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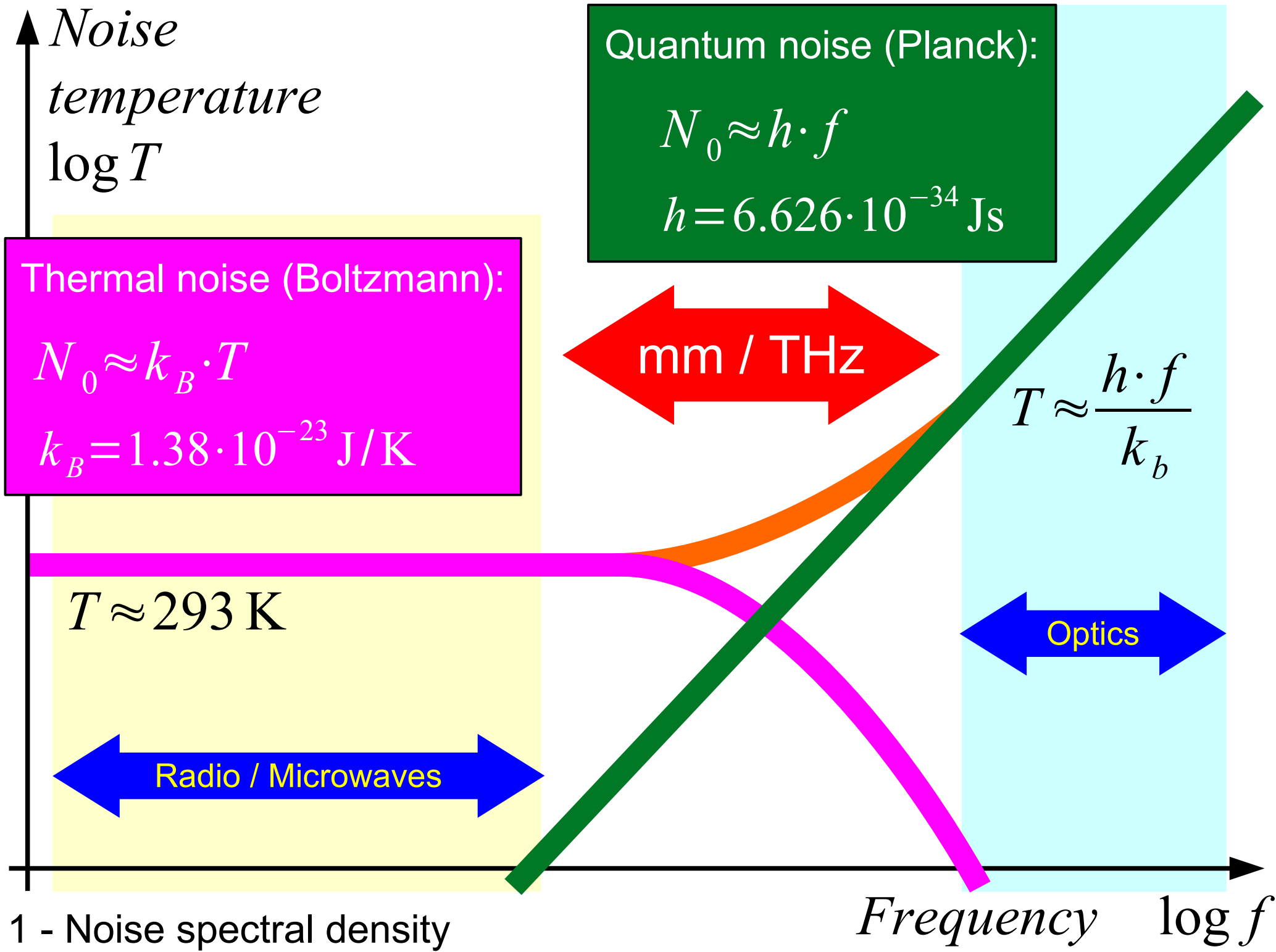
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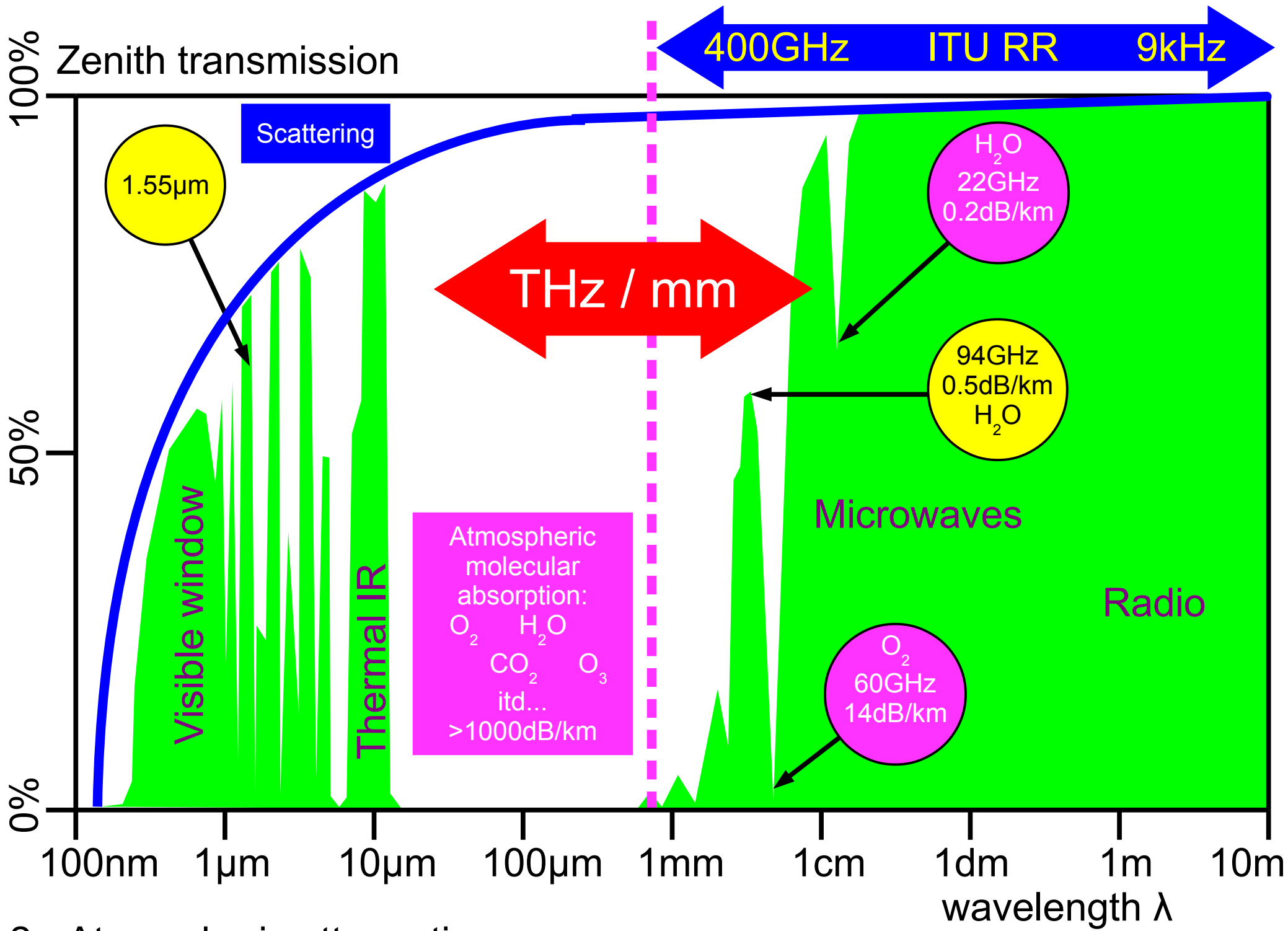
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2 - Atmospheric attenuation

Slow-wave vacuum tube

Narrowband electronically tunable (voltage U)

Typical data:

$$f_0 = 300 \text{ GHz}$$

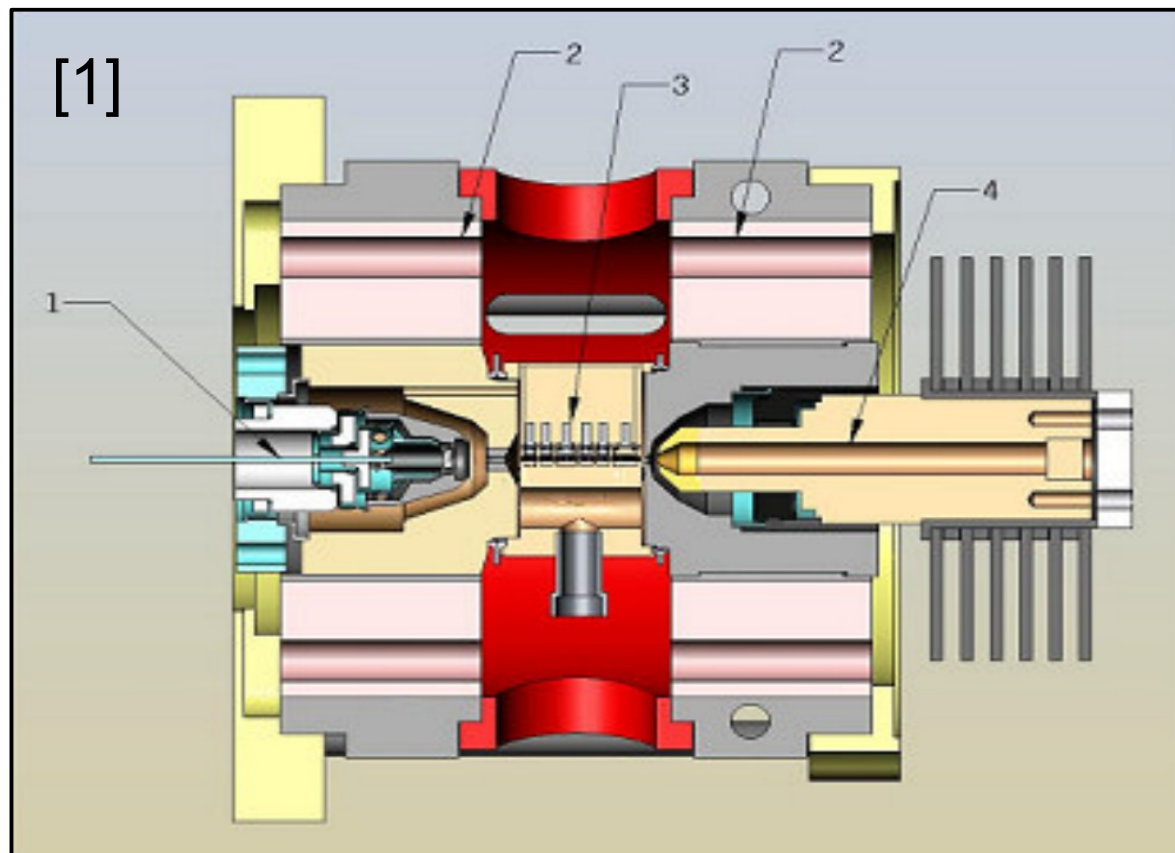
$$\Delta f = \pm 0.2 \text{ GHz}$$

$$P_{\text{OUT}} = 50 \dots 500 \text{ mW}$$

$$I = 80 \text{ mA}$$

$$U = 10.7 \dots 11.2 \text{ kV}$$

air / contact cooling



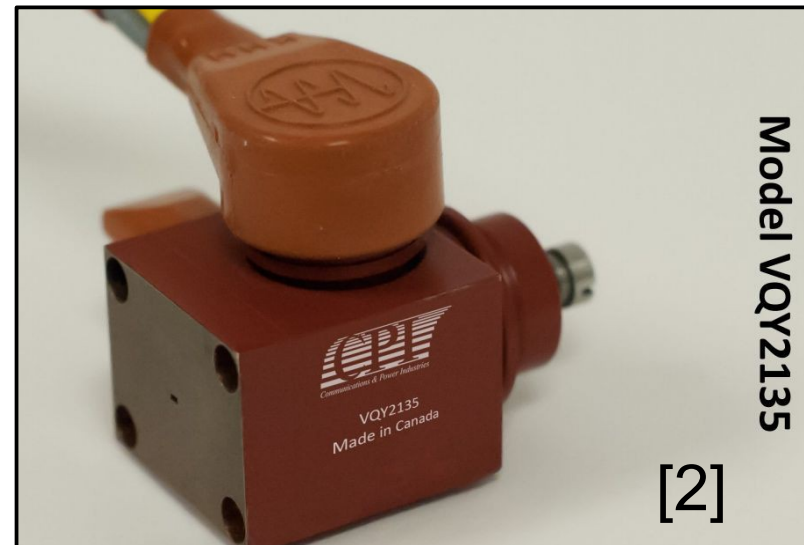
mm EIO

1 el. gun

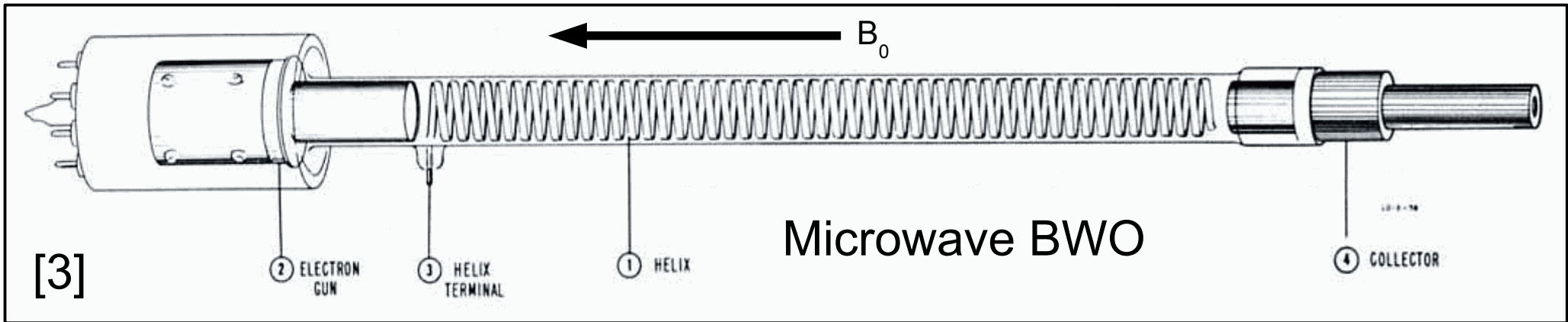
2 magnet

3 cavities

4 collector



3 - Extended Interaction Klystron / Oscillator (EIK / EIO)



Slow-wave vacuum tube

Wideband electronically tunable (voltage U)

Typical data:

$f = 258...375$ GHz

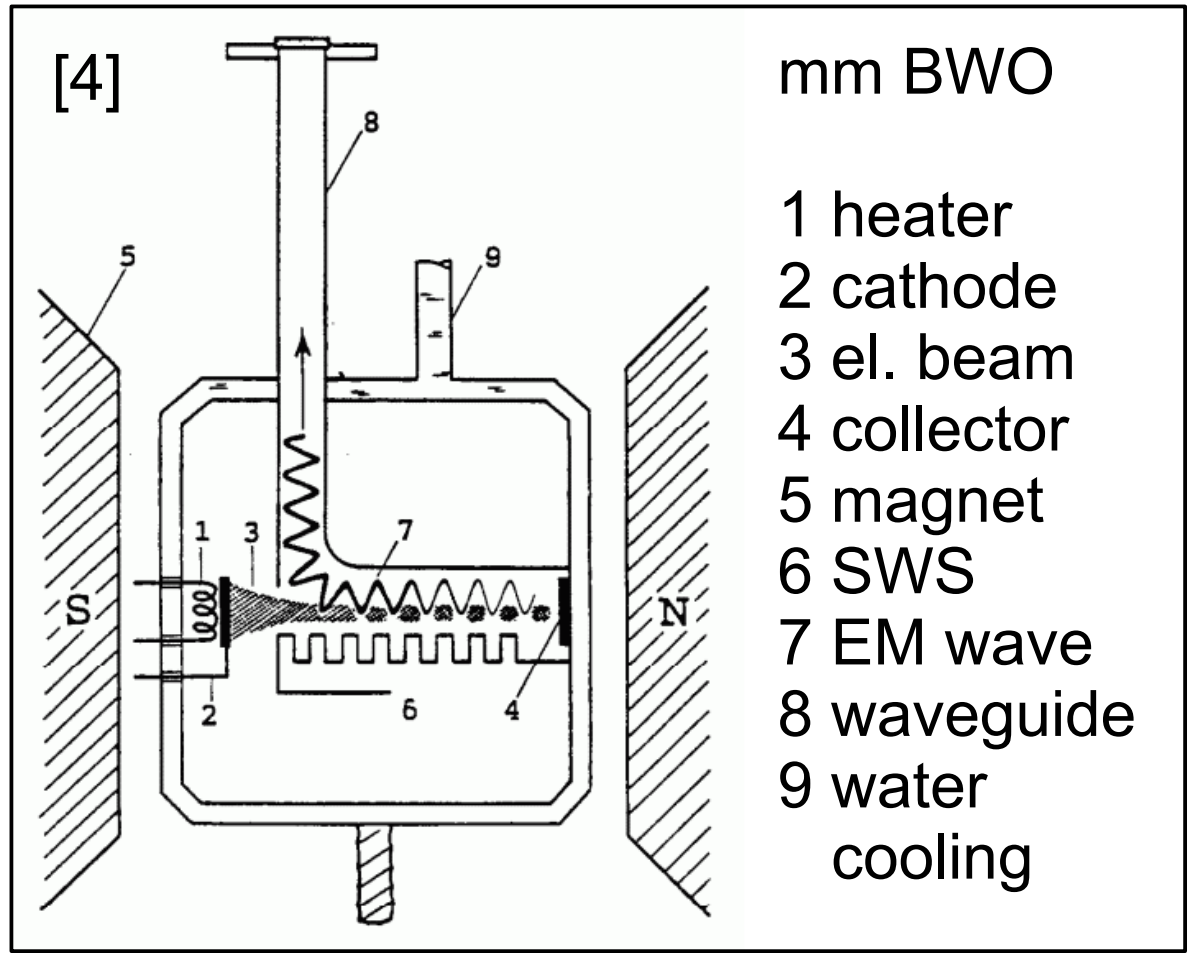
$P_{OUT} = 1...10$ mW

$I = 25...40$ mA

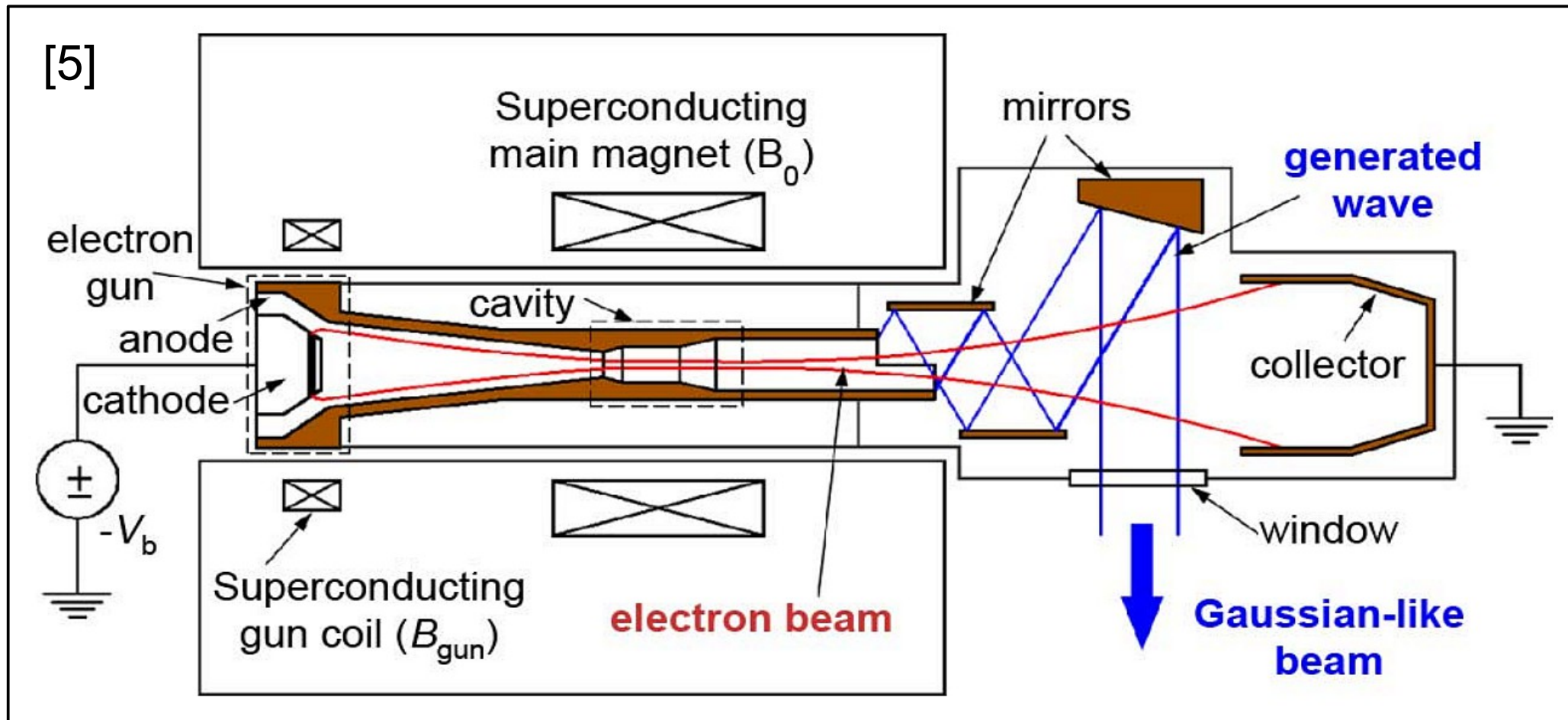
$U = 1...4$ kV

$B_0 = 0.7$ T

water cooling



4 - Backward-Wave Oscillator (BWO or Carcinotron)



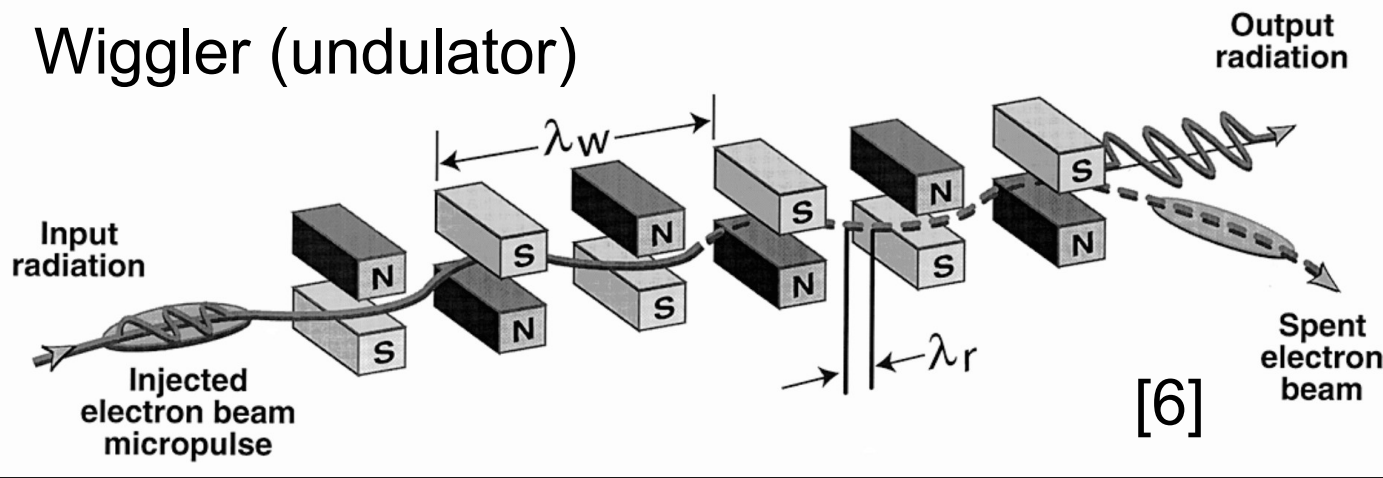
$$f = \frac{|Q_e| B_0}{2 \pi m_e}$$

$$B_0 \approx \frac{1 \text{ Tesla}}{28 \text{ GHz}} \cdot f$$

5 - Gyrotron

Fast-wave vacuum tube
 High power $P_{OUT} \approx 1 \text{ MW}$
 Wideband tunable (U & B_0)
 Generation of mm waves requires:
 1) superconducting magnets
 2) harmonic operation

Wiggler (undulator)

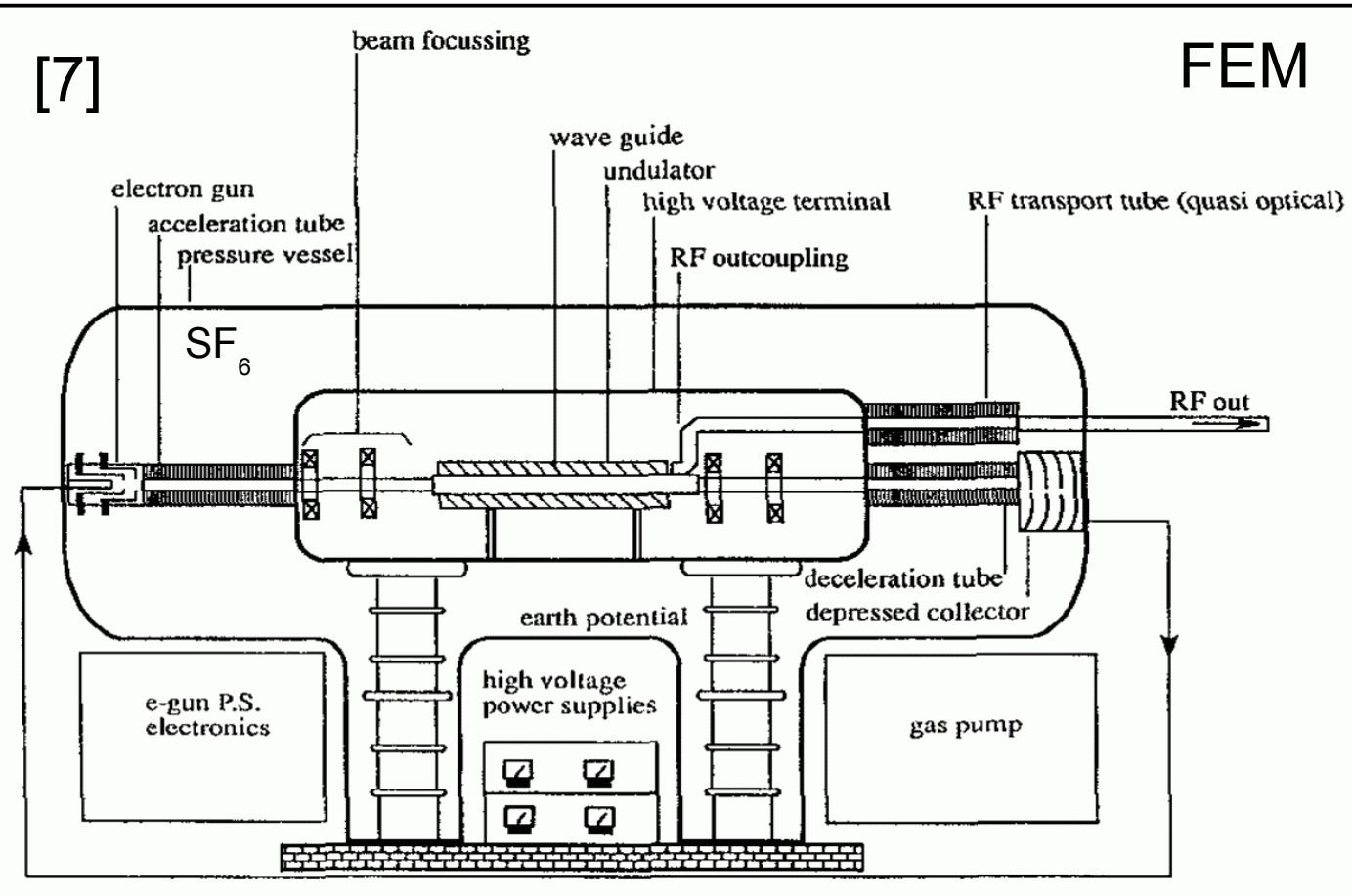


$$\lambda_r \approx \frac{\lambda_w}{2\gamma^2}$$

Lorentz

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - v^2/c^2}}$$

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Fast-wave vacuum device

High power
 $P_{OUT} \approx 1 \text{ MW}$

Widely tunable (U)

Amplification of mm waves requires
 $U \approx 2...6 \text{ MV}$

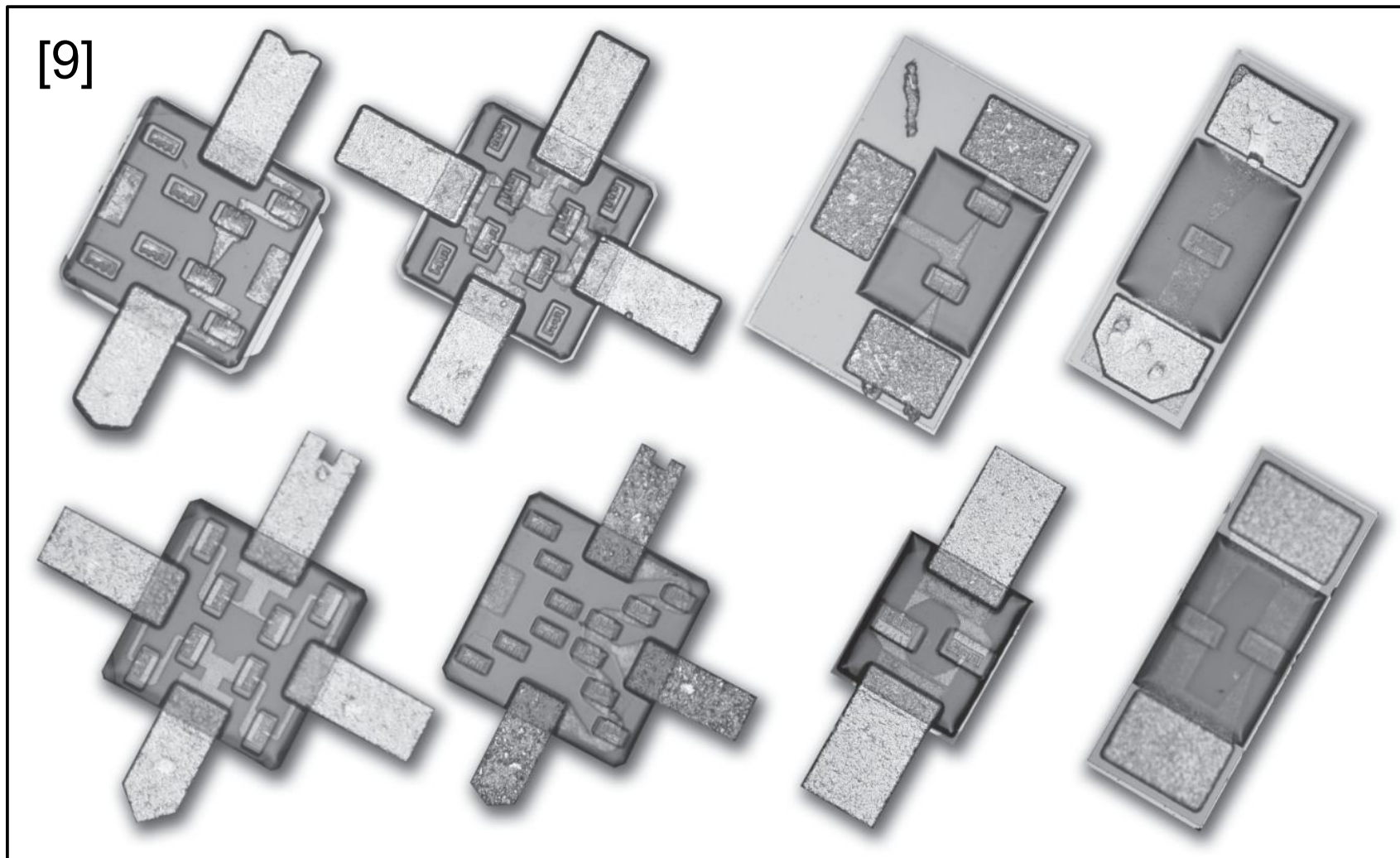
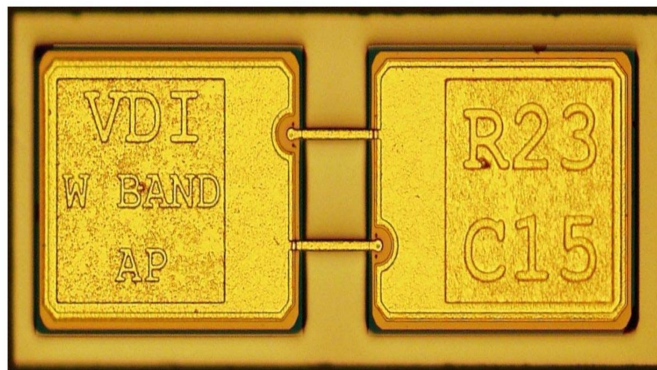
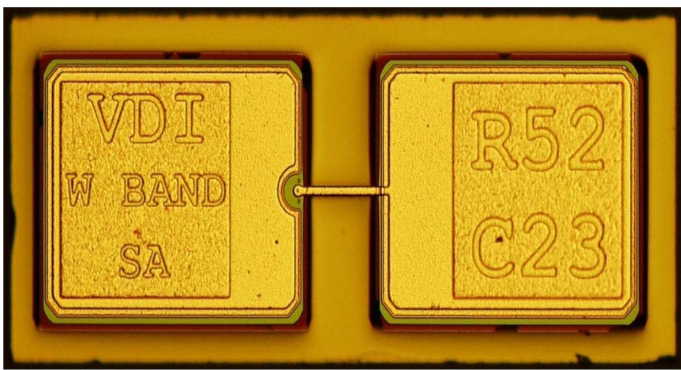
6 - Free-Electron Laser (FEL) or Maser (FEM)

