The MMIC (Microwave Monolithic Integrated Circuits) are wide band integrated circuits often used as simple amplifiers, they are designed to replace the transistor and help the designer to build RF amplifiers. Loosely but realistically MMICs are the evolution of thick film ICs (in fact in this section are listed also some old thick film amplifiers).
Without going into technical detail, because it is available a very big quantity of documentation, in few words we can say that the MMIC is used to simplify an amplification chain without worrying about possible self oscillations, instability, impedance mismatching or the bias, the MMIC can solve all these problems. With MMICs design is made easier, securer and more repeatable, all models are matched nearly at $50 / 75 \Omega$ of input impedance.
MMICs are used to ease design process and improve the RF circuits repeatability, their implementation is very easy so the Ohm's law only is needed to calculate the other components of the circuits. Here are explained the 3 classical circuits for power supply and decuopling.
A) MMICs normally use the 4 leads configuration, input, output with power supply and two gound connections. Rarely some types have a separate power supply lead, some others have the bias lead to adjust the current.
B) The decoupling capacitors are used only to block the DC power supply, the value must be a short circuit at the desired frequency. Cb bypass capacitor is used only to short circuit the RF to avoid self oscillations of the MMIC and to avoid that possible noise can enter in the MMIC, the choice of this capacitor is very important if the MMIC has a high gain or there are more than one amplification stage.
C) The bias resistor has the purpose of lowering the power supply voltage from the available value to the right power supply value of the MMIC (for example from Vc 12 V to Vd 5 V )
D) It is always suggested to use an inductance, in this case the decoupling is increased on the power supply, it can be avoided in the case that the calculated R is so high that it is enough to obtain a good decoupling (for example $\mathrm{R}>$ $150 / 200 \Omega$ ). Instead the inductance must be inserted when the power supply voltage is similar to the working voltage of the MMIC (that is if $\mathrm{Vd}=\mathrm{Vc}$ ), in fact in this case it is not possible to insert the bias resistor on power supply and the decoupling is made by the inductance itself. The same if the power supply resistor has a too low value (up to $80 / 100 \Omega$ ).
E) To improve performaces of these devices, especially at higher frequencies, it is suggested to use SMD or with very short leads components in particular for all ground connections

|  | Example of calculation for the famous MAR6, assume to have $6 \mathrm{~V}(\mathrm{Vc})$ of power supply, from the MAR6 specifications we see that it works with 3.5 V of power supply ( Vd ) and a current of $16 \mathrm{~mA}\{\mathbf{V c}$ and $\mathbf{V d}$ in $\mathbf{V}$ - Id in A \} <br> $R$ calculation $=(\mathrm{Vc}-\mathrm{Vd}):$ Id ( $6-3,5): 0,016=150 \Omega$ <br> In this case being R quite high we can avoid to put the decoupling inductance. <br> We suggest to use Cd input and output without exceding the capacity because it is better that the circuit tends to attenuate at lower frequencies. (A capacitor in series behaves as a bland high pass filter). |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | In case the power supply voltage is very close or equal to that of MMIC ( $\mathrm{Vc}=\mathrm{Vd}$ ) it is not possible to use a bias resistor, in this case it is mandatory to use an inductance to separate the RF between the MMIC and the power supply, examples of $L$ values: <br> $\min$ freq. $=1 \mathrm{MHz} \quad$ about $27 \mu \mathrm{H}-\min$ freq. $=10 \mathrm{MHz} \quad$ about $2.7 \mu \mathrm{H}$ <br> $\min$ freq. $=100 \mathrm{MHz}$ about $270 \mathrm{nH}-\min$ freq. $=1 \mathrm{GHz}$ about 27 nH |
|  | This is the optimal circuit configuration because it is obtained the maximum possible decoupling, in fact it is summed the resistance value to the inductance reactance. <br> The limiter resistor is useful also to permit a sort of limitation on the bias current and accordingly a higher tolerance in power supply voltage. |

NOTE : in case of high value inductances $(>10 \mu \mathrm{H})$ should be considered a little residual resistance due to the wire of the inductance itself.

