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Low-Noise Cooled GASFET Amplifiers

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Measurements of the noise characteristics of a variety of gallium-arsenide field-effect transistors at a frequency of 5 GHz and temperatures of 300 K to 20 K are presented. For one transistor type detailed measurements of dc parameters, small-signal parameters, and all noise parameters (T_{min} , R_{opt} , X_{opt} , g_{n}) are made over this temperature range. The results are compared with the theory of Pucel, Haus and Statz modified to include the temperature variation. Several low-noise amplifiers are described including one with a noise temperature of 20 K over a 500-MHz bandwidth. A theoretical analysis of the thermal conduction at cryogenic temperatures in a typical packaged transistor is included.

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