Semiconductor	Bandgap ΔW [eV]	Dielectric strength E_{MAX} [V/cm]	Electron mobility μ_n [cm ² /Vs]	Hole mobility μ_p [cm ² /Vs]
PbS	0.37	(breakdown<2V)	600	200
Se	1.95	(breakdown<25V)	0.005	0.14
PbSe	0.27		900	700
PbTe	0.32		1700	930
Cu ₂ O	2.137	(breakdown<8V)	0.2	0.1
Si	1.11	$3 \cdot 10^5$	1400	450
Ge	0.67	10^5	3900	1900
Si _{1-x} Ge _x	0.67-1.11	$3 \cdot 10^5$		
SiO ₂	9	10^6 - 10^7		
Si ₃ N ₄	5.4	$3 \cdot 10^6$		
C (diamond)	5.5	10^6 - 10^7	2200	1800
3C-SiC	2.36	10^6	800	320
4H-SiC	3.23	$3 \cdot 10^6$ - $5 \cdot 10^6$	900	120
6H-SiC	3.05	$3 \cdot 10^6$ - $5 \cdot 10^6$	400	90
GaAs	1.43	$4 \cdot 10^5$	5000	400

7 - Electrical properties of semiconductors (1)

Semiconductor	Bandgap ΔW [eV]	Dielectric strength E_{MAX} [V/cm]	Electron mobility μ_n [cm ² /Vs]	Hole mobility μ_p [cm ² /Vs]
AlAs	2.16	$6 \cdot 10^5$	1200	420
Ga _{1-x} Al _x As	1.43-2.16	$4 \cdot 10^5$ - $6 \cdot 10^5$		
InP	1.344	$5 \cdot 10^5$	5400	200
GaP	2.26	10^6	250	150
GaSb	0.726	50000	3000	1000
InAs	0.354	40000	40000	400
InSb	0.17	1000	77000	850
GaN	3.4	$5 \cdot 10^6$	1800	30
AlN	6.28	$1.2 \cdot 10^6$ - $1.8 \cdot 10^6$	300	14
InN	0.65		3200	
BN	5.4	$3 \cdot 10^6$ - $6 \cdot 10^6$	200	500
CdS	2.42		400	
CdSe	1.74		650	
CdTe	1.44		1100	100
Hg _{1-x} Cd _x Te	0-1.5			

8 - Electrical properties of semiconductors (2)



$U_F \approx 0.7V$
 $@I_F = 1mA$

$U_R \approx 5V \dots$
 $\dots 10V$

$C_J \approx 0.04pF$

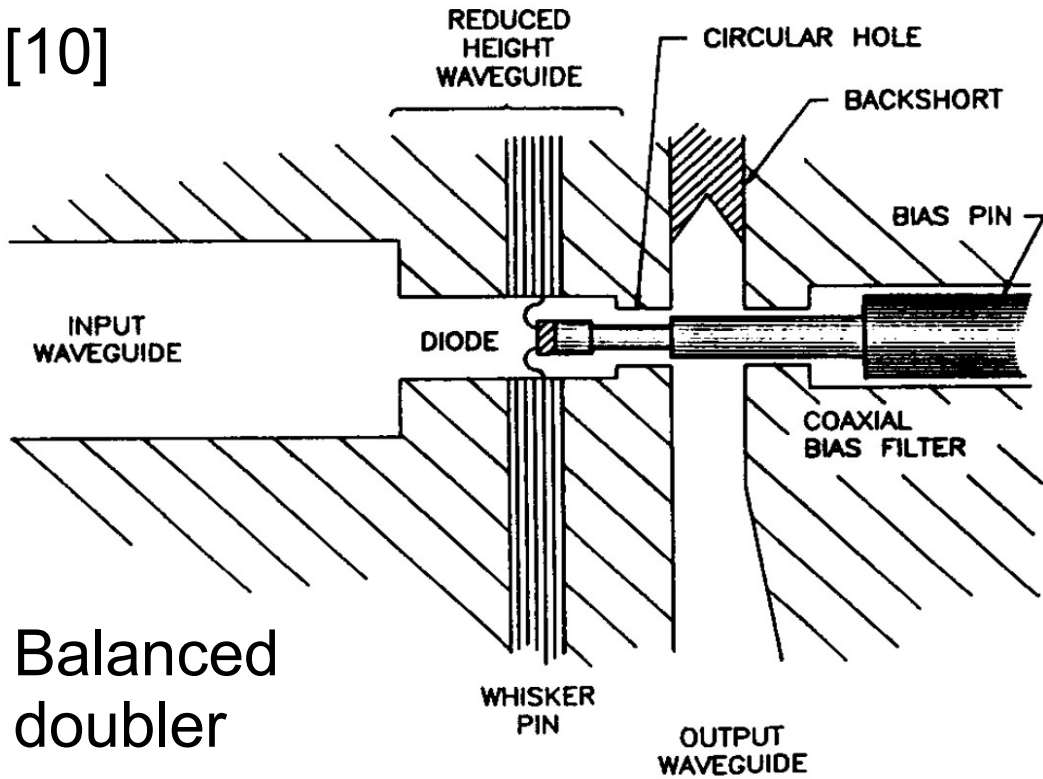
$R_S \approx 5\Omega$

$\eta \approx 10\%$ (2f)

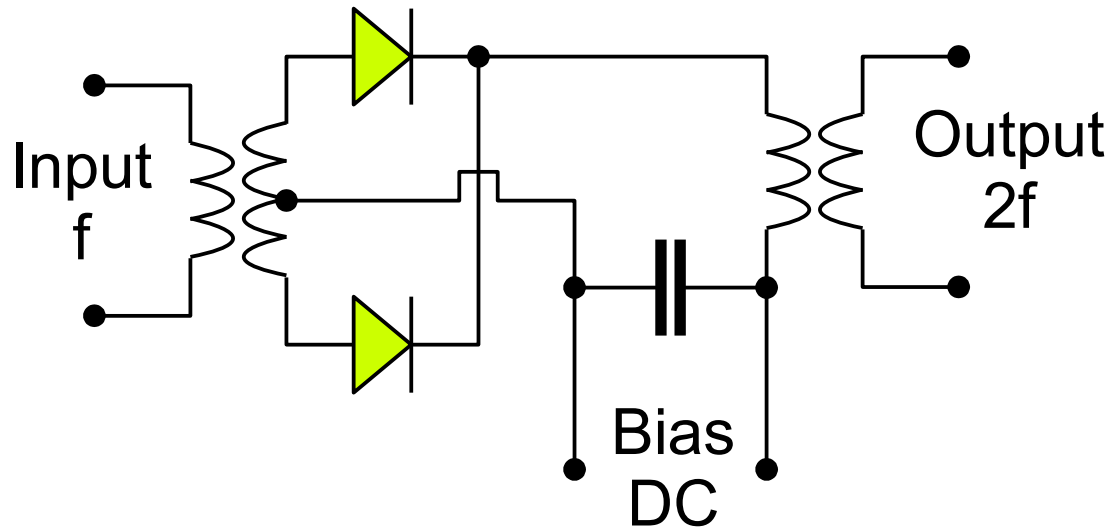
$\eta \approx 3\%$ (3f)

9 - GaAs flip-chip and beam-lead Schottky diodes

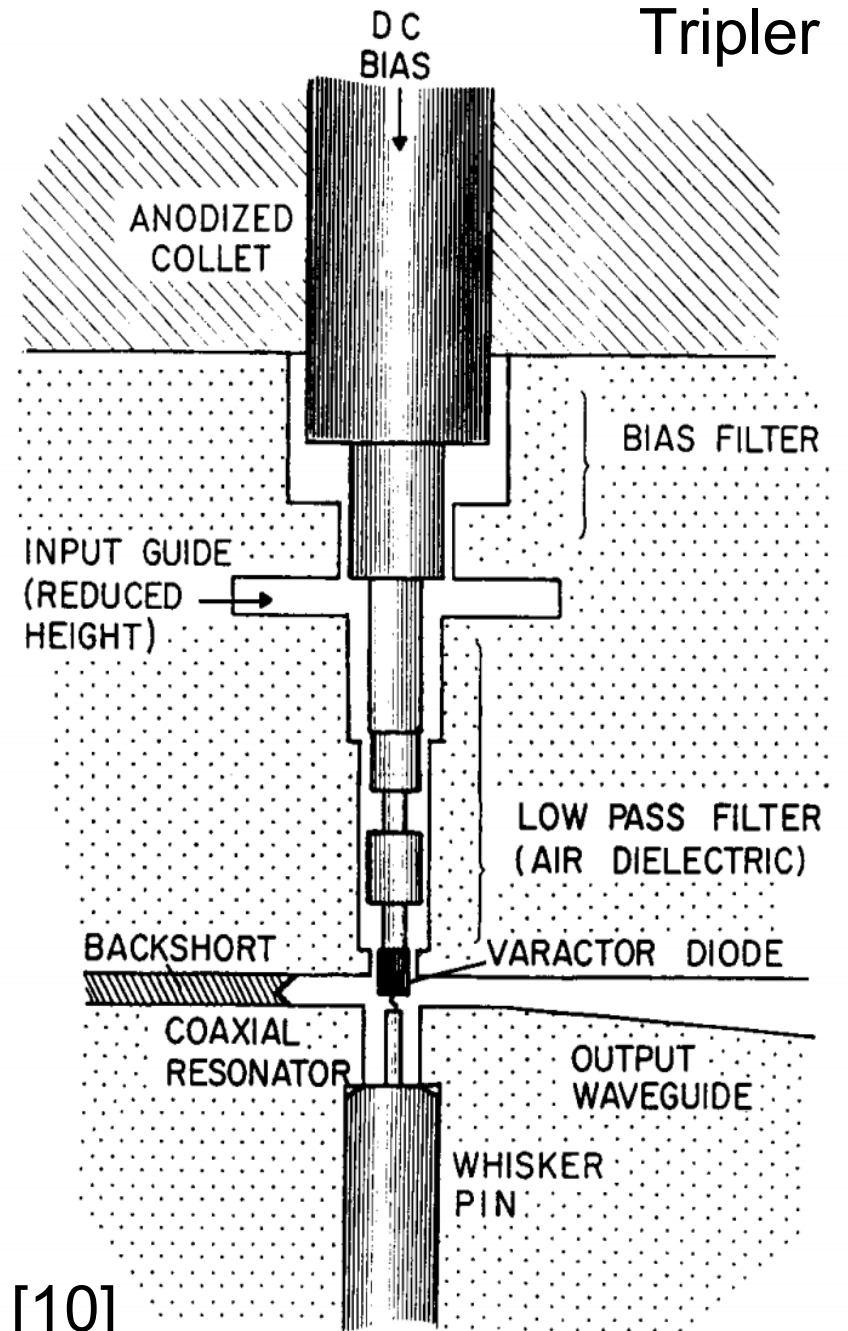
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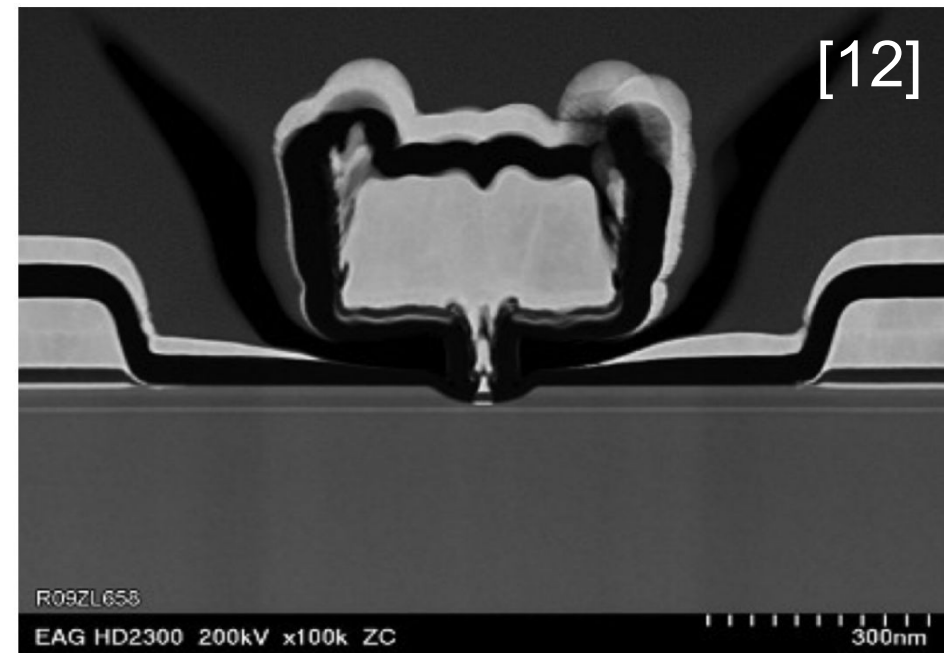
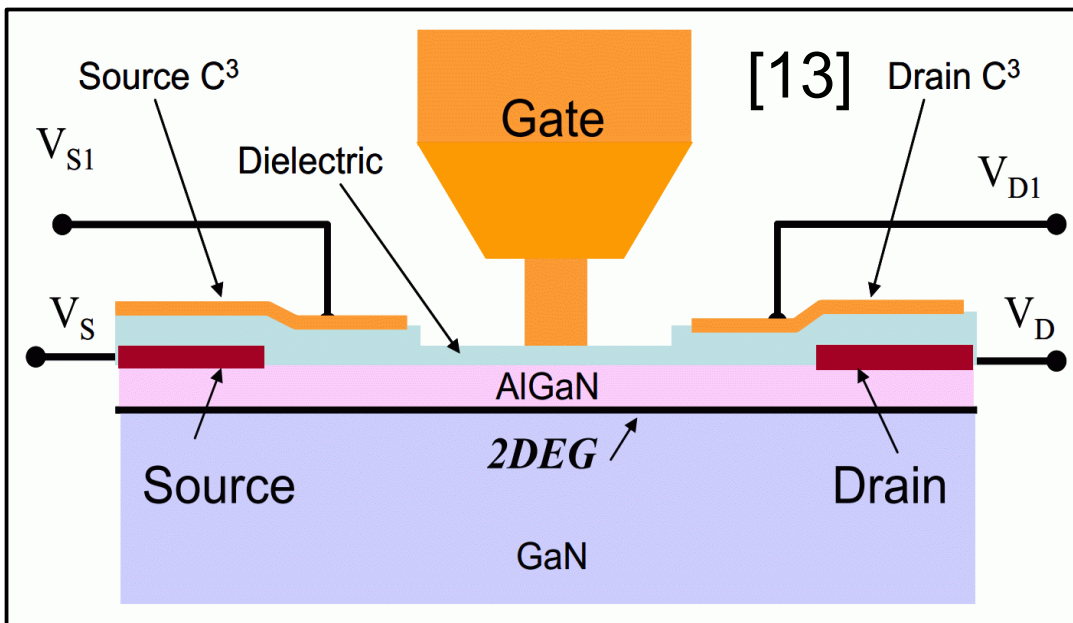
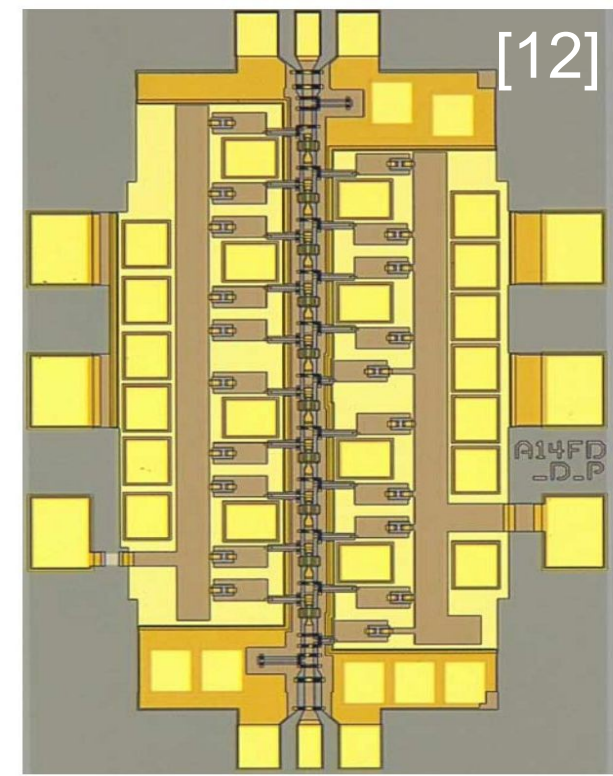
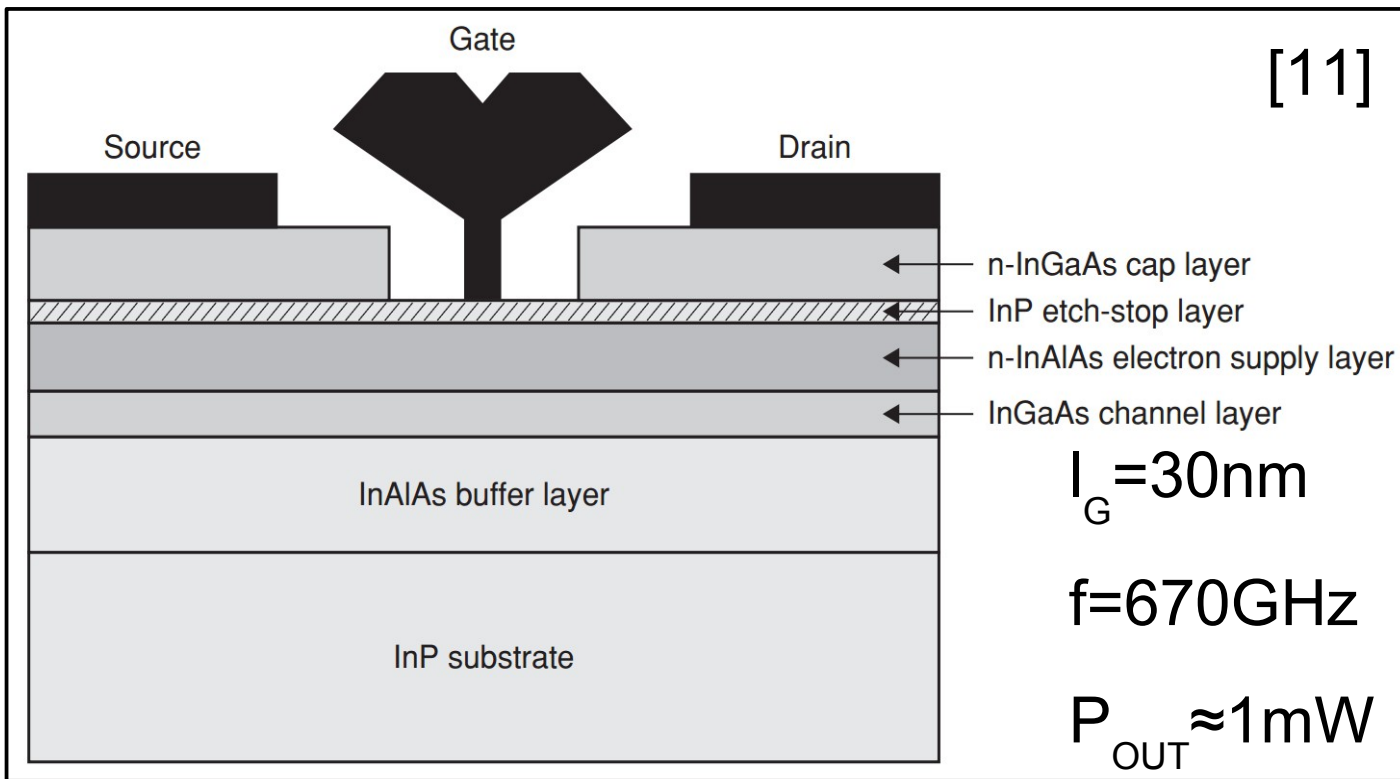
Balanced doubler