## M.M.I.C. , Wide Band Amplifiers

Given the huge variety of MMIC devices, but especially the wide variety of performances and technical specifications, we decided to group all these devices in a table of 3 pages. To facilitate the search we have divided them according to their main characteristics:

| Low cost and general purpose | low cost |
| :---: | :---: |
| Low noise | $\mathrm{NF}<3 \mathrm{~dB}$ |
| High dynamic | medium output power $+10 /+17 \mathrm{dBm}$ |
| High output power | $>17 \mathrm{dBm}>50 \mathrm{~mW}$ |
| Very flat gain | it can be used on instrumentation to have flat gain on wide band |
| High reverse insulation | high S 12, ie high reverse insulation between output and input, for example as <br> buffer for VCOs and oscillators |
| Variable gain | with pin for gain control |
| Differential amplifier | $<3.5 \mathrm{~V}$ |
| Low voltage power supply | see table below |
| Other special feateures |  |

This table is used for a fast search of the device, other features will be then shown on following pages with prices and eventually a test report for MMICs considered more interesting.

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| function | cod. | CASE | FREQ. GHz min - max | $\begin{array}{c\|} \hline \text { gain } \\ \max \mathrm{dB} \text { min } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | out power dBm at GHz |  | $\begin{gathered} \mathbf{N F} \\ \mathrm{dB} \text { at GHz } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  | $3^{\circ} \text { orde }$ $\mathrm{dBm} \text { at }$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { er IP } \\ & G H z \end{aligned}$ | pwr sup. <br> V mA |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | AG101 | SMD | $60 \mathrm{MHz}-3 \mathrm{GHz}$ | $15 \quad 11$ | +15 | 1 | 2.4 | 2 | +28/+32 | 1 | 4.5 | 50 |
|  | ERA 1 | plastic | up to 8 GHz | $12 \quad 10$ | +11.5 | 2 |  |  | +26 | 2 | 3.6 | 40 |
|  | ERA 2 | plastic | up to 8 GHz | $16 \quad 12$ | +12.4 | 2 |  |  | +26 | 2 | 3.6 | 40 |
|  | SNA 286 | plastic | DC | $15 \quad 11$ | +14 | 2 | 5.7 | 2 | +29 | 2 | 3.8 | 50 |
|  | INA 34063 | SMD | DC | $\pm 20 \mathrm{~dB}$ | +8 | 2 | 4.5 | 2 | +18 | 2 | 3 | 30 |
|  | INA 52063 | SMD | DC 2.5 | $23 \quad 16$ | +8 | 1 | 3.5 | 0.1 | +20 | 1 | 5 | 30 |
|  | LMX 2119 | SMD | $1.5 \quad 2.5$ | 20 | +23,5 | 2 |  |  |  |  | 3.6 | 350 |
|  | MAR 1-MSA0186 | plas-cer | DC 2.5 | 18 | +2 | 0.5 | 5.5 | 0.5 | +14 | 0.5 | 5 | 17 |
|  | MAR 2 - RAM2 | plas-cer | DC 3.5 | 12.5 | +5 | 1 |  |  | +17 | 1 | 5 | 25 |
|  | MAR 3 | plas-cer | DC | 12.5 | +10 | 1 |  |  | +23 | 1 | 5 | 35 |
| NERAL | MAR 4 | plast.cer | DC | 98 | +12.5 | 1 |  |  | +25.5 | 1 | 5.2 | 50 |
