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**Meta-Atom Interactions and Coherent Response in rf SQUID
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— An rf SQUID (radio frequency superconducting quantum interference device)
metamaterial can be modeled as an array of coupled nonlinear oscillators with res-
onant frequencies that are extremely tunable with temperature, dc magnetic field,
and rf current. The metamaterial is driven by an external rf field and its response
to that field defines its metamaterial characteristics. In the presence of disorder
(nonuniform applied dc magnetic flux for instance) the SQUIDs may or may not
oscillate coherently in response to the external rf field. Since we are interested in
metamaterial applications, a strong coherent response is desirable. The coherence
is affected by a variety of factors including flux uniformity, array size, degree of
coupling, strength of the driving field, and uniformity in SQUID parameters. In this
talk we will present experimental and simulation results exploring the effect of these
parameters on coherence.

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