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Introduction

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**SUBMILLIMETRE
INTEGRATED RECEIVER SIS IMAGING
RECEIVER TECHNOLOGIES
(SISIRT)**

FINAL PRESENTATION

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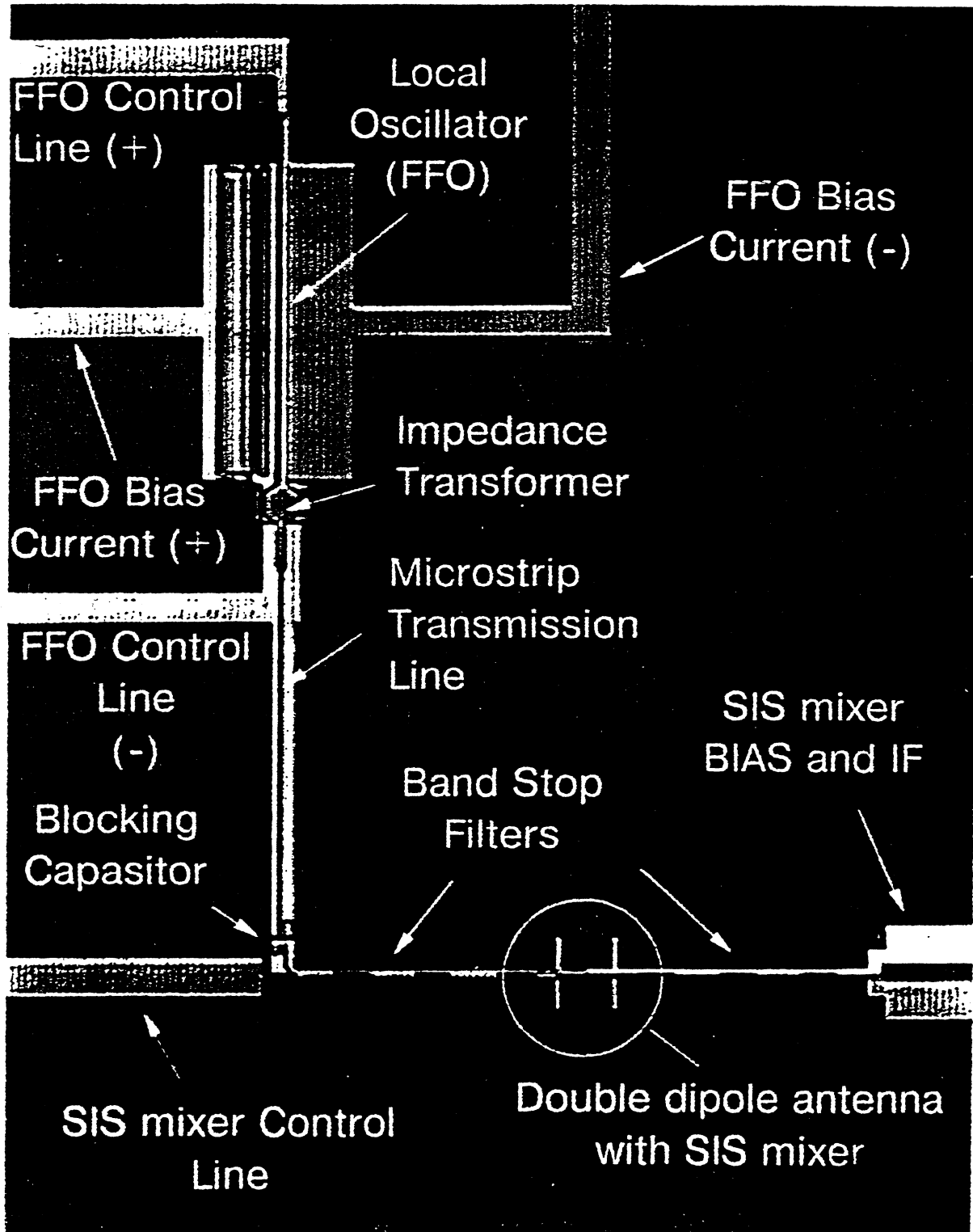
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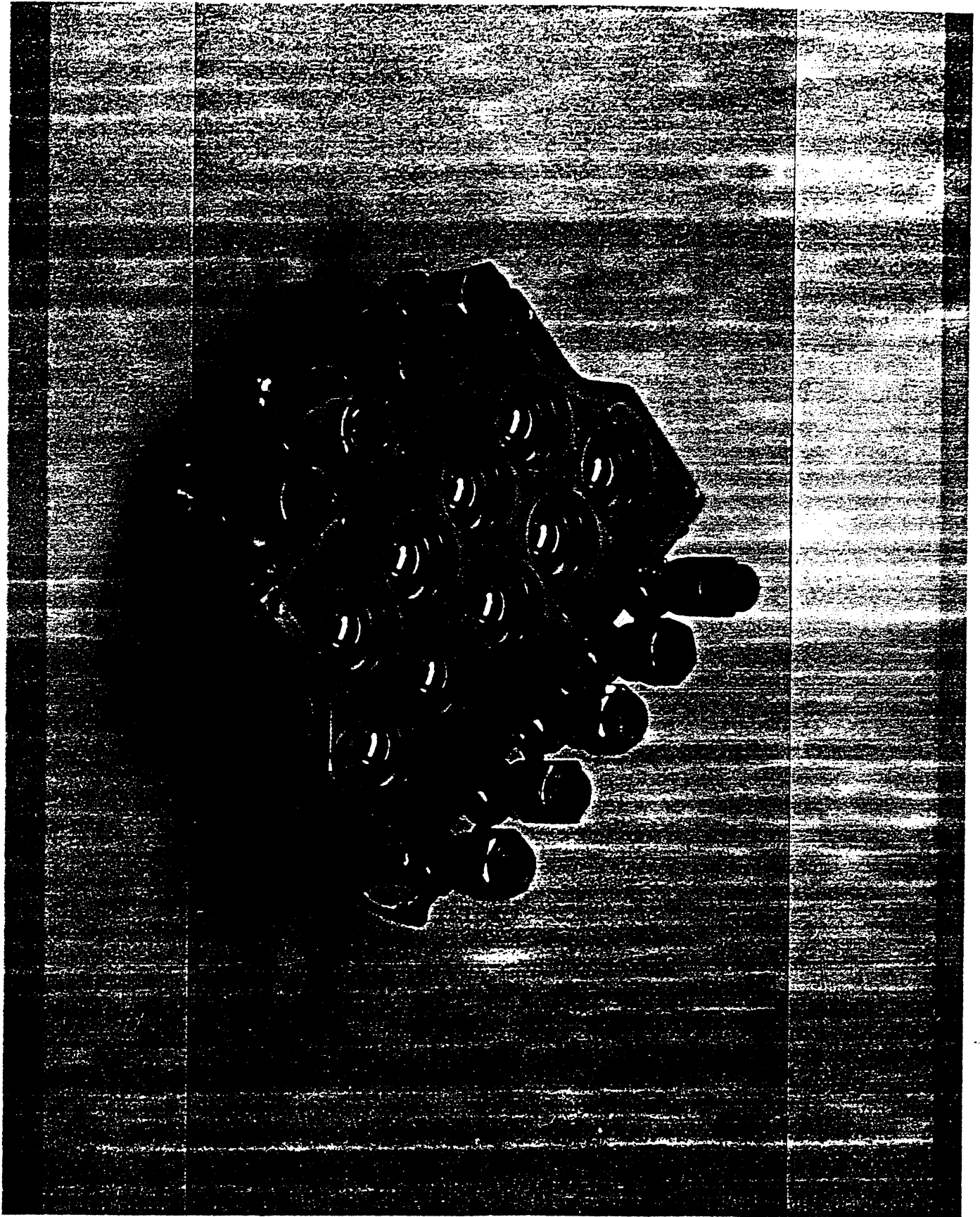