Tripler

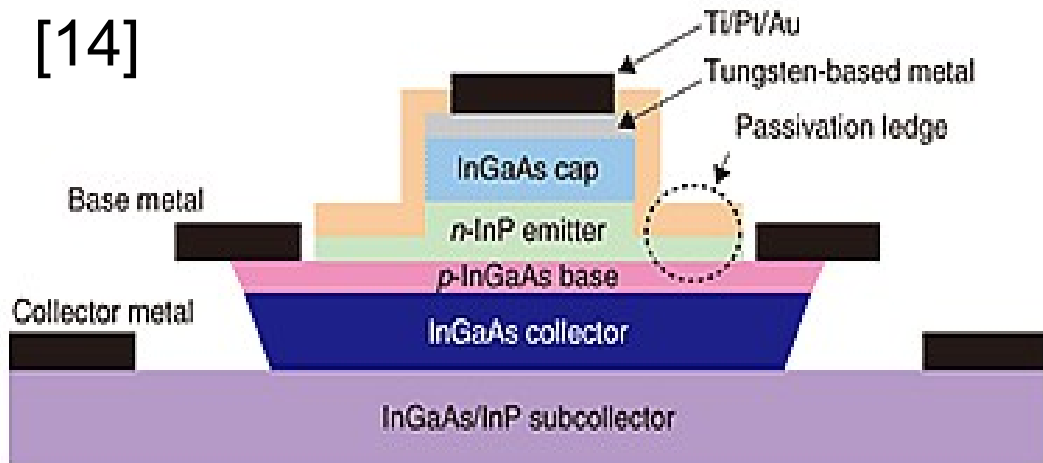


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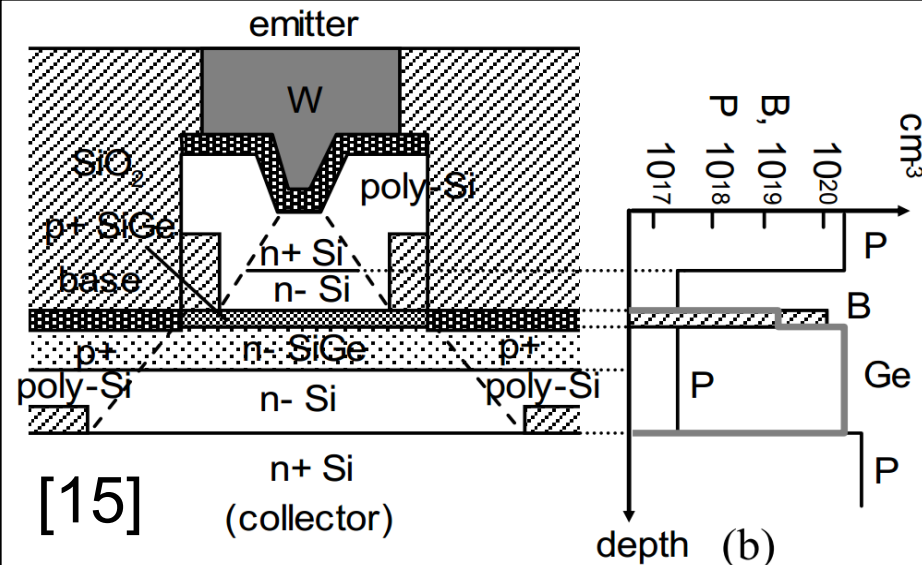


11 - InP / GaN High Electron Mobility Transistor (HEMT)

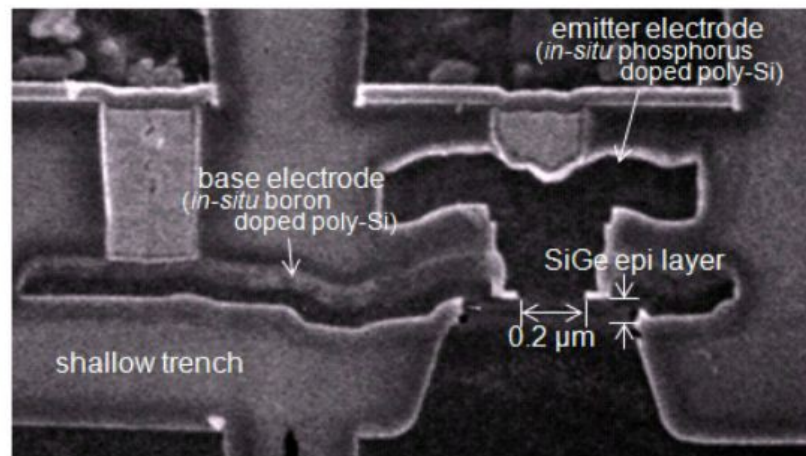
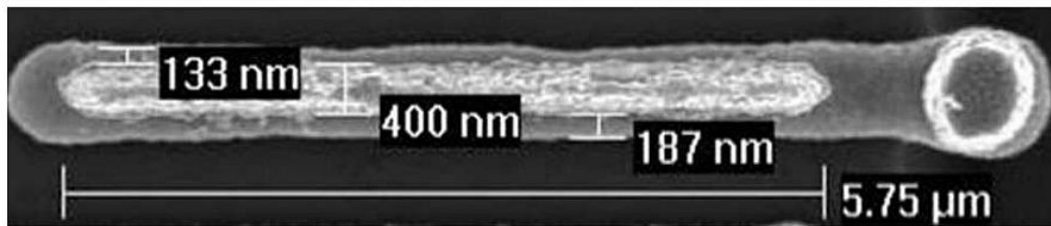
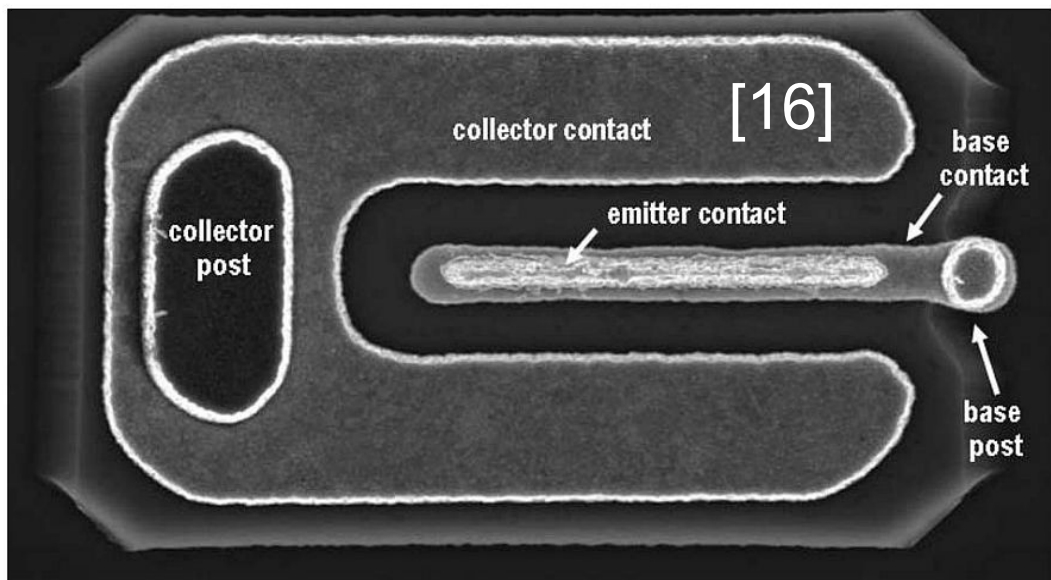
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InP HBT

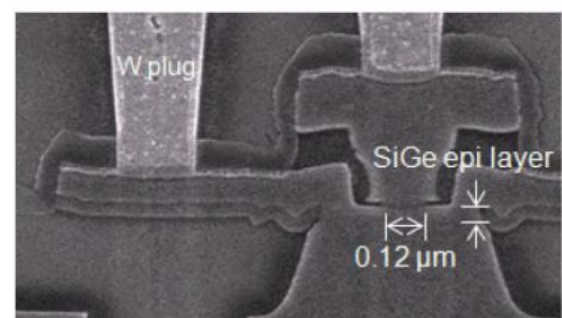


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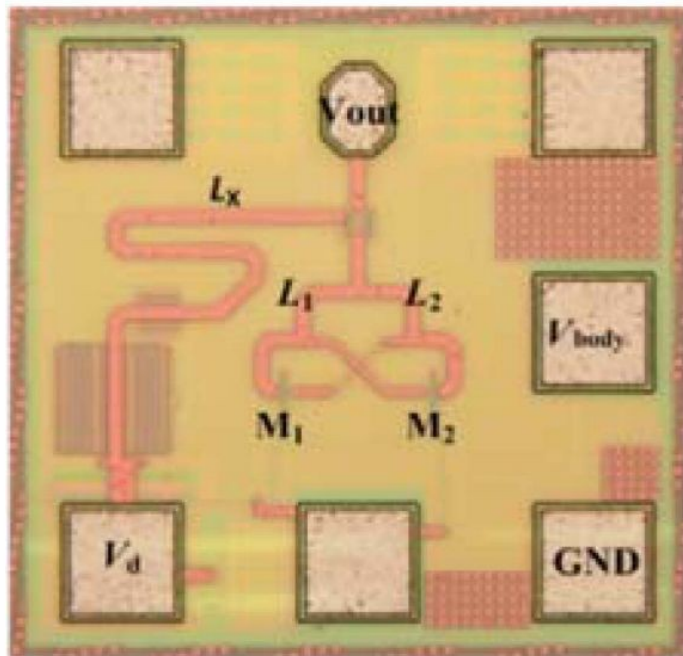
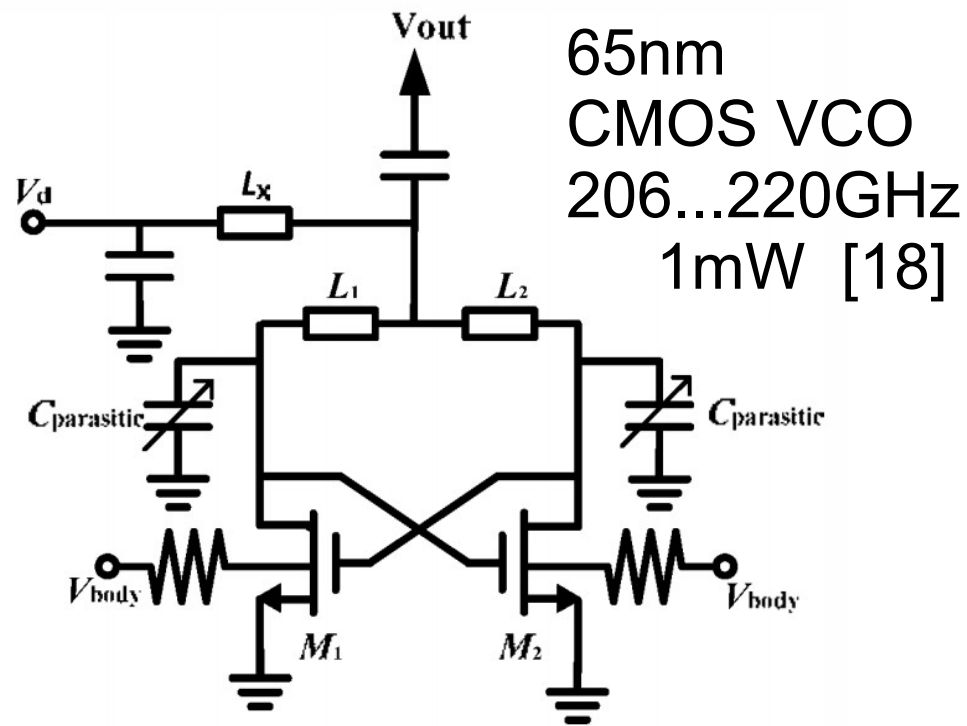


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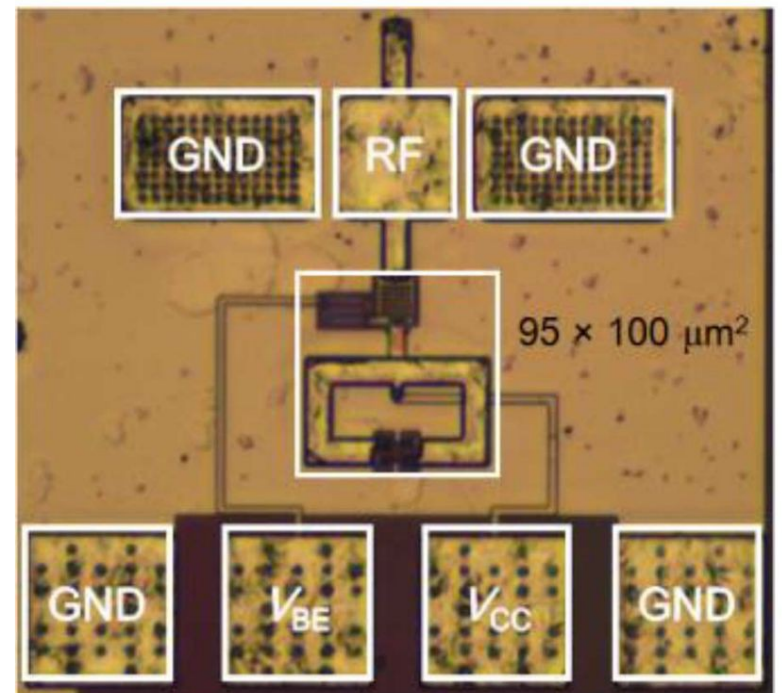
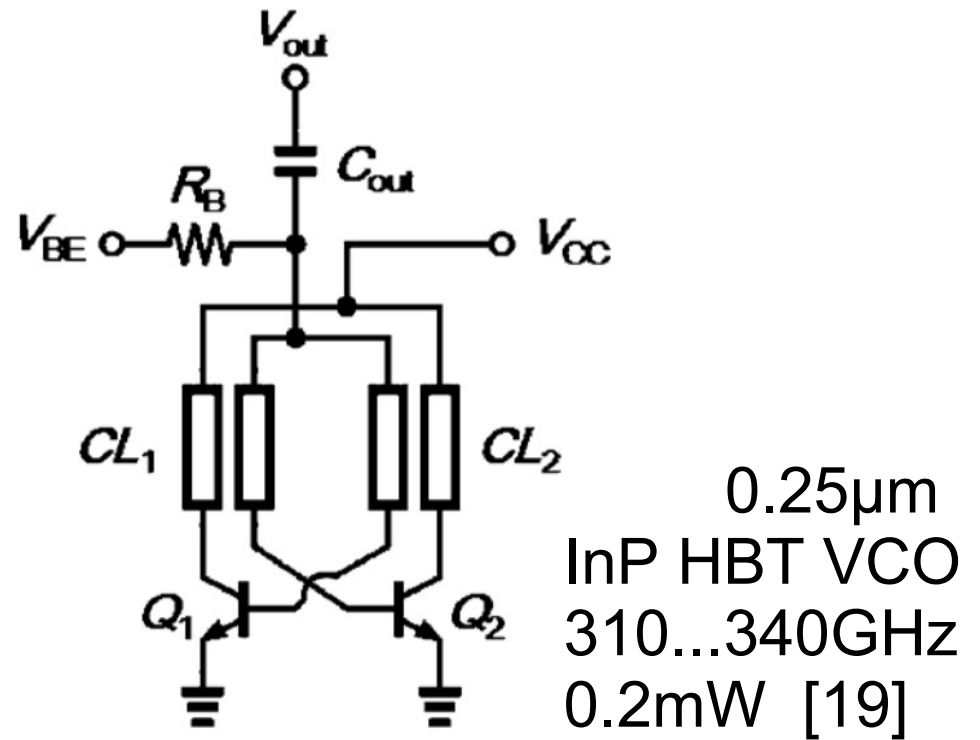
SiGe HBT



