

Noise Figure of HTS JJ MMIC Downconverter at 12GHz

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We report here the first deliberately made high temperature superconductivity (HTS) monolithic microwave integrated circuit (MMIC) for down-converting direct broadcast satellite (DBS) signals. A YBa/sub 2/Cu/sub 3O/sub 7-delta/(YBCO) step-edge microbridge Josephson junction (JJ), two 12GHz YBCO microstrip bandpass filters, a 1GHz YBCO filter, and current bias and voltage monitor circuits are successfully combined into a 20mm x 20mm MgO substrate and integrated into a frequency downconverter. The YBCO downconverter and a GaAs low noise amplifier(LNA) for intermediate frequency (IF=1GHz) are combined into a microwave cryostat and characterized by receiving direct broadcast satellite (DBS) signals. The noise figure has been first measured for such YBCO JJ MMIC downconverter as a subsystem. The dependence of noise figure and IF output on temperature, bias voltage and LO power has been studied. We have successfully demonstrated clear pictures of DBS below 40K.

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