

# SQUIDS And Low Noise Measurement Technique

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⇒ How can SQUIDS measure Johnson Noise of a resistor at 100 mK?

## Outline

### Single Junction Physics

Josephson Effect

RST model

I-V

### SQUIDS

$\Phi$  measuring device

~~Noise~~

### Noise Theory + Amplifier Matching

Spectral density + Johnson noise

Amplifier model ( $R_n + T_n$ )

Noise Impedance Transformers

### SQUID Noise + Matching

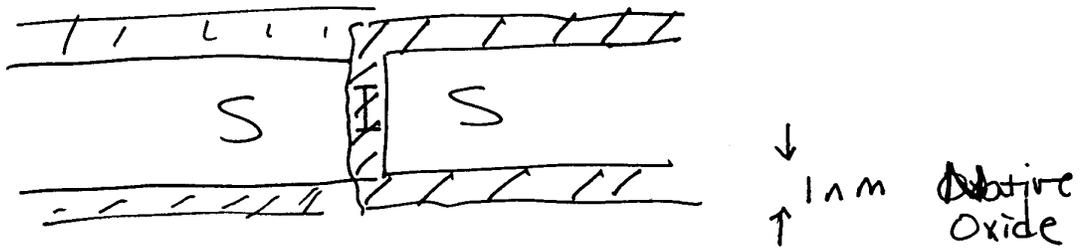
Noise

Matching

Output Matching

### TES Example

# Tunnel Junctions



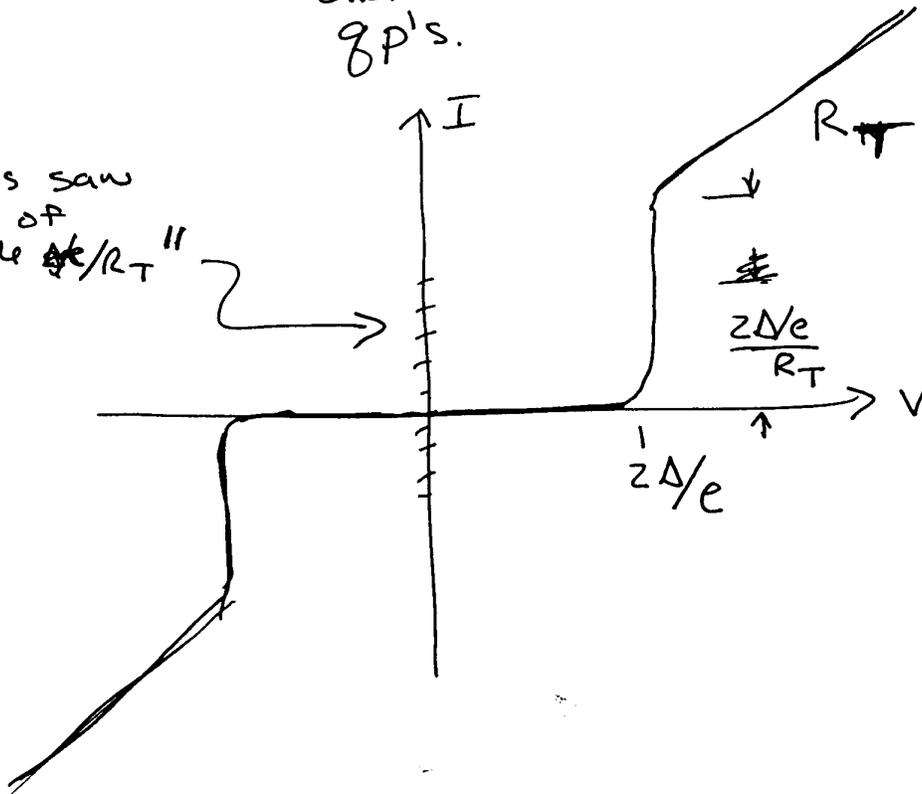
Tunneling of single electrons (quasiparticles)  
 I-V determined thr. D.O.S. (Golden Rule calc.)

$$I \sim \left| \langle F | \sum_{k\nu} (T^* C_L^+ C_R + T C_L C_R^+) | 0 \rangle \right|^2$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{H_T}$

excited  
 qp's.

"sometimes saw  
 shorts of  
 magnitude  $\approx R_T$ "



# Josephson Junction

How does tunneling affect gnd state? (supercurrent)

$$H_T = -H_T^\dagger \frac{1}{E_i} H_T$$

$$\delta E = - \langle 0 | \sum_{k_L, k_R} (T^* c_L^\dagger c_R^\dagger + T c_L c_R) \frac{1}{E_i} \sum_{k_L, k_R} (T^* c_L^\dagger c_R^\dagger + T c_L c_R) | 0 \rangle$$

T=0

need  $\delta$ 's to do properly

↑  $\langle 0 | c_L^\dagger c_L^\dagger | 0 \rangle \neq 0!$  ↑

( $k_L$  matches  $-k_L \Rightarrow \pi^+$ )

$$\approx - \sum_{k, k'} |T|^2 \frac{\Delta^2}{E_i} \langle 0 | c_L^\dagger c_L^\dagger | 0 \rangle \langle 0 | c_R c_R | 0 \rangle + \text{c.c.}$$

$$\approx \int_{k_1, k_2} \rho_1 \rho_2 |T|^2 \frac{1}{2\Delta} e^{i\phi_L} e^{-i\phi_R} + \text{c.c.}$$

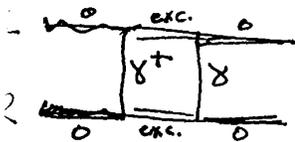
$$\approx \frac{(R_k = \frac{h}{e^2})}{R_T} \frac{\Delta^2}{2\Delta} e^{i(\phi_L - \phi_R)} + \text{c.c.}$$

$$\approx \frac{h}{2e} \frac{\Delta/e}{R_T} \cos(\phi_L - \phi_R) + \underbrace{\frac{2e}{h} \int V dt}_{\text{gauge transf.}}$$

$$I_{\text{Josephson}} = \frac{d(\delta E)/dt}{V} \leftarrow (\text{Power} = IV) \text{ (can show from operators)}$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{\Delta/e}{R_T} \cos\left(\phi_L - \phi_R + \frac{2e}{h} \int V dt\right)$$

↑ when work out correctly with  $\delta^+, \delta$



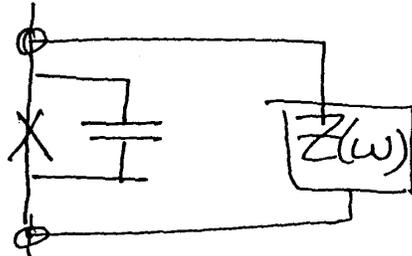
- 1) Virtual tunneling of qp gives ~~effect~~ charge transport.
- 2) Coherent nature of s.c. gnd state add's transport for macro current  $I \sim I_{qp}$
- 3) Related to Real (single) Q.P. tunneling.