12 - InP / SiGe Heterostructure Bipolar Transistor (HBT)

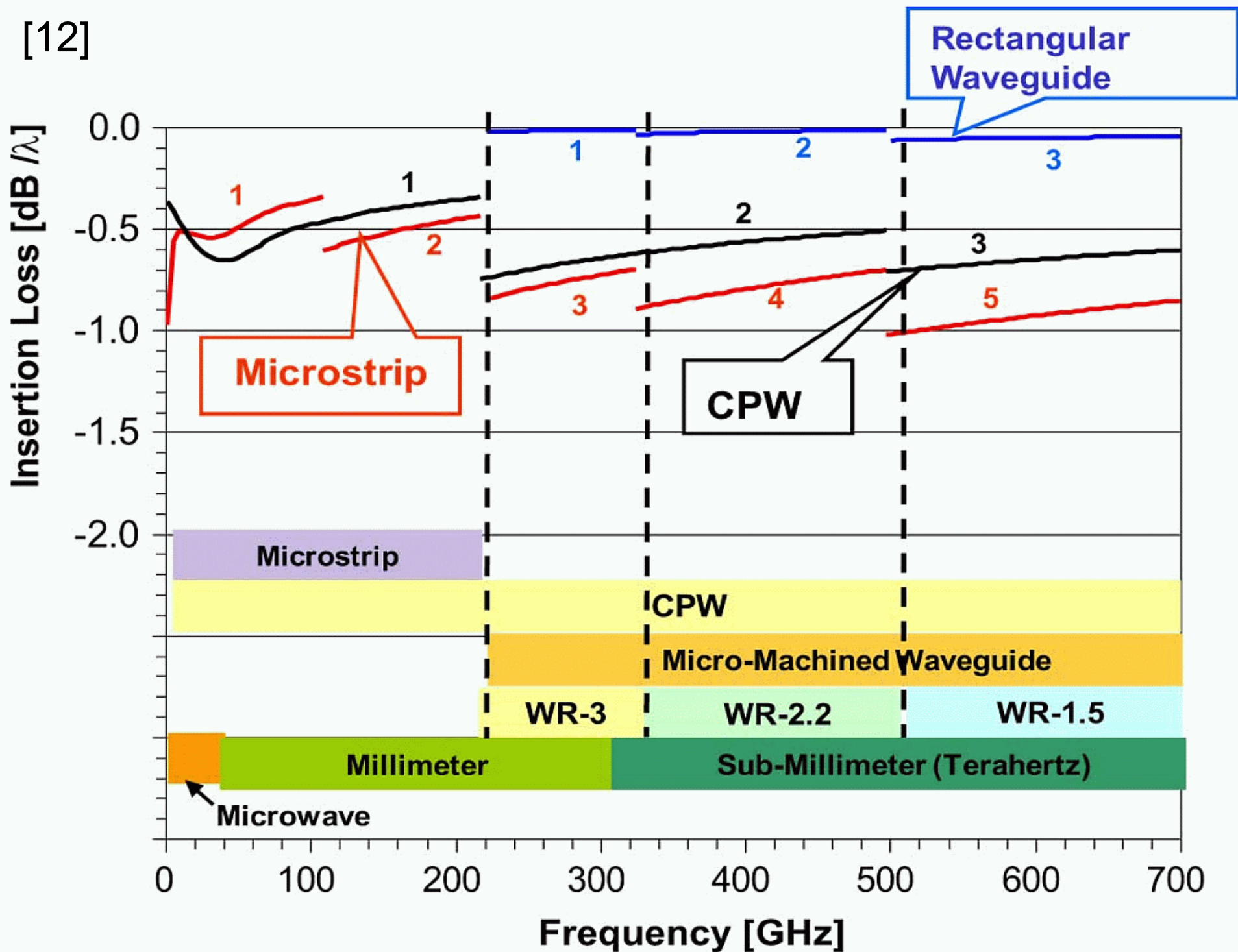


13 - Push-push oscillator / doubler

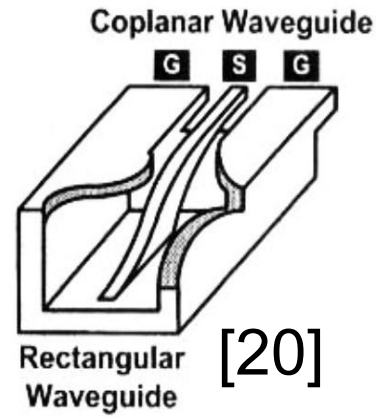
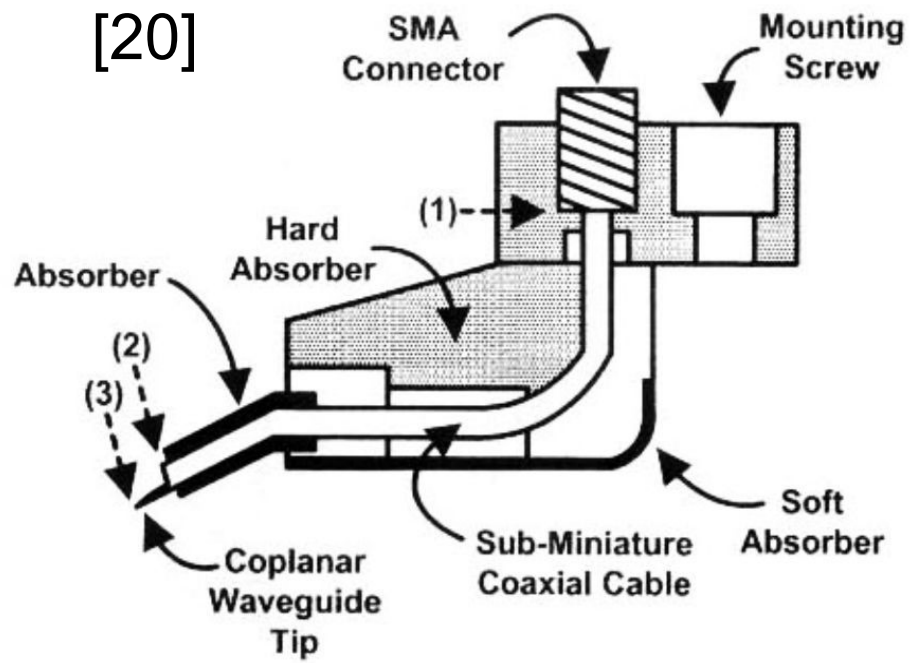


14 - Push-push oscillator / doubler

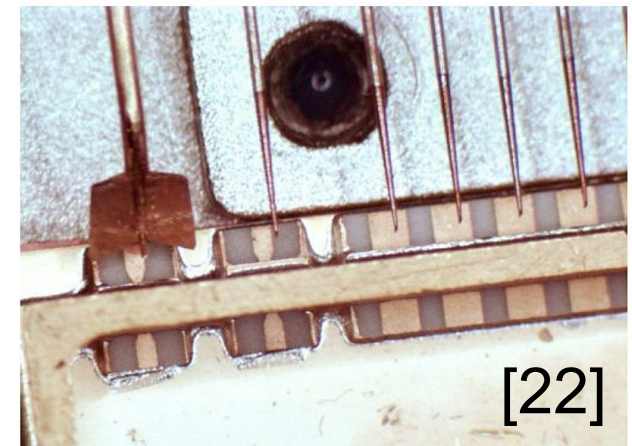
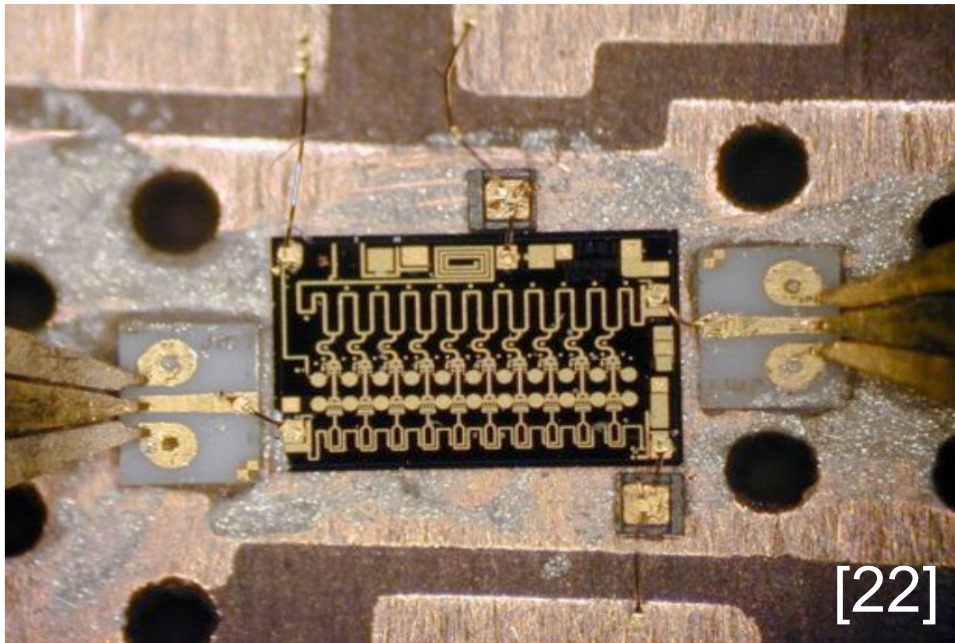
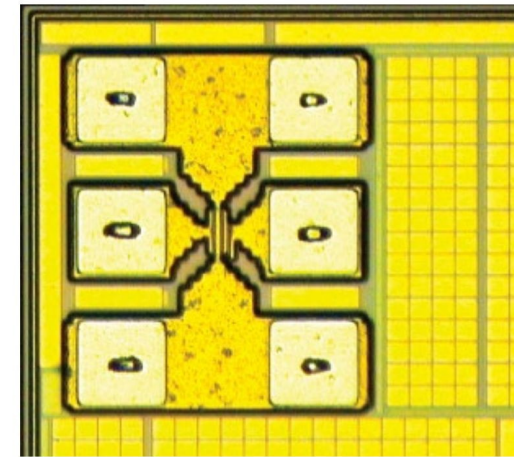
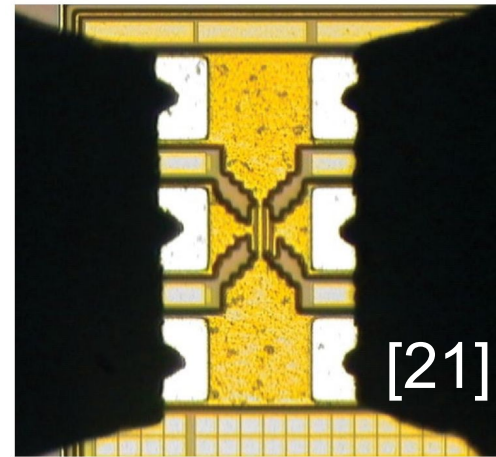
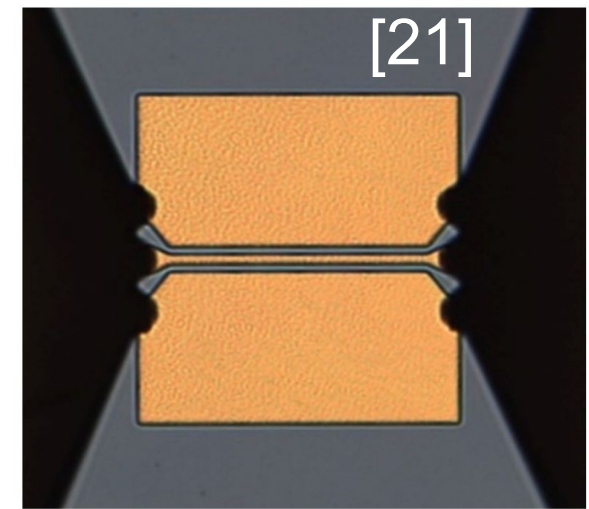
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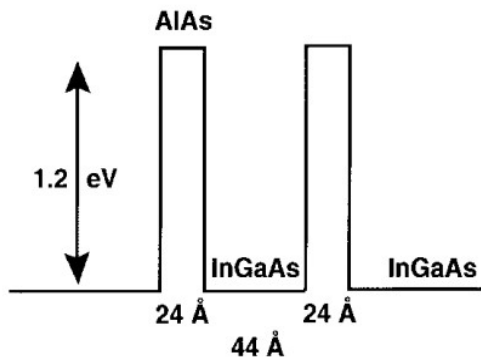
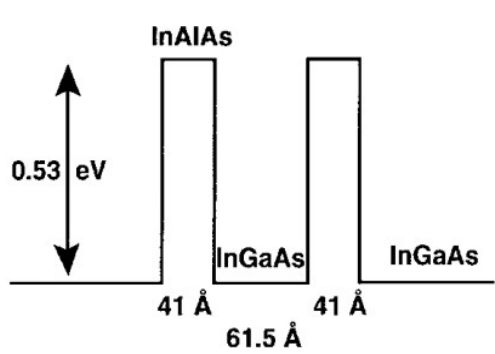
14 - Transmission-line losses in the mm / THz range



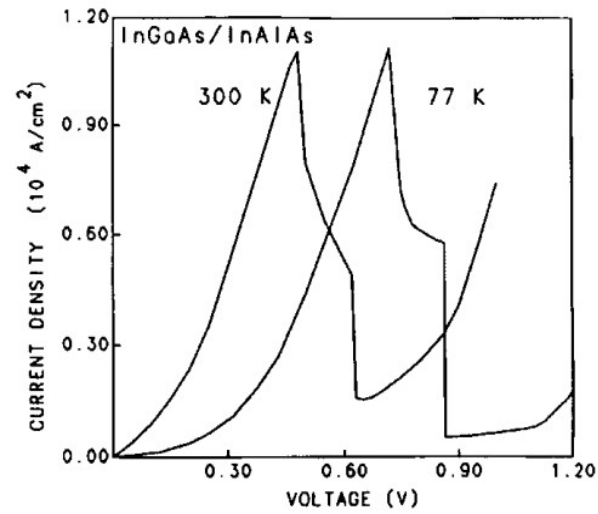
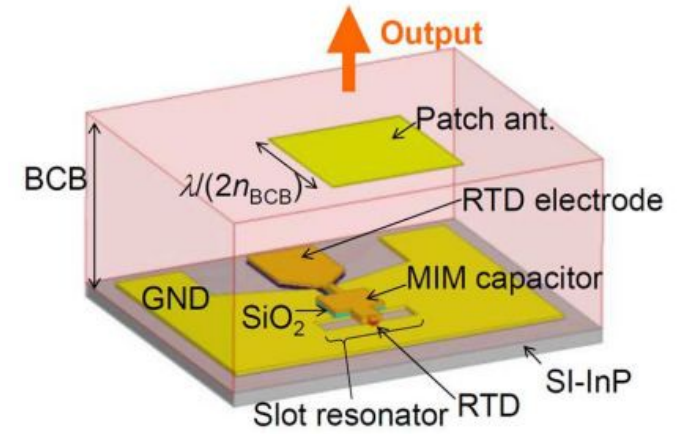
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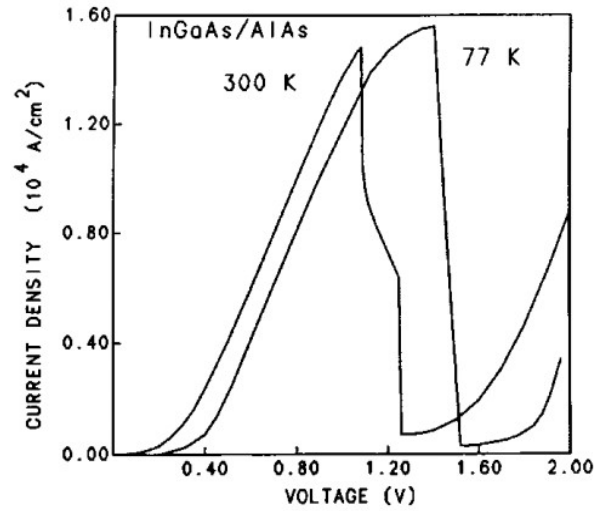
15 - Coplanar-waveguide (CPW) GSG probes