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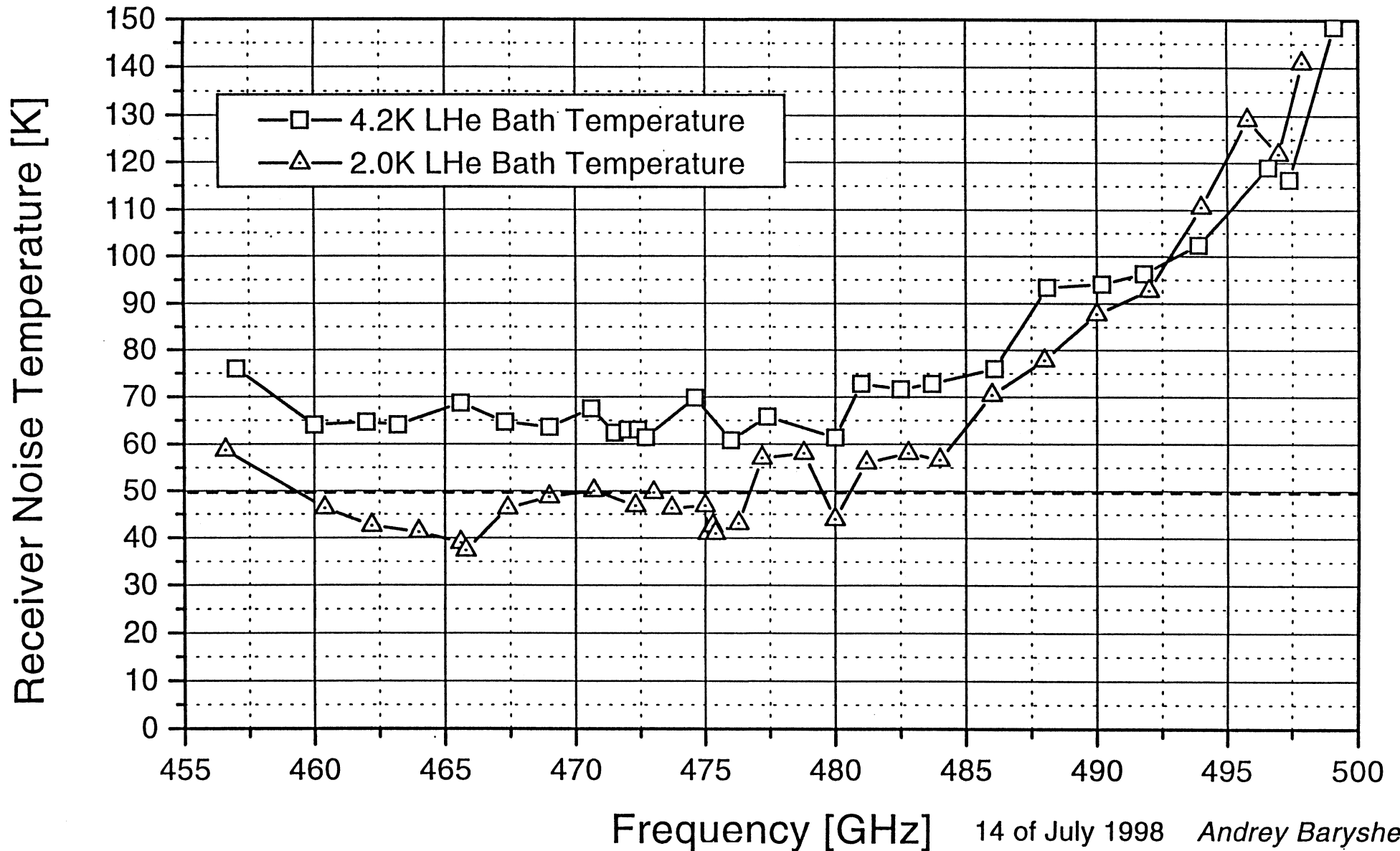
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Layout of Integrated Receiver

