

## The operation of SIS mixer as up- and down-converter at low frequencies for frequency multiplexing

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A feasibility study of a frequency multiplexed read-out scheme for large number Transition Edge Sensor arrays is described in paper [1]. The read-out makes use of frequency up- and down-conversion with Superconducting-Insulator-Superconducting (SIS) tunnel junctions operating at GHz frequencies, in combination with an existing frequency multiplexed read-out at MHz frequencies. Such read-out scheme can drastically reduce the wiring from room temperature to the cryogenic detectors.

Experimental measurements of a SIS tunnel junction operating as frequency up- and down-convertors at low frequencies (< 10 GHz) were carried out. A possibility to implement a “traditional” SIS-mixer for down- and up-conversion with acceptable conversion loss (well below 15 dB) has been demonstrated. Dependencies of the conversion efficiency on the SIS-junction parameters, local oscillator (LO) power and SIS-bias have been measured and compared with theoretical estimations. The best conditions for the SIS-mixer operation at low LO frequencies have been determined. The transitions between different regimes of operations (quantum and classical; quasiparticle and Josephson) have been studied in a wide bath temperature range by using specially designed circuits with an integrated control line for the Josephson effect suppression. Preliminary conclusions on the feasibility of the frequency-multiplexed TES read-out using superconducting tunnel junctions will be presented.

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### References

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