

High Breakdown Voltage, Sub-Micro, Strained InGaAlAs/GaAs FET's

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Sub-micron gate GaAs FET's with a pseudomorphic surface layer of InGaAlAs used to increase breakdown voltage have been fabricated. A 0.2 μm gate length device with I_{dss} of 360 mA/mm and g_m of 260 mS/mm has a BV_{ds} of 9.3 V and a BV_{gd} of 11.5 V. f_{max} for this device is 80 GHz. The effect upon device performance of gate length, source-to-drain spacing and Al mole fraction was also investigated. The breakdown voltage shows only small changes with changes in gate length at submicron dimensions. The source-to-drain spacing changes not only the breakdown voltage but also appears to change the mechanism that limits high voltage performance.

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