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Monolithic coplanar transmission lines loaded by heterostructure barrier varactors for a 60 GHz tripler

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Nonlinear transmission lines (NLTs) loaded by InP-based heterostructure barrier varactors (HBVs) have been fabricated in a monolithic coplanar technology for the first time. The devices were designed for a tripler with a 60 GHz output frequency. The single HBV diodes, fabricated in a dual barrier scheme, exhibit a capacitance ratio of 6:1, a normalized capacitance of 1.4 fF/ μ m² and a voltage breakdown in excess of 10 V. Under moderate pumping (20 dBm), a tripling operation with 30% bandwidth was demonstrated with unsaturated conversion efficiency (1%) for an eight-HBV prototype.

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