



R&D Status of Nb/Al-STJ with SOI cryogenic preamplifier

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COsmic BAckground N neutrino D ecay Search

● Neutrino Decay

We can determine the neutrino mass itself by measuring the neutrino decay photon energy and using the difference between the mass-squares (Neutrino Oscillation EXP.)

measure precisely !

$$E_{\gamma} = \frac{m_3^2 - m_2^2}{2m_3} \quad \text{Neutrino oscillation}$$

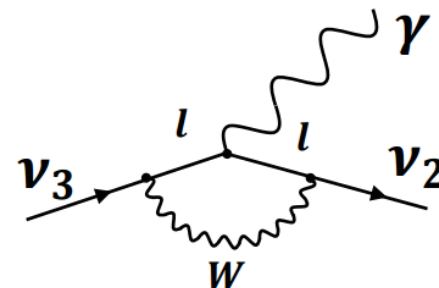
- Neutrino has a long lifetime ($T > O(10^{12})$ years : COBE+AKARI measurement)
 - ✧ We need a large number of neutrino
 - we use the Cosmic Background Neutrino!!

The expected E_{γ} : 25meV (Frequency : 6 THz)

The photon detector has to detect THz Photon!!

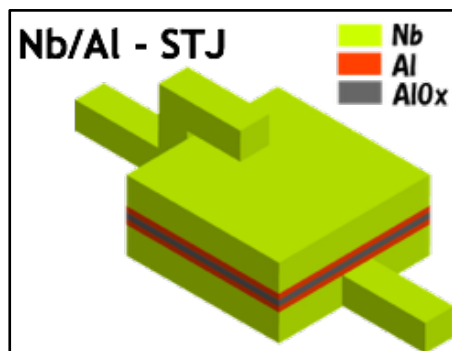
We use the superconducting tunnel junction

Neutrino Decay



Superconducting Tunnel Junction

Superconducting Tunnel Junction : STJ



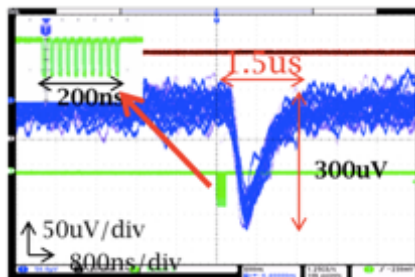
Working principle of STJ

1. An incident photon breaks cooper pairs into quasi-particles in the superconductor
2. The quasi-particles tunnel through insulators , and we can detect the current.

Response Speed

The signal width of STJ : **1.5us**

(In case that 10 pulse lights inject into STJ in 200ns)



The number of quasi-particle which is generated

$$N_q = G_{al} \cdot \frac{E_0}{1.7 \times \Delta}$$

G_{al} : trapping gain

E_0 : Energy of photon

Δ : energy gap

The number of quasi-particles generated by 25meV single photon (Al layer : 70nm)

$$N_q = 10 \cdot \frac{25meV}{1.7 \times 0.6meV} = 245e$$

Development of Nb/Al - STJ

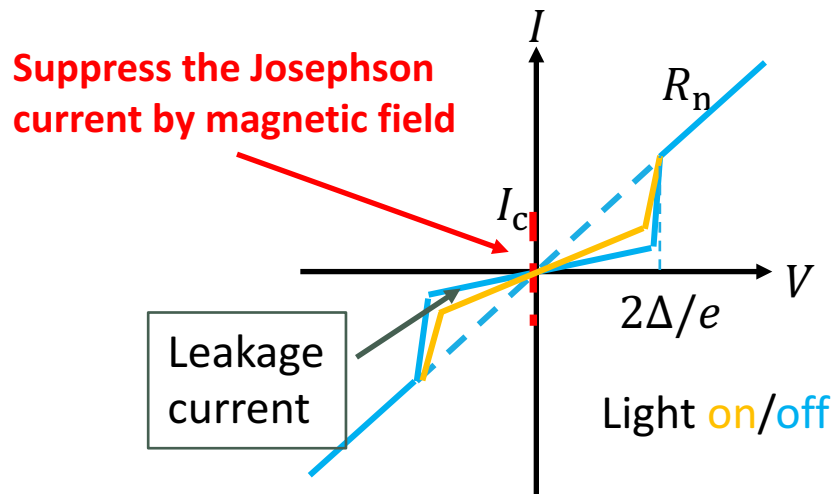
Our Nb/Al – STJ is fabricated at AIST CRAVITY facility.

[structure]

Nb / Al / AlO_x / Al / Nb

-> 100nm / 70um / 1nm / 70nm / 200nm

[General IV characteristic of STJ]

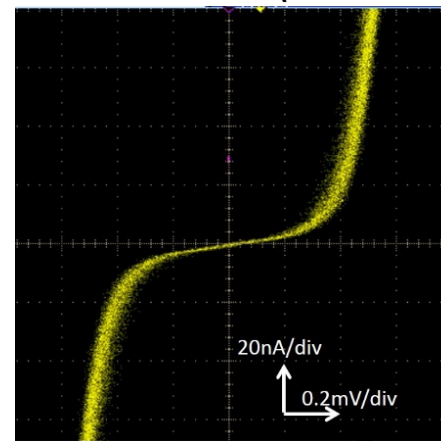


Nb/Al-STJ



	Nb	Al
T_c [K]	9.23	1.12
Δ [meV]	1.550	0.172

STJ IV – curve (100um□)



Size	I_{leak} @0.4mV
100um□	2 nA
50um□	300 pA
20um□	100pA

The requirement for cold pre-amplifier

STJ Detector

- ✓ Required I_{Leak} : $< 100\text{pA}$
- Current Status : 100pA
($20\mu\text{m}^2$ Nb/Al-STJ)
- Achieving the demand of the I_{Leak}

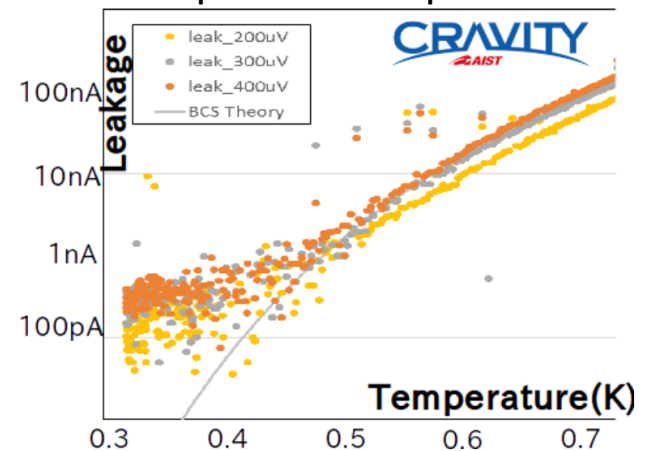
But , we have not been able to observe a far-infrared single photon , because of the large readout electronics noise.

