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Improved Performance of Fundamental and Second Harmonic MMW Oscillators through Active Device Doping Concentration Contouring

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The overall performance of mmW Gunn oscillators operating in their fundamental and second harmonic nodes has been significantly enhanced as a result of several active device design improvements. The effects of altering the active layer doping concentration are compared with standard $n^{++}/nn^{++}/+$ flat profile GaAs Gunn structures. The standard integral heat sink (IHS) process was used to permit substrate thinning to the extent that overall device thickness was reduced to 10 μm nominally. Profile tailoring to minimize temperature gradients and to permit device operation in the more efficient heat sink-anode configuration resulted in an output power of 325 nW near 34 GHz with 6.6 percent efficiency. An output power of 90 mW at 2.75 percent efficiency was achieved at the second harmonic frequency near 68 GHz.

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