

The Josephson Junction as a Non-Linear Inductor

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induction law $V = -L \dot{I}$

Josephson equations $I = I_0 \sin \delta$ [dc] Josephson current

$$V = \frac{\Phi_0}{2\pi} \dot{\delta} \quad \text{[ac]}$$

with

$$\dot{I} = I_0 \cos \delta \dot{\delta}$$

follows

$$V = \frac{\Phi_0}{2\pi I_0} \frac{1}{\cos \delta} \dot{I} = L_J \dot{I}$$

Josephson inductance $L_J = L_{J0} \left(\frac{1}{\cos \delta} \right) \rightarrow$ non-linearity

$$L_{J0} = \frac{\Phi_0}{2\pi I_0} \quad \text{specific Josephson inductance}$$

Note: Phase difference δ in Josephson junction can be regarded as normalized magnetic flux

$$\delta = 2\pi \frac{\Phi}{\Phi_0}$$

Josephson Inductance and Josephson Energy

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• Josephson energy

$$\begin{aligned} E_J &= \int V I dt \\ &= \int \frac{\Phi_0}{2\pi} \dot{\delta} I_0 \sin \delta dt \\ &= \frac{\Phi_0 I_0}{2\pi} \cos \delta \\ &= E_{J0} \cos \delta \quad \text{with } E_{J0} = \frac{\Phi_0 I_0}{2\pi} \end{aligned}$$

• typical parameters: $I_0 = 100 \text{ nA}$

$$\Rightarrow L_{J0} = \frac{\Phi_0}{2\pi I_0} \approx 3 \text{ nH} \quad (\sim 3 \text{ mm of wire})$$

$$\Rightarrow E_{J0} = \frac{\Phi_0 I_0}{2\pi} \approx 50 \text{ GHz}$$