- **We install the cold pre-amplifier near STJ!!**

The requirement for cold pre-amplifier

- ✓ Can be operated at the cryogenic temperature ($< 3\text{K}$)
- ✓ Amplification gain should be large enough up to 1MHz
- ✓ Power consumption should be lower than cooling power of the refrigerator
(※cooling power of our refrigerator: **$100\mu\text{W}$** @ 300mK , **0.25W** @ 4.2K)

Leakage Current of Nb/Al – STJ($50\mu\text{m}^2$)
Temperature dependence



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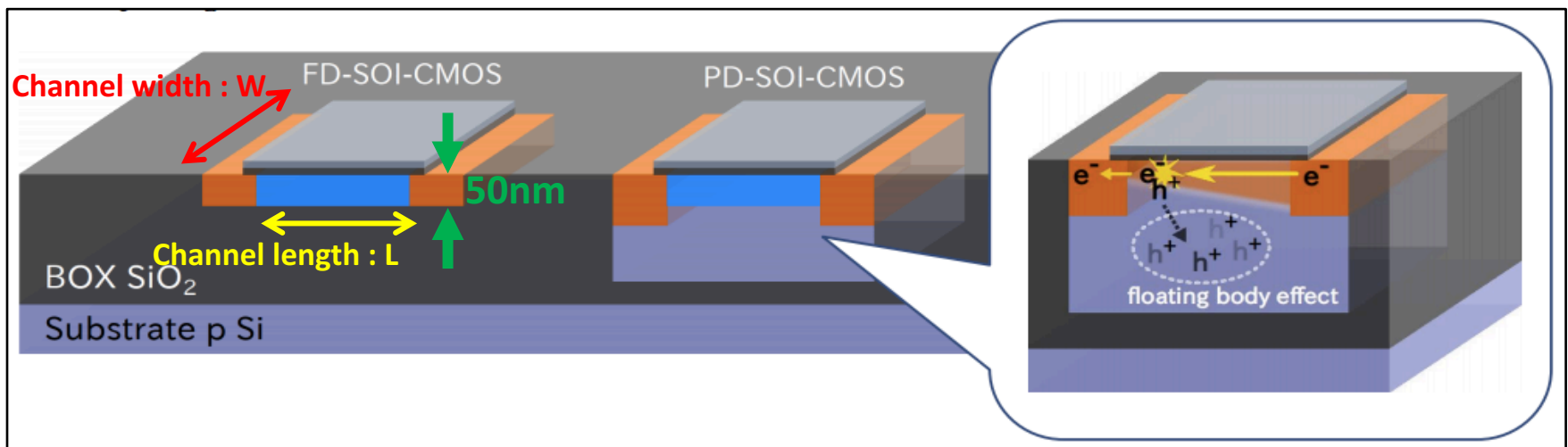
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SOI-MOSFET

FD-SOI : Fully Depleted – Silicon On Insulator

- FD-SOI MOS-FET is a transistor that is processed on SiO_2 insulator
- ❑ Very thin channel layer
 - ❑ Suppress charge-up of the body due to high-mobility carrier at low temperature
- ✓ Actually, this transistor is working at 4K!!

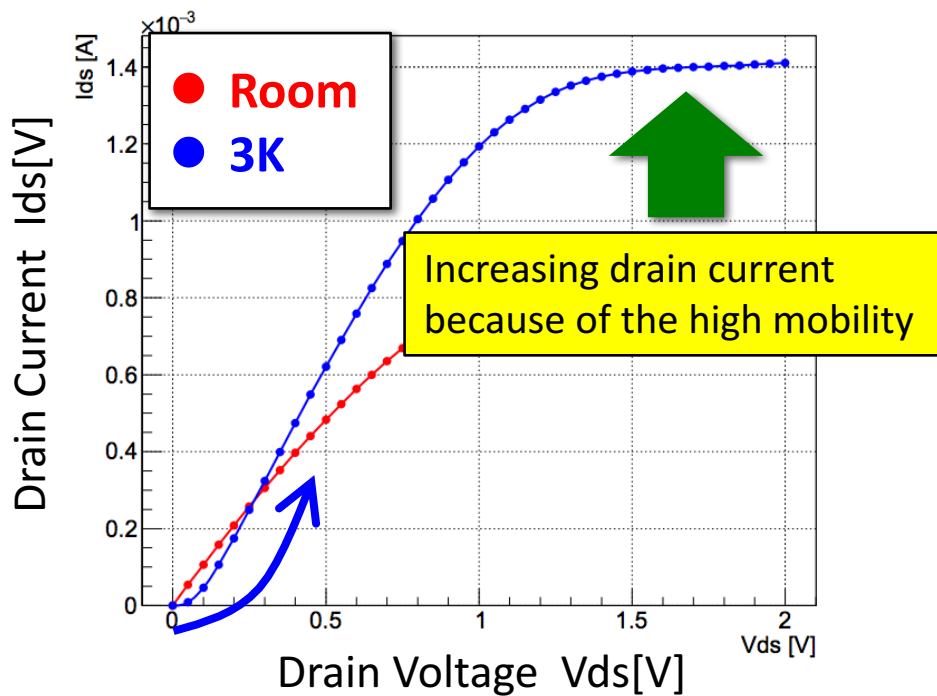
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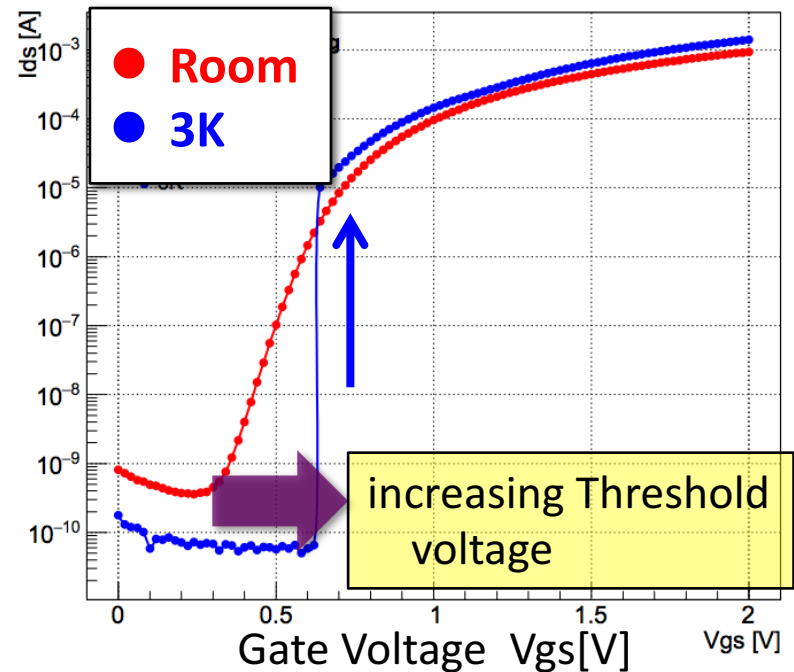
I-V characteristic of SOI-FET @3K

