

Modeling and Analysis of GaAs MESFETs Considering the Wave Propagation Effect

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The effect of wave propagation along the electrodes of a GaAs MESFET is studied using distributed circuit analysis technique. Each distributed device element is considered as a combination of two pair of coupled coplanar strips and a conventional GaAs MESFET. The distributed equivalent circuit is then analyzed using SUPER-COMPACT. The maximum available power gain (MAG) or the maximum stable power gain (MSG) of the device is calculated as a function of device width. The results show, for single gate MESFETs over 100 μm wide, the transmission line properties of the electrodes have a significant effect on the transistor performance. The power gain also depends on where the input signal is fed and where the output signal is extracted.

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