Josephson Equations  
Classical Eq. of Motion.

$$I_J = I_0 \cos \phi$$

$$\dot{\phi} = \frac{2eV}{\hbar}$$

classical variable!



Solve via standard circuit element techniques.



$\phi$  can be q.m.!

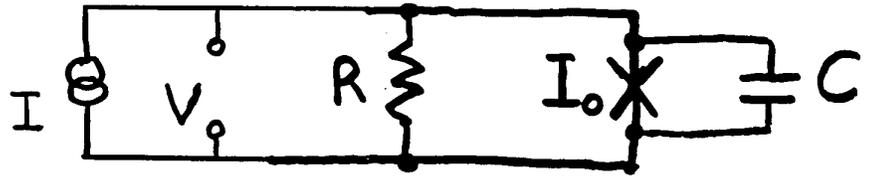
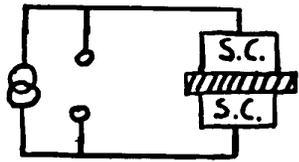
small fluctuations: Macroscopic quantum tunneling

large q-flucts:  $\frac{(2e)^2}{2C} \gg I_0 \Phi_0 / 2\pi$

$$|Z(\omega)| \gg \hbar / e^2$$

# CURRENT-VOLTAGE CHARACTERISTIC (5)

## (Classical Description of $\delta$ )

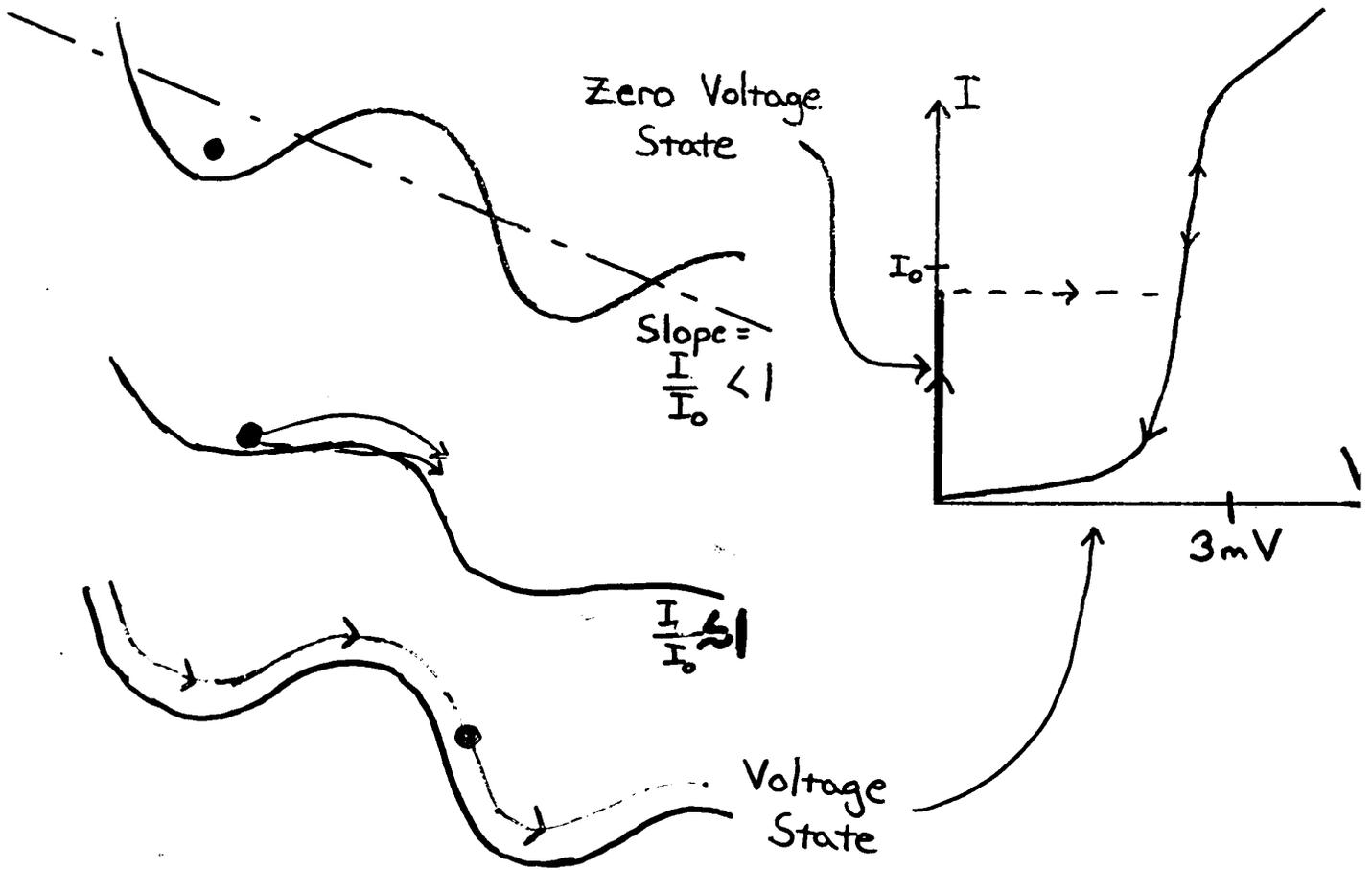


Equations of motion :

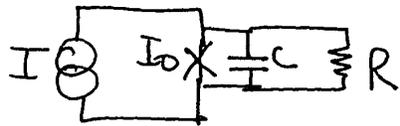
$$\begin{cases} I &= \frac{V}{R} + I_0 \sin \delta + C \dot{V} \\ V &= \frac{\Phi_0}{2\pi} \dot{\delta} \end{cases}$$

$$\left[ C \left( \frac{\Phi_0}{2\pi} \right)^2 \right] \ddot{\delta} + \left[ \frac{1}{R} \left( \frac{\Phi_0}{2\pi} \right)^2 \right] \dot{\delta} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \delta} \left[ -I_0 \frac{\Phi_0}{2\pi} \cos \delta - I \frac{\Phi_0}{2\pi} \delta \right] = 0$$

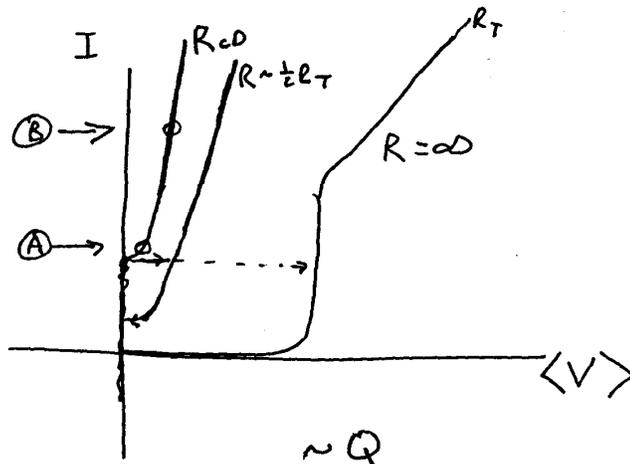
↙ mass
↙ damping
↙ potential  $U(\delta)$



