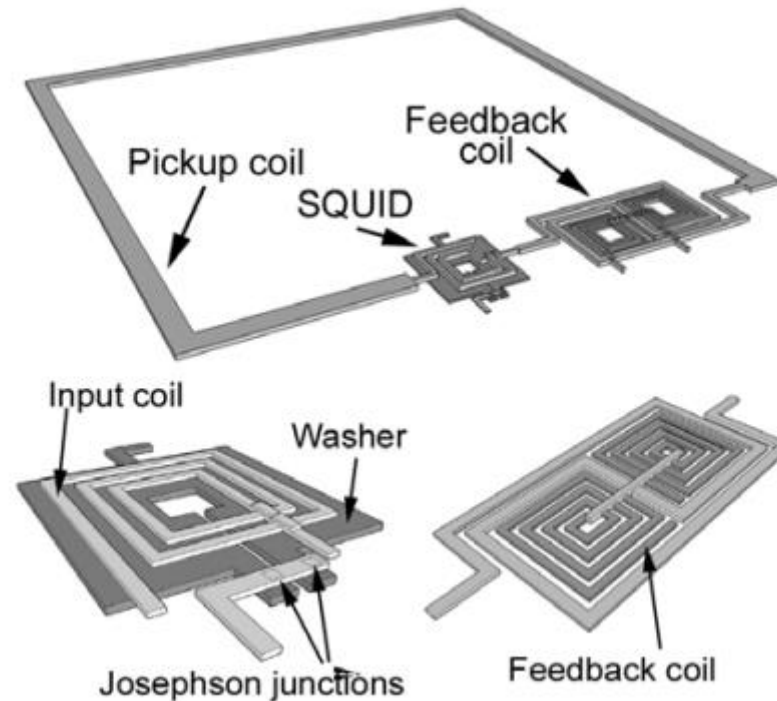
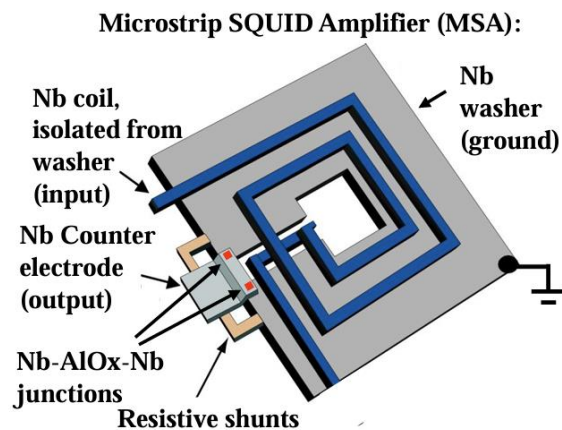
Signal detection and amplification in FLASH: MSSQUID Test and Optimization

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Washer type SQUID Fabrication optimization and intrinsic noise reduction



Input coil
Washer
Josephson junctions
Parasitic capacitance
Secondary induction loop
Microstrip
Feed back coil
Max gain for inductive performance
H Shielding
Secondary stage amplification (HFET, BAW)

Actuator-SQUID for Lunar gravitational Wave detector:

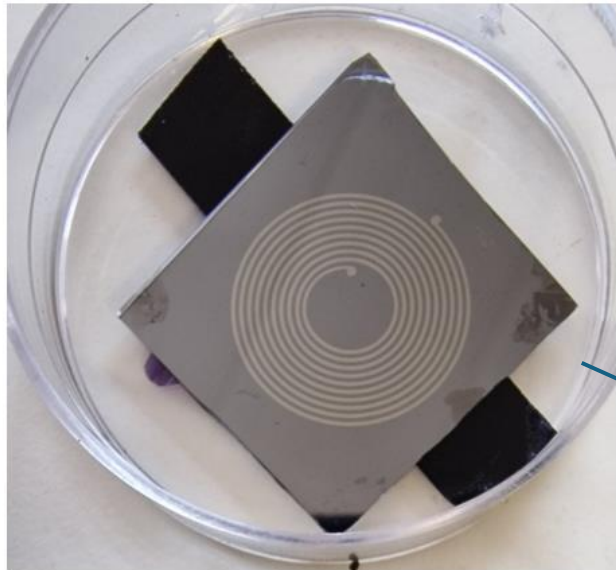
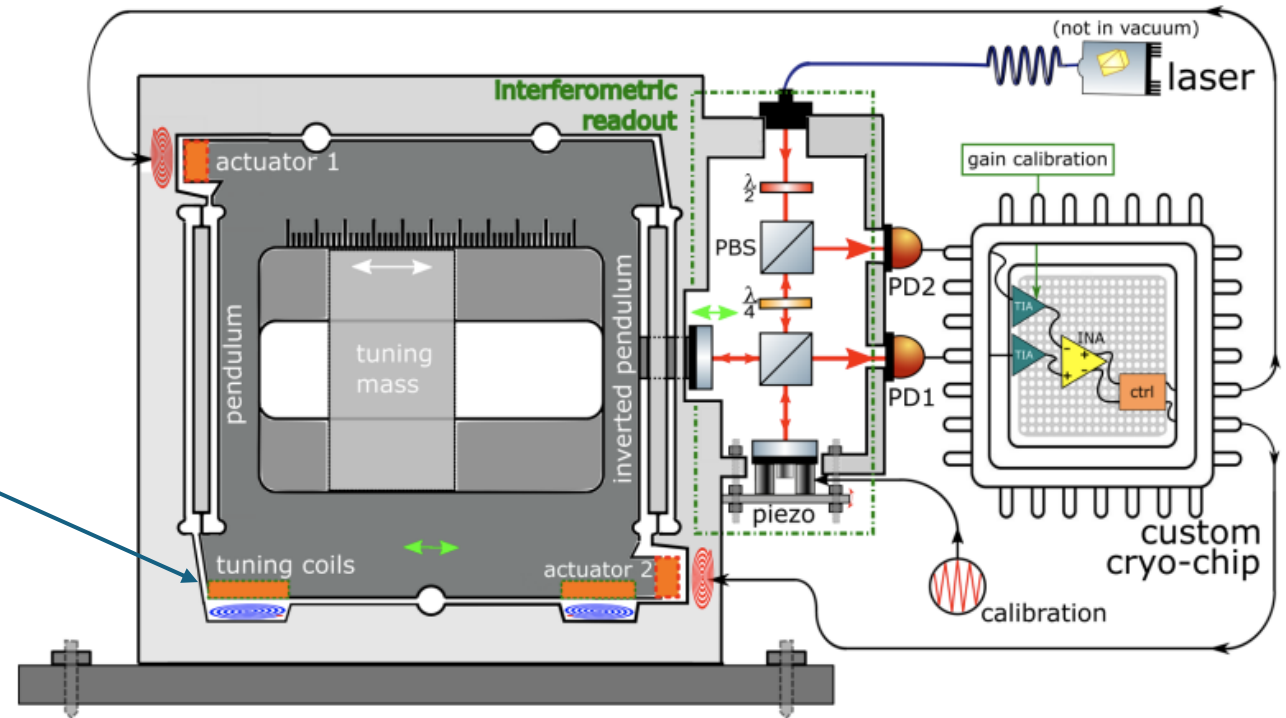


Figure 1. Photo of the sample MS250, a 10 turns NbN coil, fabricated from a 500 nm thick film deposited on a Si wafer.