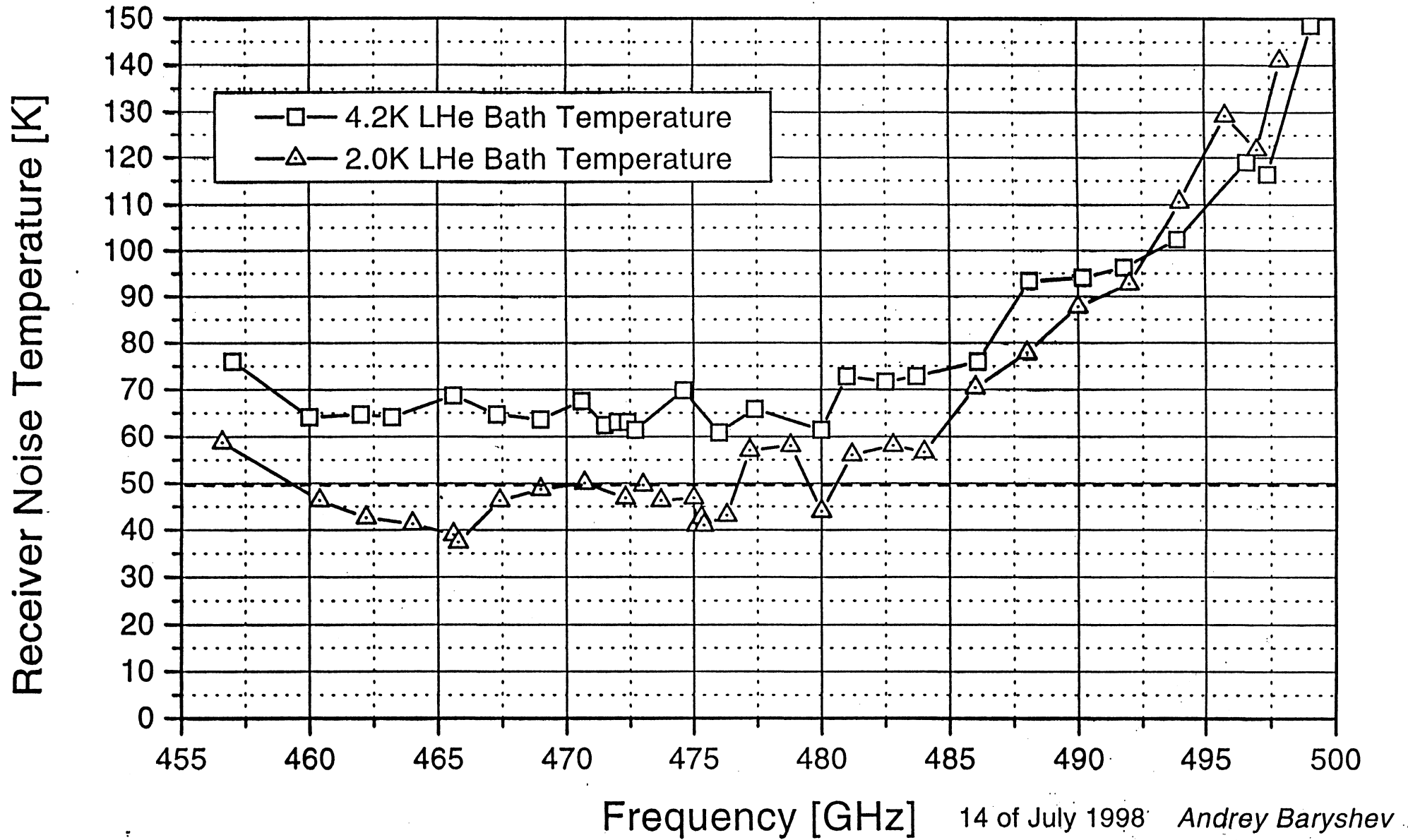




Receiver Noise Temperature of H7361 SIS Mixer



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CONCLUSION

- Quasioptical Superconducting Integrated Receiver designed for silicon
Superior low-noise performance
@ 470 - 530 GHz
- Imaging Array Receiver
9 pixels "Fly's Eye"
- The receiver DSB noise temperature
@ 500 GHz:
 $T_{RX} = 150 \text{ K}$ for *array* configuration
 $T_{RX} = 85 \text{ K}$ for *balanced SIS mixer*
 $T_{RX} = 40 \text{ K}$ for *reference SIS mixer*
- Instantaneous bandwidth 15 – 20 %
