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Design and Performance of a High-T_{sub} c/ Superconductor Coplanar Waveguide Filter

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Coplanar waveguide is a convenient structure for microwave circuits using high-critical-temperature superconductor thin films. The design of a coplanar waveguide low-pass filter made of YBa₂Cu₃O_{7- δ} (YBCO) on an LaAlO₃ substrate is described. Measurements were incorporated into simple models for microwave CAD analysis to develop a final design. The patterned and packaged coplanar waveguide low-pass filter of YBCO, with dimensions suited for integrated circuits, exhibited measured insertion losses when cooled in liquid nitrogen superior to those of a similarly cooled thin-film copper filter throughout the 0 to 9.5 GHz passband. Coplanar waveguide models for use with thin-film normal metal (with thickness either greater or less than the skin depth) and YBCO are discussed and used to compare the losses of the measured YBCO and copper circuits.

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