

X-Band GaInP/GaAs Power Heterojunction Bipolar Transistor

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We report on the large-signal performance of GaInP/GaAs HBTs at X-band. A c.w.output power of 1.0 W is obtained from a GaInP/GaAs HBT consisting of ten $2 \times 30 \mu\text{m}^2$ emitter fingers, corresponding to a power density of 3.33 W/mm. The associated power gain is 5 dB and the power added efficiency is 40 %. In addition, record-high $f_{\text{sub T}}$ of 50 GHz and $f_{\text{sub max}}$ of 116 GHz are measured from a 2-finger HBT. These results compare favorably with those measured from AlGaAs/GaAs HBTs, demonstrating that GaInP/GaAs HBTs are suitable for microwave power applications.

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