ex.) N channel : $W/L = 10\mu\text{m} / 1.0\mu\text{m}$

I_{drain} vs $V_{\text{drain-source}}$ Curve ($V_{\text{gate-source}} = 2\text{V}$)



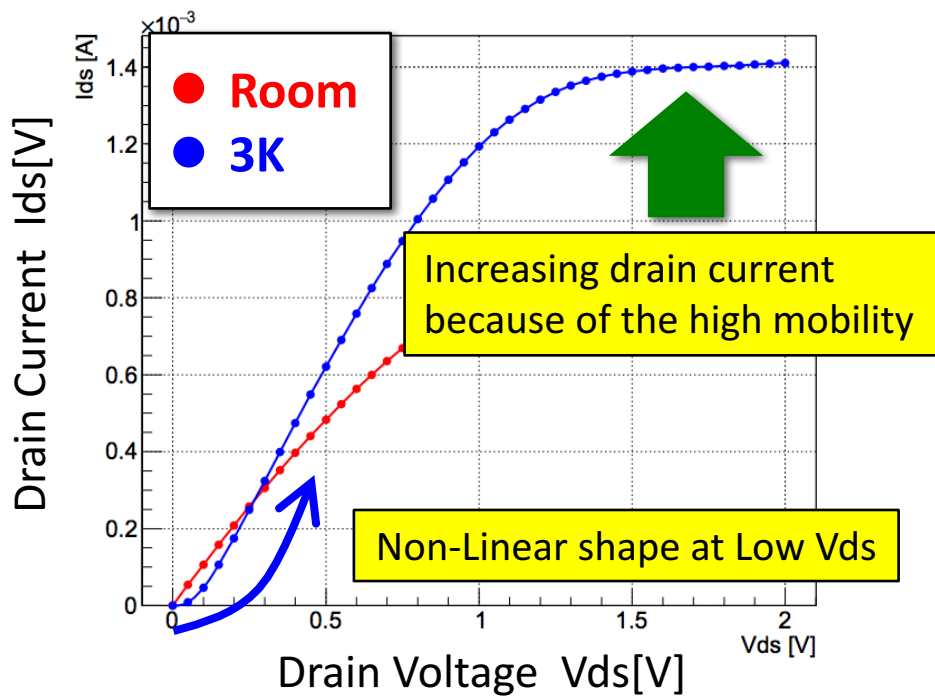
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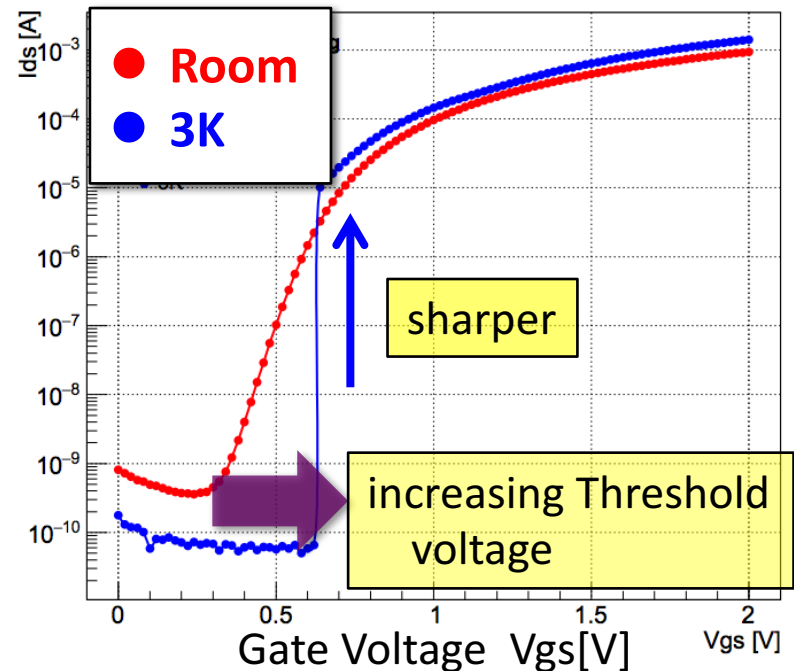
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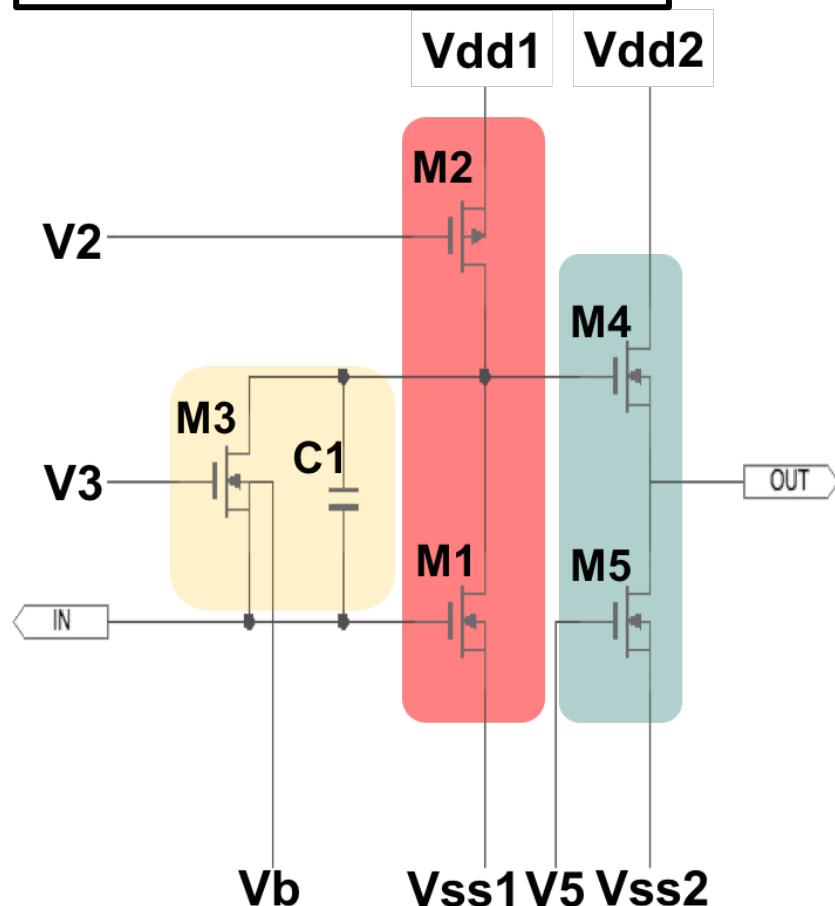