# RSJ (+C) Mode I



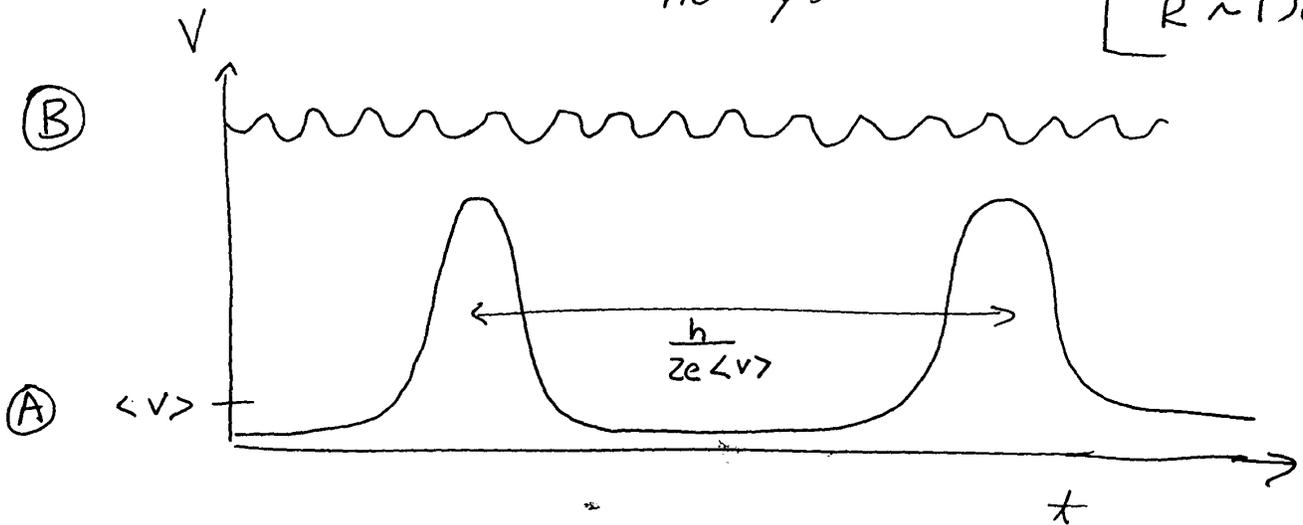
→ Dynamics From "particle in Washboard" (see ⑥)



$$\beta_c = I_0 R^2 C \frac{2\pi}{\Phi_0} = 1$$

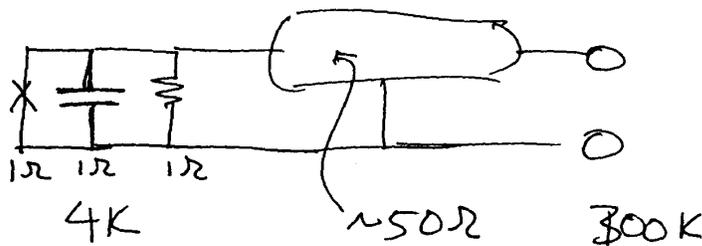
critical damping,  
no hysteresis

$3 \mu\text{m} \times 3 \mu\text{m}$   
 $I_0 \sim 100 \mu\text{A}$   
 $C \sim 2 \text{pF}$   
 $R \sim 1 \Omega$



# Limitations of R2J

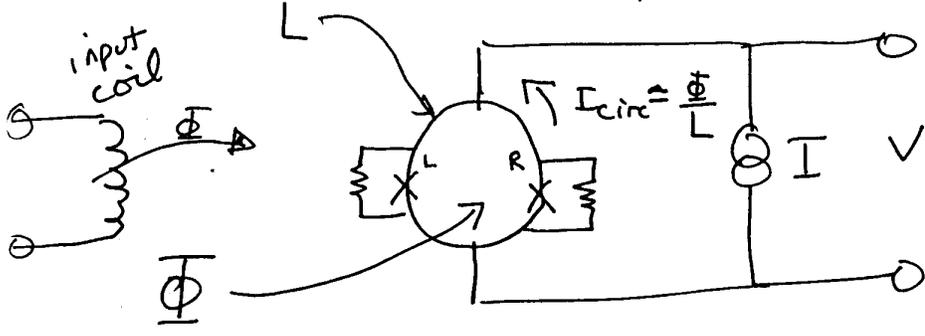
- Special Case of Real Model  $Z(\omega) \rightarrow R$   
Can get qual. difference for other models!
- R2J works well when  $\mu$ fab. resistor
- Ignores wiring impedance  
OK for "normal" <sup>small R2J</sup> circuits



$$|Z_{\text{wire}}| \ll |Z_{\text{resist}}|$$

[Q.M. of phase when  $Z_{\text{resist}} \approx \frac{1}{2} Z_{\text{wire}}$ ]

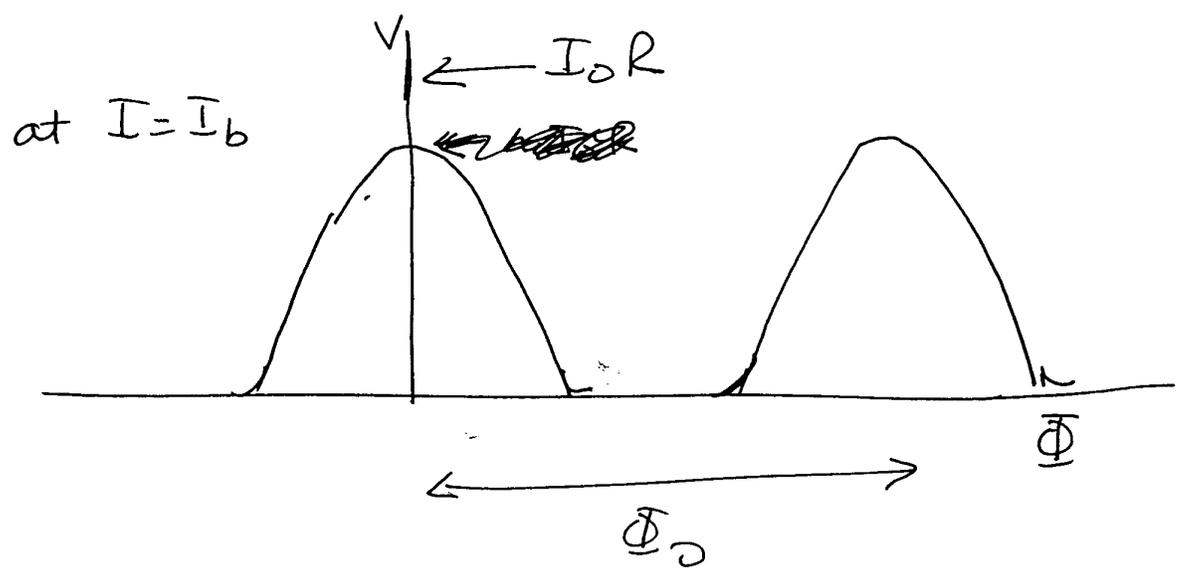
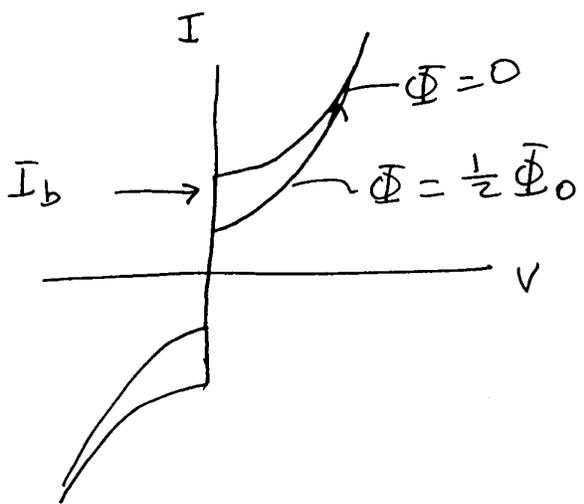
# SQUID