| UR | MAR 6 | plas-cer | DC 1.5 | $20 \quad 13$ | +2 | 1 | 3 | 0.5 | +14 | 0.5 | 3.5 | 16 |
|  | MAR 8 | plast-cer | DC | $27 \quad 16$ | +12.5 | 1 | 3.3 | 1 | +27 | 1 | 7.8 | 36 |
| and | MAV 11 | plastic | DC | $13 \quad 7.5$ | +17.5 | 0.5 | 3.6 | 0.5 | +30 | 0.5 | 5.5 | 60 |
|  | MGA 72543 | SMD | up to 6 GHz | 17 | +12 | 5 | 1.5 | 4 | +10 | 2 | 3 | 20 |
| LOW | MGA 85563 | SMD | 0,8 | $19 \quad 15$ | +1 | 3 | $1.6 \text { or }$ bandn |  | +12 | 3 | 3 | 20-30 |
| COST | MSA 0711 e 0735 | SMD | DC | 13 | +5.5 | 1 | 5 | 1 | +18 | 1 | 4 | 22 |
|  | RF 2472 | SMD | DC | 21 | +2 | 2 | $\begin{aligned} & 1.4 \\ & 2 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1.5 \\ 5 \end{gathered}$ | +18 |  | 3 | 6 |
|  | SGA 2186 | plastic | DC | $10 \quad 7.5$ | +7 | 1.5 | 4.4 | 2 | +19.5 | 2 | 2.2 | 20 |
|  | SGA 2286 | plastic | DC | $15 \quad 10$ | +7 | 2 | 3.5 | 2 | +19 | 2 | 2.2 | 20 |
|  | SGA 2386 | plastic | DC | 1810 | +7.5 | 2 | 3.3 | 2 | +20 | 1.5 | 2.7 | 20 |
|  | SGA 2486 | plastic | DC | $21 \quad 11$ | +7.5 | 2 | 3.3 | 2 | +20 | 2 | 2.7 | 20 |
|  | SGA 3286 | plastic | DC | $15 \quad 10.5$ | +11.5 | 1.5 | 3.8 | 2 | +24 | 2 | 2.6 | 35 |
|  | SH 225 | special | $1-900 \mathrm{MHz}$ | $21 \quad 19$ | +2 | 0.5 | 5.5 | 0.5 |  |  | 24 | 23 |
|  | $\mu$ PC 2709T | SMD | DC 2.5 | $22 \quad 19$ | +8 | 0.5 | 5 | 1 |  |  | 5 | 25 |
|  | $\mu$ PC 2771T | SMD | DC 2.5 | $21 \quad 18$ | +11.5 | 1 | 6 | 1 |  |  | 3 | 35 |


| function | cod. | CASE | FREQ. GHz min - max | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \text { gain } \\ \operatorname{max~dB~min~} \end{array}$ |  | out power dBm at GHz | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \mathbf{N F} \\ \mathrm{dB} \text { at GHz } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 3^{\circ} \text { order IP } \\ & \text { dBm at GHz } \end{aligned}$ | pwr sup. <br> V mA |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \# | AG101 | S M D | $60 \mathrm{MHz}-3 \mathrm{GHz}$ | 15 | 11 | +15 | 2.42 | +28/+32 1 | 4.5 | 50 |
|  | AM1 - AG102 | SMD | $60 \mathrm{MHz}-3 \mathrm{GHz}$ | 15 | 11 | +18 2 | 2.42 | +33/+36 1 | 4.4 | 60-80 |
|  | AM50-0003 | SMD | $800-1000 \mathrm{MHz}$ |  |  | +18 | 1.2 |  | 3-8 | 20-60 |
|  | AM50-0004 | SMD | $1.4-2 \mathrm{GHz}$ |  |  | +18 | 1.4 |  | 3-8 | 20-45 |
|  | INA03184 | plas-cer | DC 4 | 25 | 12 | -1 | 2.51 .5 | +7 1.5 | 3-5 | 10 |
|  | MAALSS0034 | SMD | $70 \mathrm{MHz}-3 \mathrm{GHz}$ | 15 | 9 | +23 2 | 1.62 | +36 2 | 5 | 88 |
|  | MAAM12031 + 032 | SMD | $1.7-2 \mathrm{GHz}$ | 20 | 13 | +2/+7 | 1.7 / 1.8 | +2/ +7 | 5 | 5/8 |
| LOW \# | MGA 62563 | SMD | up to 2.5 GHz | 23 | 13 | + 17 | 0.91 | +32.5 | 3-5 | 60 |
