

# THz antenna-coupled Zero-Bias Schottky Diode Detectors for Particle Accelerators

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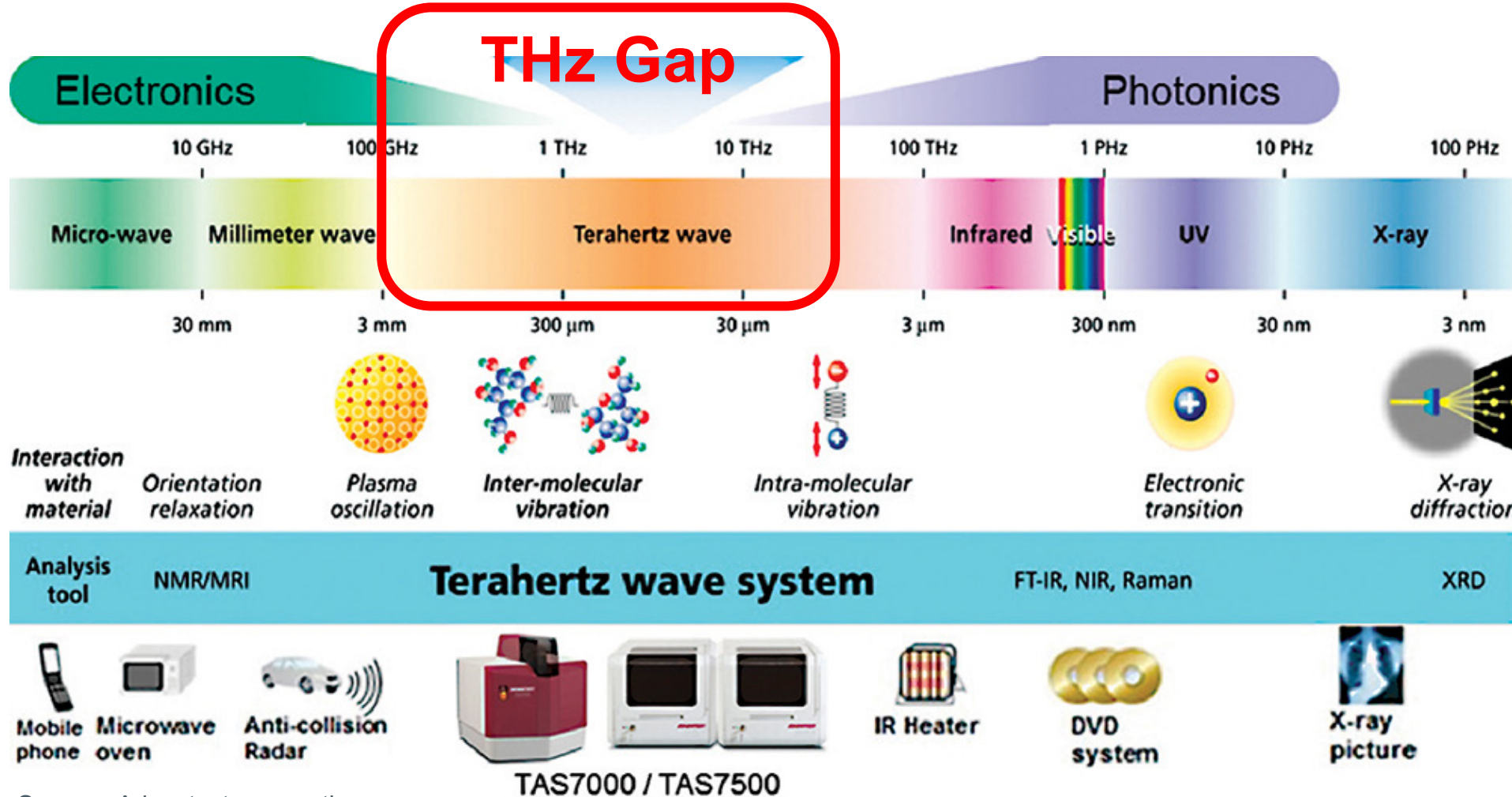


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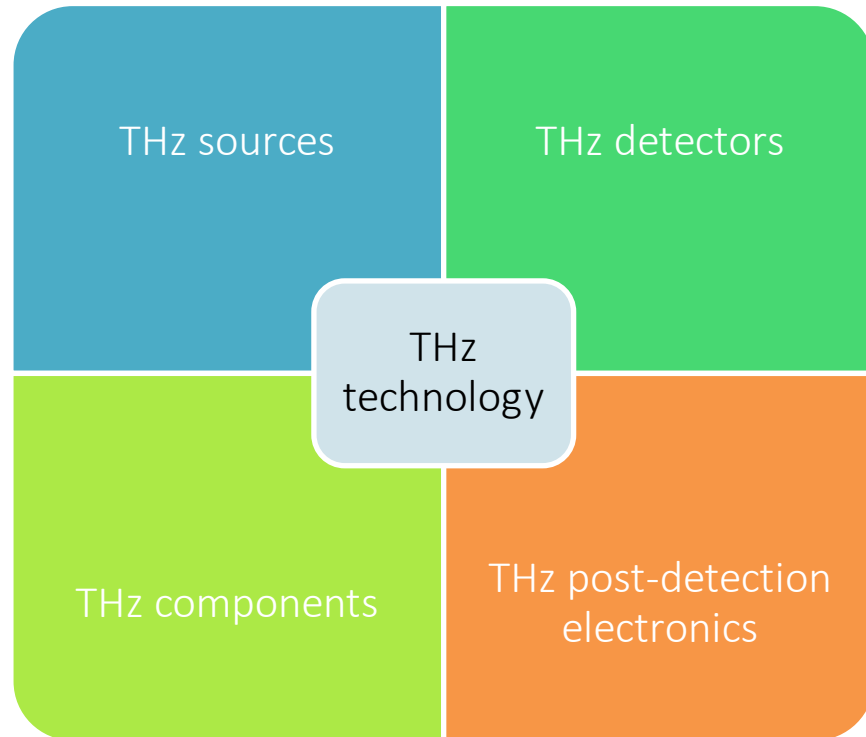
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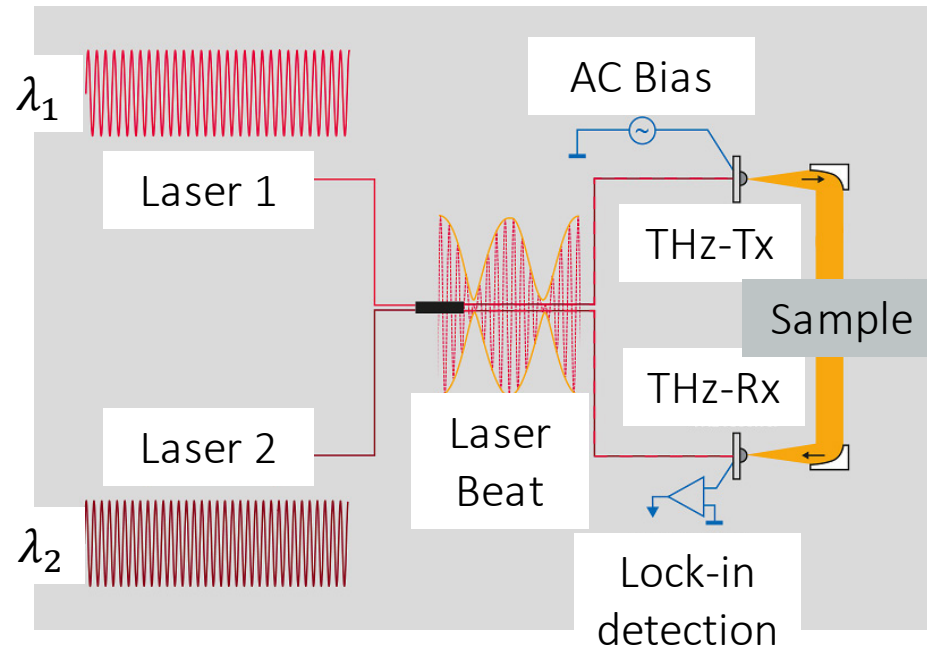
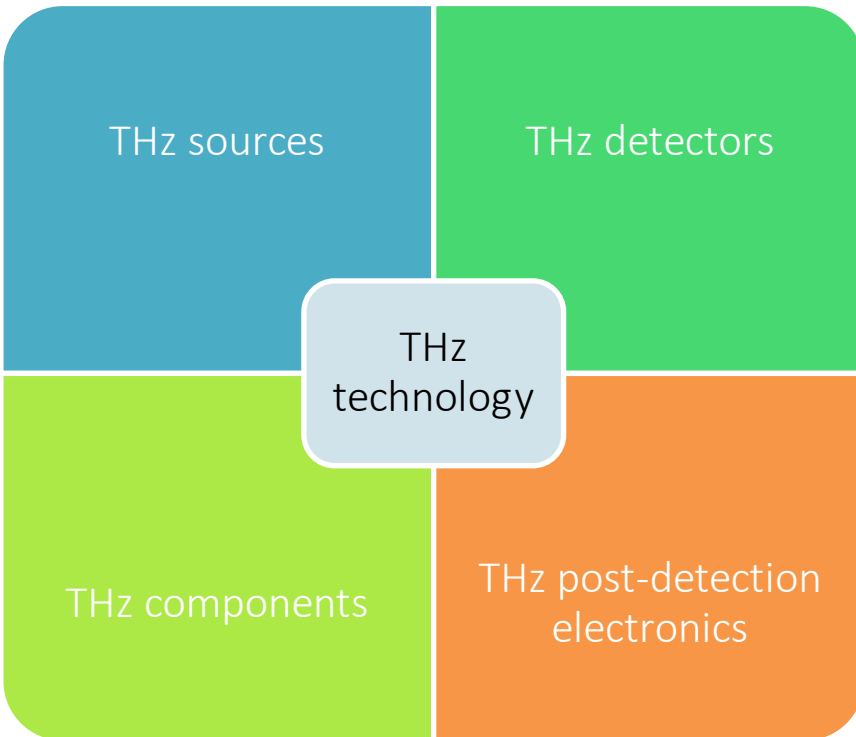
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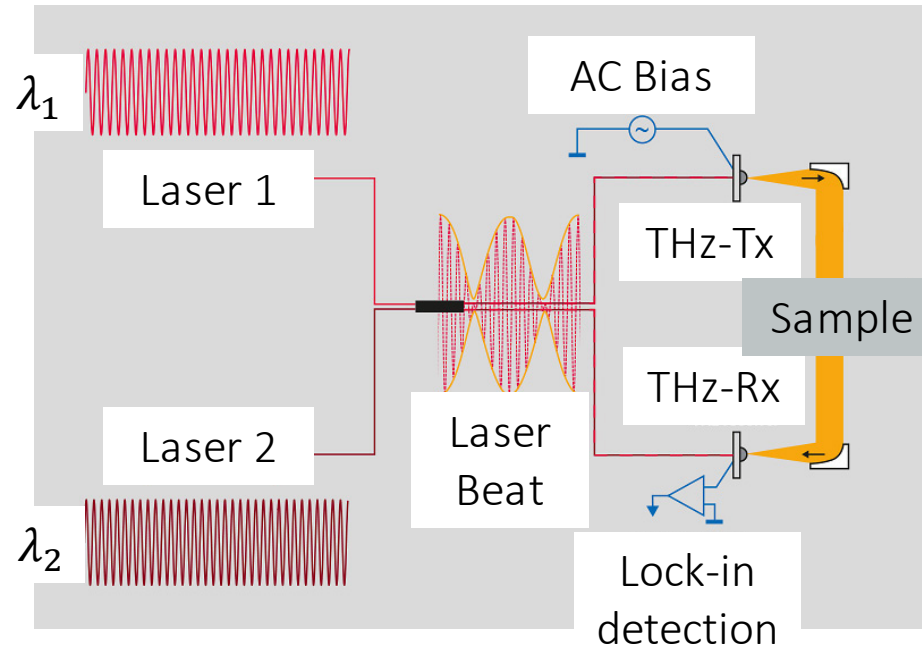
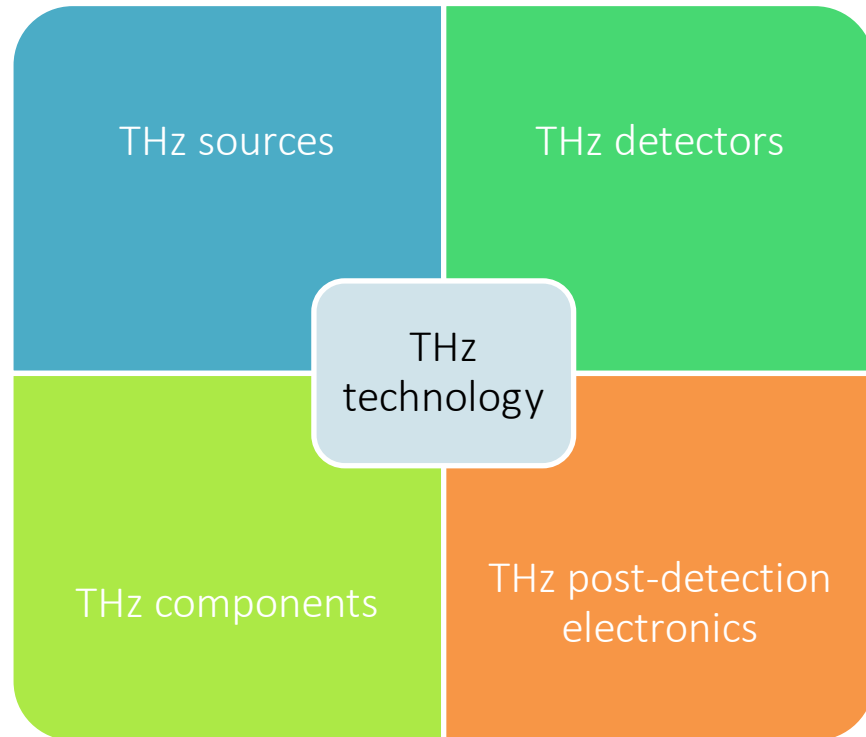
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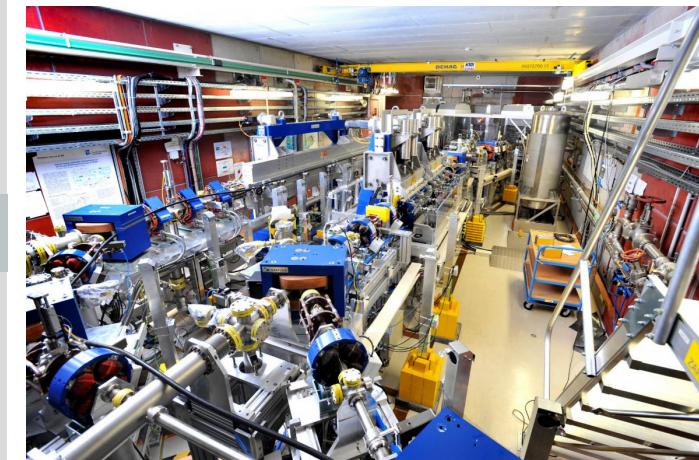
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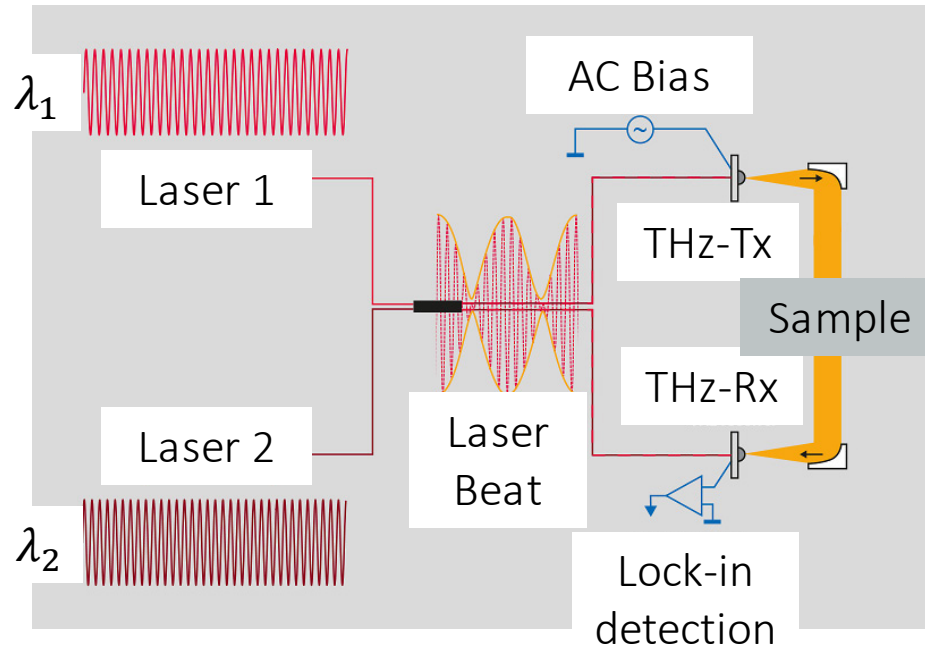
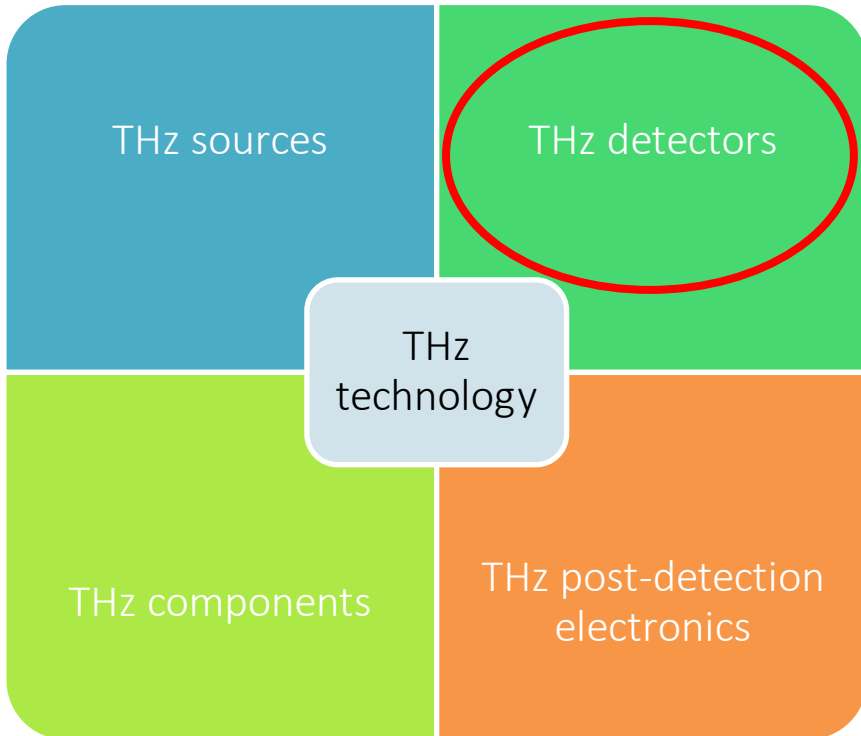