$$I_{J-L} \sim I + \Phi/L$$

$$I_{J-R} \sim I - \Phi/L$$

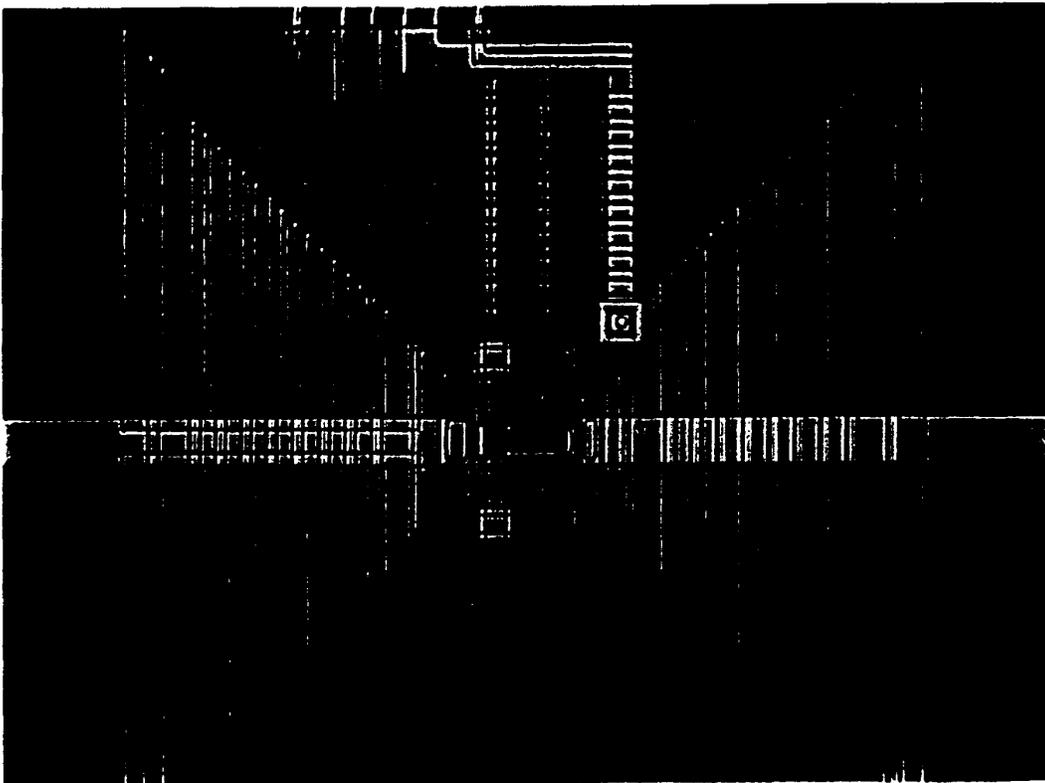
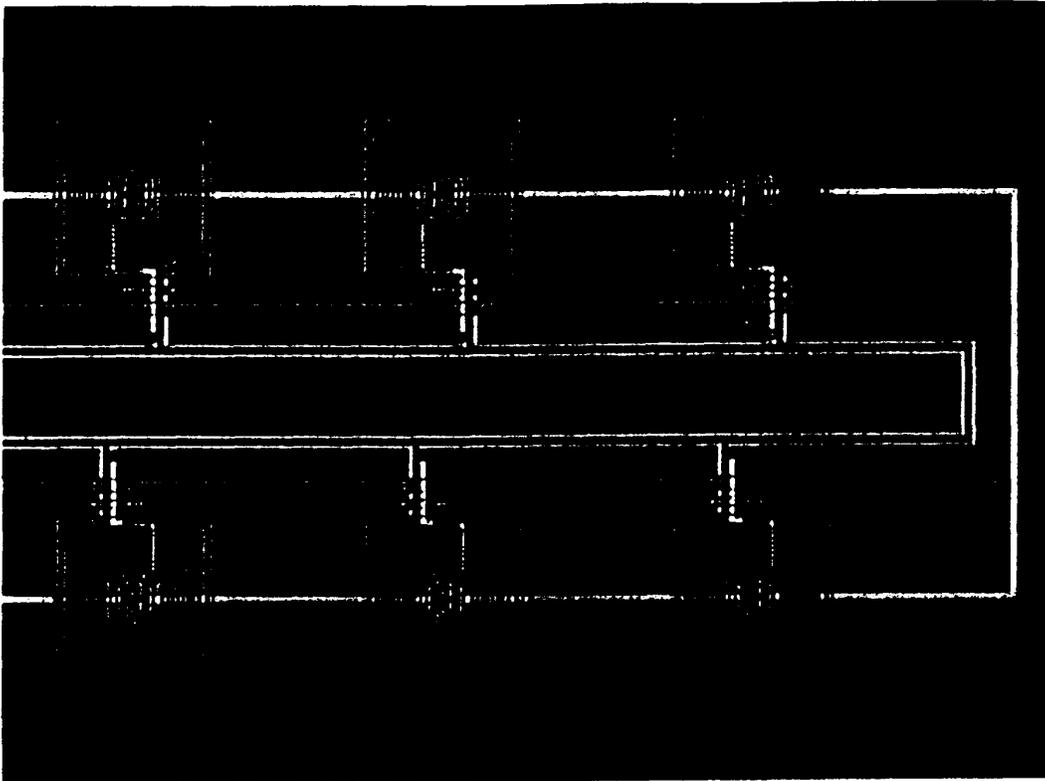
← Modulates effective  $I_0$  of SQUID



