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A Novel Compact Monolithic Active Regulated Self-biased InP HEMT Amplifier

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This letter reports on the first results of a monolithic active regulated self-biased HEMT amplifier fabricated in InP technology. The self-bias scheme incorporates an op-amp-based HEMT regulator topology that regulates the bias current to within 6% over a threshold variation of ± 0.2 V. The dc yield based on this performance criteria was 75% across a wafer. The InP HEMT amplifier achieves an rf gain of 10-dB and a 3-dB bandwidth of 1-14 GHz. Across a wafer with a total threshold variation of 0.4 V, the gain variation was maintained to less than ± 1 dB. The compact integrated HEMT regulated amplifier circuit was realized using area-efficient analog design techniques that consumed less than 1.3×1.1 mm². This demonstration has far-reaching implications to the producibility and reliability of InP HEMT MMIC's.

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