| NOISE | MGA 72543 | SMD | up to 6 GHz | 17 | 9 | +12 5 | 1.54 | +10 2 | 3 | 20 |
|  | MGA 81563 | SMD | 0.56 | 12.5 | 10 | +14.8 3 | 2.73 | +27 2 | 3 | 42 |
|  | MGA 85563 | SMD | 0,8 6 | 19 | 15 | +1 3 | 1.6 on all bandwidth | +12 3 | 3 | 20-30 |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { NF } \leq 3 \mathrm{~dB} \\ \begin{array}{l} \#=\text { high } \\ \text { dynamic } \end{array} \end{gathered}$ | MGA 86563 | SMD | 0.566 (8) | 22 | 15 | +4.3 4 |  | +15 2.4 | 5 | 14 |
|  | MGA 86576 | ceramic | 0.510 | 23 | 12 | +7 2.5 | 1.86 | +16 4 | 4-10 | 16 |
|  | MAR 6 | plas-cer | DC 1.5 | 20 | 13 | +2 1 | $3 \quad 0.5$ | +14 0.5 | 3.5 | 16 |
|  | MGF 7002 | metallic | 0.81 .9 | 18 | 16 | +10 1.6 | 2.5 | +22 1 | 10/-6 | 90 |
|  | MGF 7003 | ceram | 0.11 .9 | 12 | 10 | +10 1.8 | <2.5 | +24 | 3 | 30 |
|  | RF 2472 | S M D | DC 6 | 21 | 9 | +2 2 | $\begin{array}{lc}  & 1.4 \\ 2 & 1.5 \\ 2 & 5 \end{array}$ | +18 | 3 | 6 |
|  | SGA 3586 | plastic | DC 5 | 26 | 13 | +13.5 1.5 | 2.512 | +25.5 1.5 | 3.3 | 35 |
|  | SGA 4586 | plastic | DC 5 | 26 | 10 | +16/+13 | 1,8 1 | +27 2 | 3.6 | 45 |
|  | SGA 5586 | plastic | DC 4 | 26 | 14 | +18/+15 | 2.62 | +30 1.5 | 3.9 | 60 |
|  | UTO 1043 | metallic | $5-1300 \mathrm{MHz}$ | 11 | 8.7 | +9 1 | 2.50 .5 | +22 | 12-15 | 25 |
| HIGH <br> DYNAMIC and MEDIUM POWER | ERA 1 | plastic | up to 8 GHz | 12 | 10 | +11.5 2 | -- | +26 | 3.6 | 40 |
|  | ERA 2 | plastic | up to 8 GHz | 16 | 12 | +12.4 2 | -- | +26 2 | 3.6 | 40 |
|  | ERA 3 | plastic | up to 8 GHz | 22 | 12 | +11.5 2 | -- | +23 2 | 3.5 | 35 |
|  | ERA 4 | plastic | up to 8 GHz | 14 | 12 | +16.8 2 | -- | +32 2 | 65 |  |
|  | INA 10386 | plastic | DC 4 | 26 | 14 | from +12 to +14 | 3.81 .5 | +23 1.5 | 45 |  |
|  | MGA 64135 | ceramic | 0.510 | 14 | 8.6 | +12 upto 8 GHz | -- | -- | 8-11 50 |  |
|  | MGA 72543 | SMD | up to 6 GHz | 17 | 9 | +12 | 1.5 4 <br> 2.7 3 | +10 2 | 20 |  |
|  | MGA 81563 | SMD | 0.56 | 12.5 | 10 | +14.8 |  | +27 2 | 342 |  |
|  | MAR 3 - VAM3 | plas-cer | DC 3 | 12.5 | 8 | +10 | -- | +23 | 4-6 35 |  |
|  | MSA 0311-RAM3 | SMD | DC 2.5 | 11.5 | 8 | +10 0.5 | -- | +22 | 4-5.6 35 |  |
|  | MAR4-MSA0436 | ceramic | DC 3 | 8.5 | 6 | +13 0.5 | -- | 25.5 | 4-6 50 |  |
|  | MAR8-MSA0870 | plas-cer | DC 3 | 32 | 12 | +13 0. | 3.3 | +27 | 6-9 36 |  |
|  | NGA 286 | plastic | DC 6 | 16 | 11 | +15 | 3.42 | +31 | 50 |  |
|  | SGA 3286 | plastic | DC 5 | 15 | 10.5 | +11.5 1.5 | 3.8 | +24 2 | 2.635 |  |
| $\geq+10 \mathrm{dBm}$ | SGA 3386 | plastic | DC 5 | 18 | 11 | +11.5 1.5 | 3.5 | +24 1.5 | 2.6 |  |
| ( $\geq 10 \mathrm{~mW}$ ) | SGA 3486 | plastic | DC 5 | 23 | 12 | +12.5 2 | 3.2 | +25 1.5 | 2.9 | 35 |