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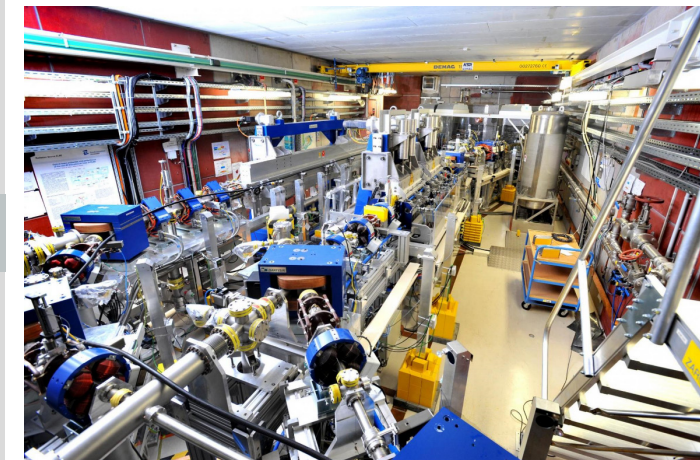
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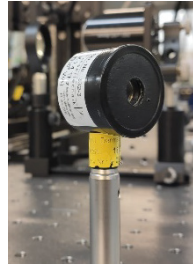
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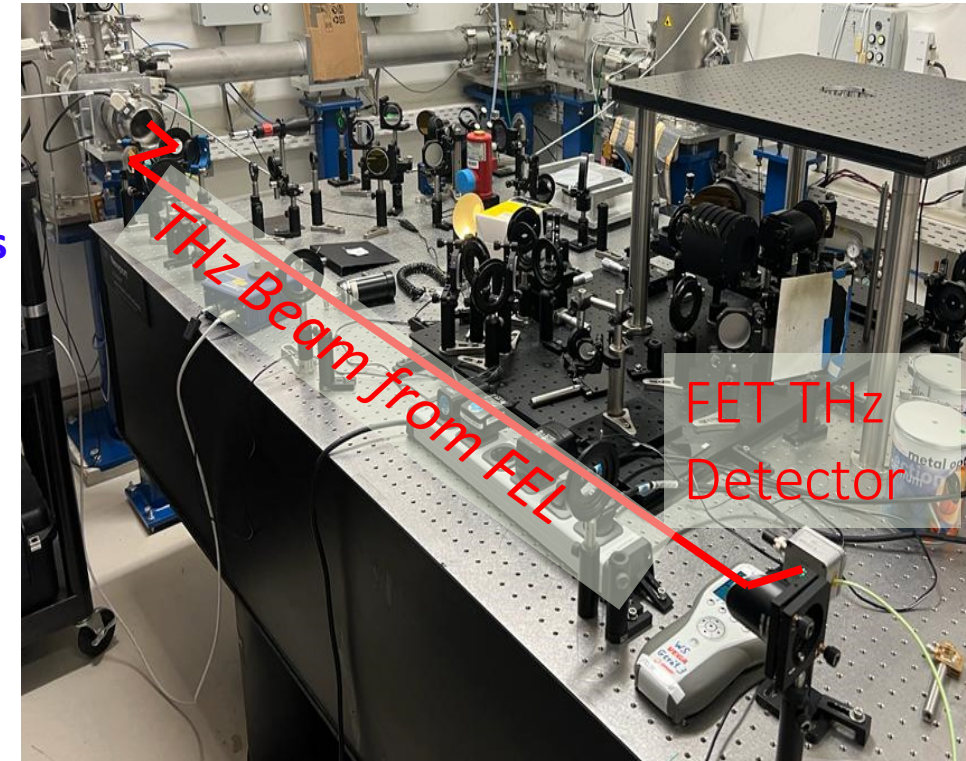
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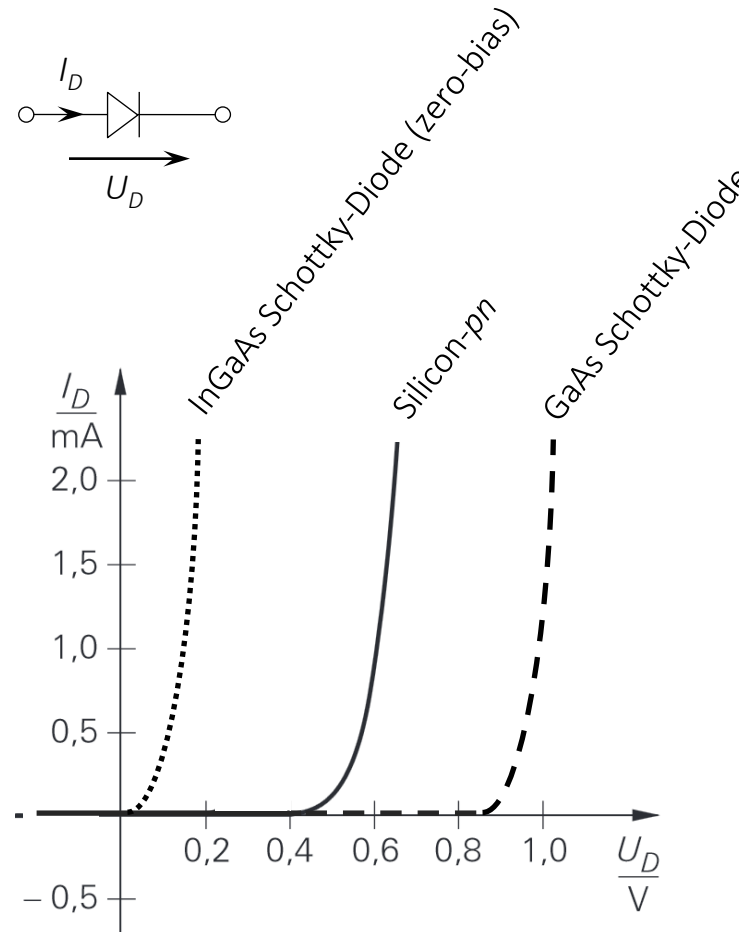


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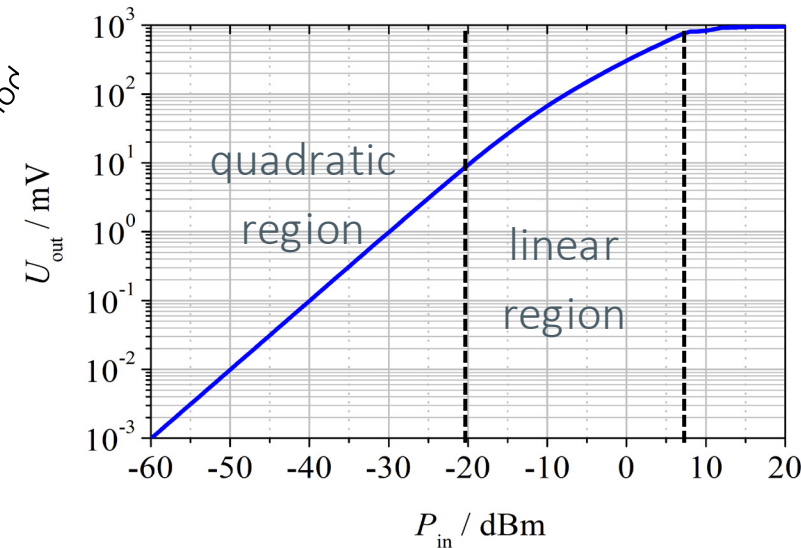
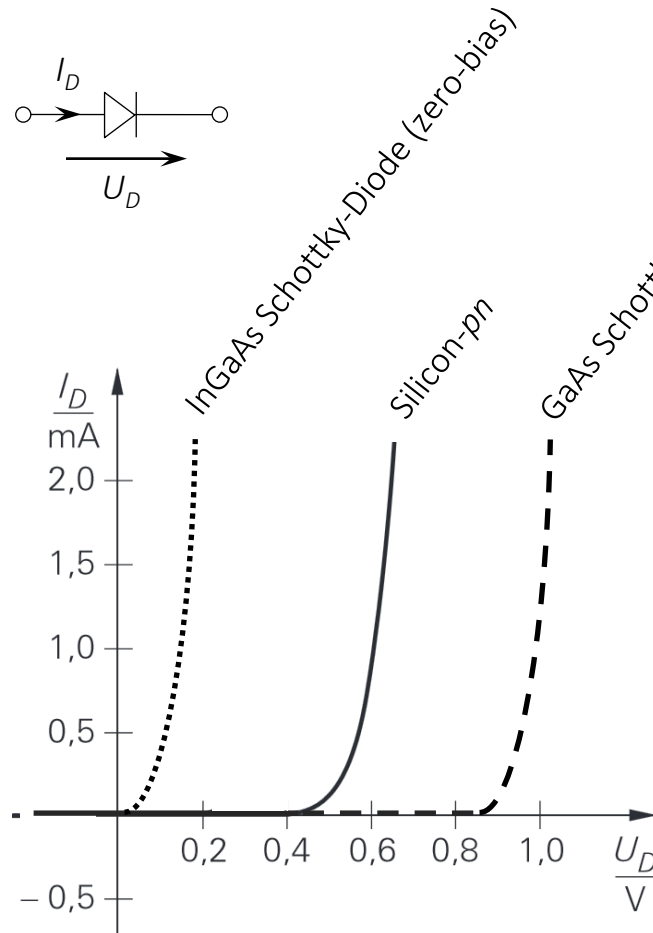


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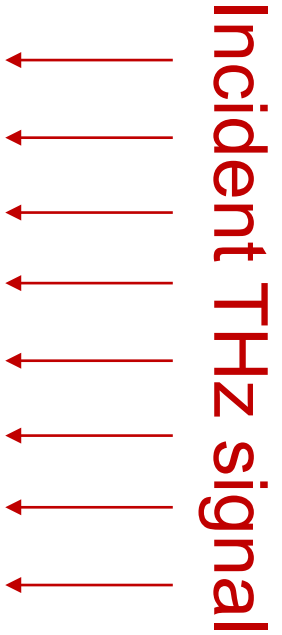




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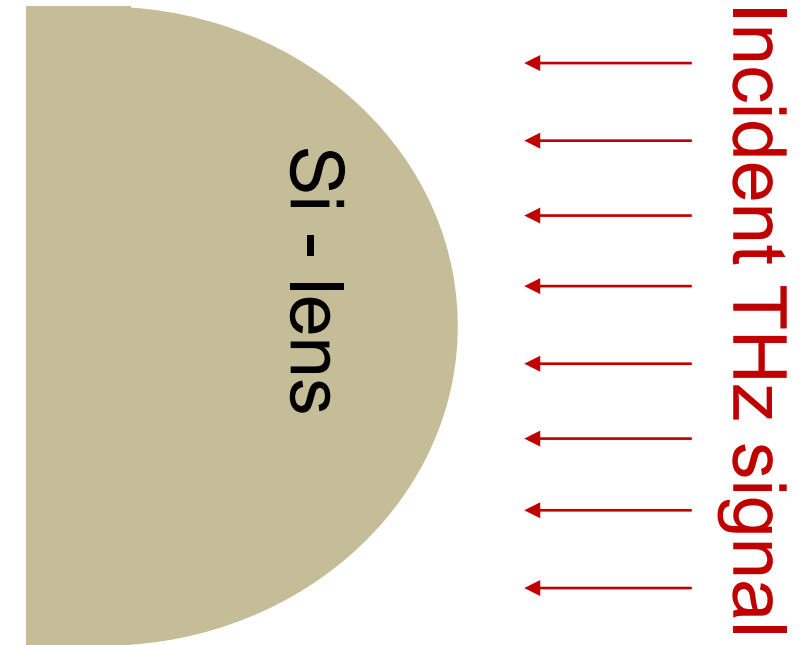