Fit application requirement
- Antenna beam
 - Good symmetry f/10
 - Sidelobes < - 16 dB
- No cross-talk found within Imaging Array
Neither on dc nor on rf signal
- The computer system IRTECON:
 - Qualification of chip receivers
 - Operating Superconducting Receiver

**PHASE LOCKED
FLUX FLOW OSCILLATOR
FOR SUB-MM WAVE
INTEGRATED RECEIVER**

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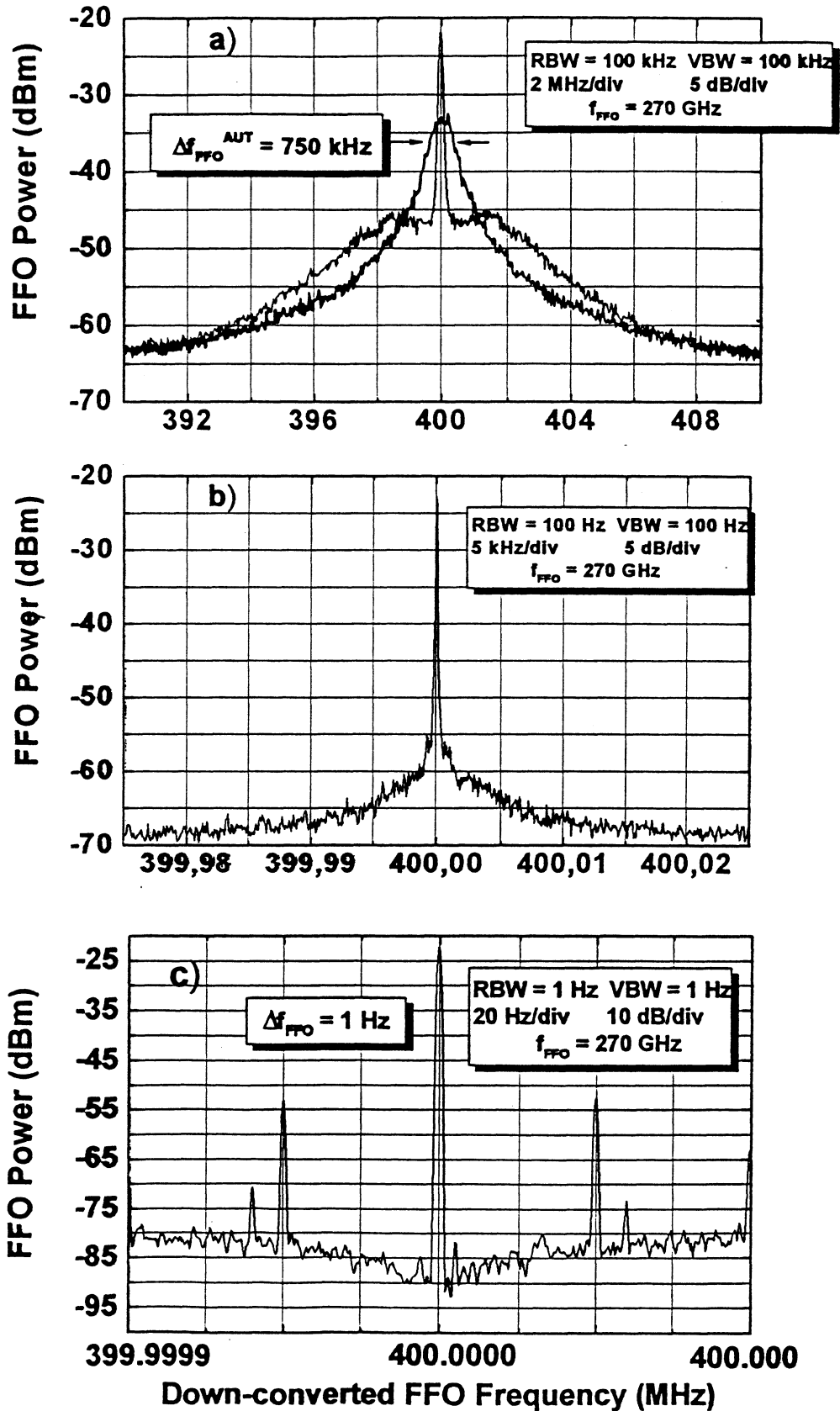
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Phase Locked Flux Flow Oscillator Spectra



