

A W-Band Single-Chip Transceiver for FMCW Radar

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This paper reports a W-band transceiver implemented on a single-chip MMIC. The MMIC chip contains a W-band VCO, transmit amplifiers, a receiver low noise amplifier and a mixer. It is used as the front-end of a homodyne FMCW radar for target range and range rate sensing applications. The 6.9 X 3.6 mm² monolithic chip was fabricated using 0.1 μ m pseudomorphic InGaAs/AlGaAs/GaAs HEMT process technology. The transmitter output power is more than 10 dBm for frequencies between 90-94 GHz and maximum tuning bandwidth is 500 MHz for the VCO. The receiver channel has 6 dB conversion gain when the output transmitting power is 10 dBm. A complete radar system has been tested based on the single-chip MMIC front-end. The calculated range and range rate are in good agreement with the measurement data.

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