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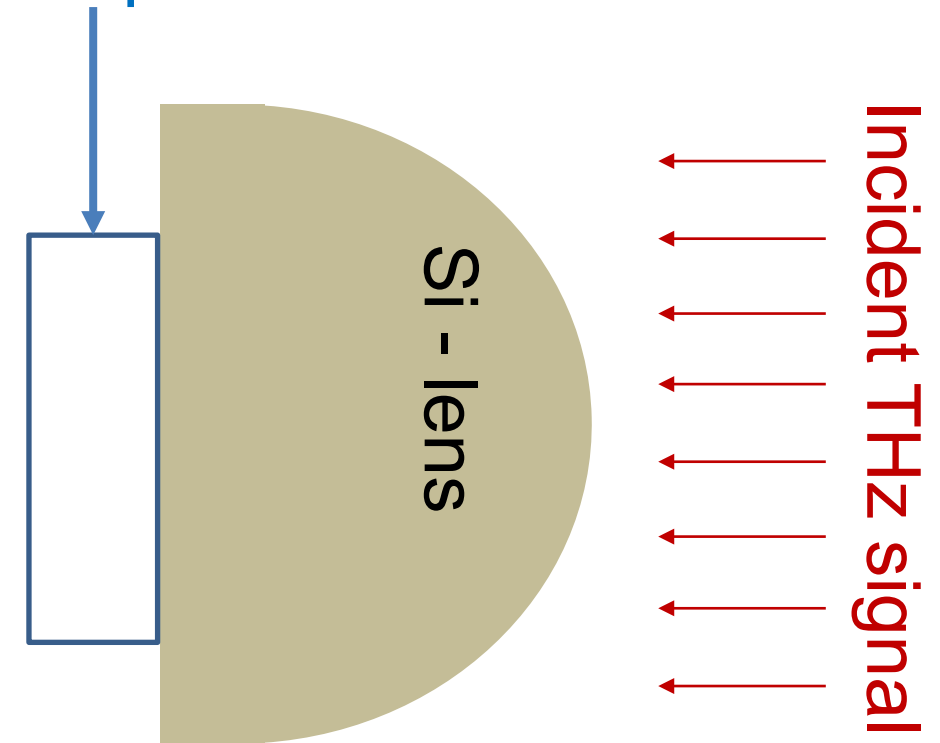
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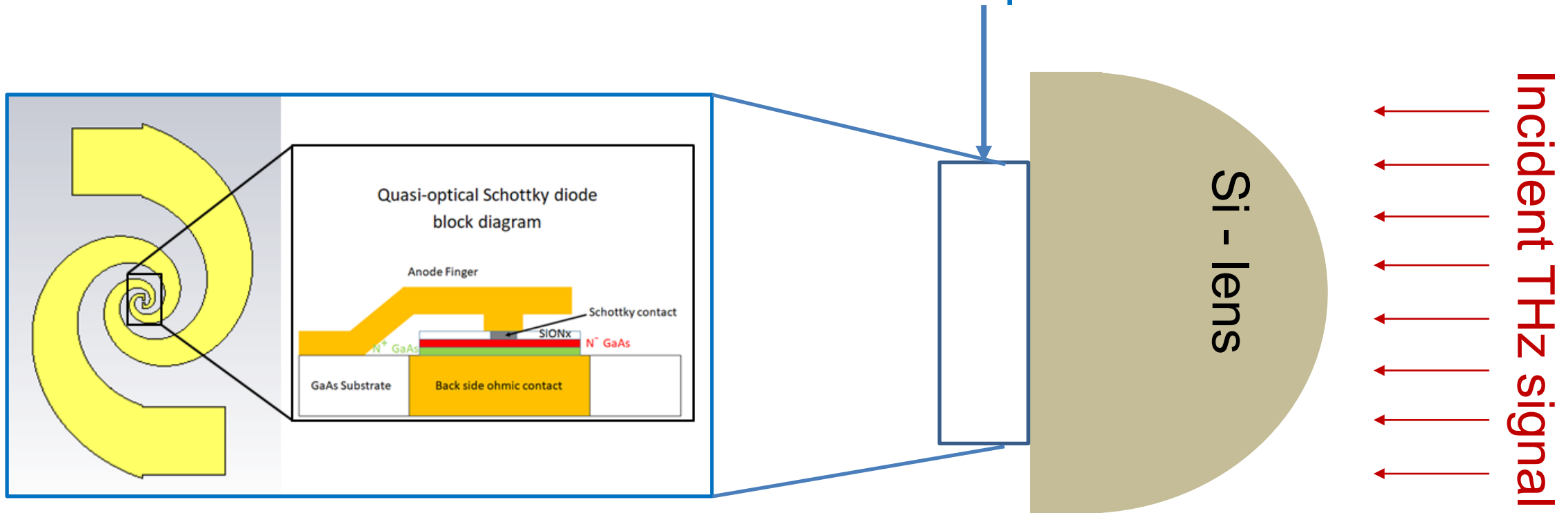
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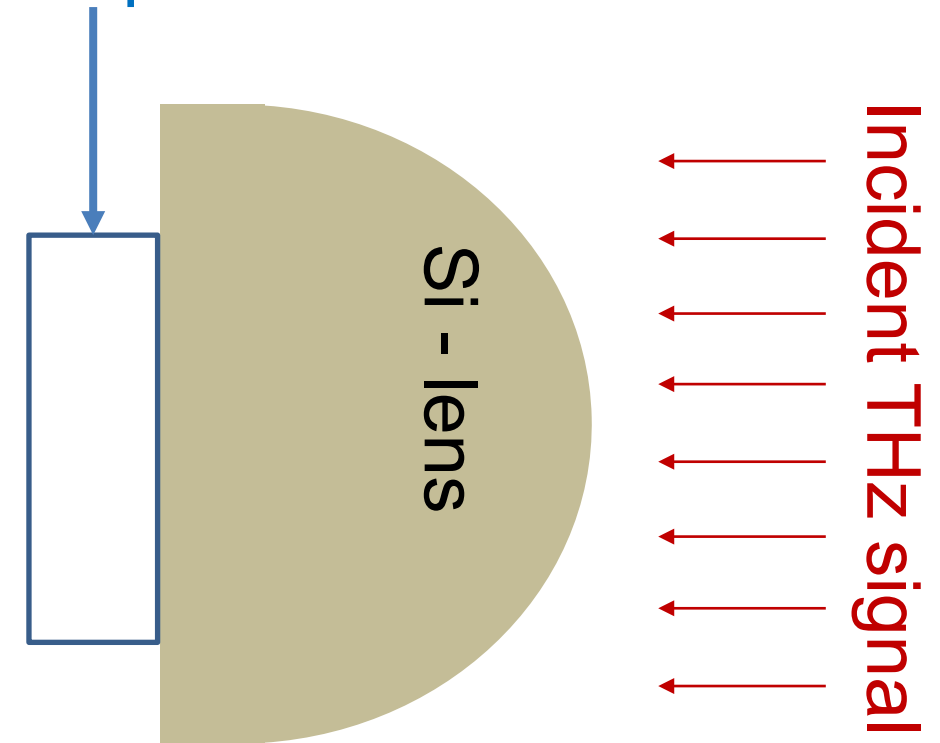
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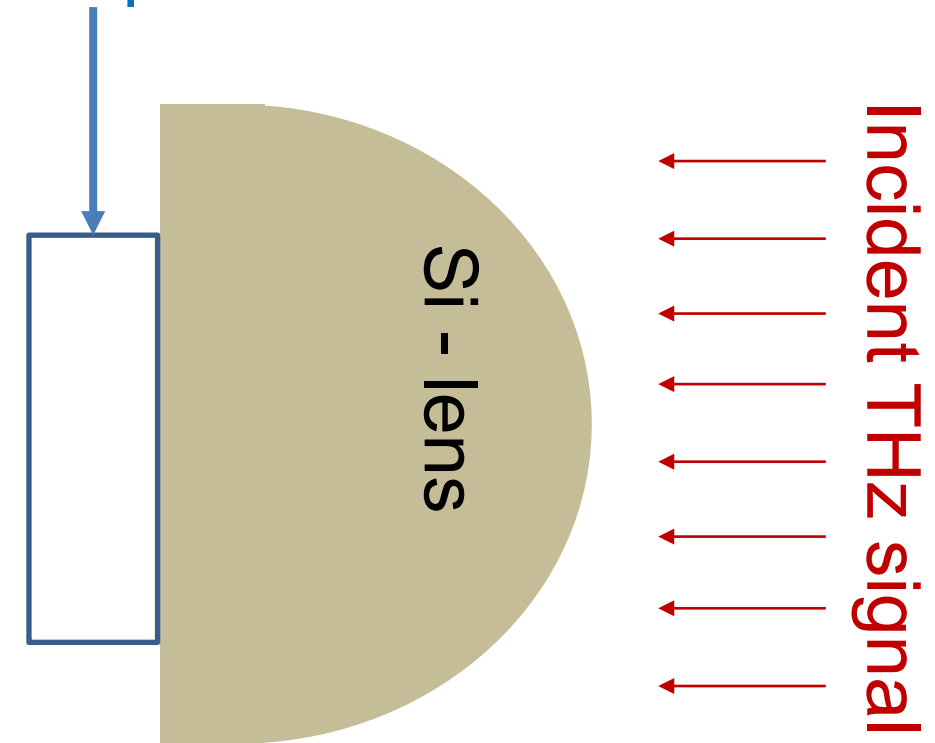


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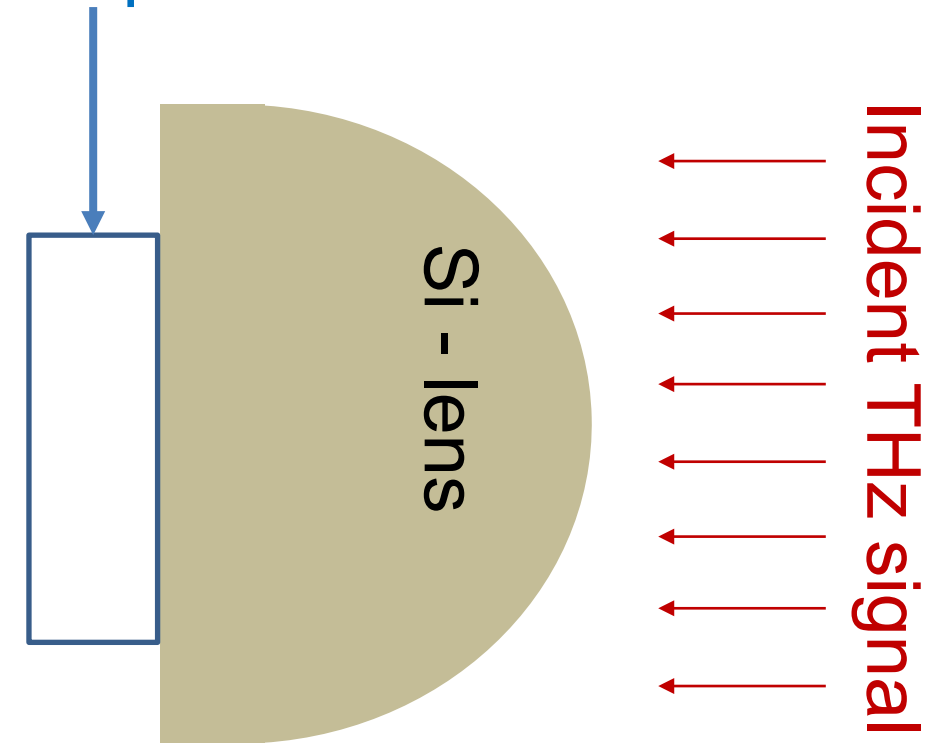
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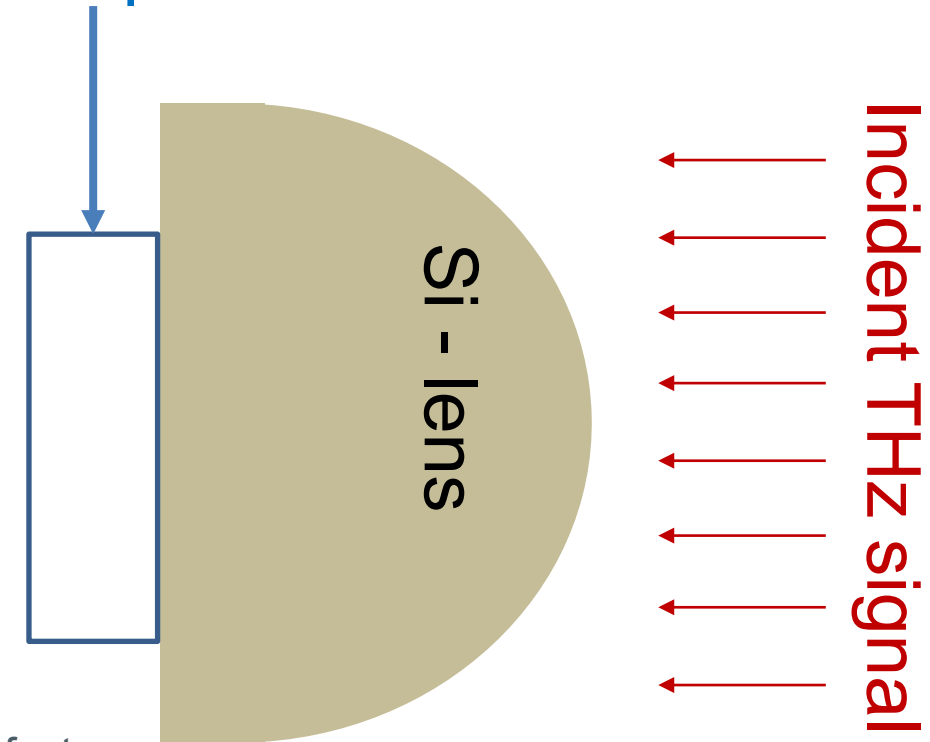
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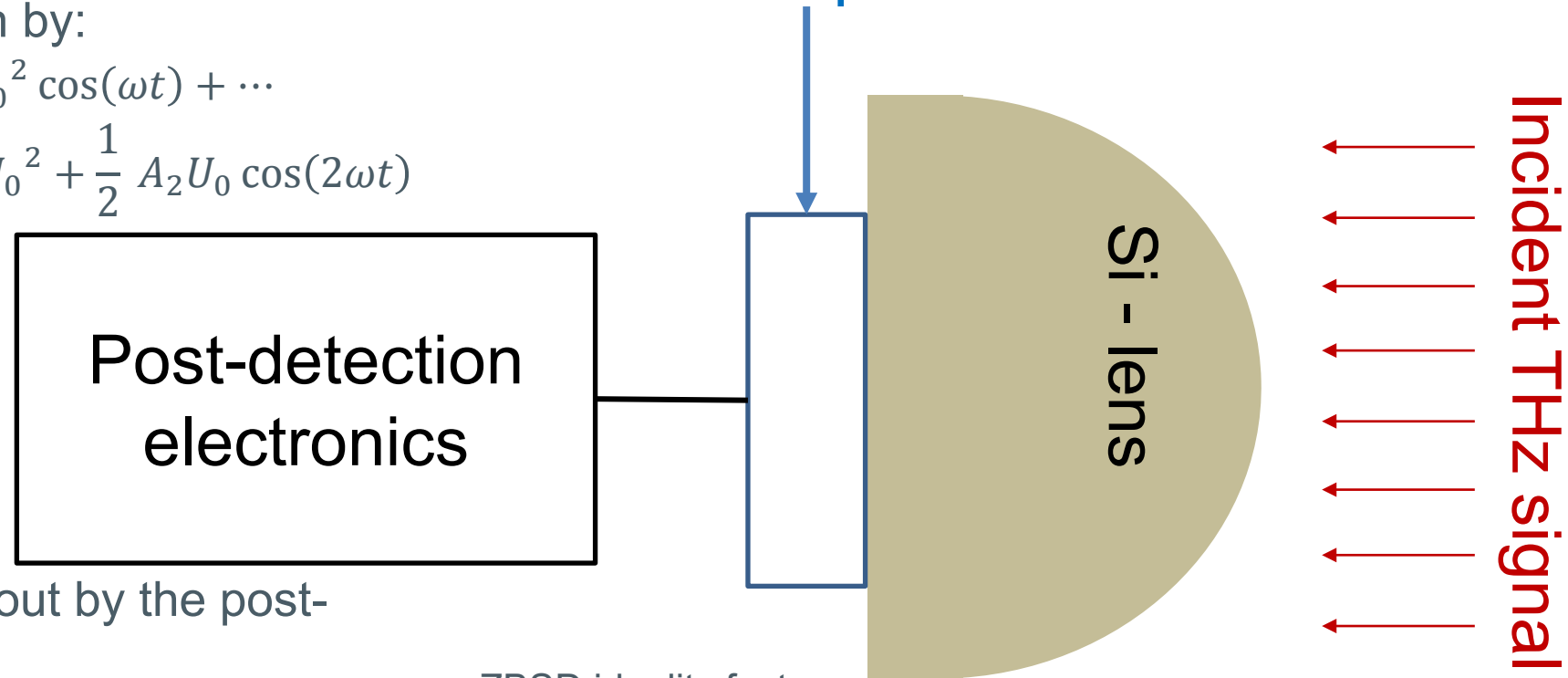
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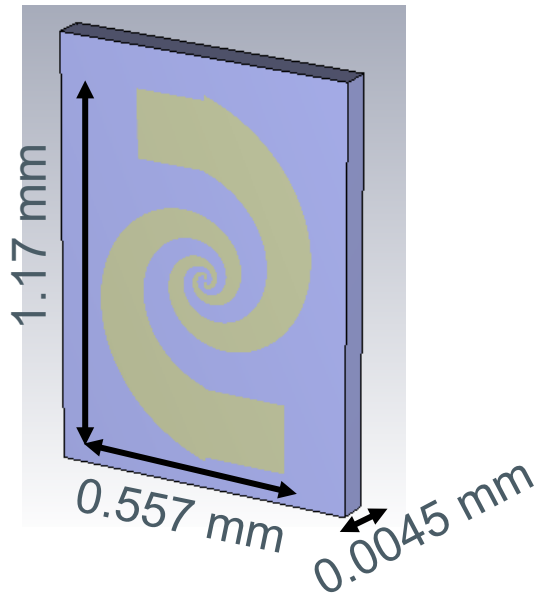




