

Broadband HEMT and GaAs FET Amplifiers for 18 - 26.5 GHz

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Two types of broadband amplifiers operating over 18 to 26.5 GHz have been developed by using newly developed 0.4- μm gate HEMTs and conventional 0.25- μm gate GaAs FETs. The four-stage EEMT amplifier exhibits a noise figure of ≤ 7.2 dB and a gain of 19.3 ± 1.8 dB and the five-stage GaAs FET amplifier exhibits a noise figure of ≤ 12 dB and a gain of 22.7 ± 2.2 dB over 18 to 26.5 GHz. The minimum noise figures in the measured frequency range are 5.0 dB and 7.5 dB for the HEMT and GaAs FET amplifiers, respectively. No essential difference is found between the amplifiers in input/output VSWR, output power and temperature variation of noise figure and gain.

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