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Monolithic GaAs Interdigitated Couplers (Short Papers)

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This paper describes the design, fabrication, and performance of two monolithic GaAs C-band 90° interdigitated couplers with 50- and 25-Ω impedances, respectively. A comparison of the performance of these two couplers shows that the 25-Ω coupler has the advantages of lower loss and higher fabrication yield. The balanced amplifier configuration using 25-Ω couplers will require a fewer number of elements in the input-output matching circuit of the FET amplifier. The fewer number of matching elements results in great savings in the GaAs real estate for microwave monolithic integrated circuits (MMIC's). Both the couplers have been fabricated on a 0.1-mm-thick GaAs S1 substrate. The measured results agree quite well with calculated results. The losses of the 50- and 25-Ω couplers are 0.5 and 0.3 dB, respectively, over the 4-8-GHz frequency band.

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