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The design of cold preamplifier

SOI - STJ4 (the 4th trial Unit)



Common Source Amplifier

- Using MOS-FETs instead of resistance

Feedback Circuit

- Self bias voltage

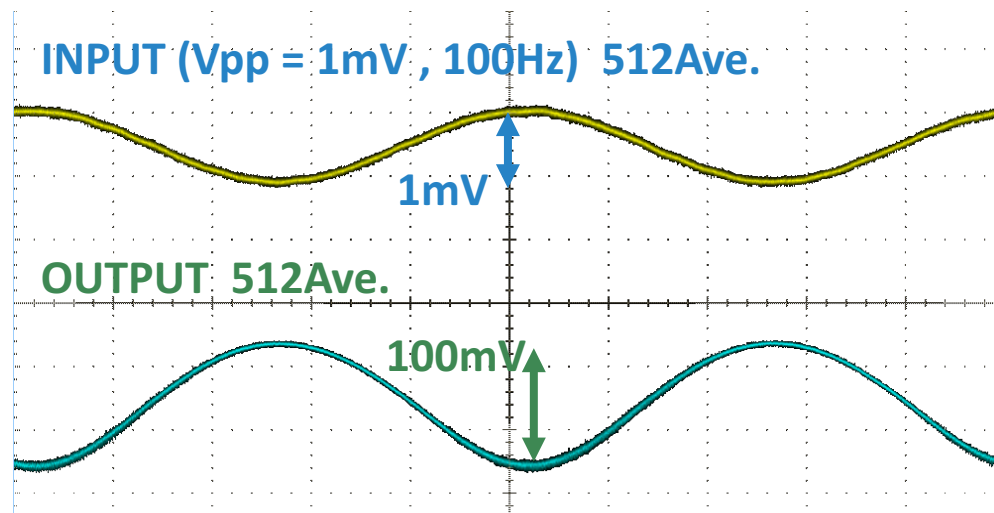
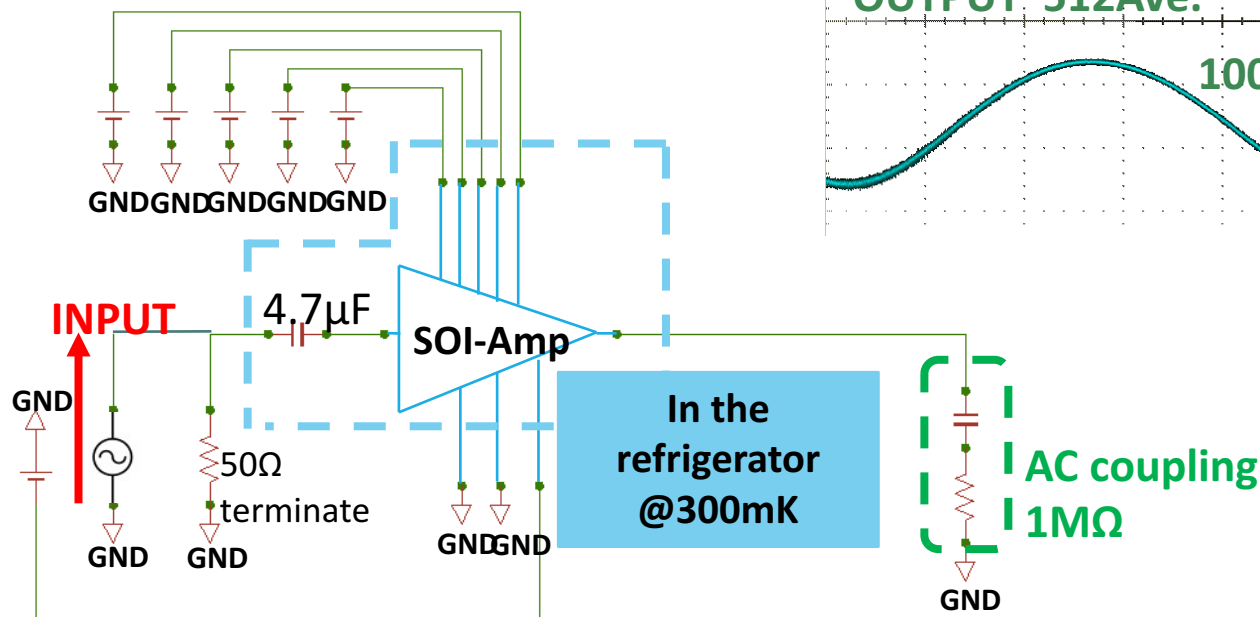
Source Follower Circuit