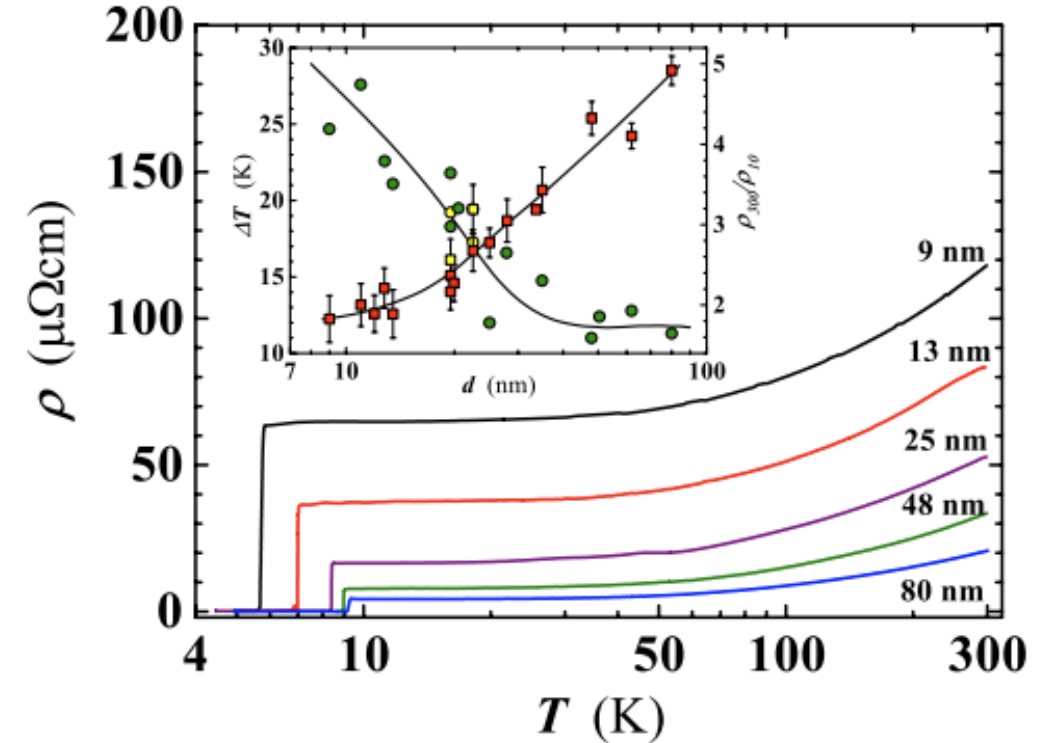


Fabrication at Lund and INRiM : The quality check under progress

SQUID Coils parameters effect the performance :

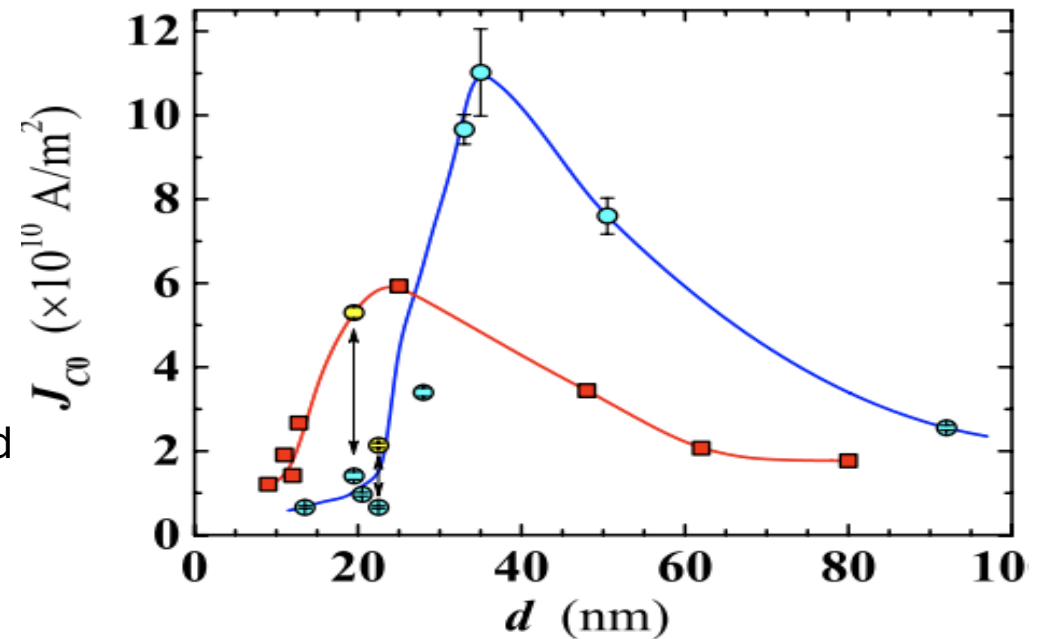
Input coil thickness optimization
TC and J_c and H_c

Temperature dependence of the resistivity for selected Nb films, with a thickness ranging from 9nm to 80nm. Inset: width of the plateau region (ΔT), above TC, as a function of d (circles).

