

and

$$\frac{\gamma 4\pi M_s}{\omega} < 0.7 \quad (4)$$

where the gyromagnetic ratio  $\gamma \approx 2.8$  MHz/Oe,  $\omega$  is the operating frequency in MHz, and the saturation magnetization ( $4\pi M_s$ ) is measured at room temperature.

#### IV. APPLICATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

This circulator was designed and built to be used with cooled parametric amplifiers in *L*-band for radioastronomical observations. Until now, cooled *L*-band parametric amplifiers employing very low-loss uncooled circulators could reach a noise temperature of  $25^{\circ}\text{K}$  [4]. This new coolable circulator will contribute less than  $2^{\circ}\text{K}$  to the receiver noise. It will therefore reduce the system noise by about 20 percent to less than  $20^{\circ}\text{K}$ . In addition it results in far better temperature stability and greater bandwidth as compared to a system with an uncooled circulator in *L*-band with sufficient isolation bandwidth by using aluminum-substituted YIG with a low-saturation magnetization ( $4\pi M_s \approx 300$  G) and a different physical size than necessary at room temperature. In addition a weak external field ( $H \approx 65$  Oe) has to be applied.

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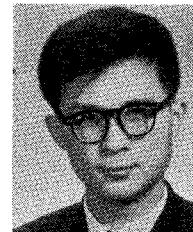


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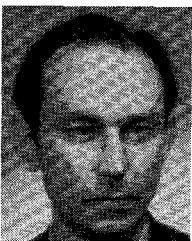


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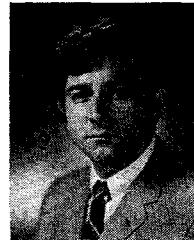
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