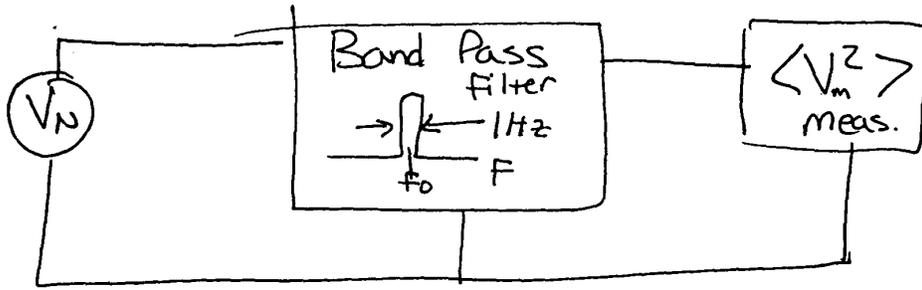
Best SQUID Noise Performance at

$$\beta = \frac{2\pi L I_0}{\Phi_0} = 1$$

(large  $I_0$  mod, but  
L not too small)



# MEASUREMENT OF NOISE - Spectral Density

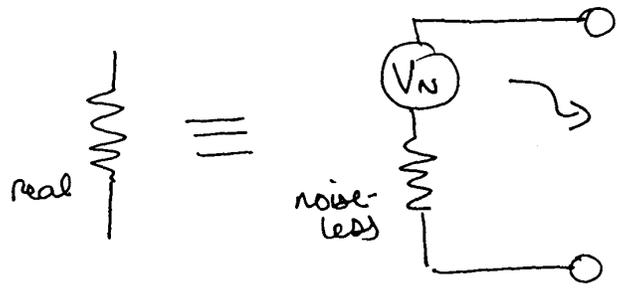


$S_V(f_0) = \langle V_m^2 \rangle$ 
RMS voltage per 1Hz BW at  $f = f_0$ 
 $\left[ \frac{V^2}{\text{Hz}} \right]$

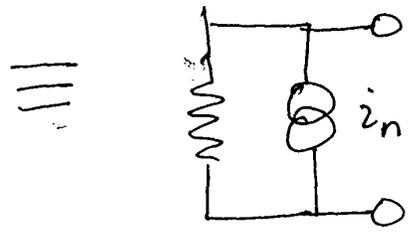
$\langle V^2 \rangle = \int_{f_1}^{f_2} S_V(f) df$ 
for arbitrary filter

$\propto (f_2 - f_1)$ 
for white noise

Resistor



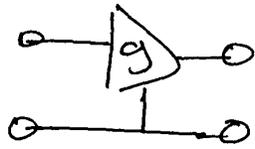
$S_V(f) = 4kTR$



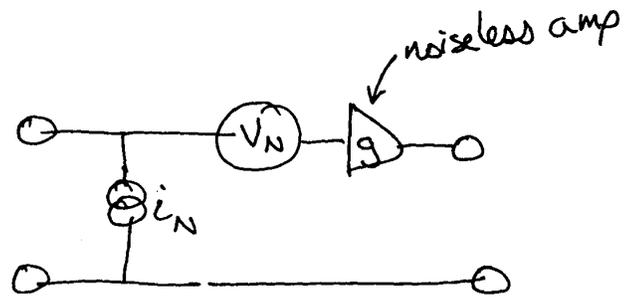
$S_I(f) = \frac{4kT}{R}$

# Voltage Amplifier Noise

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2 ports (in + out)  
 $\Rightarrow$  noise associated with each port

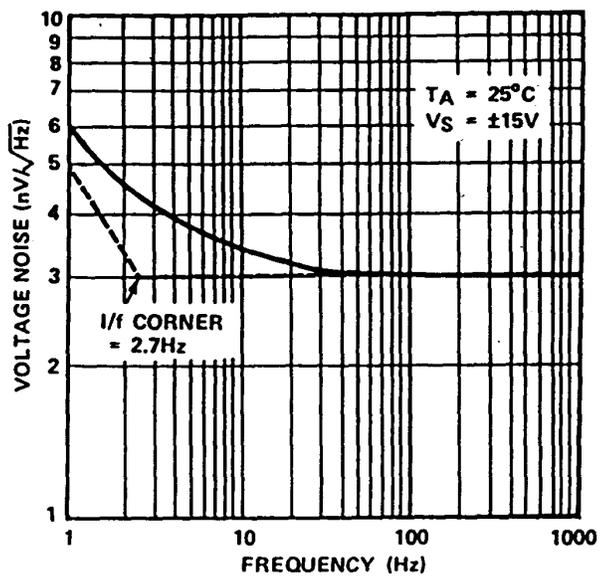
$$\begin{matrix} S_{VN} \\ S_{iN} \\ [S_{i_N V_N} \sim 0] \end{matrix}$$

## For Op-Amp.

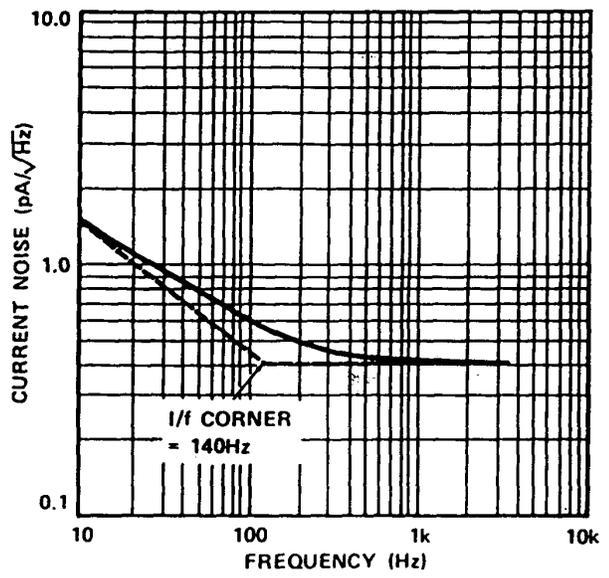
$V_N$  is white,  
 except  $1/f$  at low freq. due  
 to param. fluctuations caused by  
 microscopic motion of atoms.