|  | SGA 3586 | plastic | DC 5 | 28 | 13 | +13.5 1.5 | 2.5 | +25.5 1.5 | 3.3 | 35 |
|  | SGA 4186 | plastic | DC 5 | 10 | 8 | + 13.51 .5 |  | +28/ +25 | 3.2 | 45 |
|  | SGA 4586 | plastic | DC 5 | 26 | 10 | +16/+13 | -- | +27 2 | 3.6 | 45 |
|  | SGA 5586 | plastic | DC 4 | 26 | 14 | +18/+15 | 2.62 | $\begin{array}{\|ll\|} \hline+30 & 1.5 \\ \hline+29 & 2 \\ \hline+23 & 2 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 3.960 |  |
|  | SNA 286 | plastic | DC 6 | 15 | 11 | +14 2 | -- |  | 3.83.8 | 50 <br> 35 |
|  | SNA 386 | plastic | DC 4 | 22 | 15 | +11 2 | 4.51 |  |  |  |

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| function | cod. | CASE | $\begin{aligned} & \text { FREQ. GHz } \\ & \min -\max \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | gain $\max \mathrm{dB}$ min | out power dBm at GHz | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline \mathbf{N F} \\ \mathrm{dB} \text { at GHz } \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3^{\circ} \text { order IP } \\ & \mathrm{dBm} \text { at GHz } \end{aligned}$ | pwr sup. <br> V mA |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| HIGH POWER$\begin{gathered} \geq+17 \mathrm{dBm} \\ (\geq 50 \mathrm{~mW}) \\ \#=\text { low } \\ \text { noise } \end{gathered}$ | AM1 - AG102 | S M D | $60 \mathrm{MHz}-3 \mathrm{GHz}$ | $15 \quad 11$ | +18 2 | 2.42 | +33/+36 | $\begin{array}{lll}4.4 & 60-80\end{array}$ |
|  | CGY 2014 | S M D | power MMIC, cellular dual band $900+1800 \mathrm{MHz}+35 /+32 \mathrm{dBm}$ out power |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | CGY 21 | metallic | $20-1100 \mathrm{MHz}$ | $20 \quad 15$ | +19/+20 0.9 | $4 \quad 0.8$ | +32.5 0.8 | 5160 |
|  | ERA 5 | plastic | DC 6 (10) | $20 \quad 12$ | +18 2 | 4.5 | +33 2 | 565 |
|  | ERA 6 | plastic | DC 6 (10) | $\begin{array}{ll}11,5 & 10,5\end{array}$ | +18 2 | -- | +36 2 | 5.570 |
|  | GPD 405 | metallic | $10-500 \mathrm{MHz}$ | $15 \quad 12$ | +23 0.4 | $6 \quad 0.1$ | +29 0.1 | 1590 |
|  | CGY 52 | S M D | $100 \quad 2.500$ | $13 \quad 15$ | +19 200-1800 | 4.81 .8 | +32 | 4.5160 |
|  | LMX 2119 | SM D | 1.52 .5 | 20 | +23,5 2 | -- -- |  | 3.6350 |
|  | MAALSS0034 | SMD | $70 \mathrm{MHz}-3 \mathrm{GHz}$ | 159 | +23 | 1.6 | +36 2 | 588 |
|  | MAAMSS0049 | S M D | 250 MHz 4000 | $20 \quad 11$ | +28.5 2.4 | 3.502 | +43 2 | $5 \quad 250$ |
|  | MAV 11 | plastic | DC 2 | $13 \quad 7.5$ | +17.5 0.5 | 3.60 .5 | +30 0.5 | 4.5-6 60 |
|  | MGA 62563 | S M D | up to 2.5 GHz | 2313 | + 17 | 0.9 | +32.5 | 3-5 60 |
|  | MGA 82563 | SMD | 0.46 | 149 | +17 2 | 2.22 | +31 2 | 384 |
|  | MGA 83563 | SMD | 0.56 | $21 \quad 17$ | +19 1-3 | -- -- | +29 1-6 | $3 \quad 150$ |