- Output impedance is decreased

	Type	W [μm]	L [μm]
M1	Nch-CLst2	40	1
M2	Pch-CLst2	1	10
M3	Nch-CLst2	1.6	10
M4	Nch-CLst2	70	1
M5	Nch-CLst2	60	1
C2	MIM cap.	100 fF	

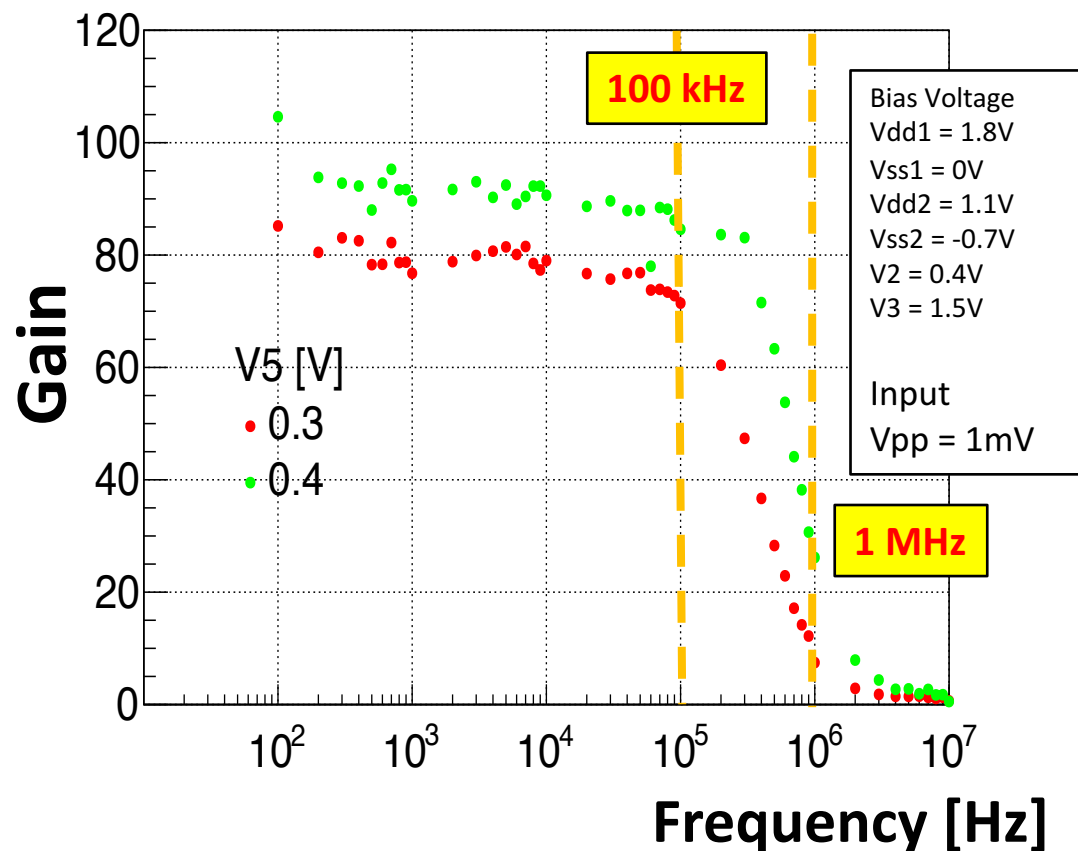
Test of amplifying sin-wave using SOI-Amp.

- INPUT : sin-wave
- Fit the bias voltage of SOI-Amp.
- Measured INPUT Frequency vs Gain characteristics!!



Frequency characteristics

Frequency characteristic of cold pre-amplifier(SOISTJ4) @300mK



- Adjust V3(Feedback) to earn amplifying gain
tuning V2 exactly not to saturate OUTPUT signal
- Then, scan V5 and investigate the frequency characteristics.
- Input 1MHz
Load capacitance : 0.5nF
---->> Gain ~ 20
- Power Consumption : 230 uW
➤ Larger than cooling power @300mK

INPUT 1MHz

INPUT (Vpp = 1mV Frequency 1MHz) 512Ave.

OUTPUT 512Ave.

1mV

0.2μsec

10mV

0.2μsec

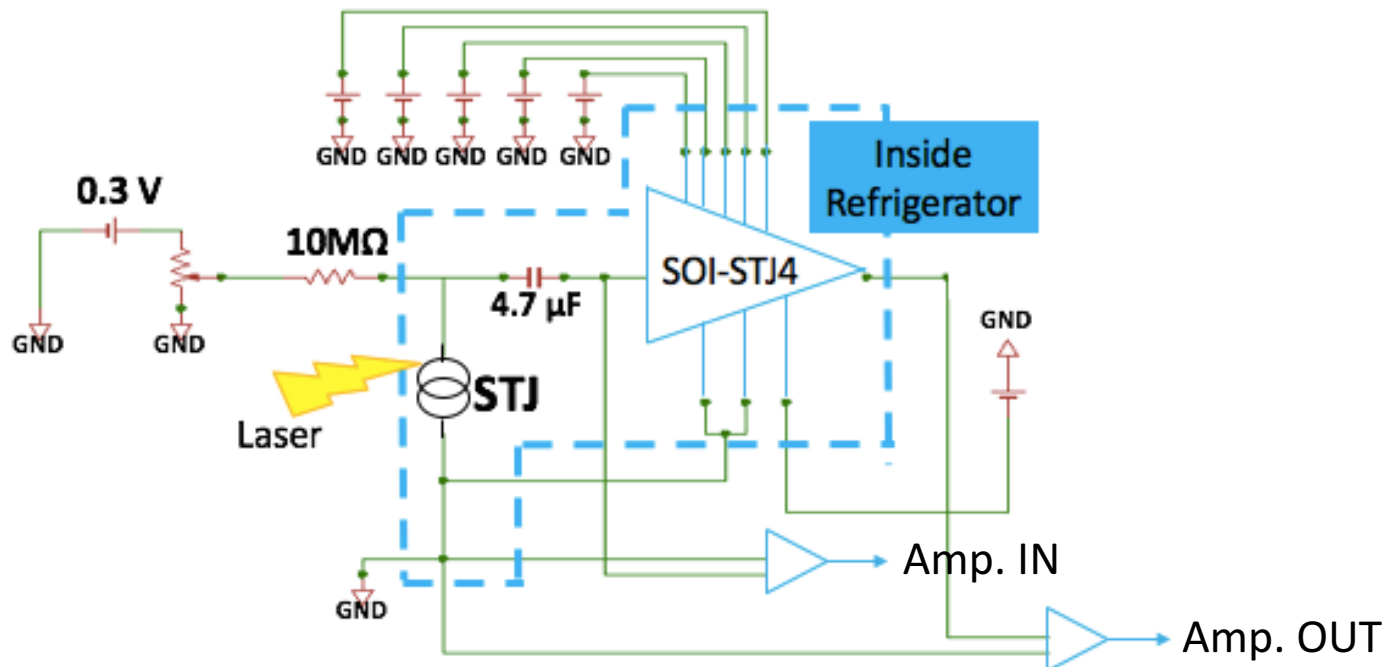
Observe the inversion amplification!!

