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Possible interactions between two-level system defects in SiN_x films SERGIY GLADCHENKO, MOE KHALIL, Laboratory for Physical Sciences, MD, C.J. LOBB, F.C. WELLSTOOD, University of Maryland, Department of Physics, KEVIN D. OSBORN, Laboratory for Physical Sciences, MD — Low-temperature properties of PECVD SiN_x dielectric films are measured within the capacitor of superconducting LC resonators. Experiments are made at temperatures from 30 to 300 mK, and at storage energies from 1 to 10⁶ photons in a resonant cavity. While the power and temperature dependence of the loss agrees with two-level system (TLS) theory above 60 mK, below this temperature we observe significant deviations. In this regime we observe a reduction in loss upon lowering dielectric temperature, in direct contrast with the independent TLS model of defects within our film. This new phenomena may indicate interactions between two-level systems. We can also spectroscopically resolve the loss from dominant defects in our capacitors, which have a volume of $\sim 2000 \mu\text{m}^3$.

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