CONCLUSION

- A numerical model taking into account all known noise components of the FFO integrated in the real experimental circuit has been developed. This model was used for quantitative analysis of the FFO linewidth measurements in the frequency range 250 - 600 GHz.
 - The presented results demonstrate our ability to decrease the intrinsic linewidth of a Josephson oscillator by an external electronic Phase Locked Loop (PLL) system, provided that the PLL bandwidth is larger than the initial oscillator linewidth.
 - A FFO linewidth as low as 1 Hz (determined by resolution bandwidth of spectrum analyzer) has been measured in the frequency range 270 - 430 GHz; it is far below the fundamental level given by shot and thermal noise of the free-running tunnel junction.
 - A concept of the Integrated Receiver with Phase Locked FFO is developed.
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Design and test of a 3x3 micromachined millimeter wave imaging array

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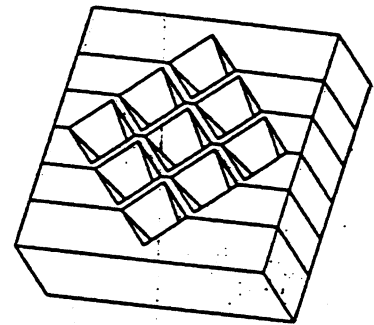
Receiver design

Mixerblock

Optics

Mask lay-out

Design of integrated receiver



Results

DC characteristics

Fourier Transform measurements

Antenna beam patterns

Receiver Noise

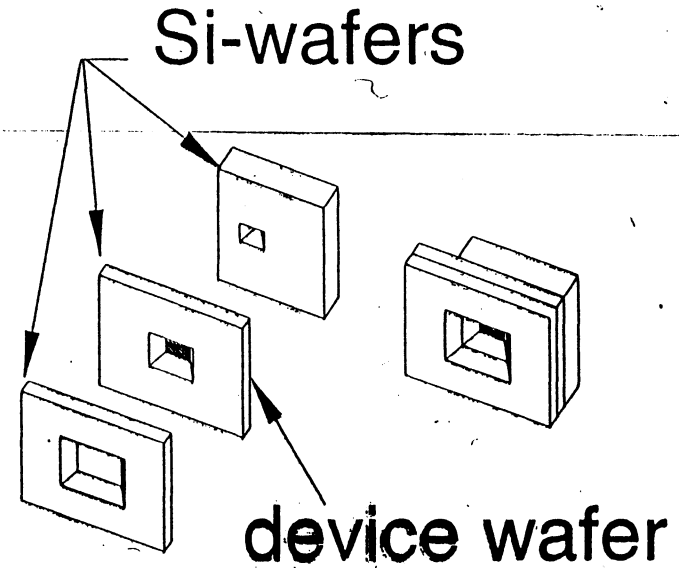
Bandwidth

Array uniformity

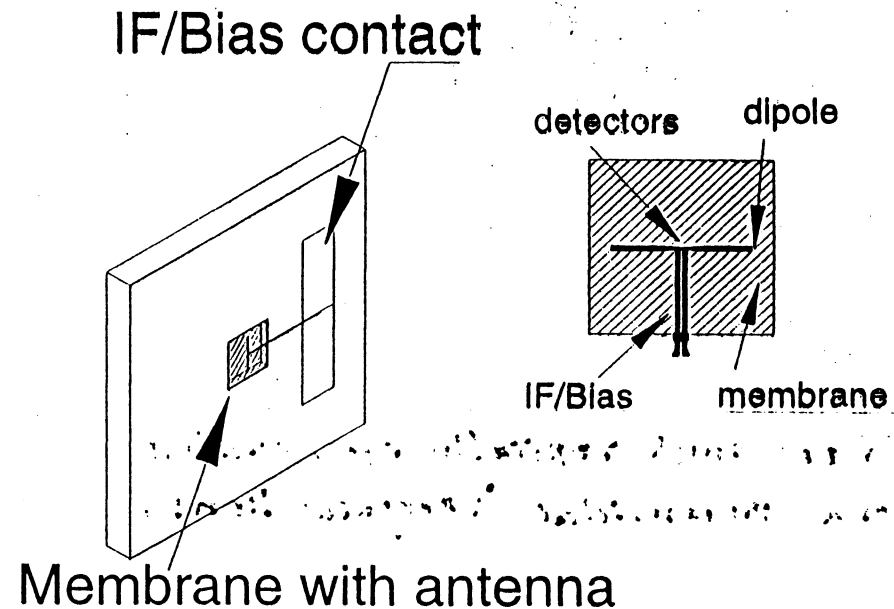
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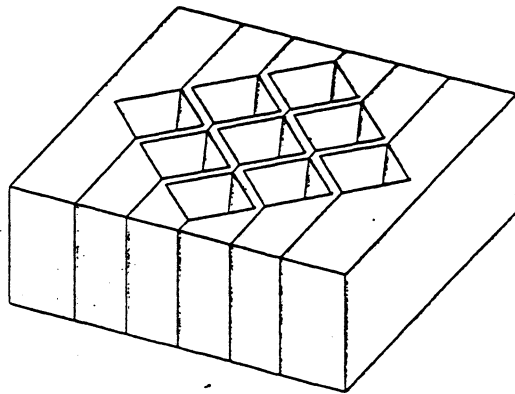
Basic Principle

- A stack of anisotropically etched Si (100) wafers forms a millimeter wave horn antenna with a flare angle of 70° (111-planes)

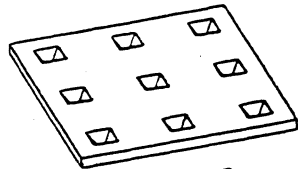


- A 0.37λ millimeter wave dipole antenna is fabricated on the thin Si_3N_4 membrane