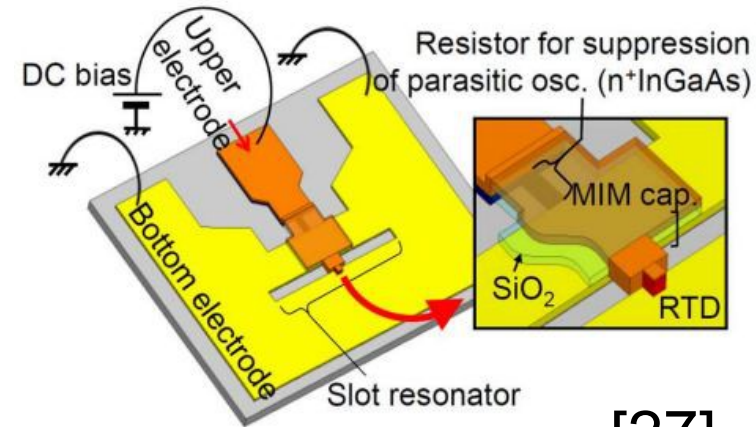
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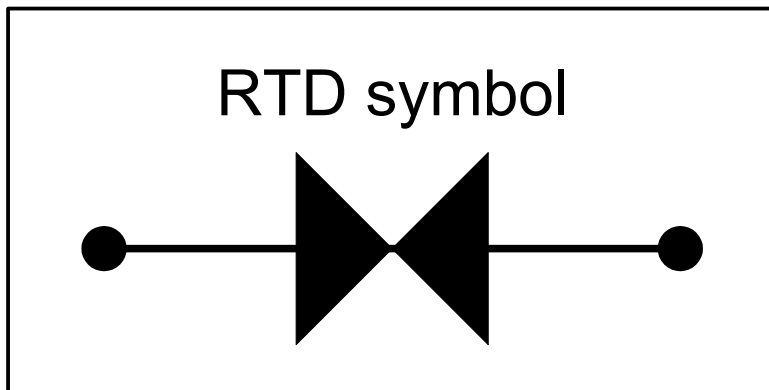
PVR ~ 6 @ 300 K
16 @ 77 K



PVR ~ 23 @ 300 K
53 @ 77 K

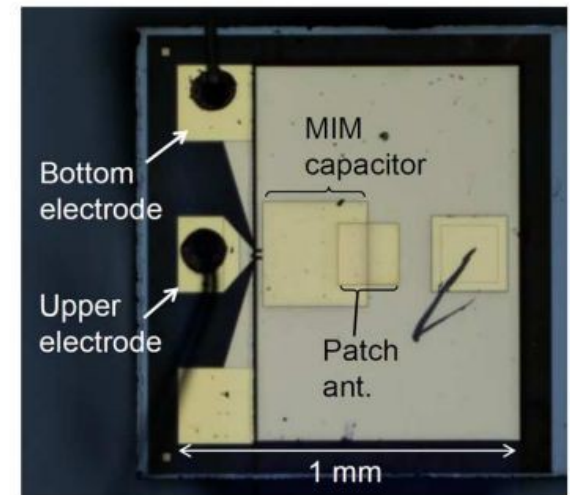


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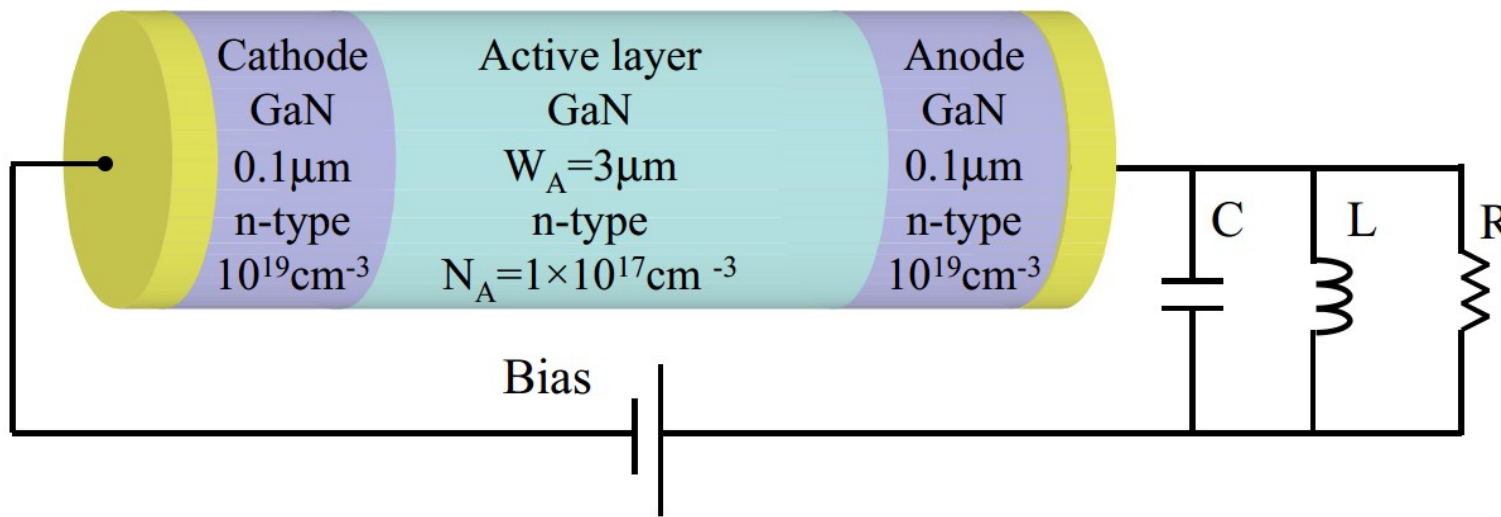


$f \approx 510$ GHz

$P \approx 40$ μ W



17 - Resonant tunnel diode (RTD)



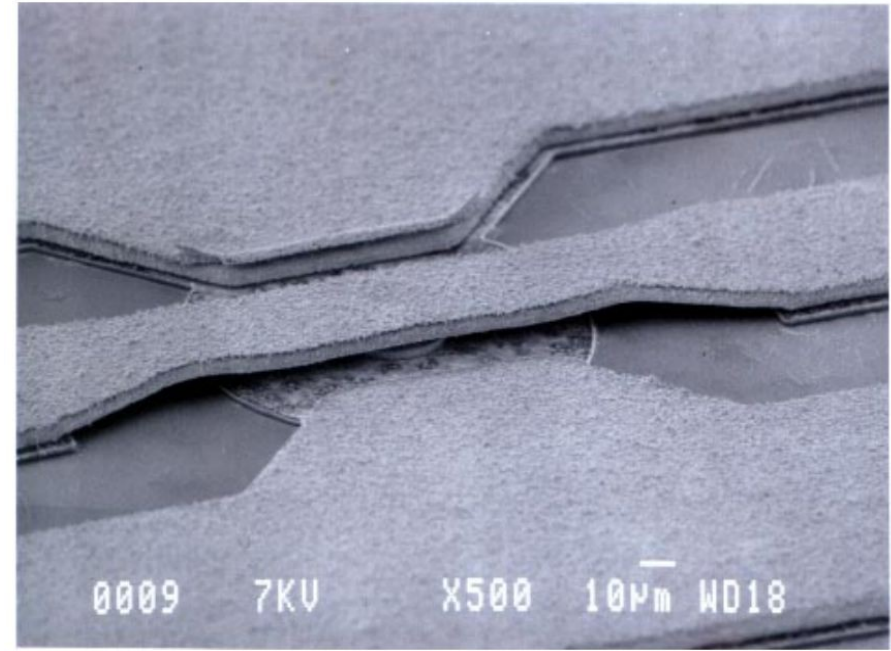
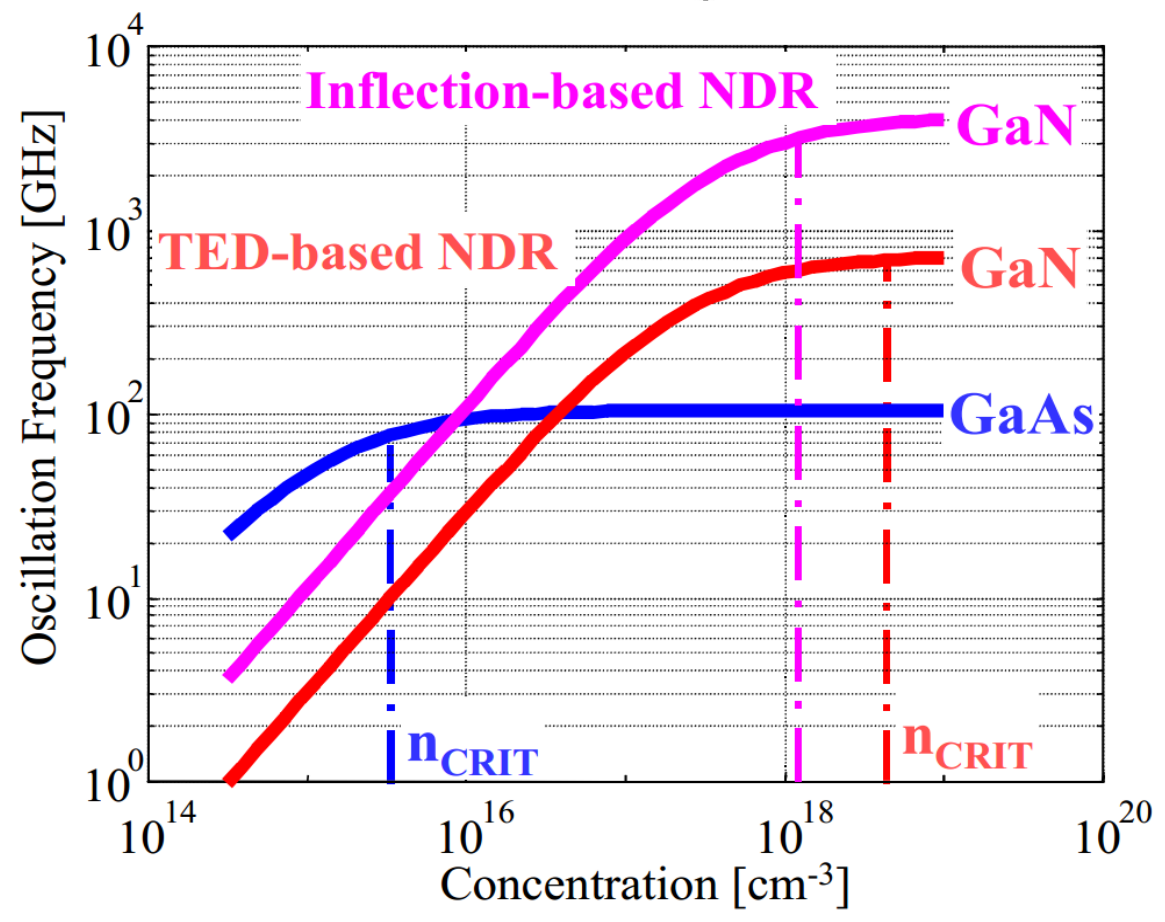
$$f_{\text{GaAs}} \approx 100 \text{GHz}$$

$$f_{\text{InP}} \approx 250 \text{GHz}$$

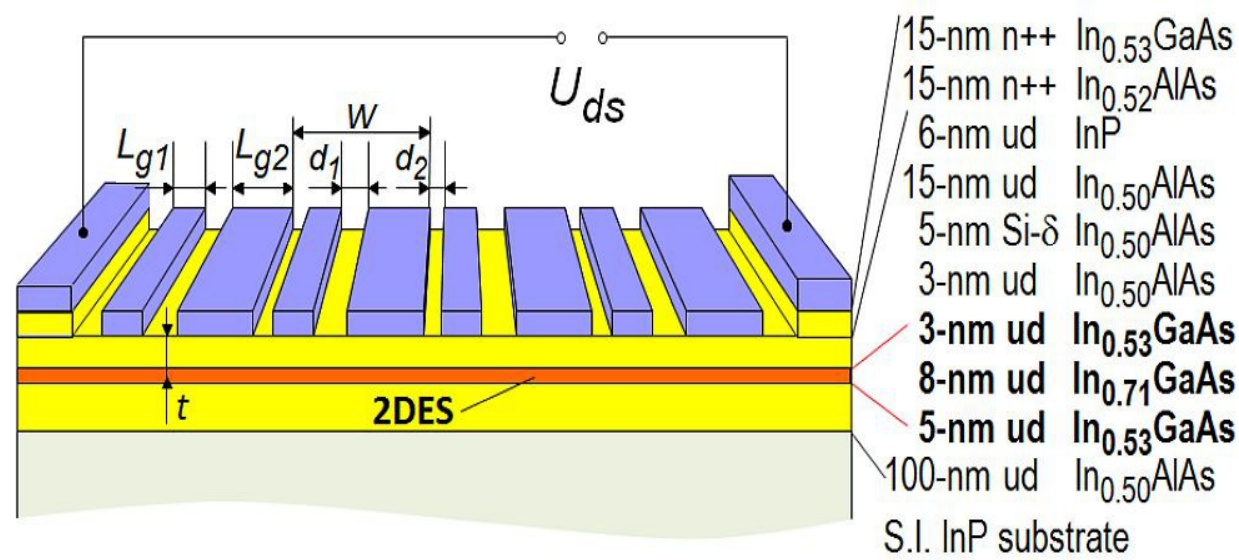
$$f_{\text{GaN}} \approx 3 \text{THz}$$

$$P \approx 100 \text{mW}$$

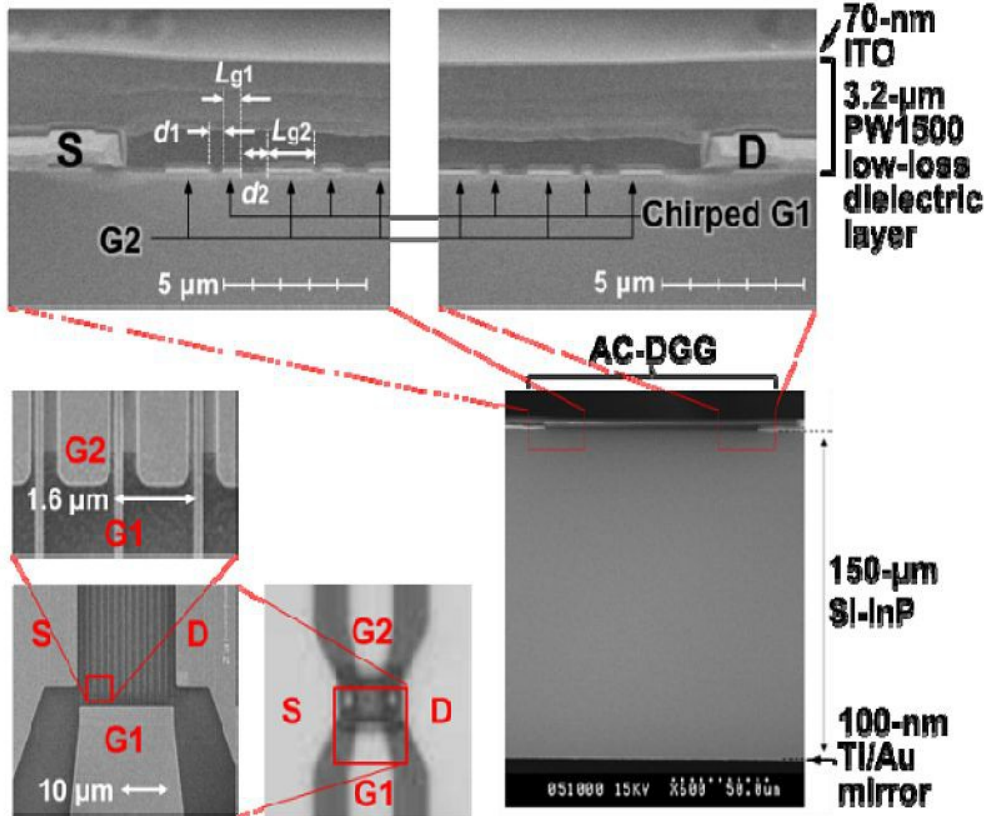
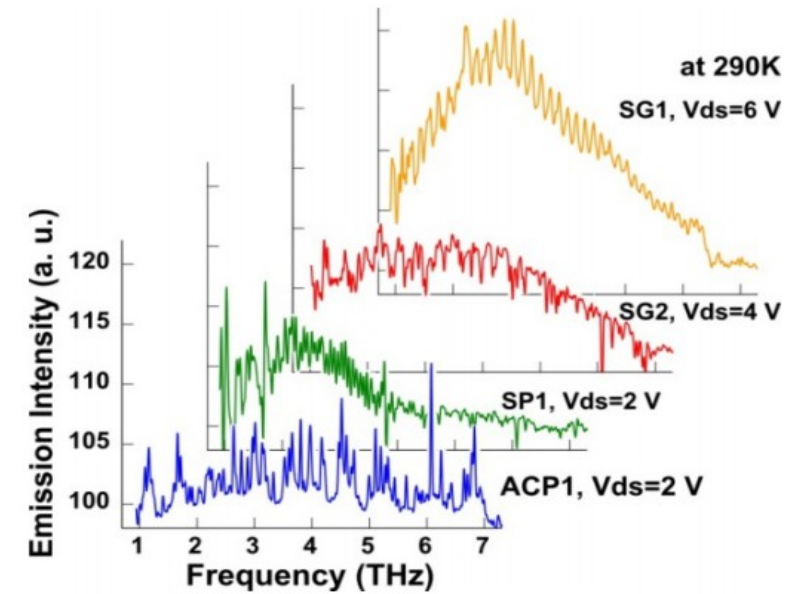
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18 - Negative-differential-resistance (NDR) diodes (Gunn, TED)