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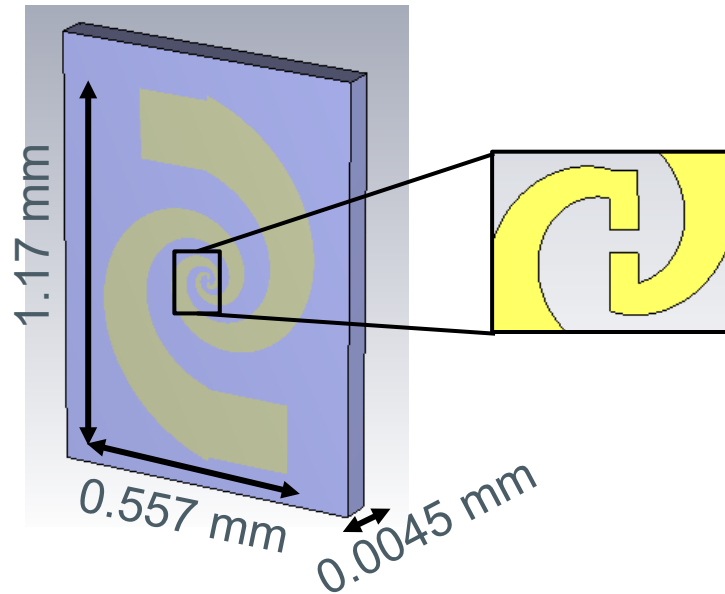
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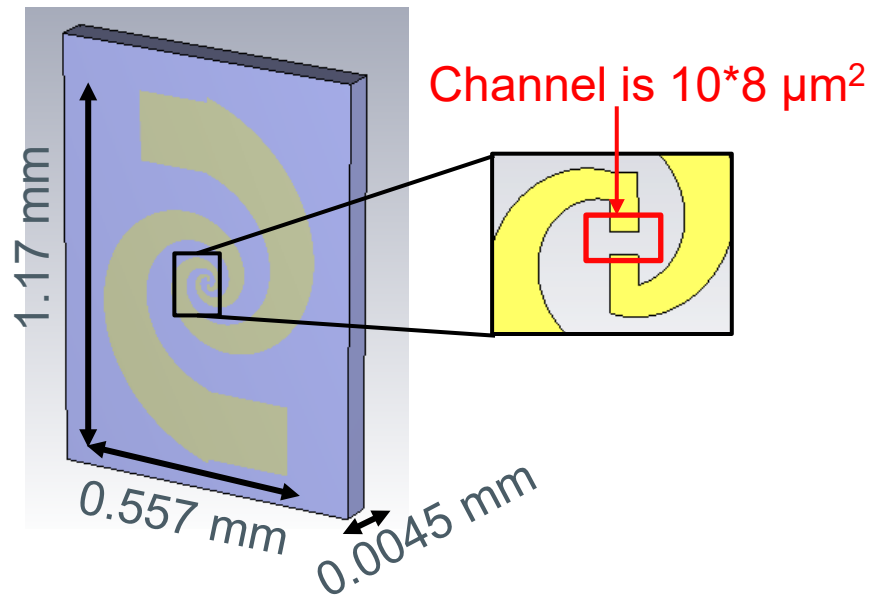
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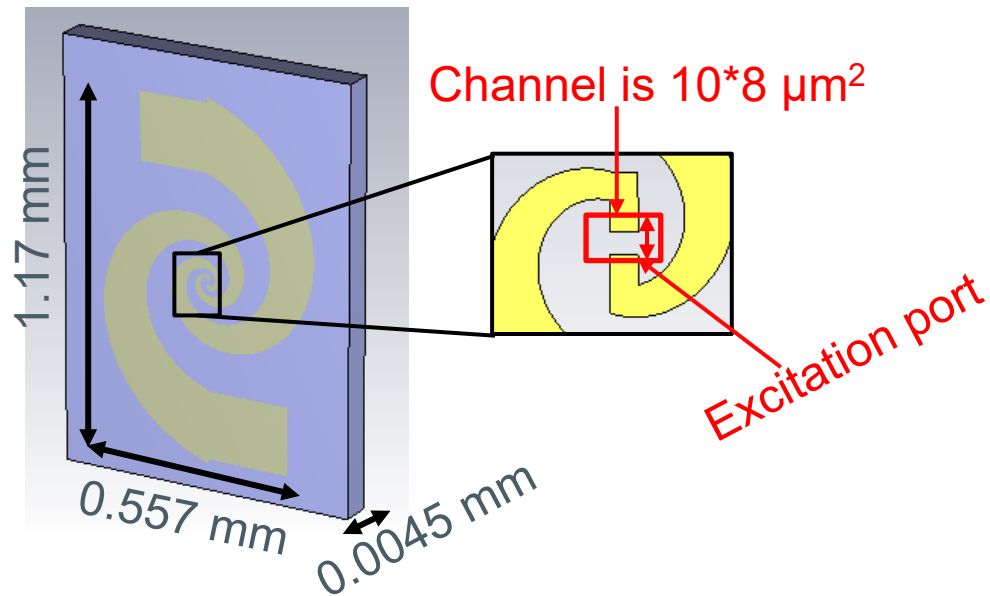
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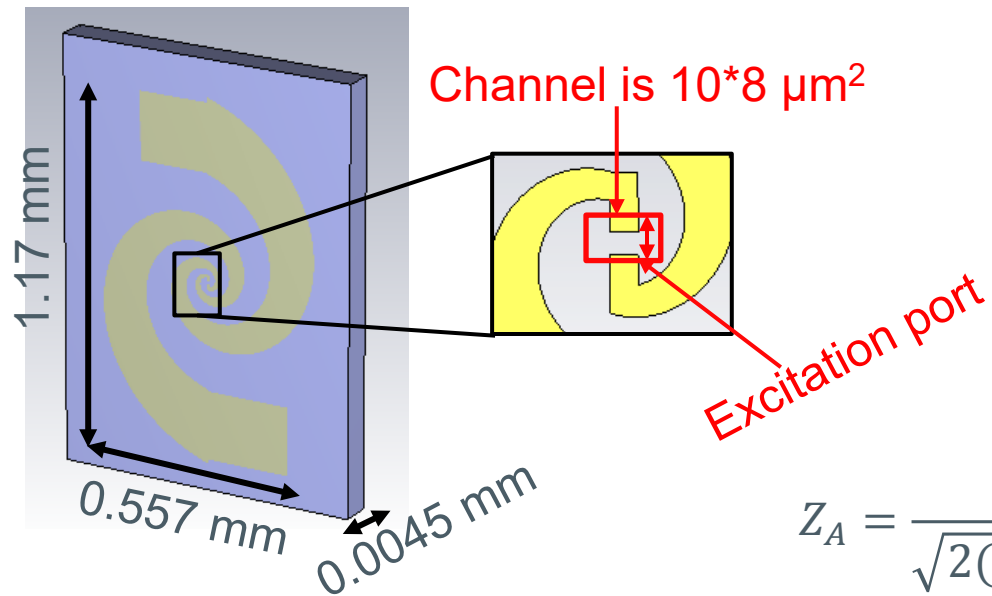
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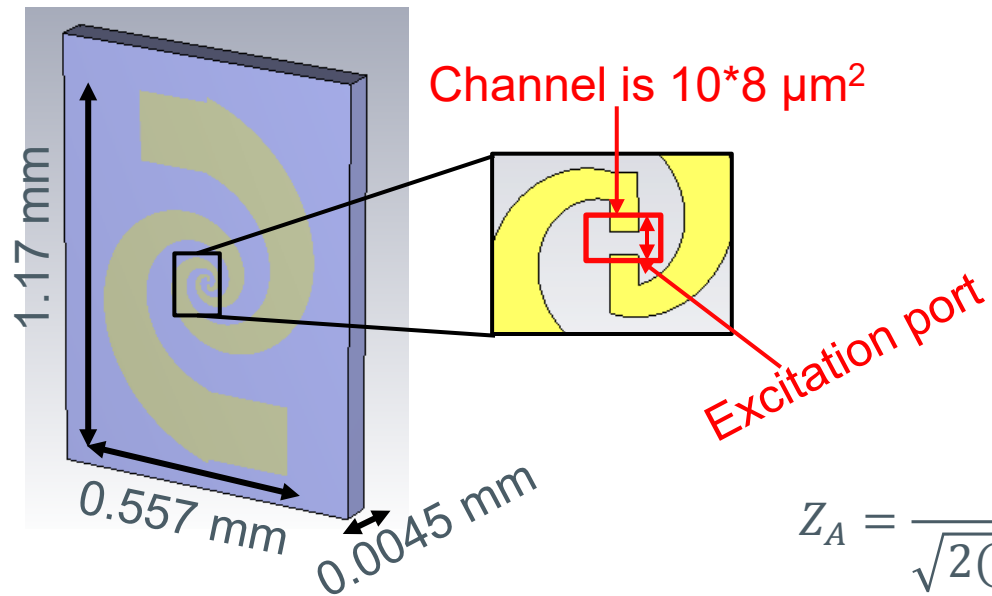
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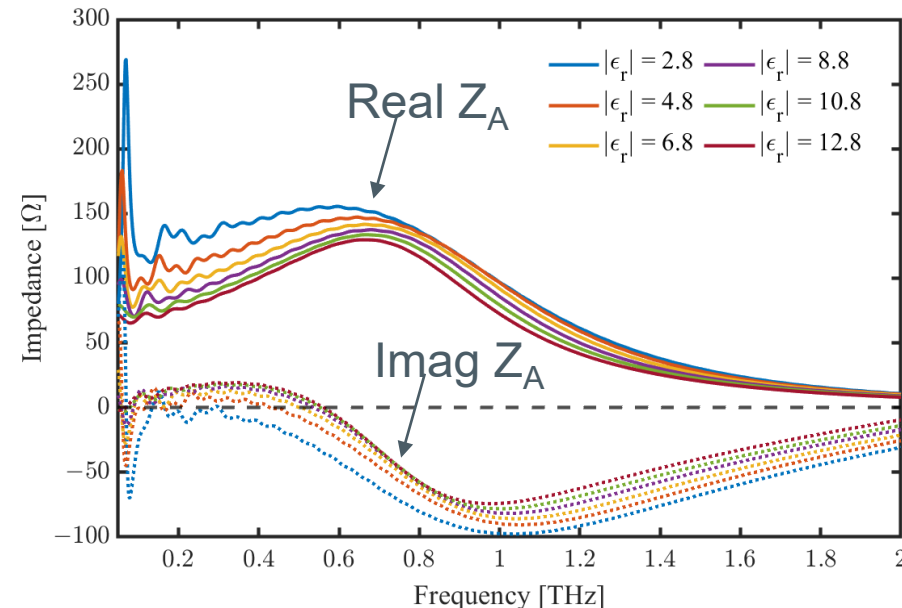
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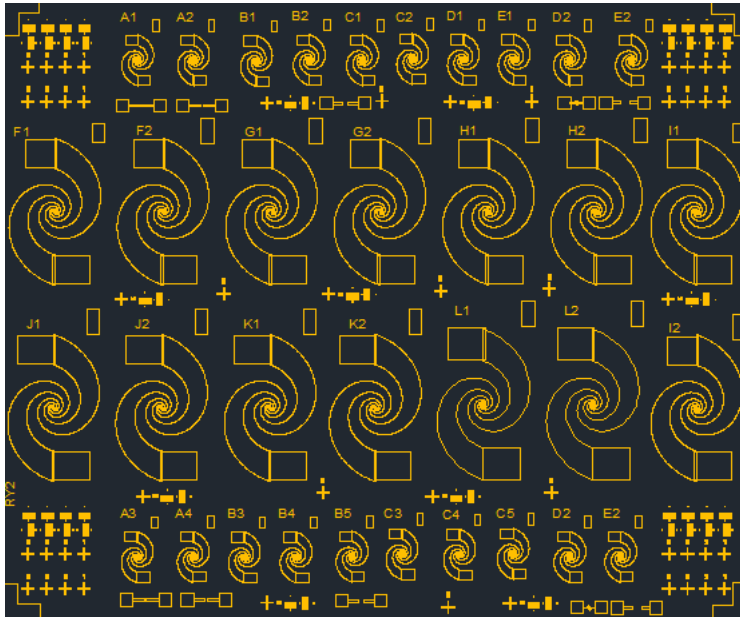
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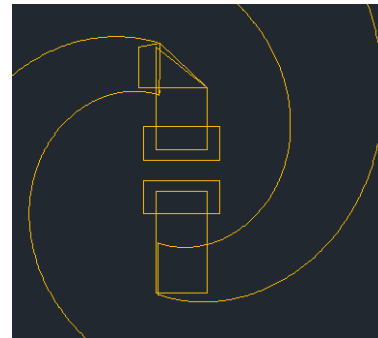