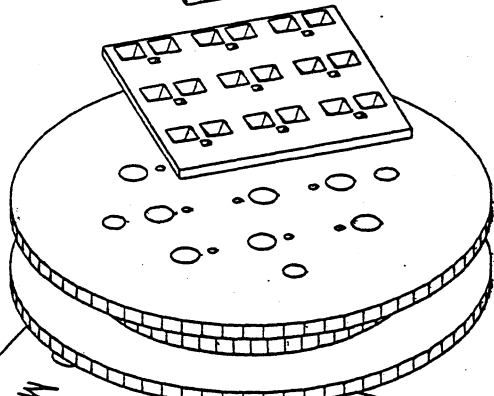




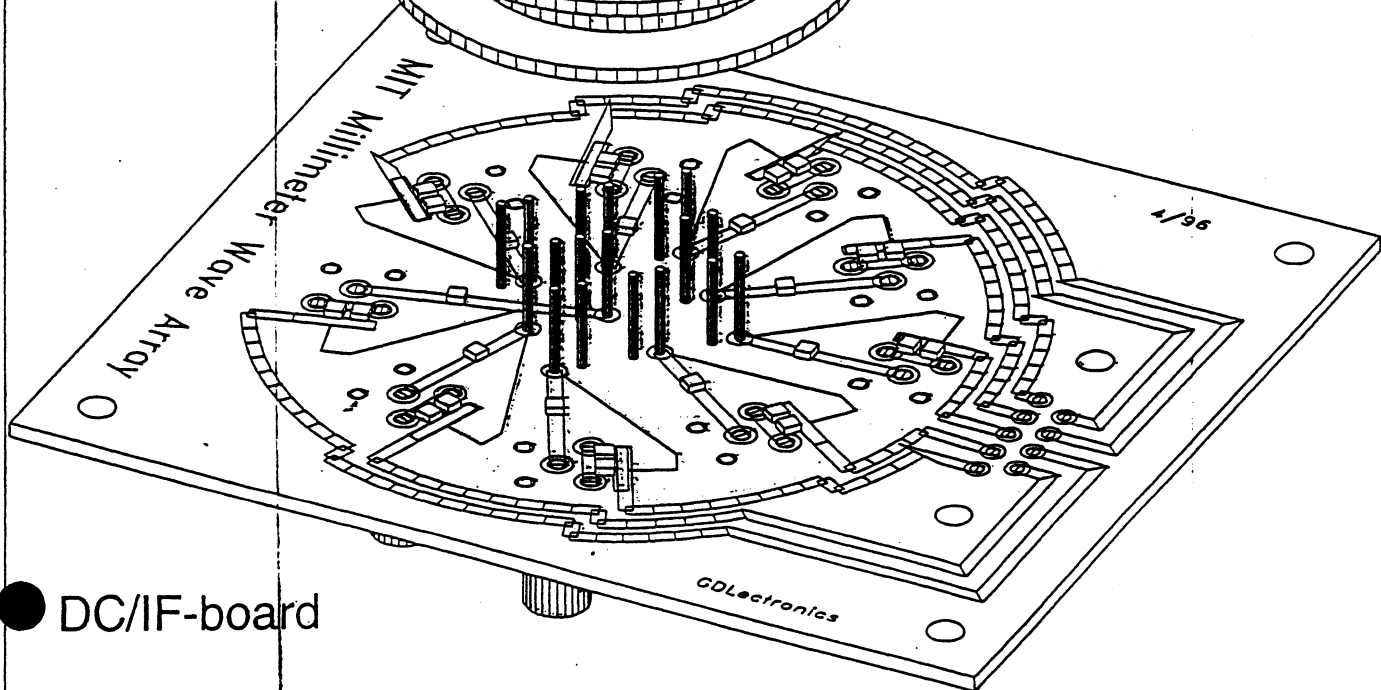
Machined Horn Array



Micromachined Horn Array

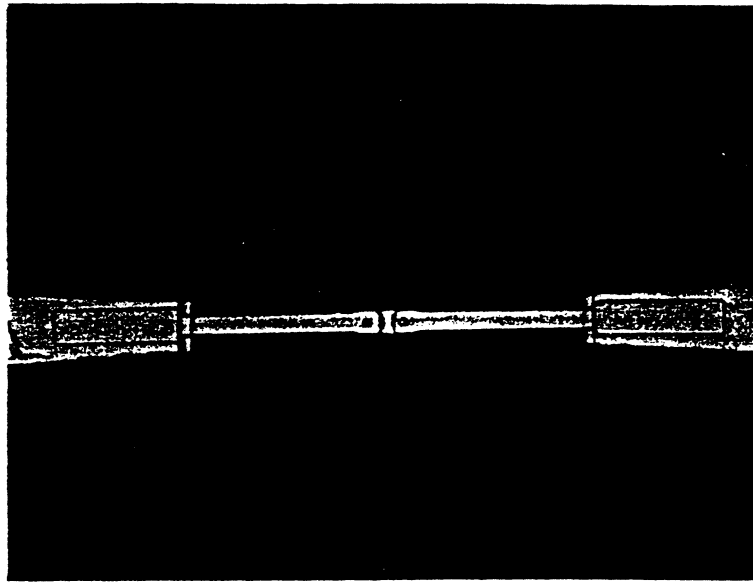


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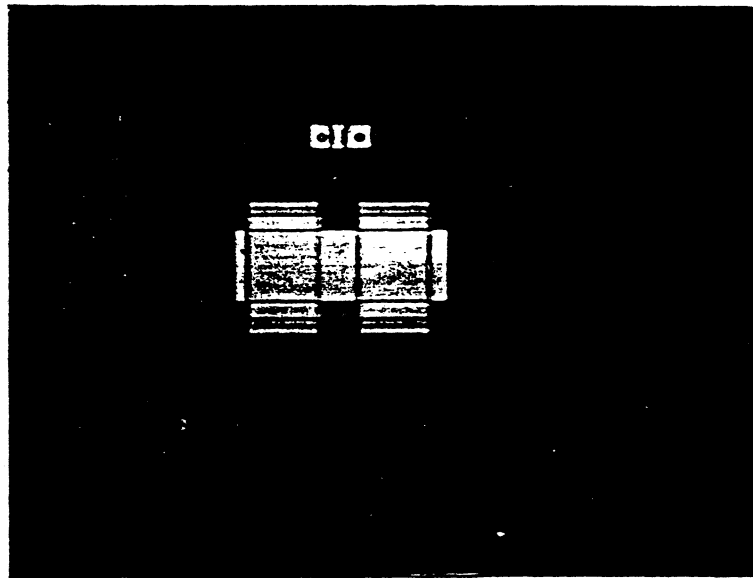