|  | MRFIC 1859 | S M D | power MMIC, cellular dual band $900+1800 \mathrm{MHz}+34 /+32 \mathrm{dBm}$ out power |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | NGA 486 | plastic | DC 5 | $15 \quad 10$ | +19/+18 0.5/2\| | 4 | +38/+34 | 4.880 |
|  | PM 2107 | plas smd | $2 \quad 2.6$ | $26 \quad 20$ | +26/30pk 2.4 | -- -- | -- -- | +5V -1.2V |
|  | RF 2145 | S M D | 12 | $25 \quad 20$ | +26 1.8 | -- -- |  | 4.5400 |
|  | RF 2174-2175 | S M D | power MMIC, cellular dual band 900 and $1800 \mathrm{MHz}+36 /+33 \mathrm{dBm}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | SNA 676 | ceramic | dc 7 | $11 \quad 7$ | +18 2 |  | +36 0.1-2 | 5.76 |
|  | UTO 2013 | metallic | $500-2000 \mathrm{MHz}$ | 10 | + 21 | 4.5 |  | 15100 |
|  | VNA 25 | S M D | 0.502 .5 | $18 \quad 14$ | +18.2 | 5.5 | +27 | 585 |
| VERY <br> FLAT <br> GAIN | ERA 1 | plastic | DC 9-11 | 12-16 | +12 2 | -- | +26 2 | 3.850 |
|  | ERA 6 | plastic | DC 6 | 11,5 10,5 | +18 2 | -- | +36 2 | 5.570 |
|  | INA 03184 | plas-cer | DC 4 | $25 \quad 12$ | -1 | 2.51 .5 | +7 1.5 | 3-5 10 |
|  | INA 10386 | plastic | DC 4 | $26 \quad 14$ | +12 to +14 | 3.81 .5 | +23 1.5 | 645 |
|  | MGA 81563 | S M D | 0.56 | very flat gain up to about 2 GHz |  |  |  | $3 \quad 42$ |
|  | MSA 0910 | ceramic |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | MWA .... | metallic case, particular use for instrumentation and professional, various types available: low noise, high power, etc... dc -2 GHz |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | GPA.... GPD.... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | SH 225 | special | 2900 MHz | 21 | +2 |  |  | $24 \quad 23$ |
|  | SNA 286 | plastic | quite flat form 100 MHz to 1.5 GHz |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | HPC 2709T | S M D | DC 2.5 | 2219 | +8 0.5 | 5 |  | $5 \quad 25$ |
|  | HPC 2771T | SMD | DC 2.5 | $21 \quad 18$ | +11.5 | 6 |  | $3 \quad 35$ |
| HIGH REVERSE INSULATION | INA 34063 | SMD | DC 3 | $\pm 20 \mathrm{~dB}$ | reverse insulation $>30 \mathrm{~dB}$ |  |  | $3 \quad 30$ |
|  | HPC 2709T | SMD | DC 2.5 | $22 \quad 19$ | rev. insulation > 30dB low cost |  |  | $5 \quad 25$ |
|  | MAX 2470-2175 | SMD | $10-500 \mathrm{MHz}$ | 1315 | rev. insul. $>50 \mathrm{~dB}$ VCO buffer |  |  | 3-5.5 6 |
|  | MGA 83563 | SMD | 0.56 | $21 \quad 17$ | insul. $<2 \mathrm{GHz}$ | >35dB - > | 2GHz 30dB | 3.3150 |
|  | SH 225 | $1-900 \mathrm{MHz}$ very flat amplifier with 40dB of reverse insulation |  |  |  |  |  | $24 \quad 23$ |