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### VOLTAGE NOISE DENSITY vs FREQUENCY



### CURRENT NOISE DENSITY vs FREQUENCY



# Noise Measurement of a Resistor - + Optimal Matching.

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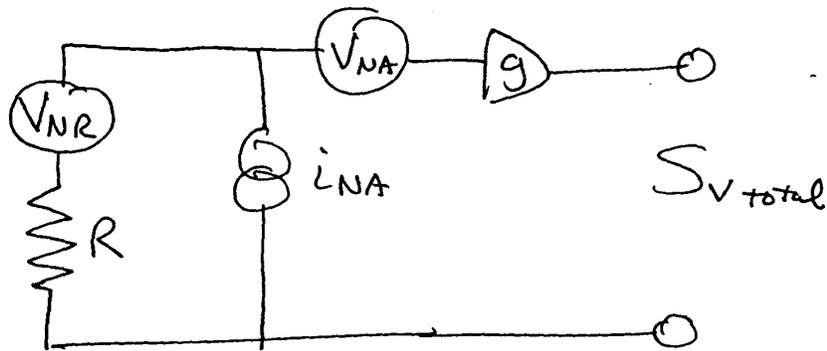
⇒ Measure Johnson Noise of Resistor

[Generic, as typically limitation to a measurement]

[What  $R$ , amplifier to use?]

$$\frac{S_V}{R} = 4kT$$

Free choice of  $R$



$$\frac{S_{V_{total}}}{g^2} = \underbrace{4kTR}_{\text{sig.}} + \underbrace{S_{V_{NA}} + S_{I_{NA}} R^2}_{\text{noise}}$$

$$\frac{\text{Signal}}{\text{Noise}} = \frac{4kT}{\frac{S_{V_{NA}}}{R} + S_{I_{NA}} R}$$

$$\frac{S_{\text{max}}}{N_{\text{max}}} = \frac{4kT}{2 \sqrt{S_{V_{NA}} S_{I_{NA}}}}$$

maximum at

$$R = R_N = \sqrt{\frac{S_{V_{NA}}}{S_{I_{NA}}}}$$

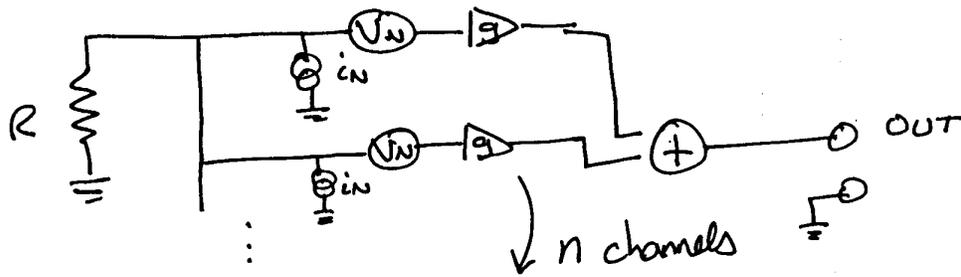
$\hookrightarrow \equiv kT_N$

- Choose  $R = R_N$  for optimal  $S/N$
- $T_N$  is a measure of how cold a resistor that can be measured (when matched)

# Changing $K_N$ of an amplifier!



⇒ What if  $R$  is fixed? → Use "transformer"



$$S_V = n g^2 S_{VNA} + \underbrace{(n S_{iA} R^2)}_{\uparrow \text{incoh.}} \underbrace{(ng)^2}_{\uparrow \text{coherent}}$$

$$\frac{S_V}{(ng)^2} = \frac{S_{VNA}}{n} + n S_{iA} R^2$$

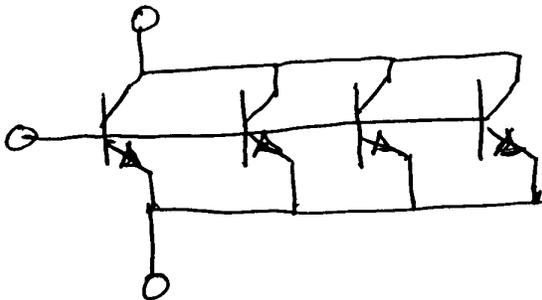
$$T_N = \sqrt{S_{VNA} S_{iNA}} \quad \text{same}$$

$$R_N = \sqrt{\frac{S_{VNA}}{S_{iNA}}} \frac{1}{n^2} \quad \text{changed!}$$

Thus can match  $R = R_N$  by choosing  $n$ !

OP-07	$V_N = 10 \text{ nV}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$	$R_N = 71 \text{ k}\Omega$
	$i_N = 0.14 \text{ pA}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$	$T_N = 100 \text{ K}$

AD797	$V_N = 0.9 \text{ nV}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$	$R_N = 450 \Omega$
	$i_N = 2 \text{ pA}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$	$T_N = 130 \text{ K}$



Parallel Transistors

**ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS<sup>1</sup>**

Supply Voltage	..... ±18 V
Internal Power Dissipation @ +25°C <sup>2</sup>	
Input Voltage	..... ±V <sub>S</sub>
Differential Input Voltage <sup>3</sup>	..... ±0.7 V
Output Short Circuit Duration	..... Indefinite Within max Internal Power Dissipation
Storage Temperature Range (Cerdip)	..... -65°C to +150°C
Storage Temperature Range (N, R Suffix)	..... -65°C to +125°C
Operating Temperature Range	
AD797A/B	..... -40°C to +85°C
AD797S	..... -55°C to +125°C
Lead Temperature Range (Soldering 60 sec)	..... +300°C

**NOTES**

<sup>1</sup>Stresses above those listed under "Absolute Maximum Ratings" may cause permanent damage to the device. This is a stress rating only, and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions above those indicated in the operational section of this specification is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

<sup>2</sup>Internal Power Dissipation:

- 8-Pin SOIC = 0.9 Watts (T<sub>A</sub>-25°C)/θ<sub>JA</sub>
- 8-Pin Plastic DIP and Cerdip = 1.3 Watts - (T<sub>A</sub>-25°C)/θ<sub>JA</sub>
- Thermal Characteristics
- 8-Pin Plastic DIP Package: θ<sub>JA</sub> = 95°C/W
- 8-Pin Cerdip Package: θ<sub>JA</sub> = 110°C/W
- 8-Pin Small Outline Package: θ<sub>JA</sub> = 155°C/W

<sup>3</sup>The AD797's inputs are protected by back-to-back diodes. To achieve low noise, internal current limiting resistors are not incorporated into the design of this amplifier. If the differential input voltage exceeds ±0.7 V, the input current should be limited to less than 25 mA by series protection resistors. Note, however, that this will degrade the low noise performance of the device.