1 1.00mV/V 2 10.0mV/V

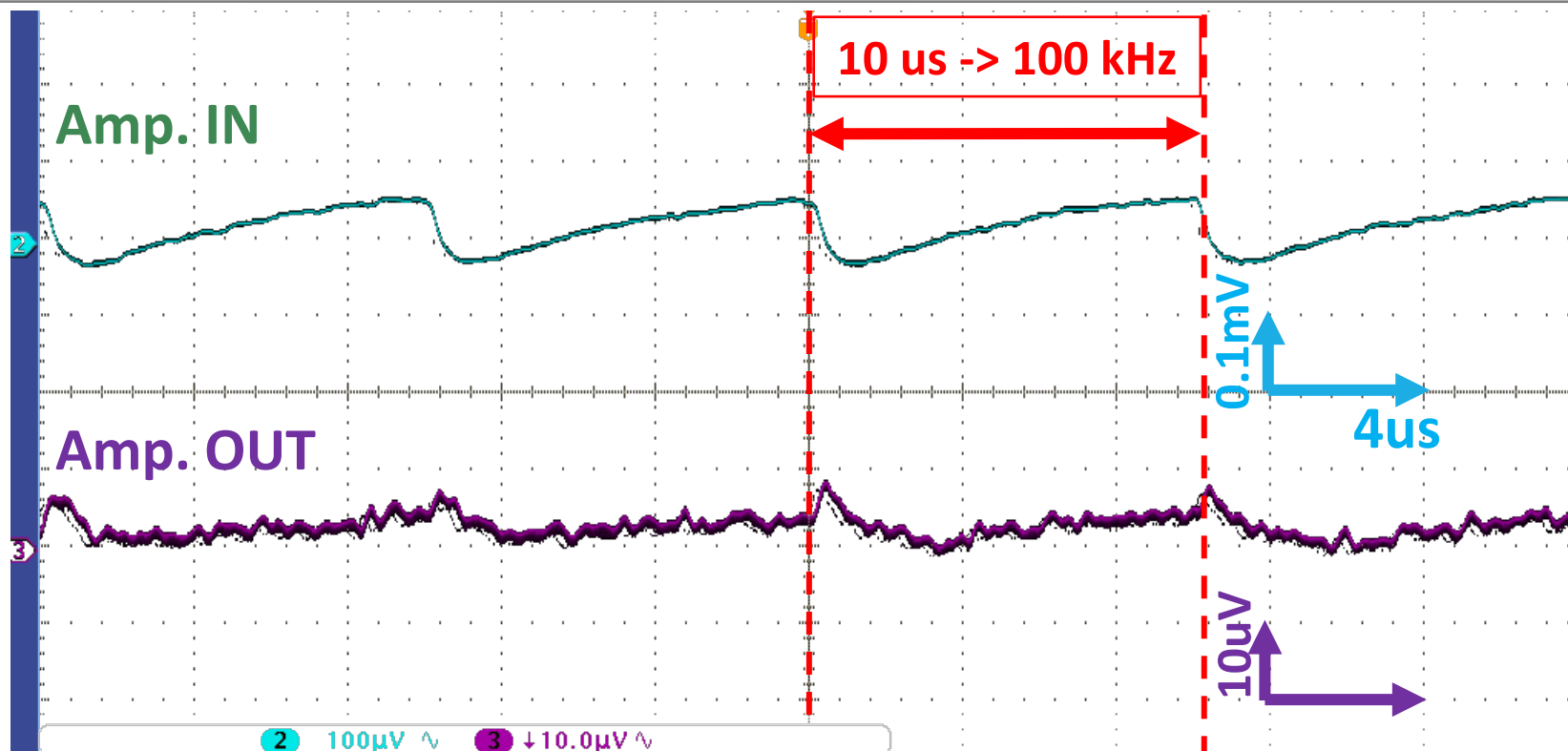
EXPERIMENT

Test of STJ signal amplification with the cold SOI-preamplifier

- Inject laser pulse into STJ and try to amplify STJ signals with cold amplifier
- I try to investigate
 1. whether STJ signal can be transferred into SOI-Amp.
 2. whether the transferred signal can be amplified by SOI-Amp.



Laser response @300mK



- I confirmed that STJ signals was transferred into SOI-Amp.
- But, INPUT signals were not amplified...
- I found that SOI-Buffer did not work correctly...

Summary

- ❑ To search for neutrino decay, we are researching & developing
 1. Superconducting Tunnel Junction (STJ)
 2. SOI-STJ (that is a cold pre-amplifier which can be operated @300mK)
- ❑ We measured the frequency characteristic of SOI-Amplifier @300mK
 - ❑ Gain : 20~30 ----> INPUT :: 1MHz sin-wave Load Cap. :: 0.5nF
 - ❑ Gain : ~100 ----> INPUT :: <= 100kHz sin-wave
- ❑ We are trying to amplify the STJ signal to visible laser light.
 - ❑ I confirmed that STJ signals can be transferred into SOI-Amplifier.
 - ❑ But, SOI-STJ did not work correctly because of SOI-Buffer.
 - ❑ The test of the STJ signal amplification with the cold amplifier is underway

