

Temperature dependence of intermodulation and linearity in GaN based devices (2001 Vol. I [MWSYM])

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The gain and intermodulation distortion of an AlGa_N-GaN device operating at RF, have been analyzed using a general Volterra series representation. The circuit model to represent the GaN FET is obtained from a physics based analysis. Theoretical current-voltage characteristics are in excellent agreement with the experimental data. For a 1 μm /500 μm Al_{0.15}Ga_{0.85}N-GaN FET, the calculated output power, power added efficiency and gain are 25 dBm, 13% and 10.1 dB, respectively at 15 dBm input power and are in excellent agreement with the experimental data. The output referred third order intercept point IP₃ is 39.9 dBm at 350 K and 33 dBm at 650 K. These are in agreement with the simulated results from Cadence which are 39.34 dBm and 35.7 dBm, respectively. At 10 GHz, third order intermodulation distortion IM₃ for 10 dBm output power is -88 dB at 350 K and -82 dB at 650 K. At 350 K IM₃ is -97 dB at 5 GHz and -88 dB at 10 GHz. For the same frequencies IM₃ increased to -90 dB and -82 dB, respectively, at 650 K.

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