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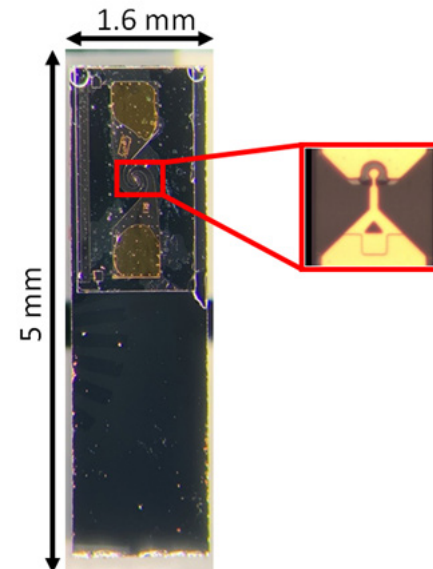
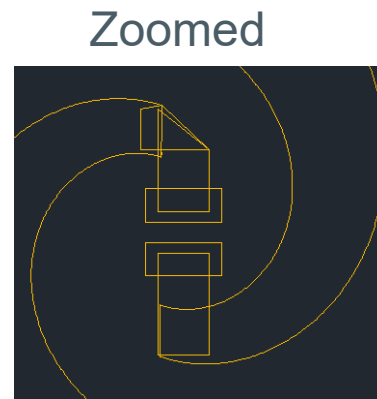
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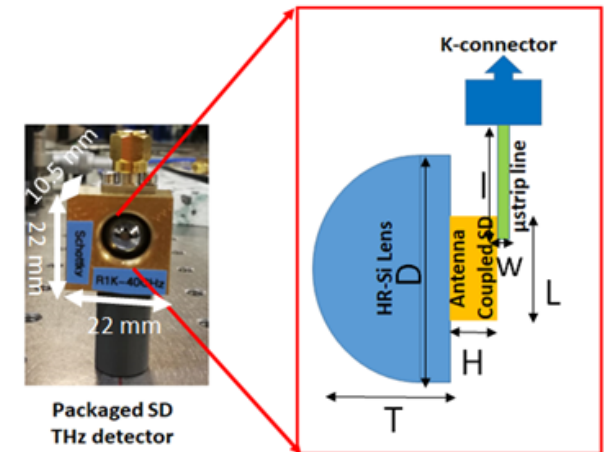
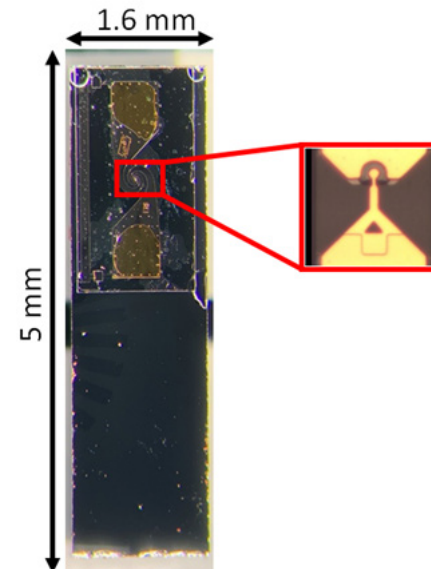
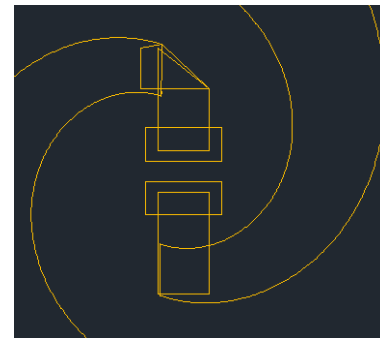
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Abbreviations	Length (mm)
Lens thickness (T)	5.95
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Microstrip line width (w)	0.96
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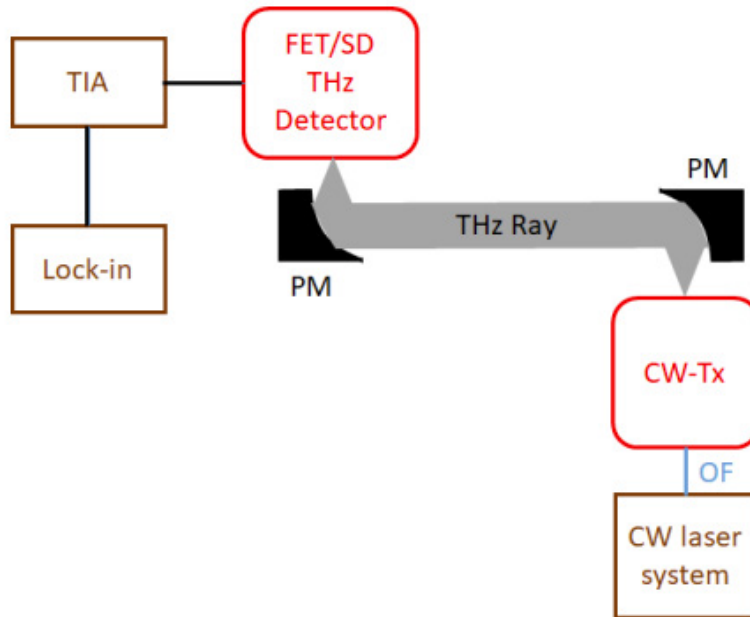
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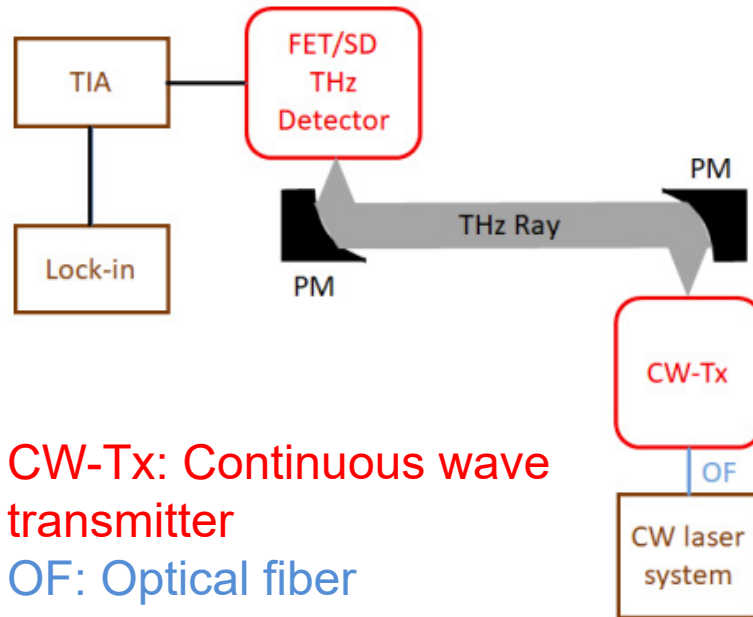
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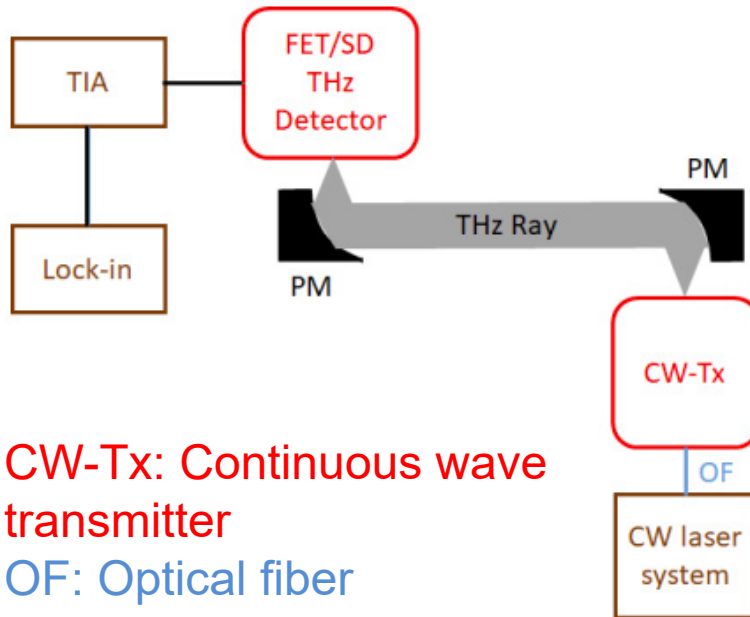
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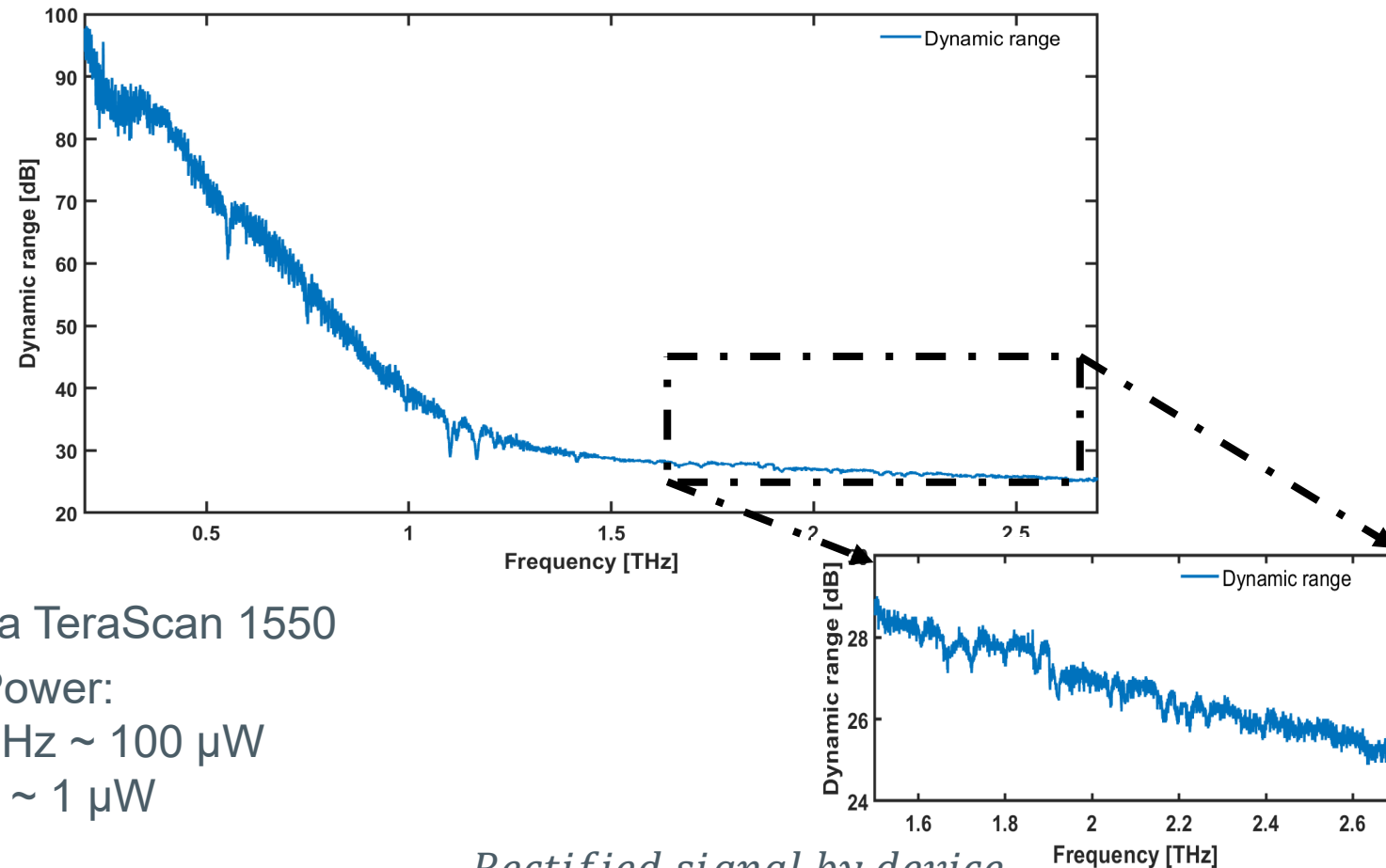
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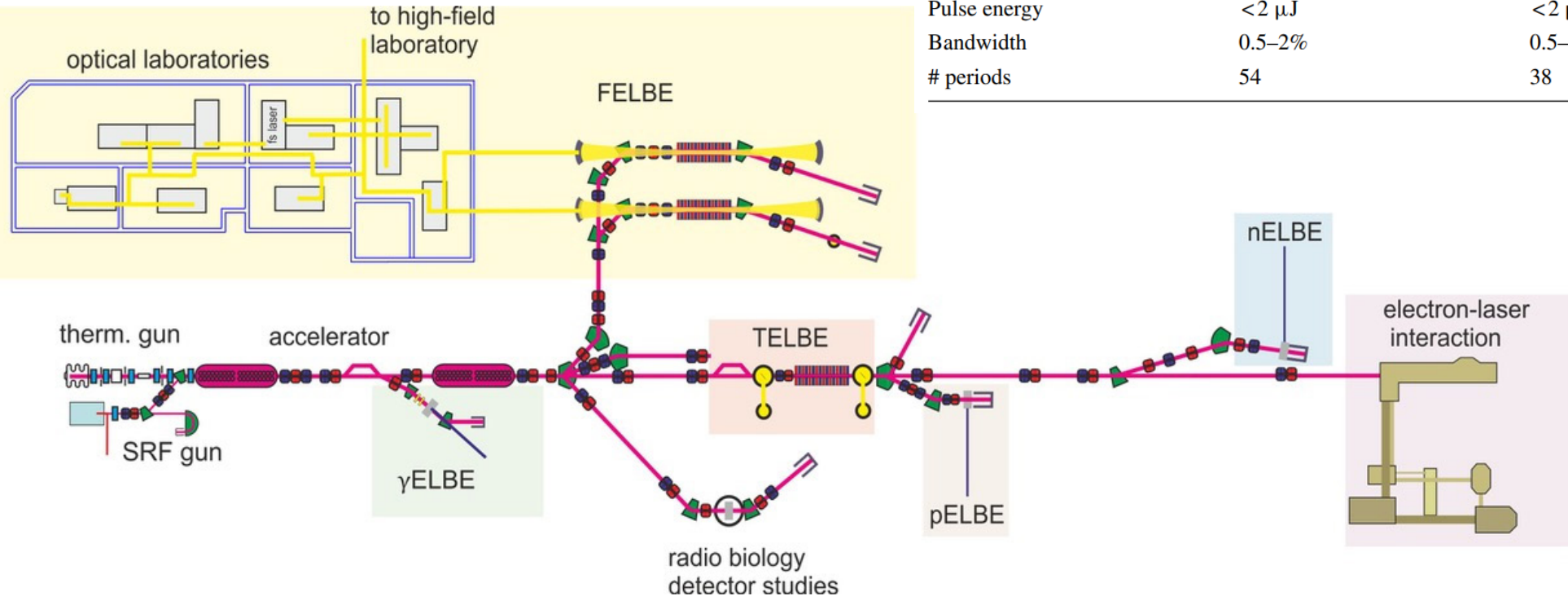