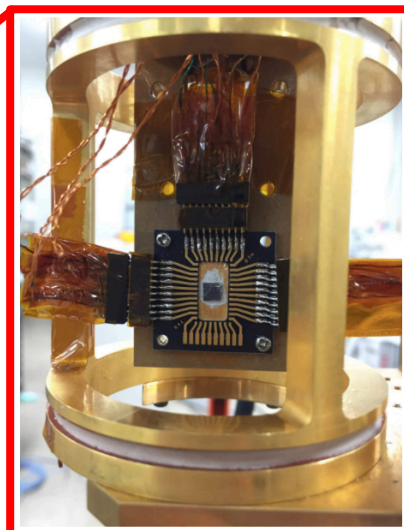
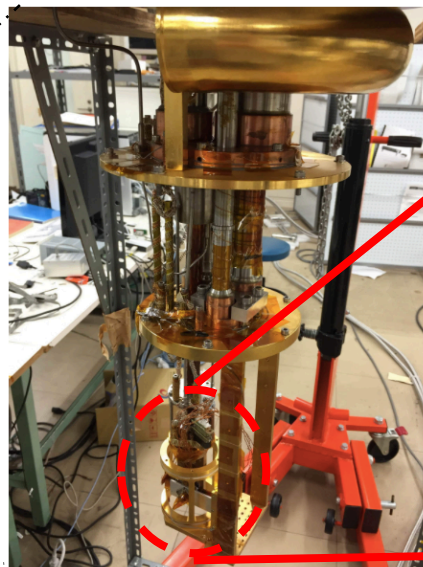
BACKUP

冷凍機のスペック

He3 Sorption冷凍機
(Oxford Instrument製)



中を見ると



He³減圧冷凍機 冷却能力一覧

ステージ	最低到達温度[K]	冷却能力
60Kステージ	60	25W @65K
3Kステージ	2.8	0.7W @4.2K
最低温ステージ	0.3	100uW @350mK

各ステージには
熱輻射を防ぐために
シールドがある

キャリア移動度

3Kでのキャリア移動度は常温のと比べて約2倍ほど大きくなると言われている。
本測定で移動度がどれだけ大きくなっているか検証する

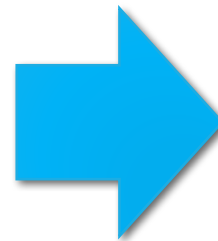
線形領域・飽和領域でのドレイン電流の式は以下のようになる

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} I_{ds}(linear) = \mu C_{OX} \frac{W}{L} \left\{ (V_{gs} - V_{th}) V_{ds} - \frac{1}{2} V_{ds}^2 \right\} \\ I_{ds}(saturated) = \mu C_{OX} \frac{W}{L} (V_{gs} - V_{th})^2 \end{array} \right.$$

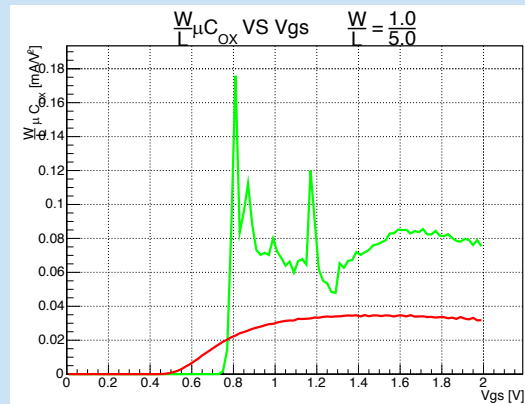
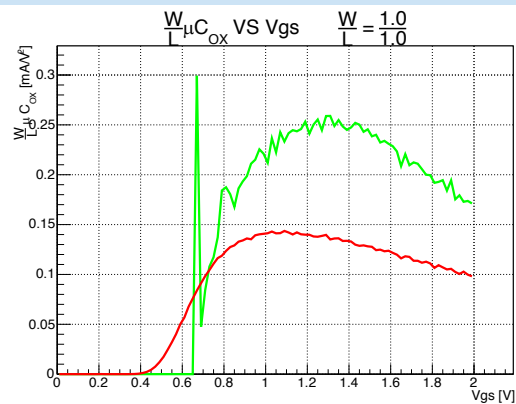
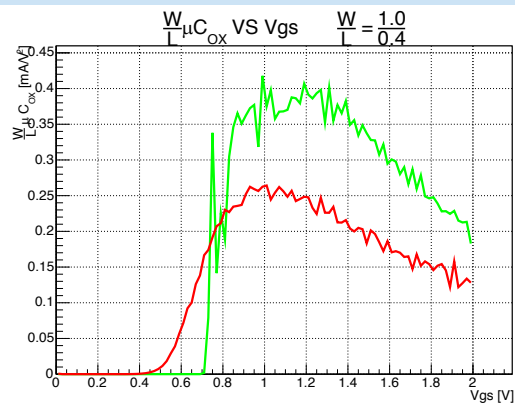
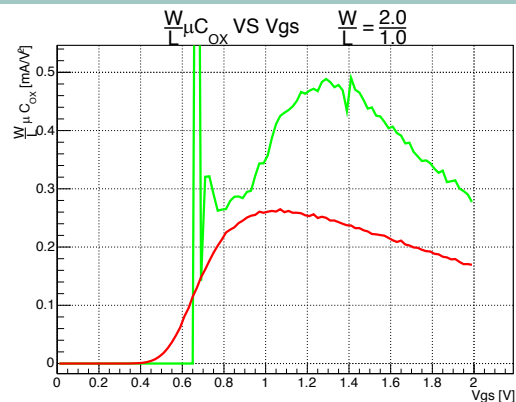
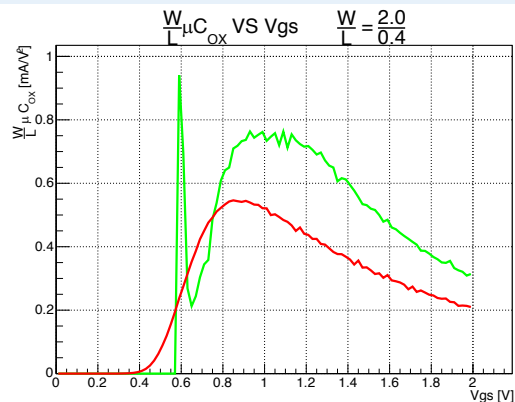
この式を変形すると

$$\mu C_{OX} \frac{W}{L} (linear) = - \frac{\partial^2 I_{ds}}{\partial V_{ds}^2}$$

$$\mu C_{OX} \frac{W}{L} (saturated) = 2 \left(\frac{\partial \sqrt{I_{ds}}}{\partial V_{gs}} \right)$$