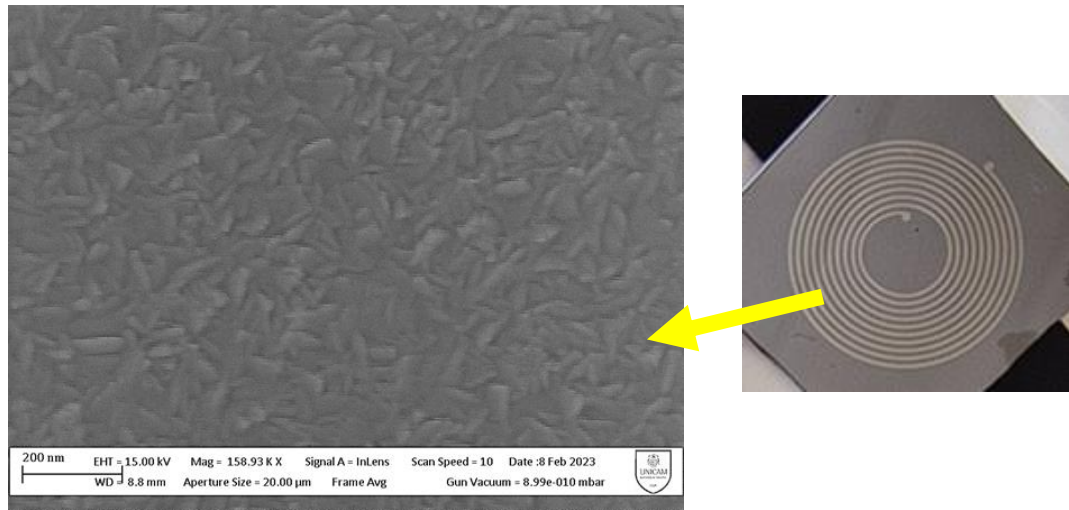


Input coil width optimization
 J_c

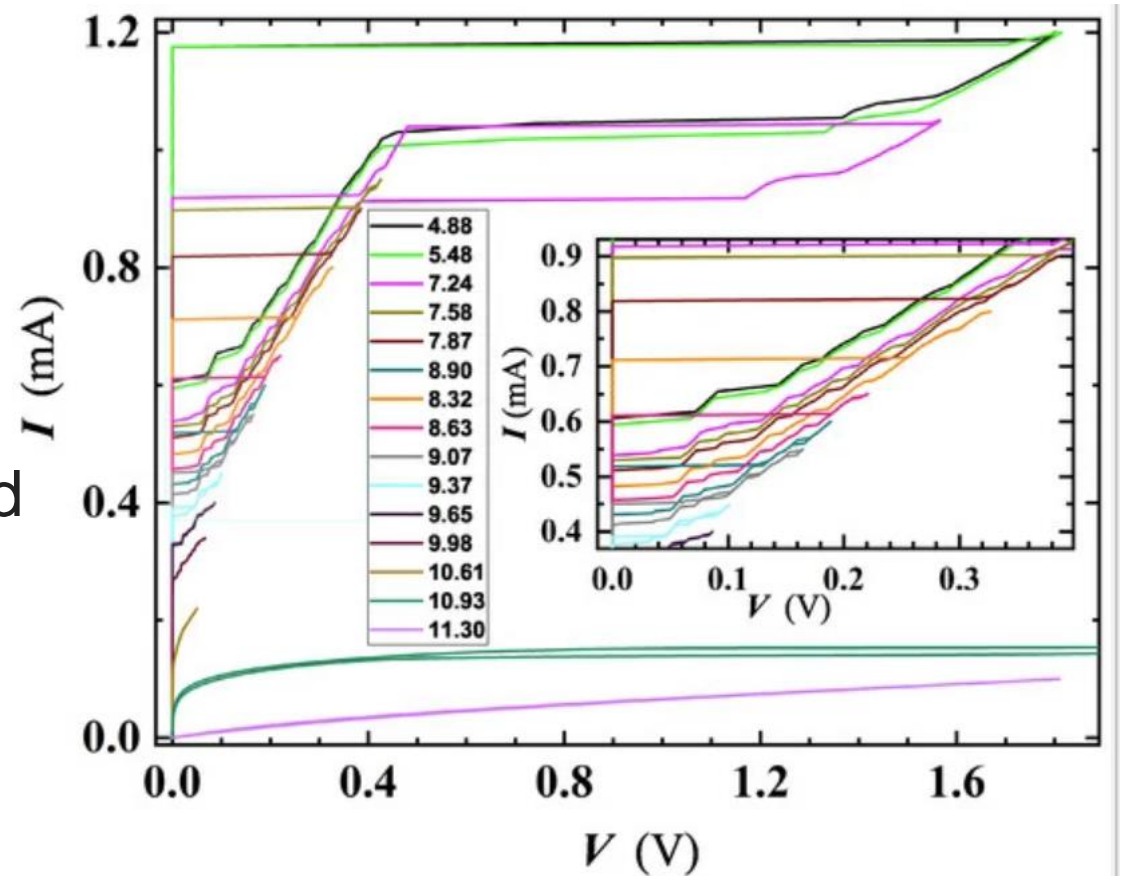
Thickness dependence of the critical current density extrapolated at 0K. Circles: films $w = 10\mu\text{m}$ wide; yellow filled symbols correspond to the films deposited on sapphire substrates. Squares: $w = 50\mu\text{m}$ wide