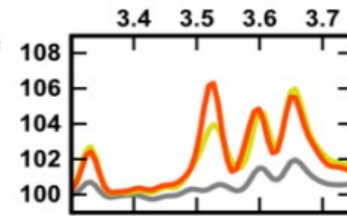


[29] P ≈ 100 nW... 1 μW



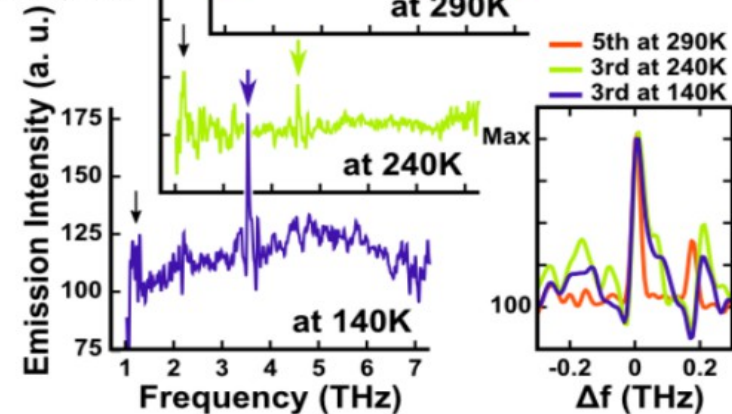
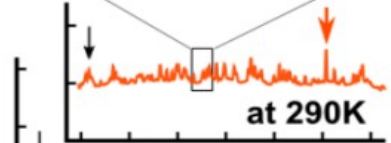
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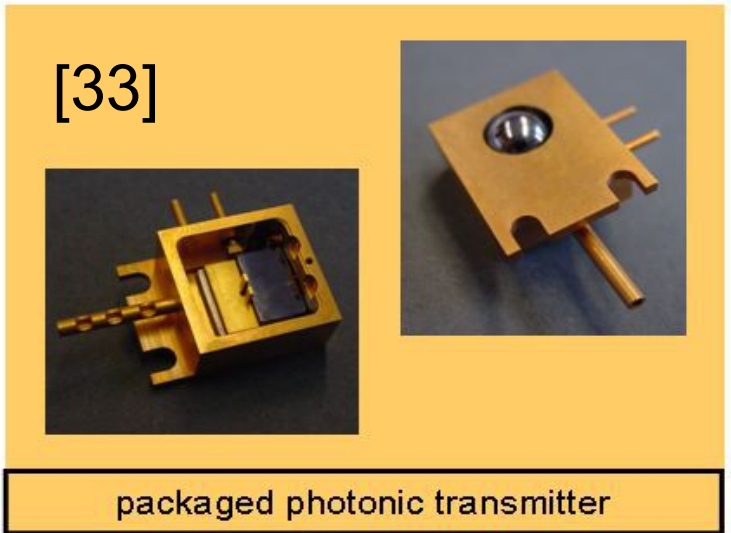
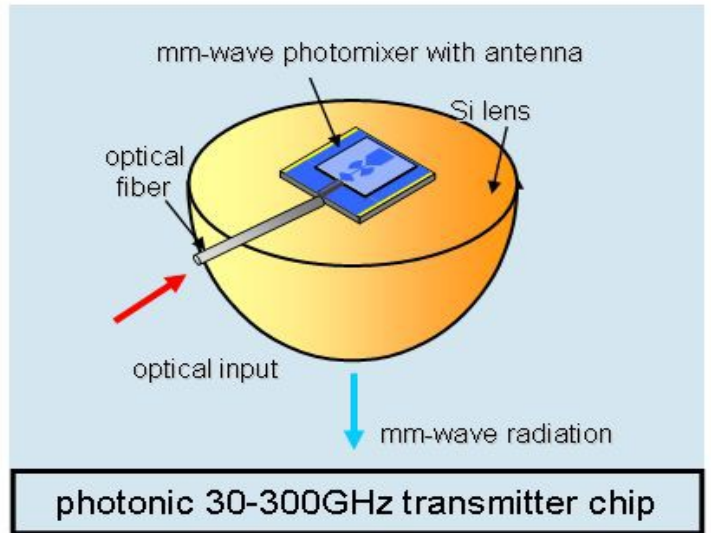
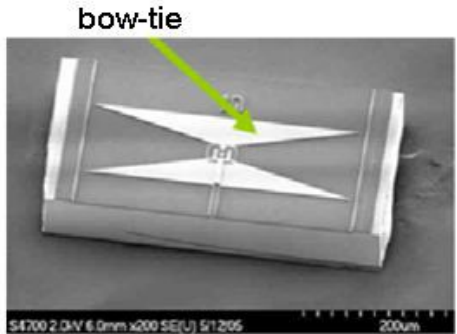
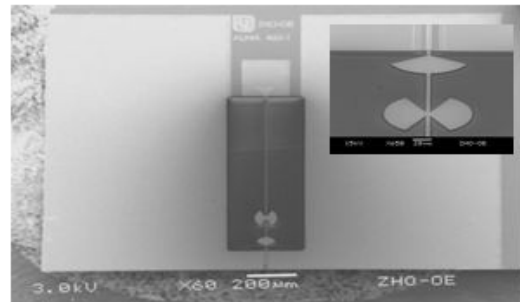
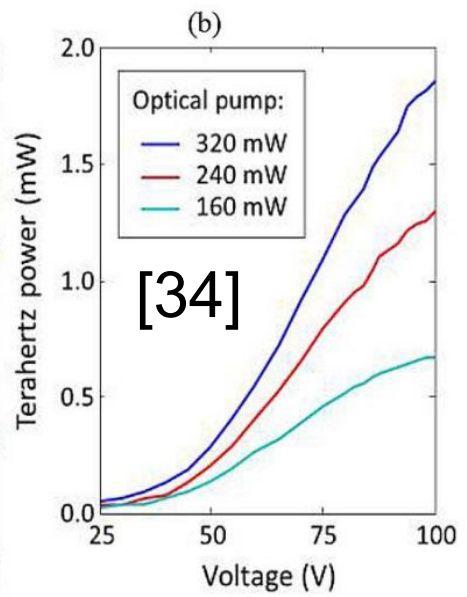
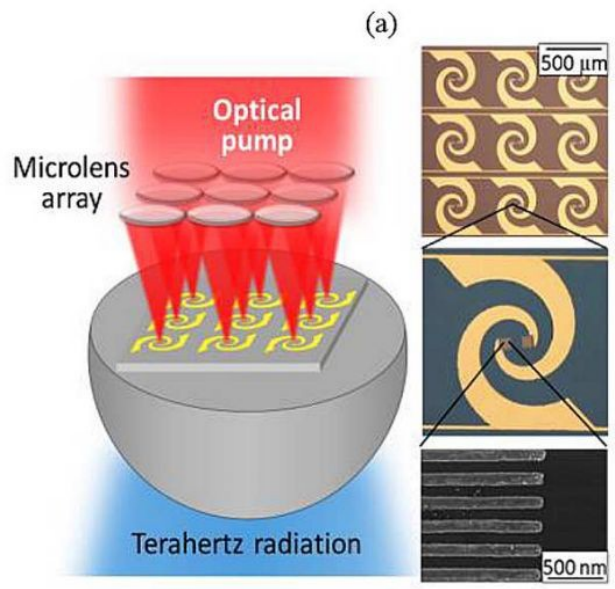
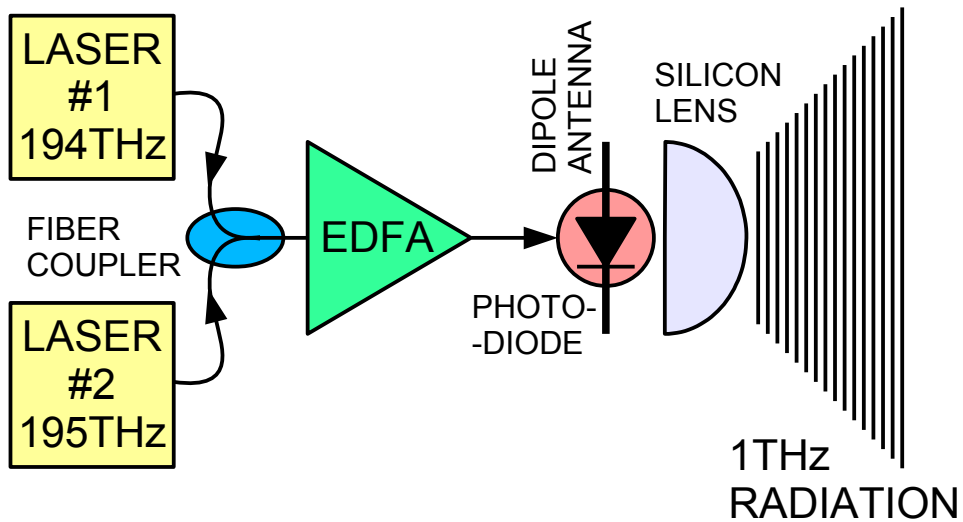
V_{g1}=0V, fixed
 V_{ds}, V_{g2}
 2V, -0.55V
 2V, 0V,
 0.4V, 0V



Temperature dependence

V_{ds}=2V, V_{g1}=0V,
 V_{g2}=-0.55V, fixed





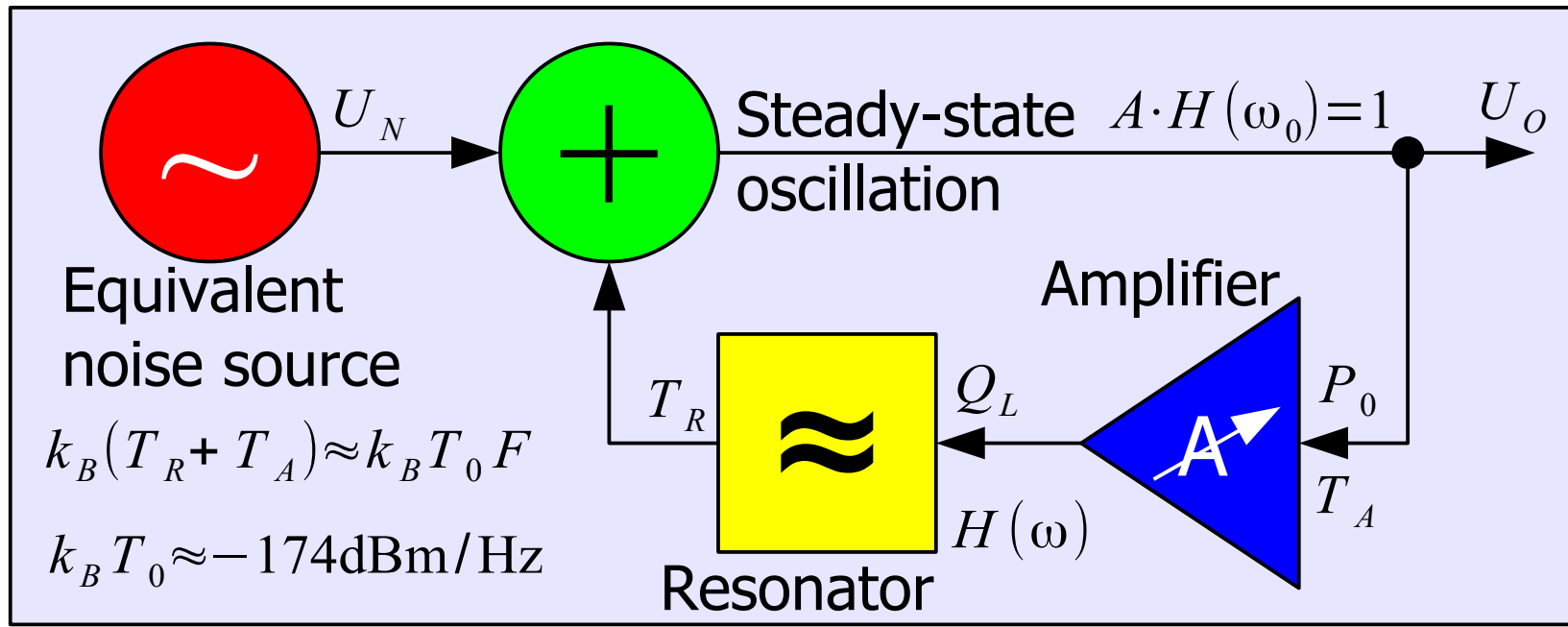
WIDE
 FREQUENCY
 RANGE

LOW POWER
 $P \approx 10\mu\text{W} \dots 1\text{mW}$

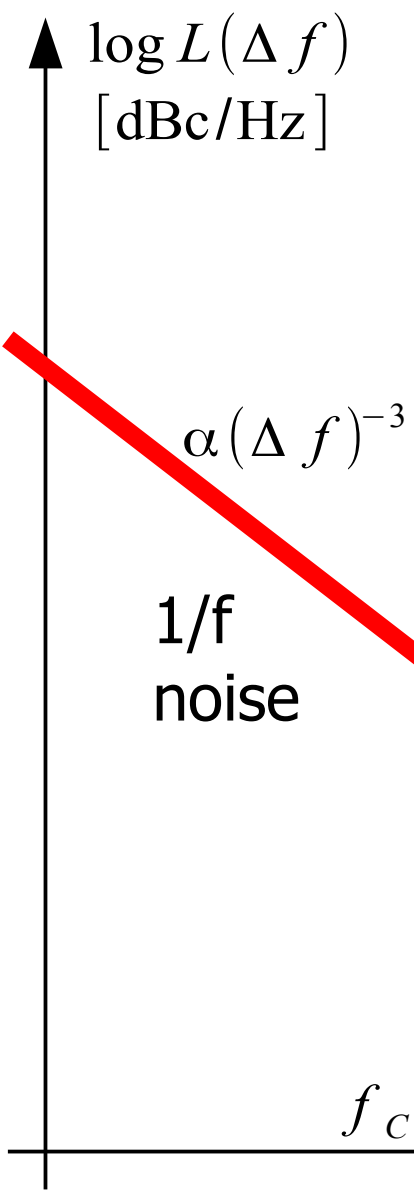
LASER PHASE
 NOISE?

21 - Electro-optical mm / THz sources

Phase-noise spectral density



Equivalent noise source
 $k_B(T_R + T_A) \approx k_B T_0 F$
 $k_B T_0 \approx -174 \text{ dBm/Hz}$



[35]
$$L(\Delta f) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left[1 + \left(\frac{f_0}{2Q_L \Delta f} \right)^2 \right] \cdot \frac{k_B T_0 F}{P_0} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{f_c}{|\Delta f|} \right)$$

$$L(\Delta f) \approx \frac{1}{8} \cdot \left(\frac{f_0}{Q_L \Delta f} \right)^2 \cdot \frac{k_B T_0 F}{P_0}$$

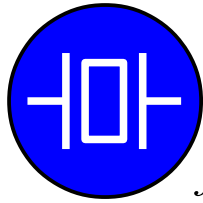
Active device	Noise temperature
Schottky diode	~300K
Transistor (BJT or FET)	~300K
Tunnel diode	~300K
Gunn diode	~300K
Vacuum tube	~10000K
Avalanche diode (Impatt diode)	~3000000K

Resonator	Q_L
RC (~BWO) tunable (VCO)!	~1
LC (~EIK) tunable or fixed!	~30
YIG @3GHz tunable!	~300
Metal cavity @3GHz fixed!	~3000
Ceramic dielectric @3GHz fixed!	~3000
Quartz crystal @100MHz fixed!	~30000
Electro-optical delay @6GHz fixed!	~100000
Sapphire dielectric @6GHz fixed!	~300000

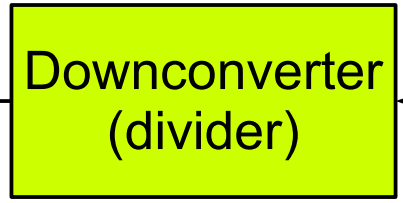
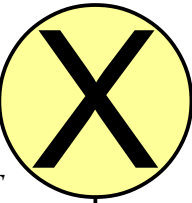
Phase-noise spectral density

$\log L(\Delta f)$
[dBc/Hz]

Reference (XTAL)



f_{REF}



f_{OUT}

Phase comparator



Loop delay=?