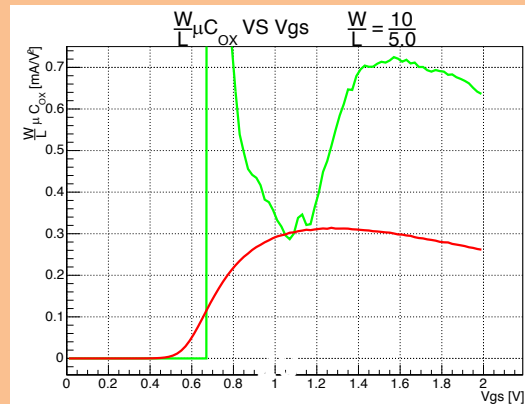
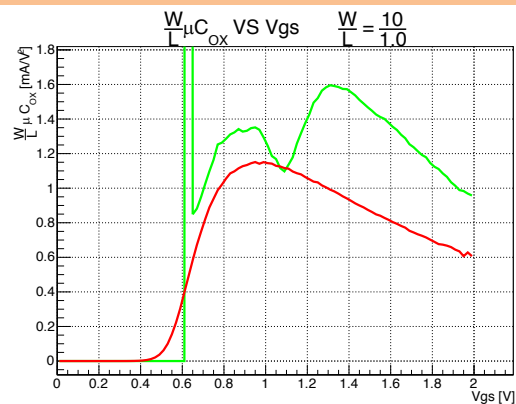
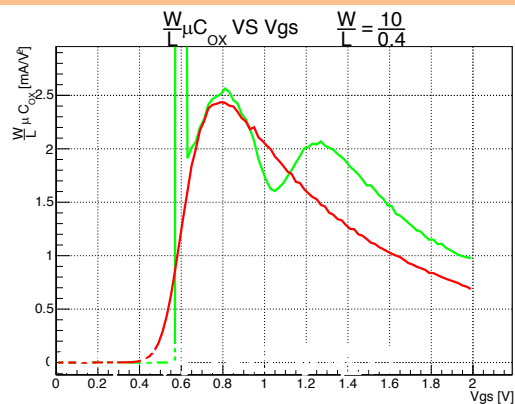


常温と3Kでの $\mu C W / L$ の値の
比がそのまま移動度の比

$L = 0.4 \mu\text{m}$ $L = 1 \mu\text{m}$ $L = 5 \mu\text{m}$ $W = 1 \mu\text{m}$  $W = 2 \mu\text{m}$ 

軸のスケールを
調整し直す

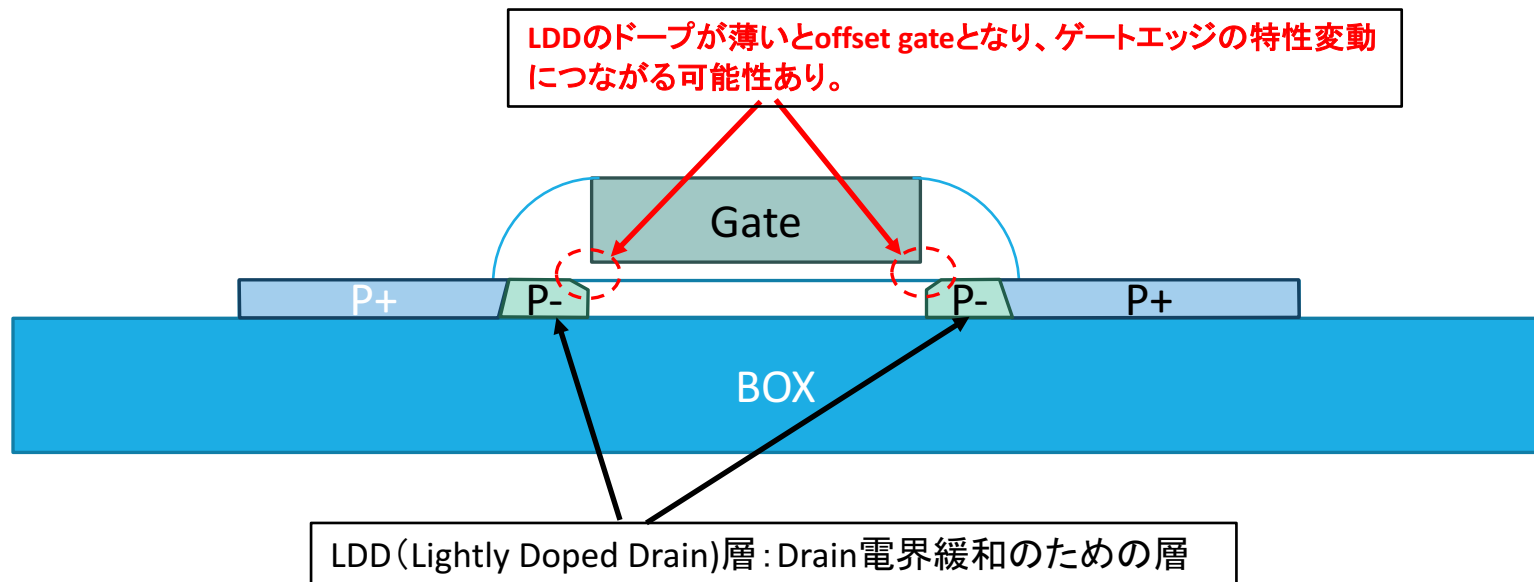
— 室温
— 極低温(3K)

 $W = 10 \mu\text{m}$ 

LDD不純物濃度改良

LDD構造 : Lightly Doped Drain ... ドレインとソースの間に低濃度の不純物領域を形成
→ドレインに高電界が生じるのを防ぐ

SPICE抽出のために測定したSOI-FETは、LDDのドーピングを薄くしたSOI-FETだったため、
ゲートエッジ部の特性が変動し、 R_d が異常に高くなる現象が見られた
→なので、ドーピングを濃くしたSOI-FETを極低温環境下で測定



LDD不純物濃度改良後のIV特性

ex.) Pch ST2 W/L = 10 μ m / 1 μ m

I_{ds} VS V_{ds}

- LDD不純物濃度が現行(@3K)
- LDD不純物濃度が改良(@3K)