**ESD SUSCEPTIBILITY**

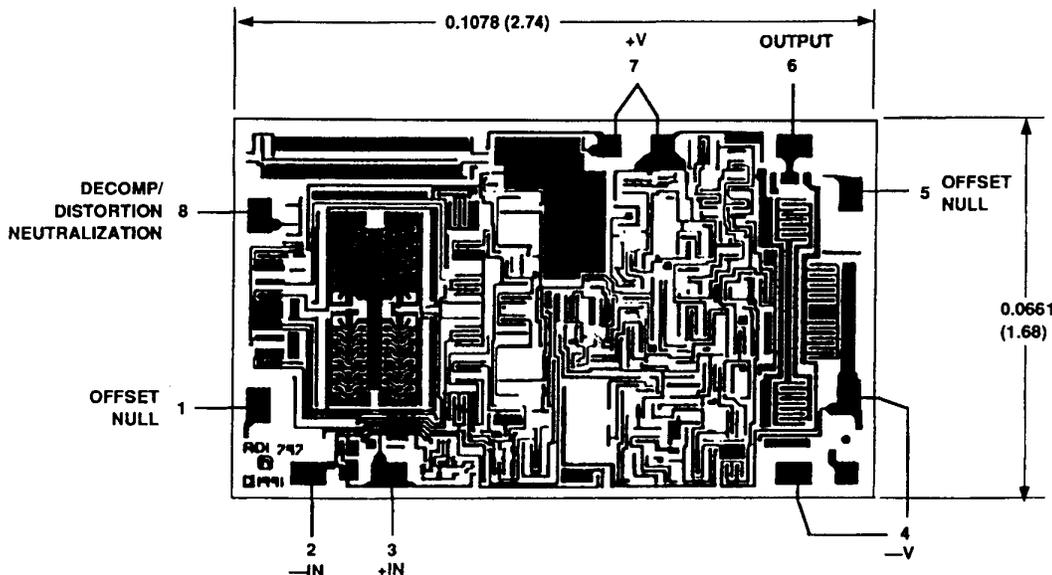
ESD (electrostatic discharge) sensitive device. Electrostatic charges as high as 4000 volts, which readily accumulate on the human body and on test equipment, can discharge without detection. Although the AD797 features proprietary ESD protection circuitry, permanent damage may still occur on these devices if they are subjected to high energy electrostatic discharges. Therefore, proper ESD precautions are recommended to avoid any performance degradation or loss of functionality.

**ORDERING GUIDE**

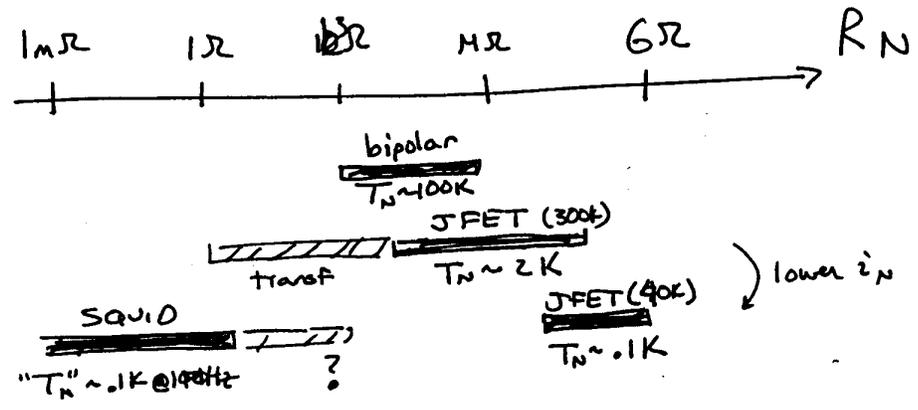
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AD797BN	-40°C to +85°C	8-Pin Plastic DIP	N-8
AD797BR	-40°C to +85°C	8-Pin Plastic SOIC	SO-8
AD797BR-REEL	-40°C to +85°C	8-Pin Plastic SOIC	SO-8
AD797BR-REEL7	-40°C to +85°C	8-Pin Plastic SOIC	SO-8
AD797AR	-40°C to +85°C	8-Pin Plastic SOIC	SO-8
AD797AR-REEL	-40°C to +85°C	8-Pin Plastic SOIC	SO-8
AD797AR-REEL7	-40°C to +85°C	8-Pin Plastic SOIC	SO-8
5962-9313301MPA	-55°C to +125°C	8-Pin Cerdip	Q-8

**METALIZATION PHOTO**

Contact factory for latest dimensions.  
Dimensions shown in inches and (mm).



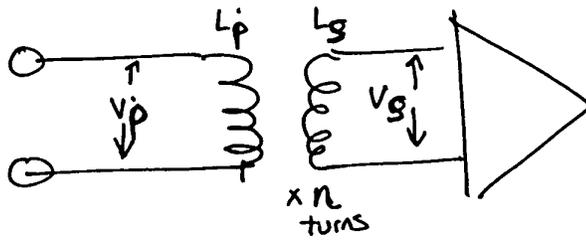
**NOTE**  
The AD797 has double layer metal. Only one layer is shown here for clarity.



# Transformer Matching

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[Physics Exp's]



$$\begin{aligned} V_s &\approx n V_p \\ L_s &\approx n^2 L_p \end{aligned}$$

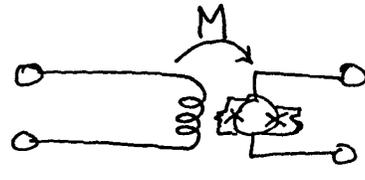
$$\begin{aligned} R &\approx \omega L_p \\ R_n &\approx \omega L_s \end{aligned}$$

↳ Narrow Bandwidth

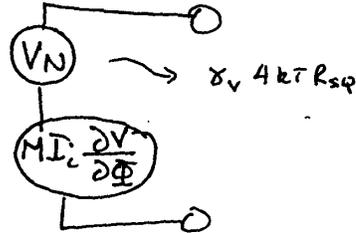
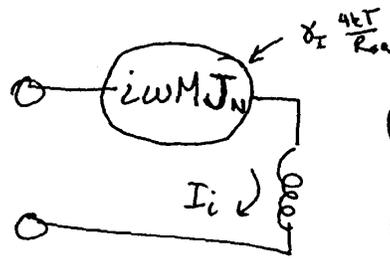
$$R_{n|_{\text{eff}}} \approx \frac{R_{n|_{\text{amp}}}}{n^2}$$

$R_{n|_{\text{eff}}}$  can be  $\sim 1 \Omega$ !

SQUID WITH FET  
 Current measmt  $\rightarrow$  low impedance, Dual of J-FET



Resistors: output volt noise  
 circulating current  
 noise in L

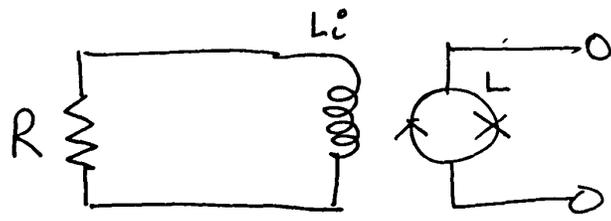


1) Hard to see input noise  $\rightarrow$  Neglect  
 ( $T_N$  low, need C to resonate/remove  $i\omega L_i$ )

2) 
$$\Phi_N = \frac{V_N}{\frac{\partial V}{\partial \Phi}}$$
; referred to "input"

$$\sim 1 \mu \Phi_0 / \sqrt{\text{Hz}}$$
 for typical SQUIDS

# SQUID Impedance Matching



$$M \approx nL$$

$$L_i \approx n^2 L$$

Can always increase (current sensitivity) of amplifier by increasing  $n$ !