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	FELBE U37	FELBE U100	TELBE U300
Wavelength	5–40 $\mu\text{m}$	18–250 $\mu\text{m}$	120–3000 $\mu\text{m}$
Frequency	7.5–60 THz	1.2–17 THz	0.1–2.5 THz
Repetition rate	13 MHz	13 MHz	0–500 kHz
Pulse energy	<2 $\mu\text{J}$	<2 $\mu\text{J}$	<10 $\mu\text{J}$
Bandwidth	0.5–2%	0.5–3%	10–20%
# periods	54	38	8



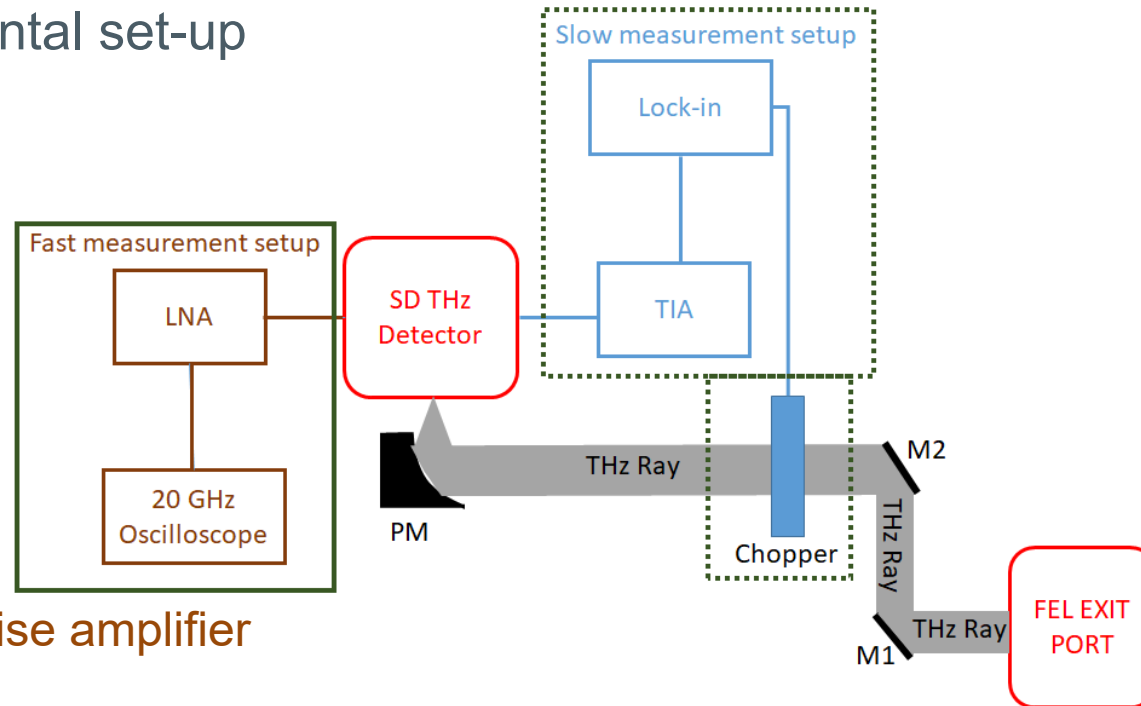
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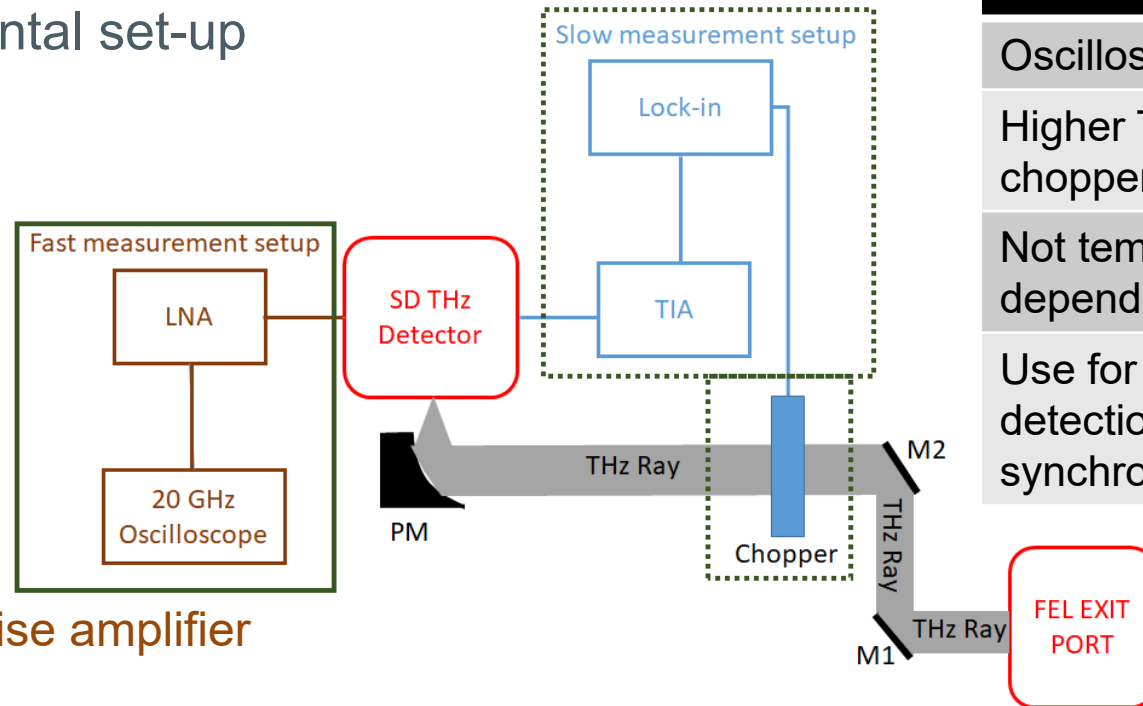
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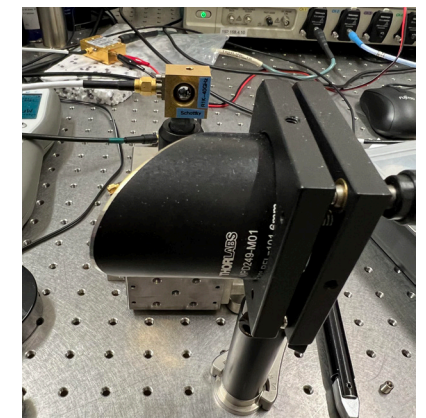
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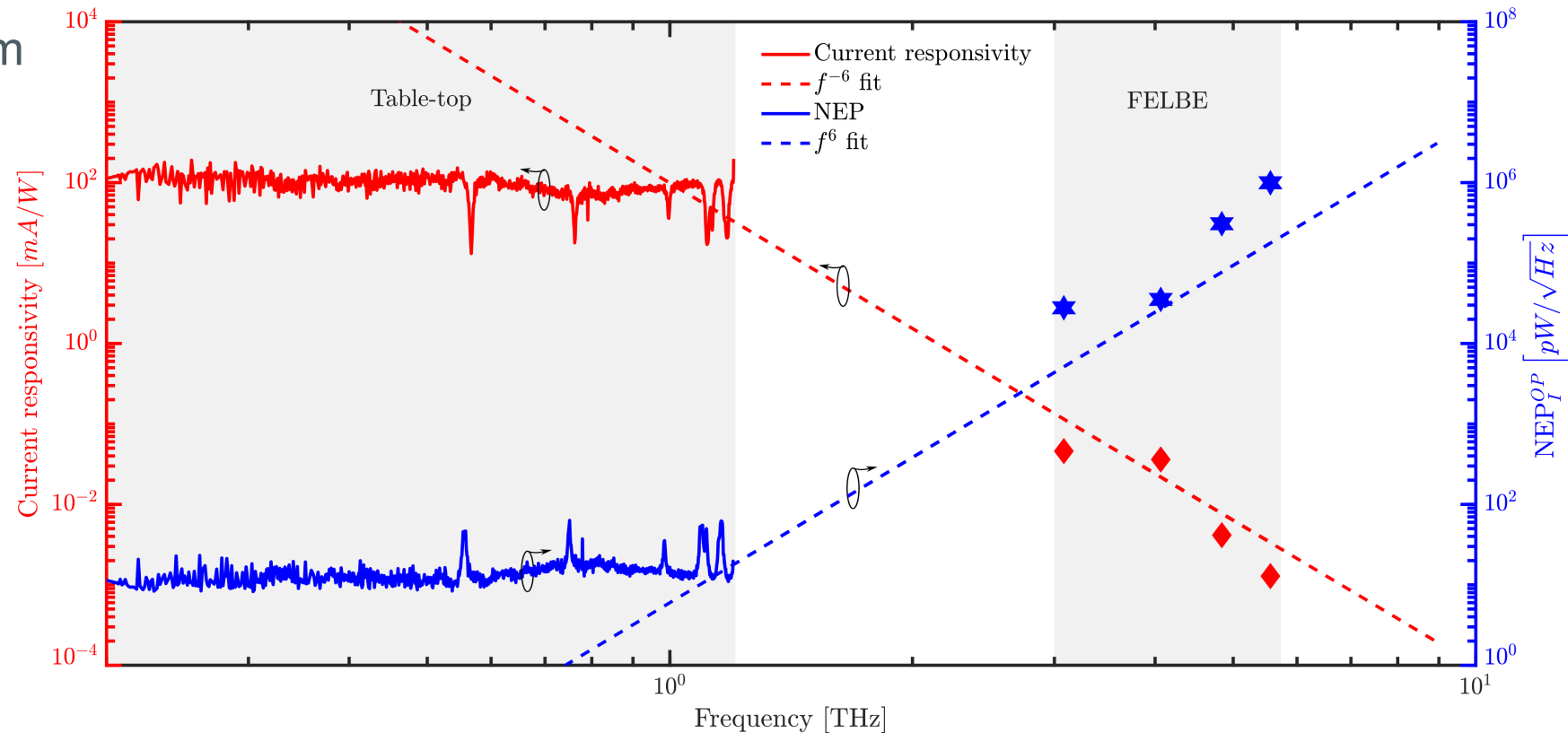
Fast measurements	Slow measurements
Oscilloscope	Lock-in amplifier with chopper
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Not temperature dependent	Temperature dependent (Bolometric effects)
Use for THz pulse detection and synchronization	Use to investigate detectors working principle and developments



