

Uniplanar broad-band push-pull FET amplifiers

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We report the development of completely uniplanar broadband balanced push-pull FET amplifiers using slot line and coplanar waveguide. The amplifiers employ broad-band uniplanar baluns to achieve the push-pull function over a wide bandwidth. One amplifier, designed in the unconditionally stable region, exhibits a gain of 3.5-5 dB over the frequency range of 5.4-10 GHz and an output 1-dB compression point of 19 dBm at 10 GHz. The other amplifier was designed in the potentially unstable range and achieves a high gain between 10-11 dB from 2 to 4 GHz and an output 1-dB compression point of 17 dBm at 4 GHz. These results show the feasibility of the push-pull FET amplifier configuration using uniplanar technology for microwave and millimeter-wave integrated circuits and systems.

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