DC/IF-board

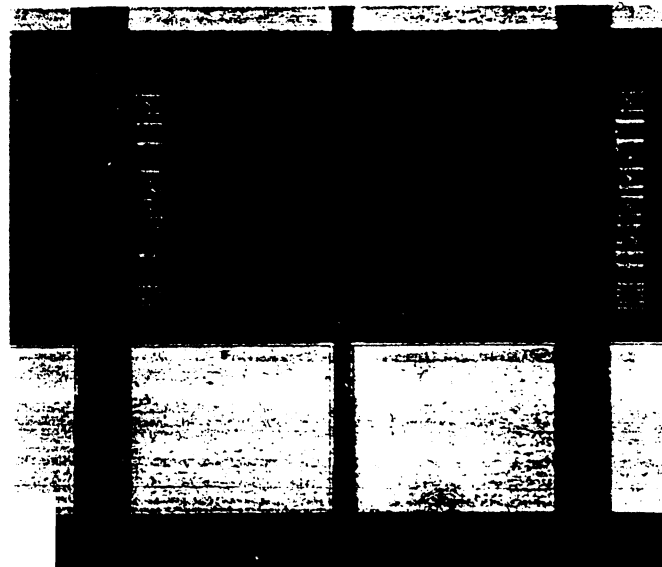
Two Section Stub



Coplanar Short



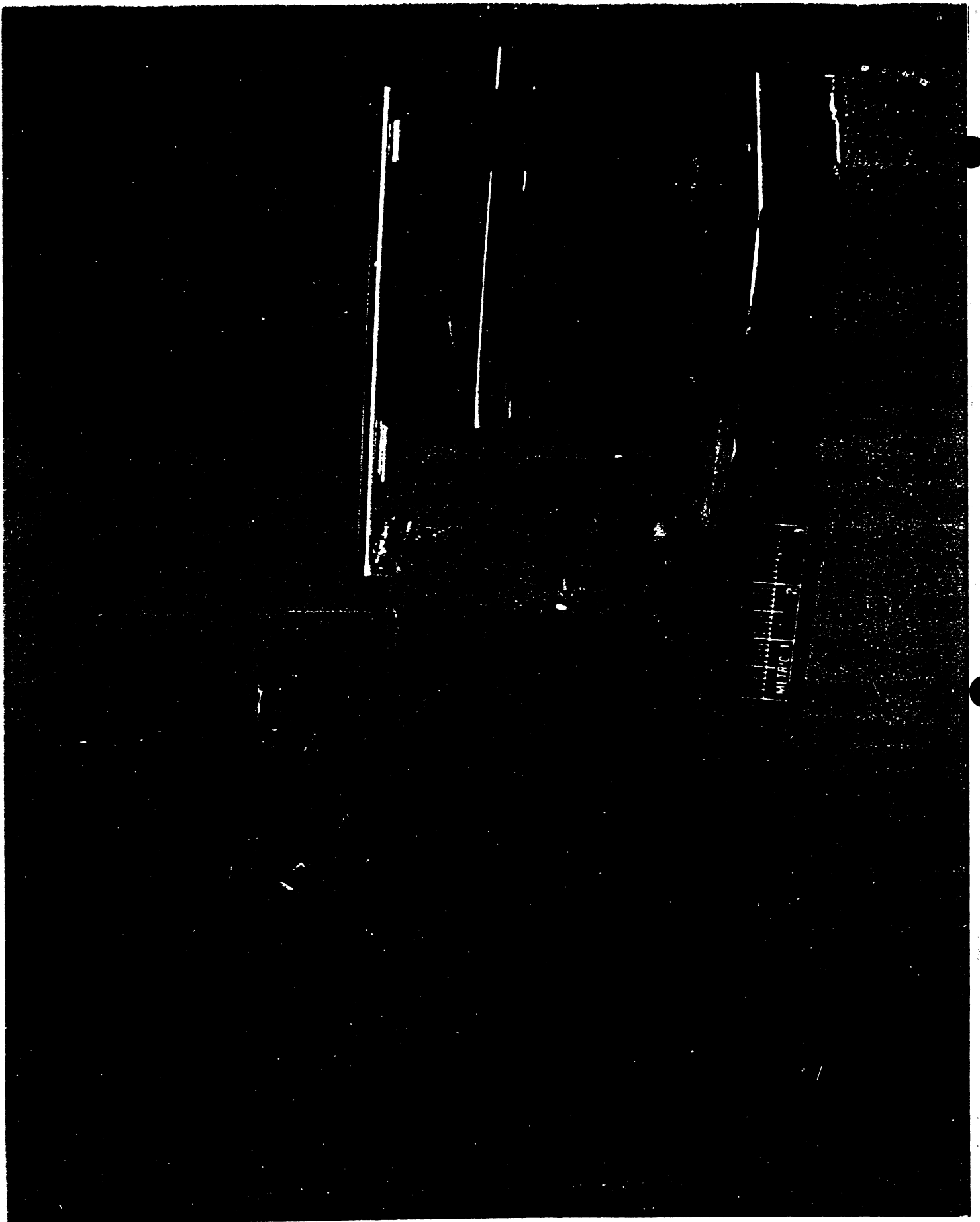
Array Element



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Advantages:

- Application in arrays
- possibility of integrating the detector with on-chip electronics (oscillators, in progress)
- low cost fabrication of (sub-) millimeter-wave structures, scalable into the THz frequency range
- The dipole antenna is nearly in free space, therefore no substrate losses.



Summary

Described the design and fabrication of a 3x3 micromachined SIS imaging array, and the design of an integrated array receiver

- *Lowest noise temperature measured 52 K @ 190 GHz for central element of array (waveguide 35-50 K)*
- *3-dB noise bandwidth 25-30 GHz*
- *Good quality Gaussian beam for central element, shoulder at -15 dB for off-axis element*
- *Array operation:
9-element operating
T_n 62-101 K DSB
Variation most likely due to limited size of optics.*