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- Slow measurements
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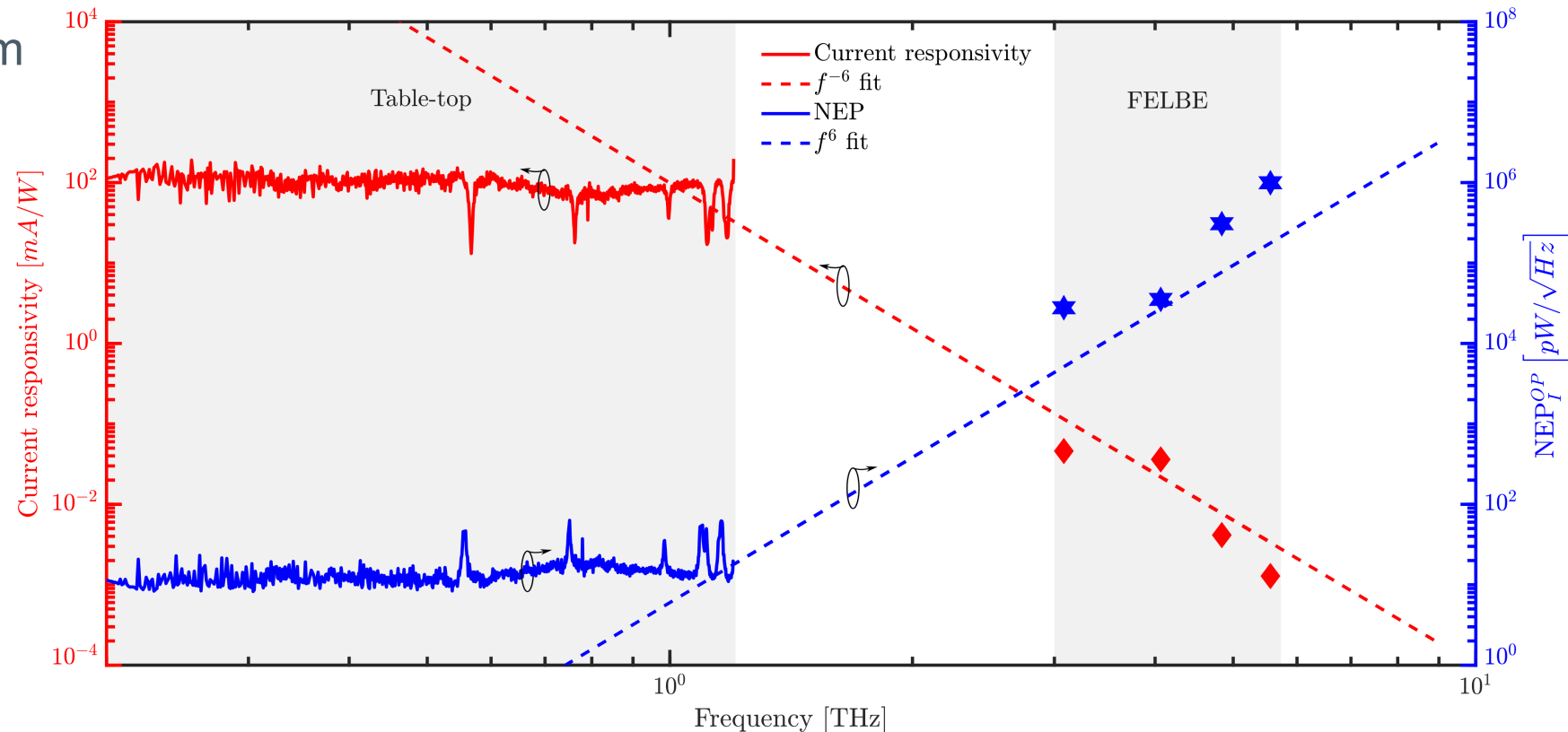
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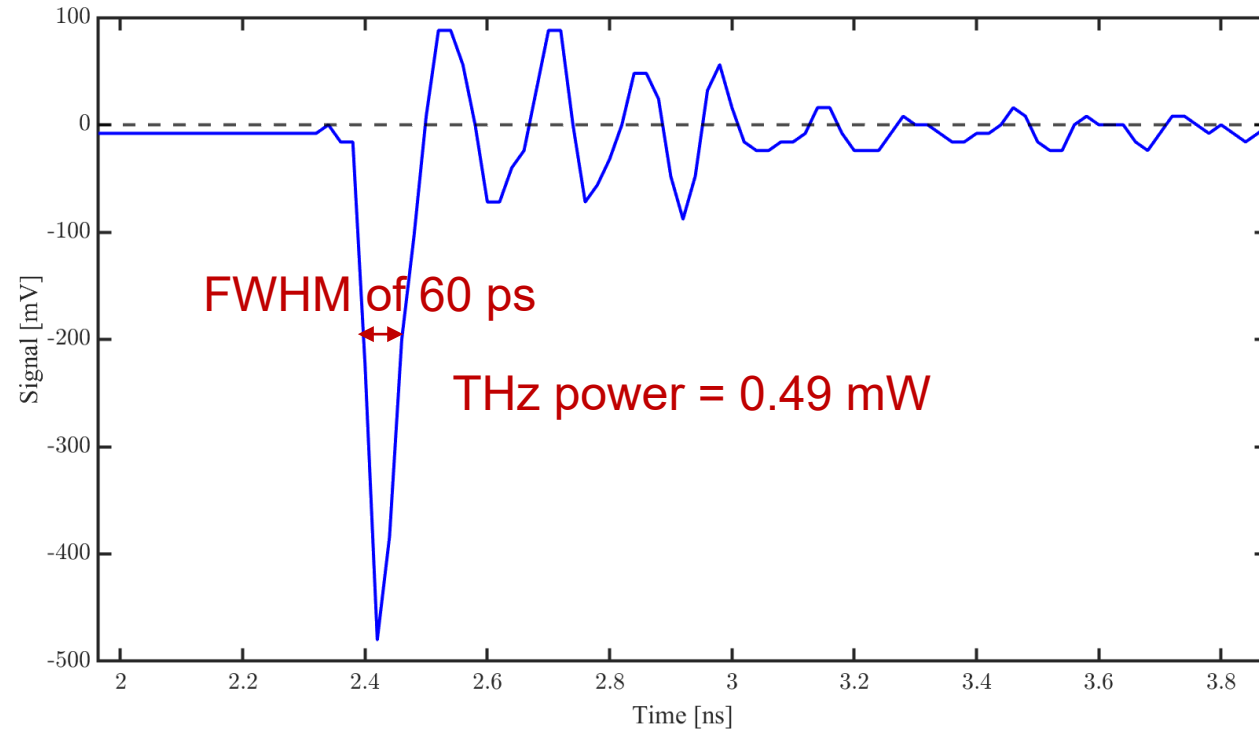




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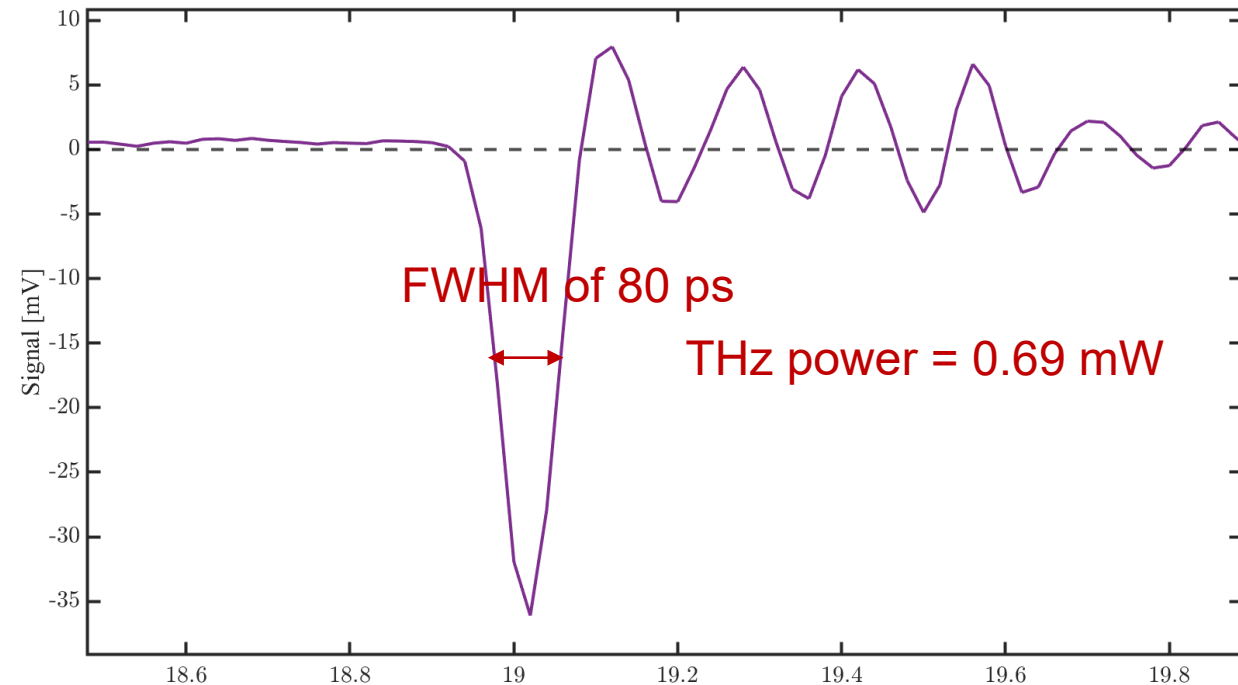
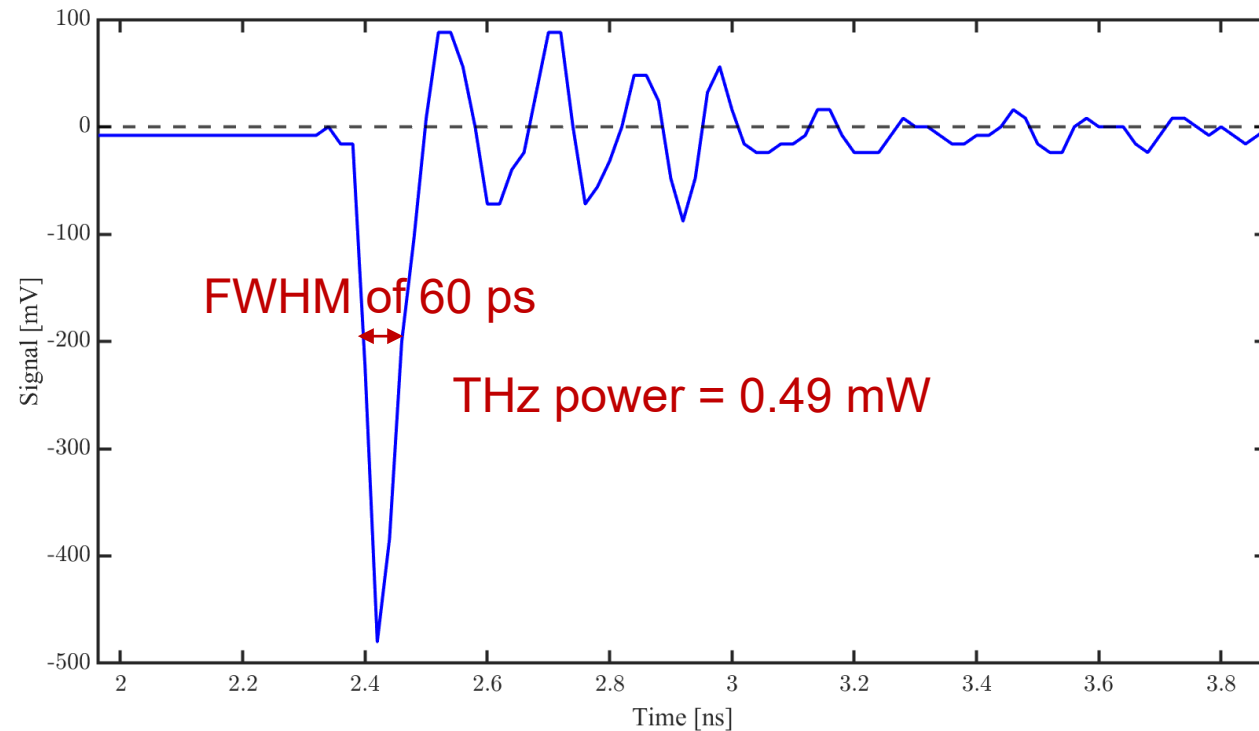
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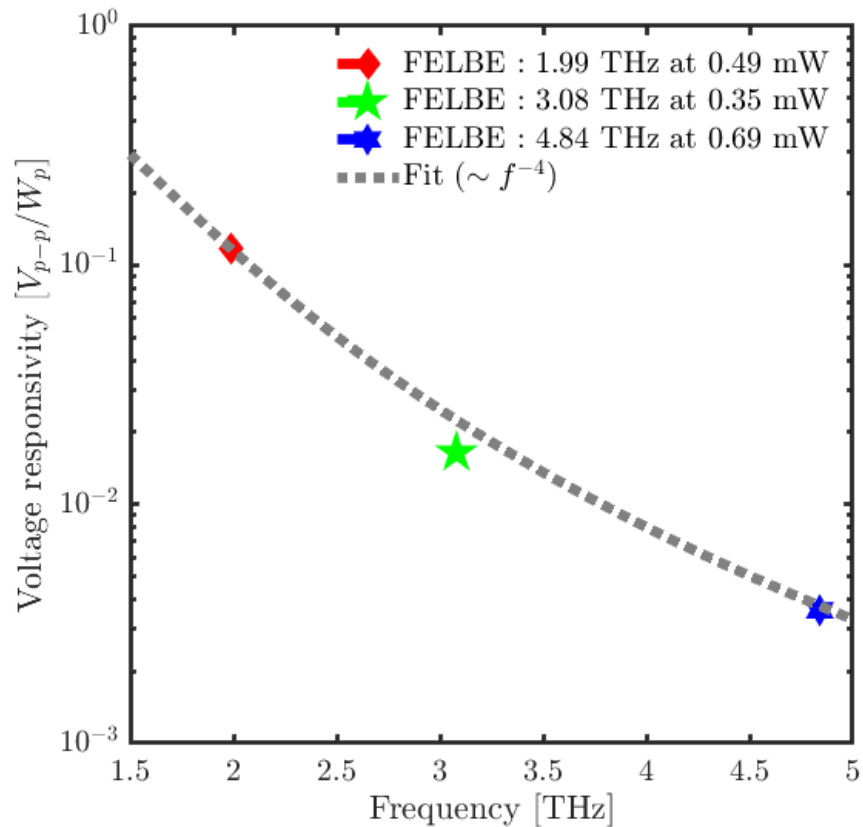




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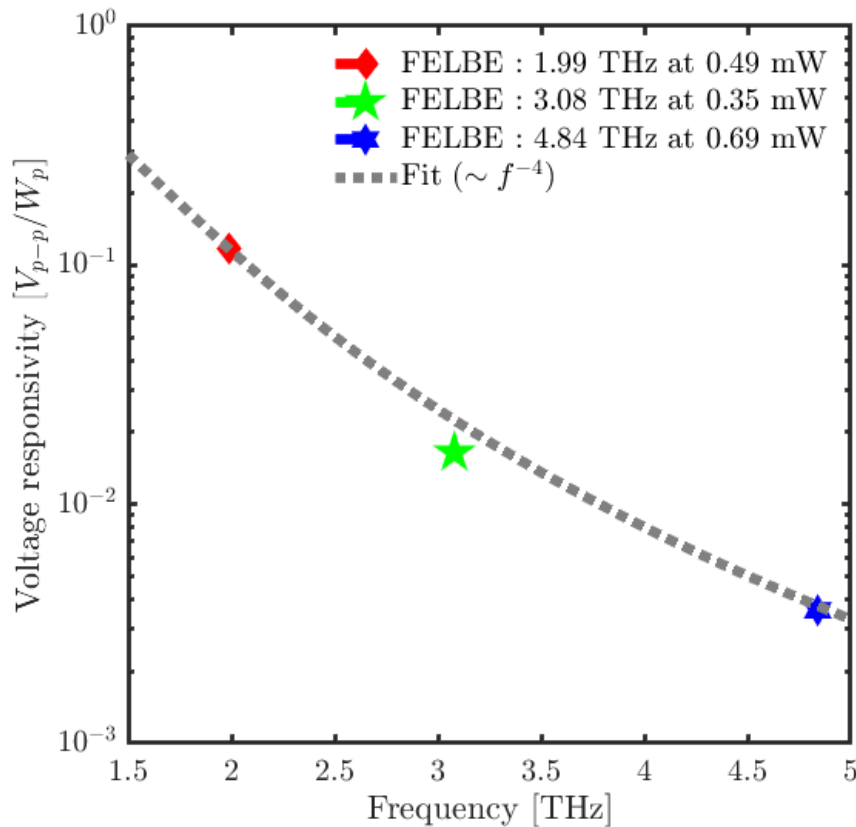
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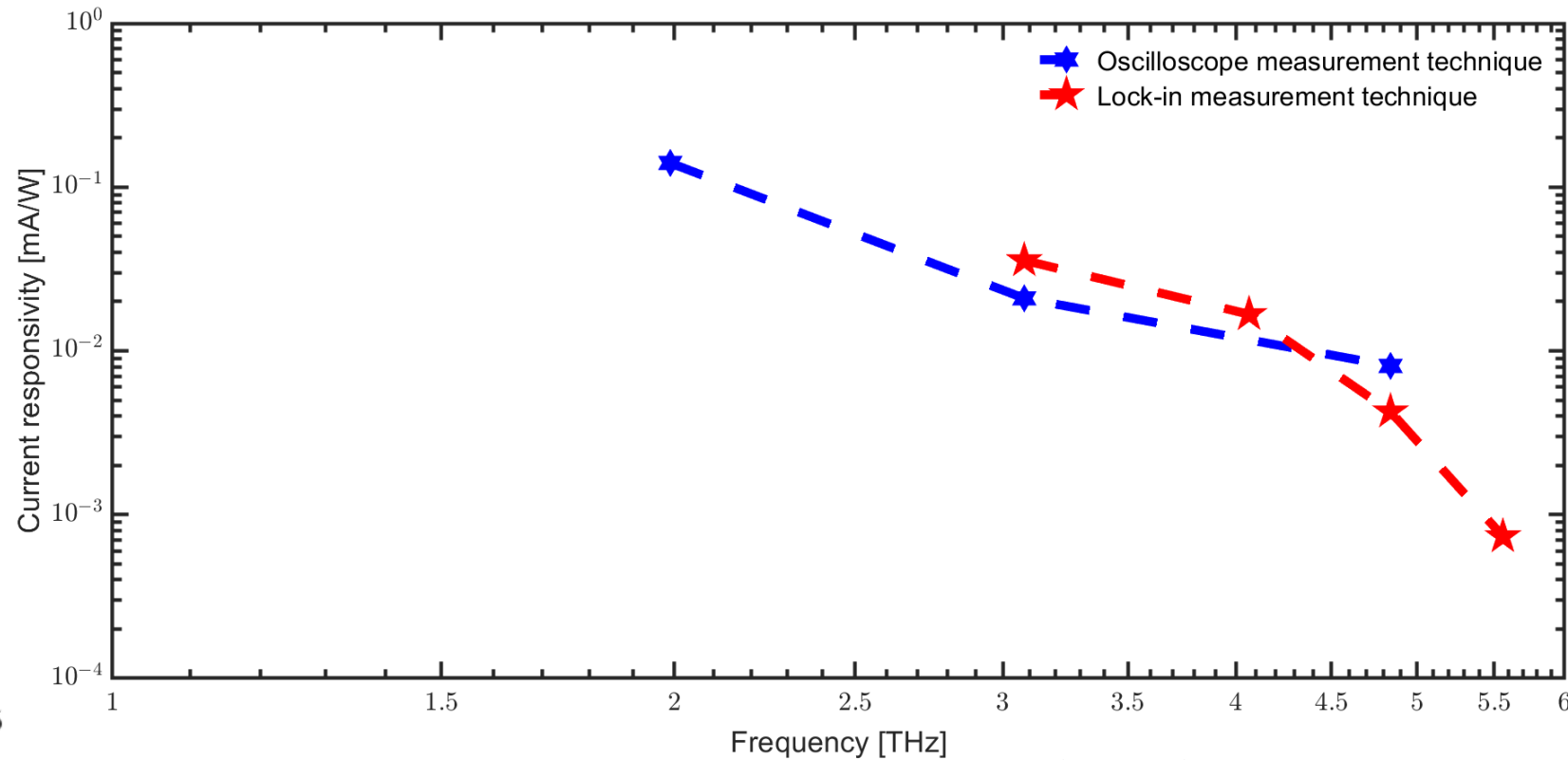


