

High-Gain, Low-Noise Monolithic HEMT Distributed Amplifiers Up to 60 GHz

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Ultrabroad bandwidth distributed amplifiers with cutoff frequencies of 45 to 60 GHz were developed using 0.25- μ m HEMTs with a mushroom gate profile. Both single and cascode HEMTs were used as the active devices in the amplifiers. A measured gain as high as 10 ± 1 dB from 5 to 50 GHz and a gain of 8 ± 1 dB from 5 to 60 GHz, respectively were achieved from amplifiers using cascode HEMTs. The measured noise figure for these amplifiers is approximately 3-4 dB in the Ka-band. The chip size is 2.3 x 0.9 mm.

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