→ But at cost of  $BW = \frac{R}{2\pi L_i}$

for  $L = 4 \text{ pH}$

$R$	$\frac{4kT/R (0.1K)}$	$n$	$\Phi_N$	$L_i$	$\frac{R}{2\pi L_i}$
$1 \Omega$	$2.3 \text{ pA}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$	200	$0.8 \mu\Phi/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$	160 nH	1 MHz
$0.01 \Omega$	$23 \text{ pA}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$	20	$0.8 \mu\Phi/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$	1.6 nH	1 MHz

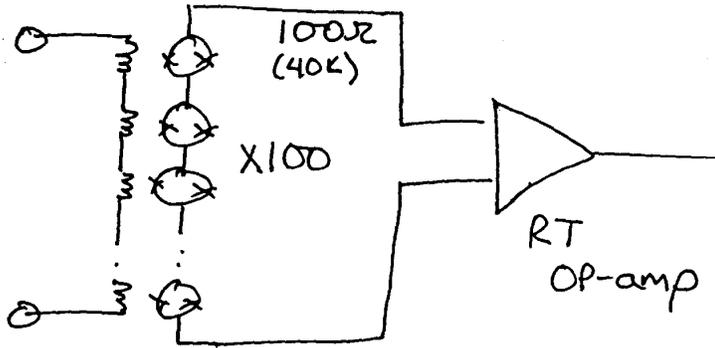
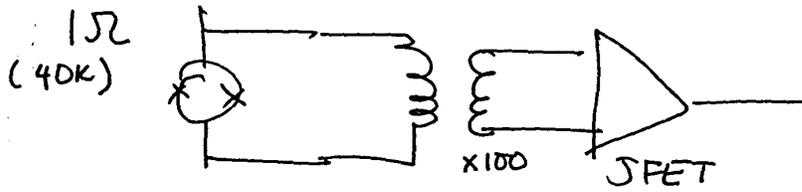
$R \Rightarrow n$  ; "matching" condition

$BW \Rightarrow "T_n"$

[Show  $R_N$  slide]

# SQUID OUTPUT COUPLING

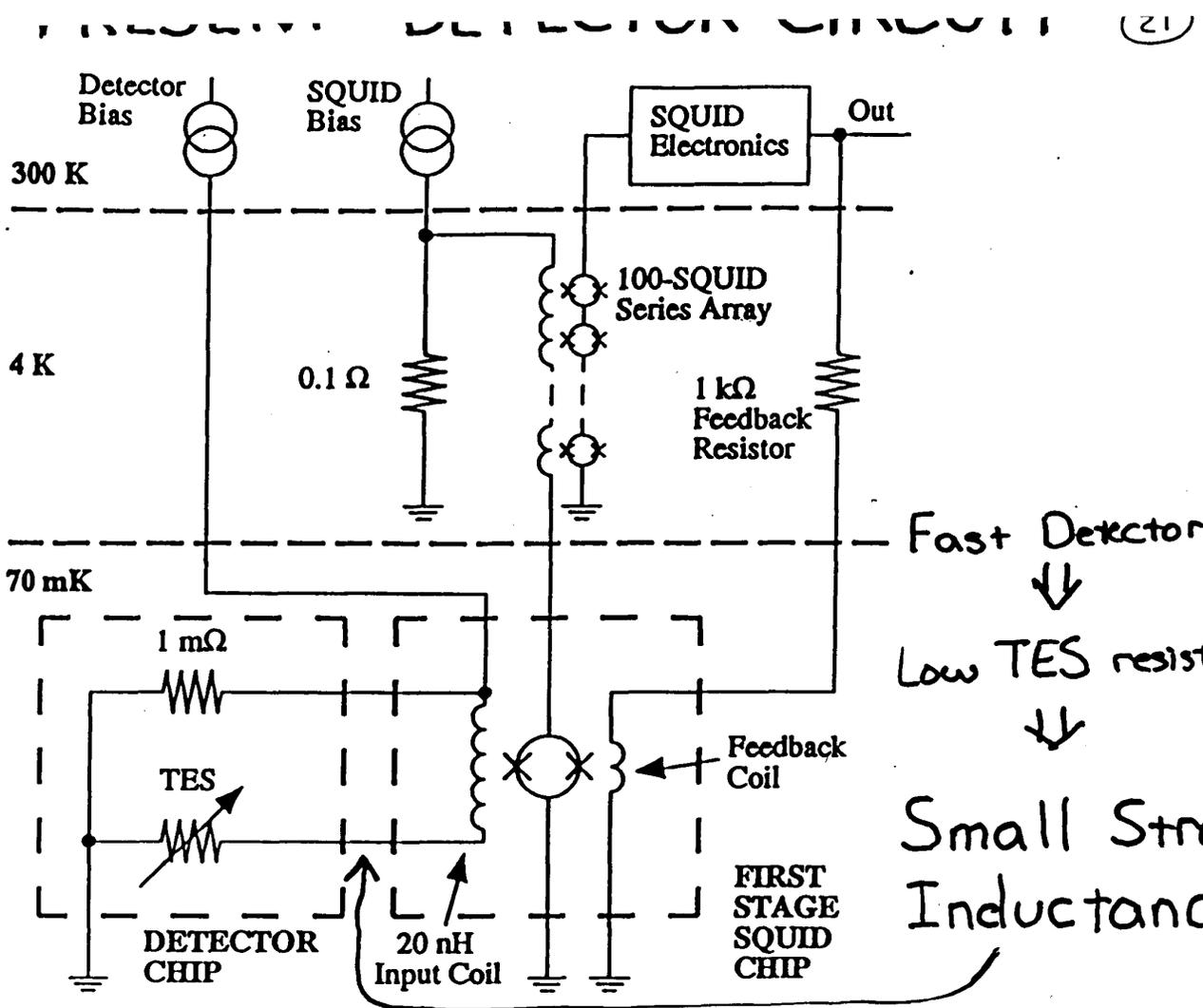
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Use slightly more M  
to elevate noise  
above RT amp.

## Advantages

- Large BW output
- Simple operation
- 10 mV output make diagnosis easier
- No harder to make 100 SQUIDS



"Testbed" for mux.

## Summary

- Evaluate  $R_{\text{eff}}$  +  $T_{\text{eff}}$  of an experiment
- Then choose amplifiers + transF to match,  $T_N < T$
- $10^{-3} \Omega$  to  $10 \Omega \rightarrow$  SQUID  
 $1 \Omega$  to  $10^8 \Omega \rightarrow$  JFET