

Power performance and scalability of AlGaIn/GaN power MODFETs

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The scalability of power performance of AlGaIn/GaN MODFETs with large gate periphery, as necessary for microwave power devices, is addressed in this paper. High-frequency large-signal characteristics of AlGaIn/GaN MODFETs measured at 8 GHz are reported for devices with gatewidths from 200 μm to 1 mm. 1-dB gain compression occurred at input power levels varying from -1 to +10 dBm as the gatewidth increased, while gain remained almost constant at -17 dB. Output power density was $\sim 1 \text{ W/mm}$ for all devices and maximum output power (29.9 dBm) occurred in devices with 1-mm gates, while power-added efficiency remained almost constant at $\sim 30\%$. The large-signal characteristics were compared with those obtained by dc and small-signal S-parameters measurements. The results illustrate a notable scalability of AlGaIn/GaN MODFET power characteristics and demonstrate their excellent potential for power applications.

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