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Development and Application of Josephson Parametric Amplifiers

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Abstract:

Amplification is necessary for measuring small-amplitude electrical signals. Although an amplifier can provide the required amplification, it also adds extra noise to the amplified signal and degrades the signal-to-noise ratio (SNR). A Josephson parametric amplifier (JPA), incorporating a resonator made of Josephson junctions to allow parametric modulation, can offer high gain in microwave frequencies with nearly quantum-limited noise performance to boost measurement SNR.

Recent demands in measuring ultraweak microwave signals from superconducting circuits for quantum information applications have driven intensive development of JPAs. In this presentation, I will discuss the working principle, design considerations, and device performance of JPAs. I will also describe their applications in superconducting qubit readout and axion dark matter search in our group.