Loop filter

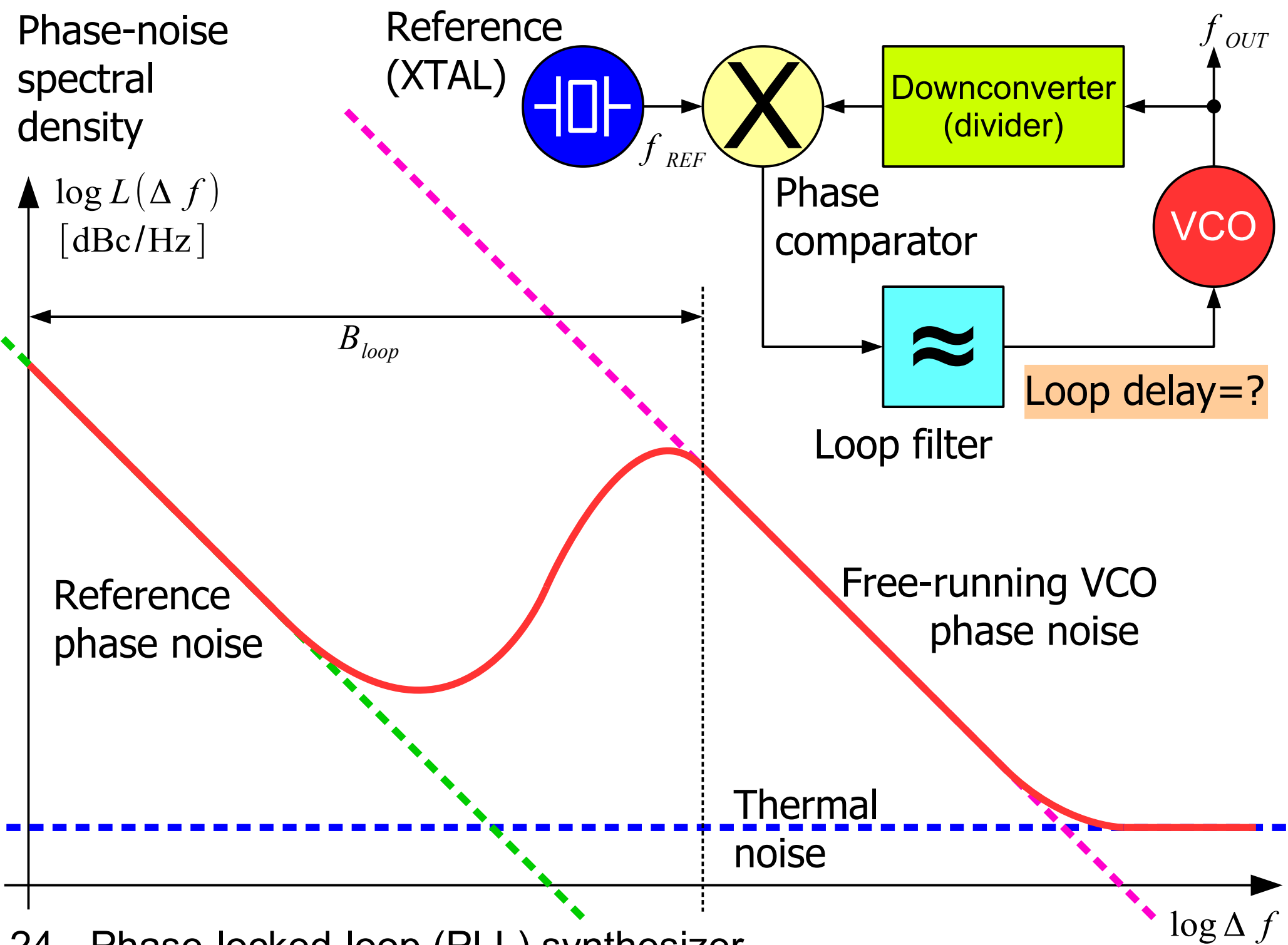
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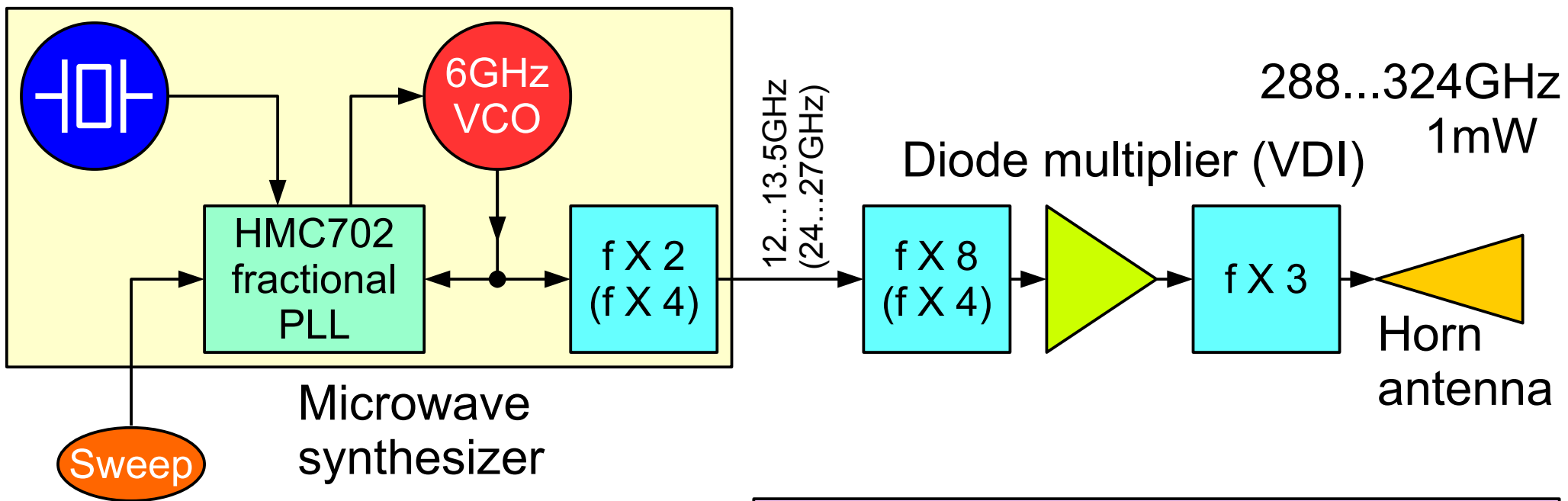
Reference phase noise

Free-running VCO phase noise

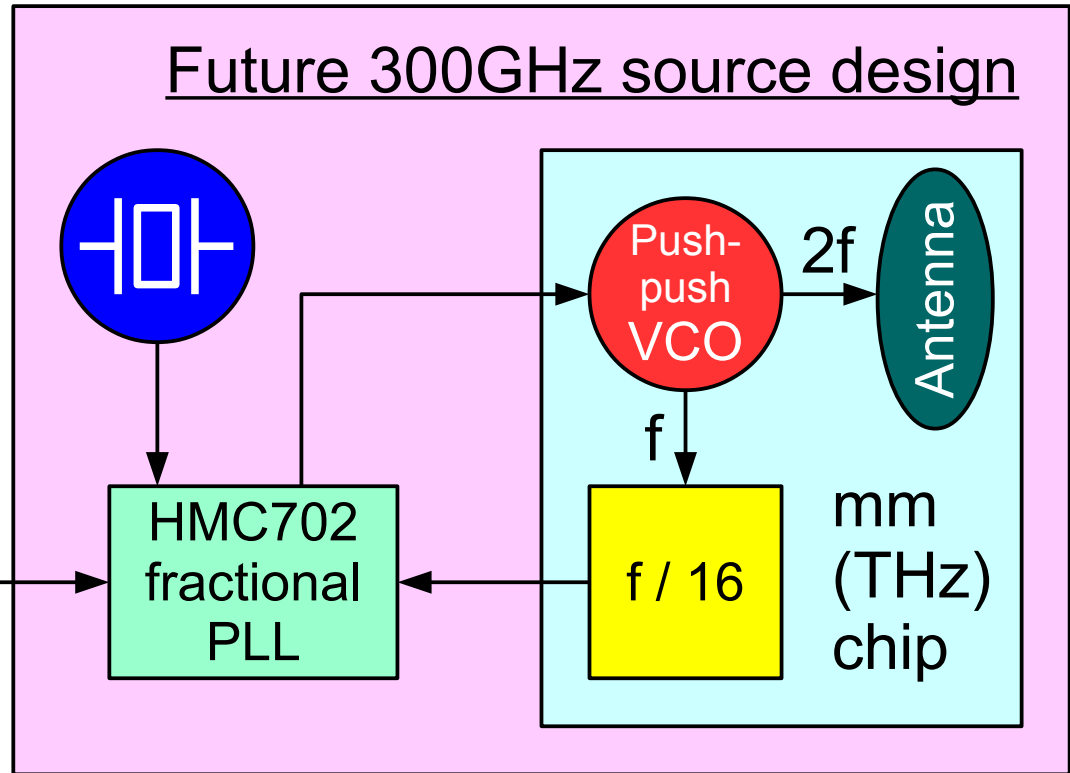
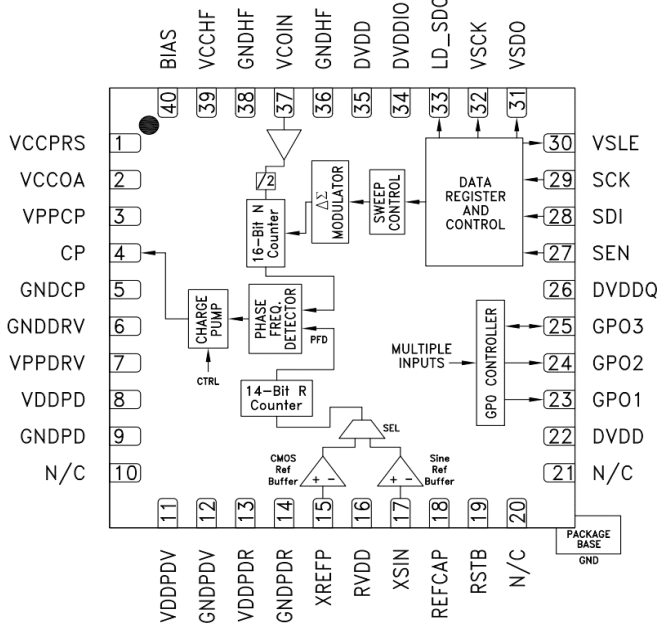
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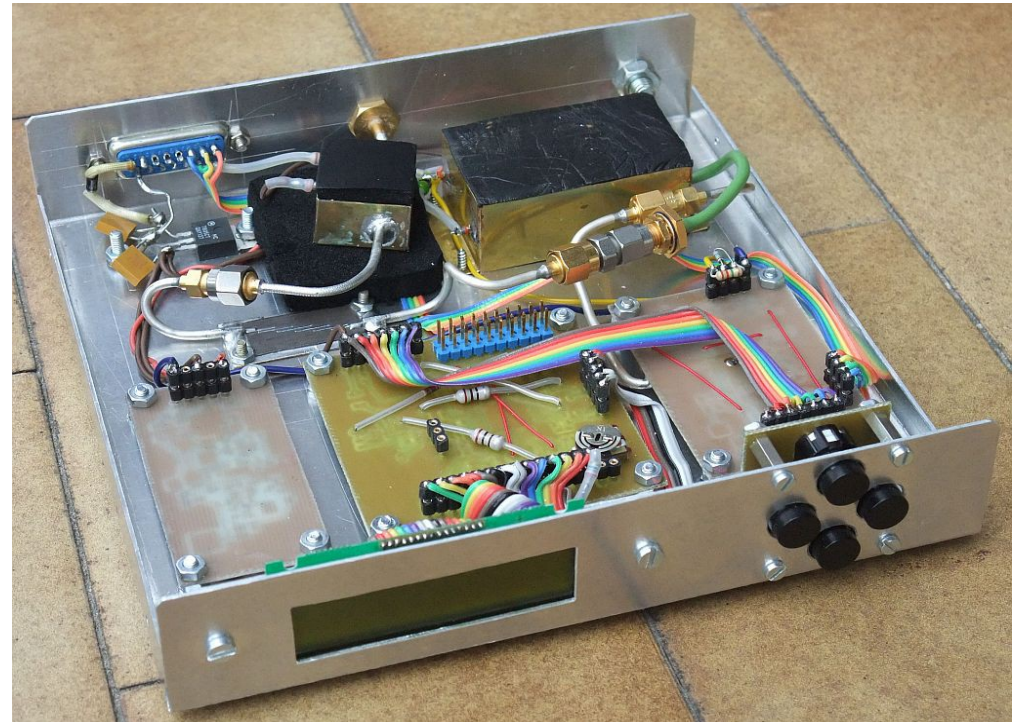
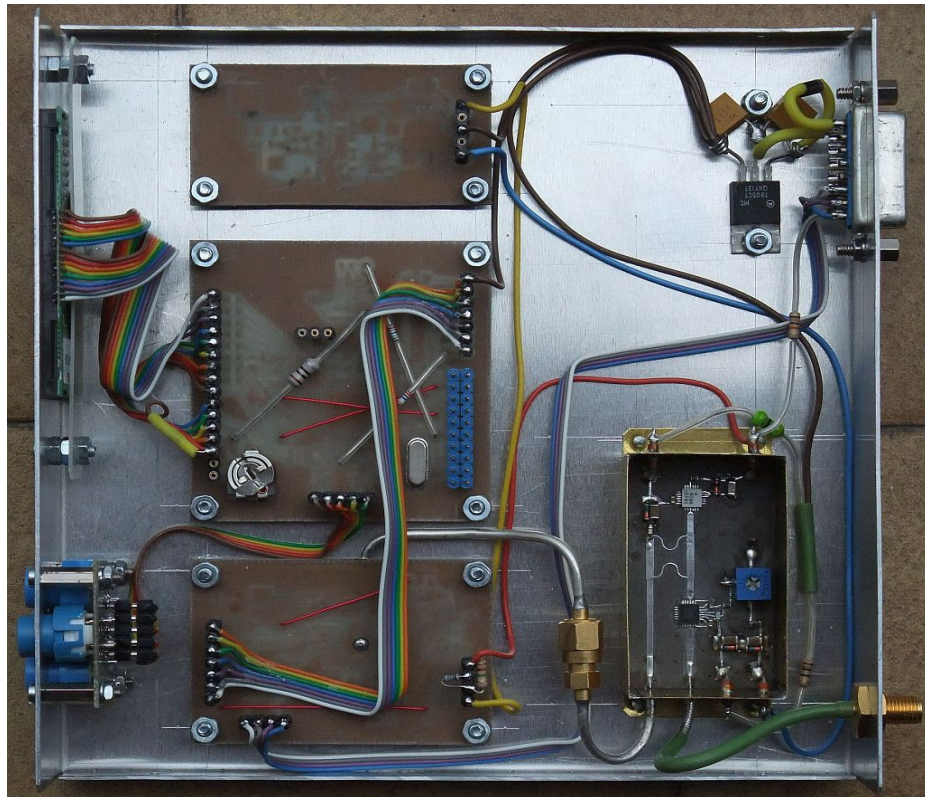
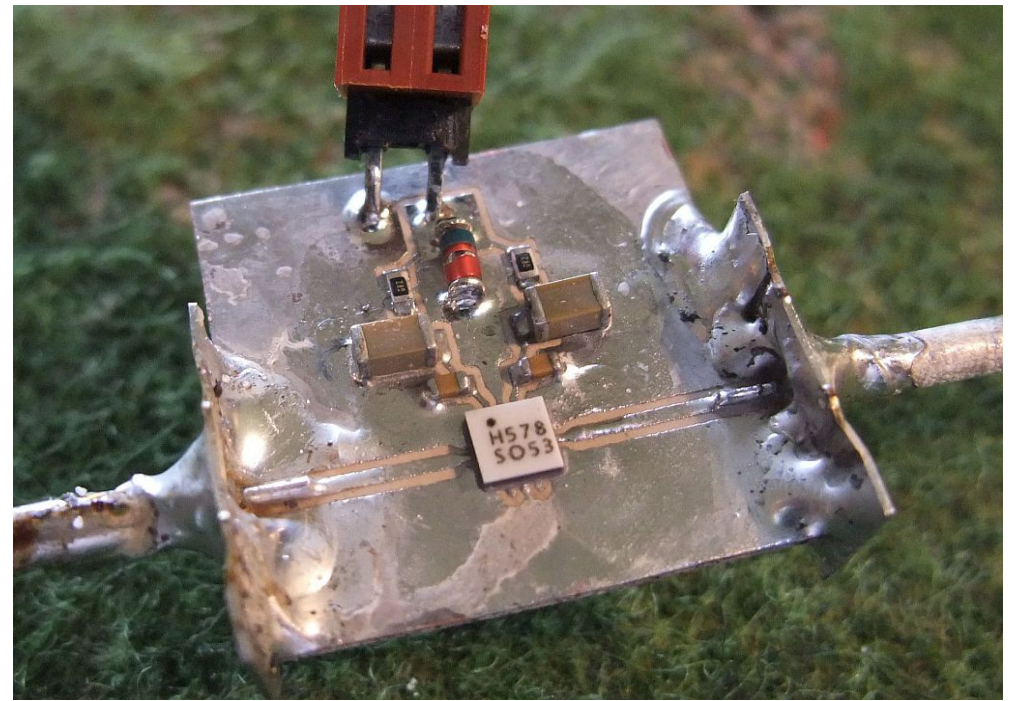
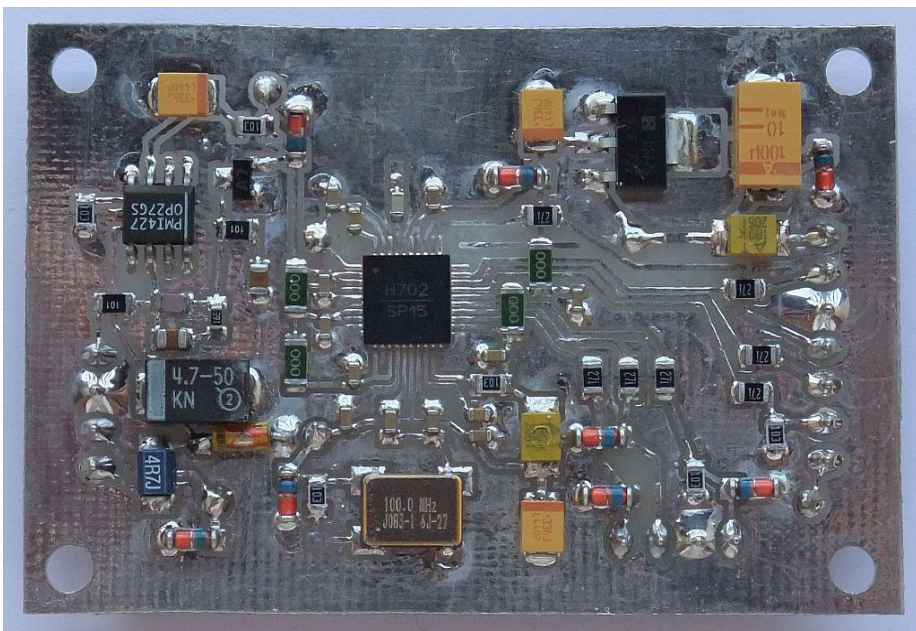
$\log \Delta f$





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