Intrinsic structural properties (performance and structural Noise):



I-V characteristics for the NbN stripes, carried out at several T . Both up- and down-current sweeps evidence the presence of slanted steps due to the occurrence of intermediate resistive regimes before the complete transition to the normal state. Inset: magnification of the central part of the plot.



Quantum phase slip due to Granular Structure

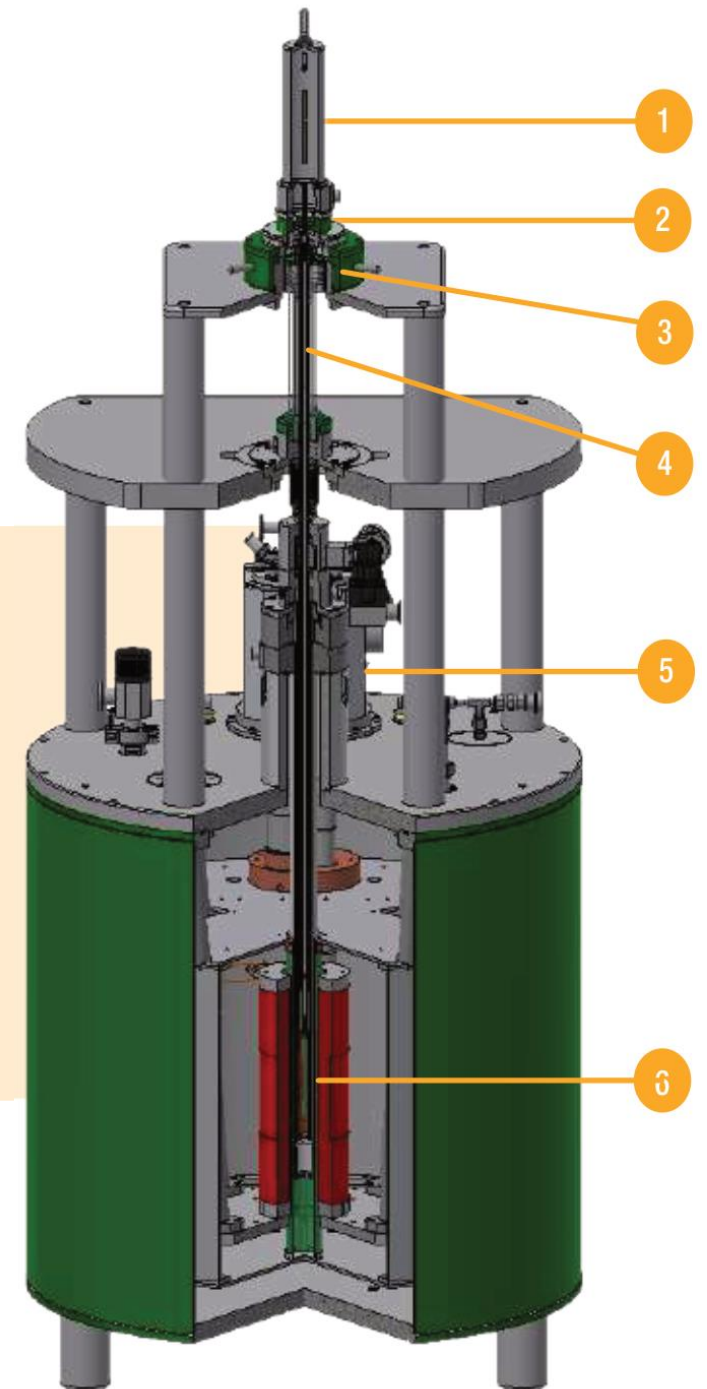


- T Range 3.8 K to 800 K
- DC and AC measurements
- Impedance measurements
- Capacitance measurements
- Magnetic field upto 1T
- Magnetic field resolution of $10\mu\text{T}$
- Low T gaussmetry

- T Range 1.5 K to 300 K
- DC and AC measurements
- Impedance measurements
- Capacitance measurements
- Magnetic field upto 12T
- Possibility to upgrade:
 - To 300 mK T range
 - sample rotation

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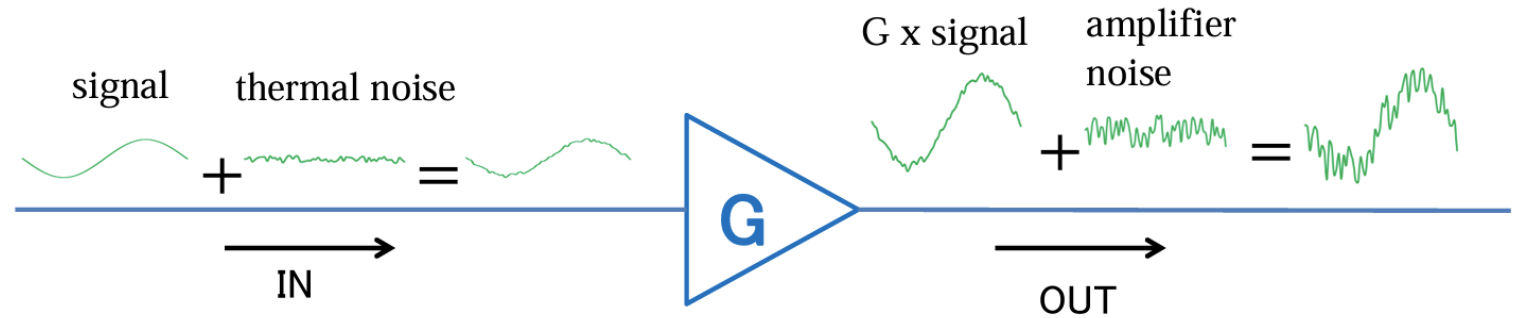
1. VSM Vibrator
2. Vibration Compensation Unit
3. Vertical Translation
4. Perspex Airlock
5. Pulse Tube Cryocooler
6. High Homogeneity Magnet



Intrinsic test performed:

- 1- The intrinsic properties of the junctions and the MSSQUID to optimize the geometry design and fabrication process
- 2- The full functionality test below T_c and at variable T and H
- 3- Bias and flux current test and optimization

NOISE TEST:



The noise temperature T_n of an MSA scales linearly with the operation frequency and temperature:

- 1- Static (DC) noise test
- 2- AC noise test at low and high frequency ($< 1\text{GHz}$)
- 3- wide band noise measurement
- 3- input gain test for inductive regime performance
- 4- Possible HFET post amplification development and noise test (at 4 K) :MBE available at UNICAM
- 5- Microstrip resonance test

Shielding TESTs:

External magnetic fields will also change the flux bias of the SQUID, the gain might drift or be modulated with changing external fields

1- Packaging in a stainless-steel tube and using superconducting magnetic shield.

2- Lead-foil cylinder with an outer layer of (ferromagnetic) Conetic AA foil.

3- Mu metal with the design rings for the compensation of the magnetic field

4- Resilient test under high magnetic field ($100\mu\text{T}$ to 10 T)

Thanks