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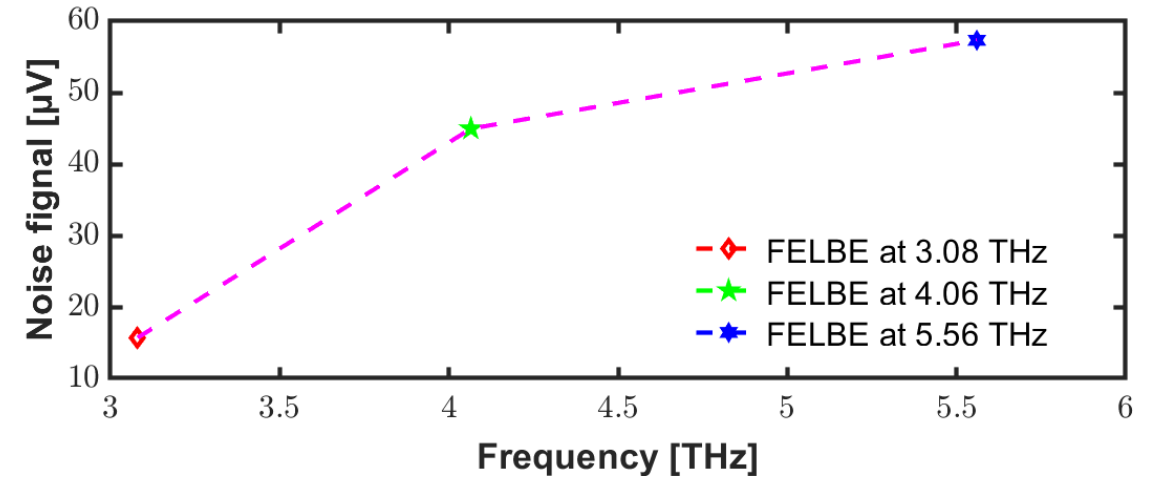
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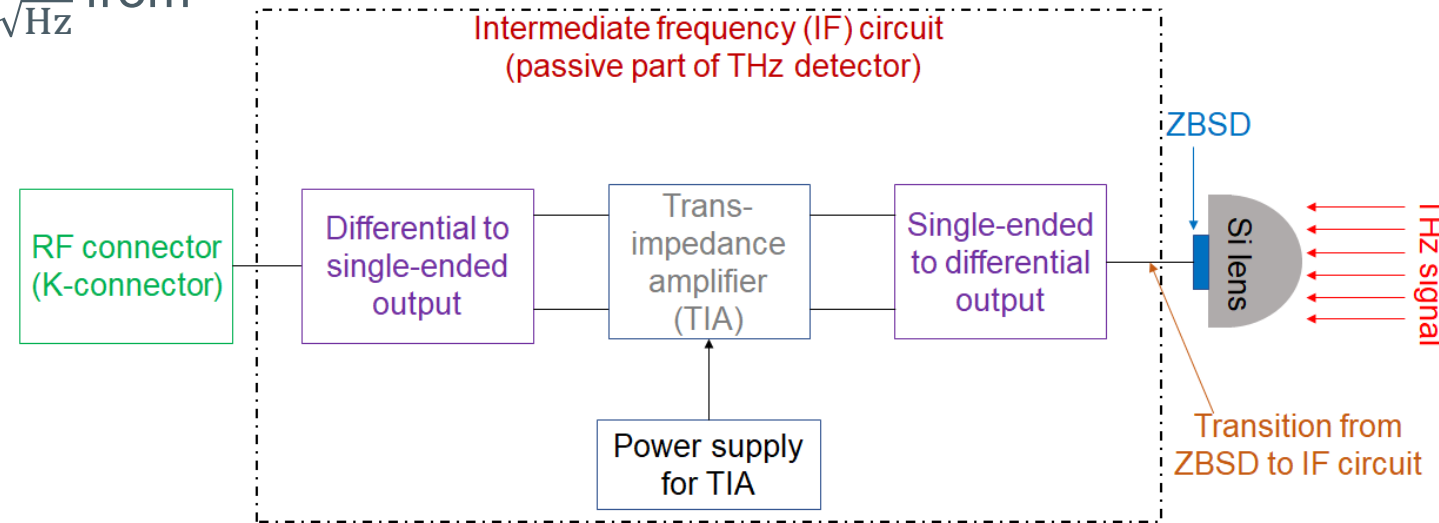
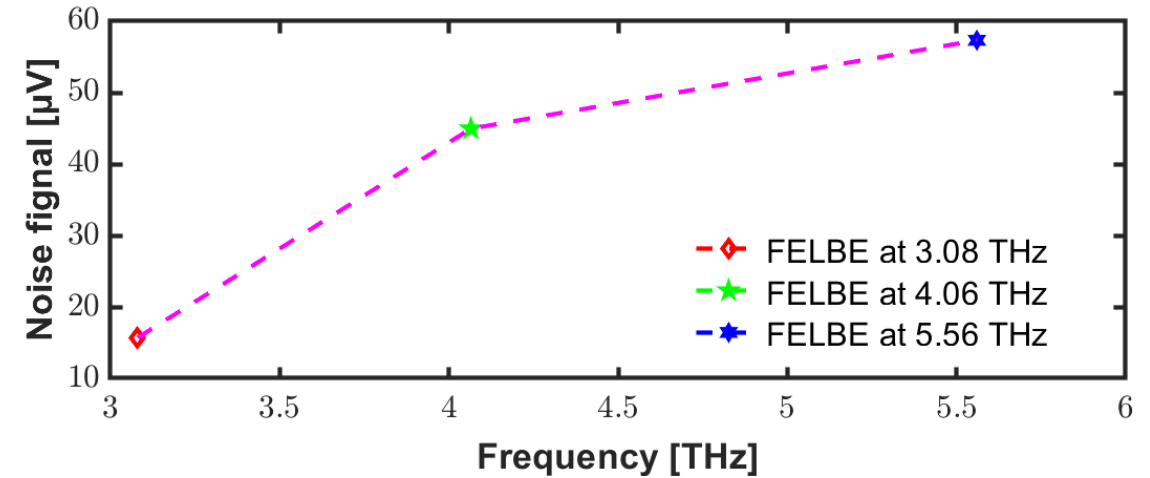
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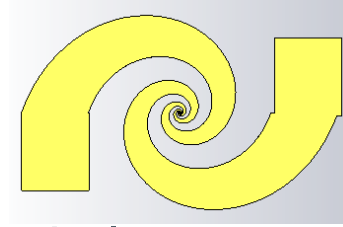


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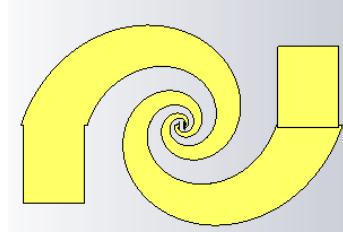
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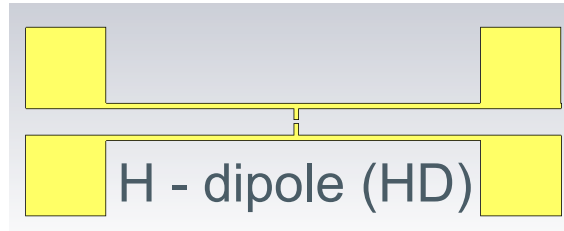
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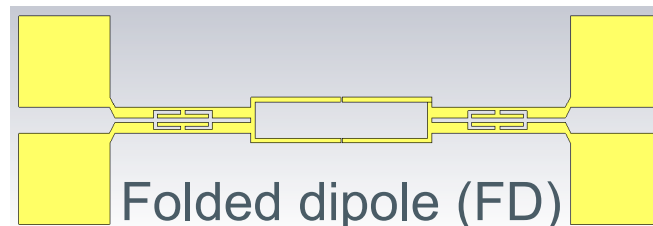
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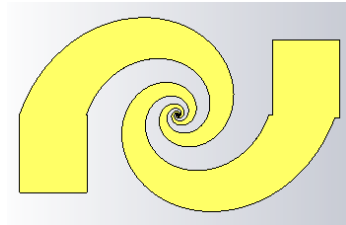
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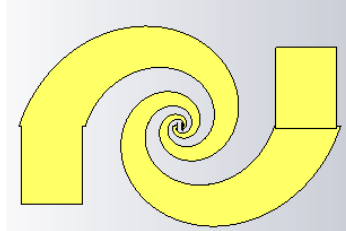
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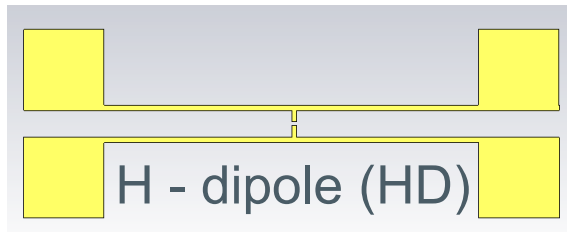
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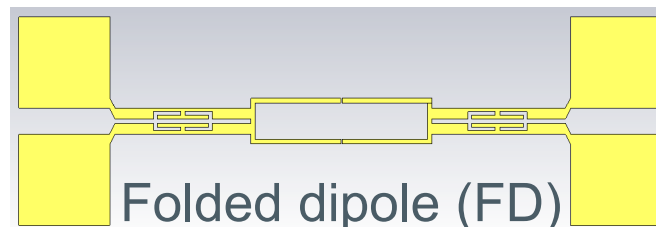
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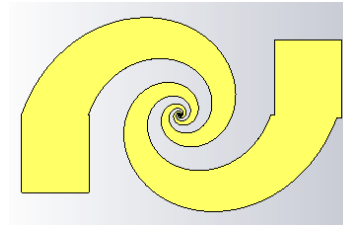
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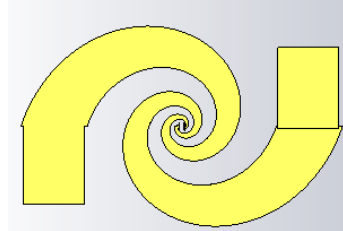
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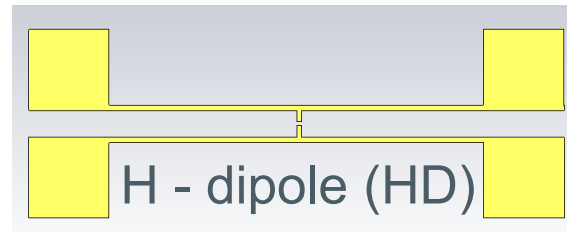
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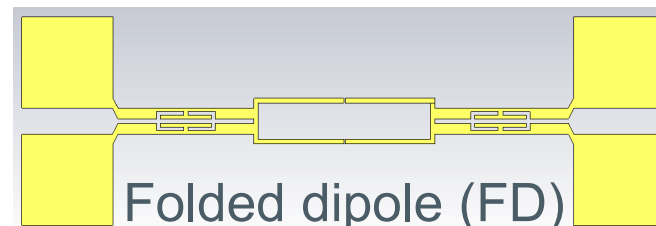
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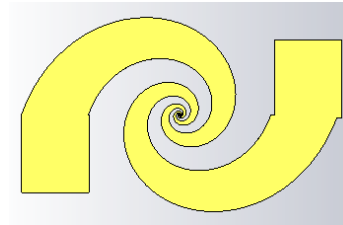
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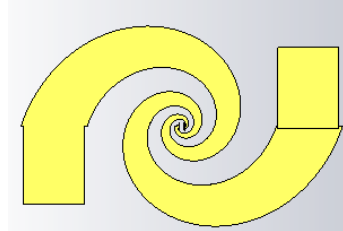
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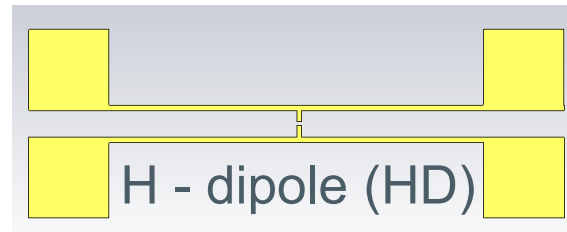
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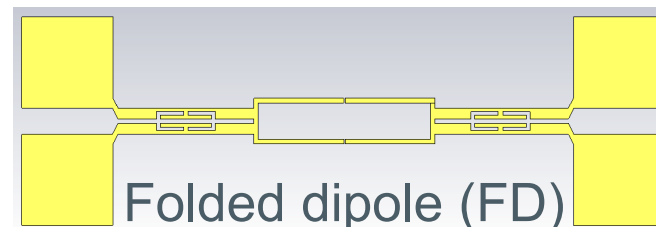
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