

High-Q cavity coupled to a high permittivity dielectric resonator for sensing applications

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Abstract: We report on coupled cavity configuration which high Q-factor elliptical TESLA-shaped superconducting cavity is coupled with a high permittivity (ϵ_r) SrTiO₃ puck measured down T=0.2K. Extensive electromagnetic simulations are used to test different coupling configurations.

The use of high-quality factor resonators is of undoubted interest for high precision measurements and for applications in quantum technologies. Novel types of microwave sensors can be realized by coupling a first resonator acting as a stable frequency reference with a second resonator that is sensitive to a particular physical quantity. Here we report on a coupled cavity configuration in which a high Q-factor elliptical TESLA-shaped superconducting cavity is coupled with a high permittivity (ϵ_r) SrTiO₃ puck, whose resonant frequency varies as a function of temperature due to the temperature dependence of the permittivity that reaches values higher than 30000 below 1 K.

Extensive electromagnetic simulations are used to test different coupling configurations, showing great versatility to tune the coupling in the weak or strong regime, depending on the puck's position within the cavity. Moreover, for the coupled system, they allow one to investigate the dependence of the zero-transmission frequency value on changes of the permittivity ϵ_r , obtaining a maximum value of 2.8 MHz per unit change of ϵ_r , for $\epsilon_r \approx 230$. Finally, we discuss a specific application of the coupled system as a bolometer in different temperature ranges. Details are reported in [1].

References

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