| VARIABLE GAIN | CGY 120 | gain control range $=50 \mathrm{~dB}$, bandwidth up to 2.5 GHz |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | IVA05208-14208 | gain control range $=30 \mathrm{~dB}$ (IVA05208) -- 34 dB (IVA14208) more spec. see below |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | RF 2145 | high power, gain control range $=40 \mathrm{~dB}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| DIFFERENTIAL amplifier | IVA 05208 | SMD | DC 2 | $30 \quad 20$ | group delay is within 400 pSec |  |  | 4-6.5 35 |
|  | IVA 14208 | SMD | DC 3 | 2518 |  |  |  | 5-8 38 |
| LOW VOLTAGE $<3.5 \mathrm{~V}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { GPD } 110-\text { INA34063 - INA03184 - MAR } 6-\text { MAX... }-\mu \text { PC } 2771 \\ & \text { MGA } 62563+7254+82563+83563+85563-\text { MGF } 7003-\text { MSA } 07 \ldots \\ & \text { SGA } 2186+2286+2386+3286+3386+3486 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  | see more detailed specifications in the next pages |  |
| with | GPD 110 | for very low frequencies starting from $50-100 \mathrm{KHz}$ up to $1.1 \mathrm{GHz}, \mathrm{Vmin} 2.5 \mathrm{~V}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | MGA 64135 | high performances up to10 GHz, high output level, HI-REL professional ceramic case |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | MGA 72543 | it has a switch inside to exclude it from the circuit |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| features | MGA 86576 | for microwave, ceramic case, works up to 10 GHz , low noise |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | MSA 0910 | for instrumentation, limited but ultra-flat gain 0.1-4 GHz HI- REL special case |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | IDA 07318 | 1.5 Gbit driver for laser or led, TX datas on fiber optic |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | MAR1-MSA 0185 | very low VSWR up to 3 GHz on both input and output ports |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | VNA 25 | it has already inside two dc block capacitors and the bias network |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Low noise high dynamic M.M.I.C.

The following products AM-1, AG-101G, AG-102 and MAALSS0034 are MMICs from the prestigious Watkins Johanson and MaCom brand for high dynamic range applications (+16 to +22 dBm ), but with a very low noise ( 1,6 to $2,5 \mathrm{dBNF}$ ).
The case is the consolidated SOT89 that guaratees a good dissipation even when it is used with a fair current. These MMICs implement GaAs-FET technology and they are suitable for many applications, especially as post-amplifier after very low noise stages.
For example, suppose to use them after a MGA-62563 MMIC or a MAR6, you will get some more decibel of gain greatly increasing the dynamic with an output level up to $+16 /+22 \mathrm{dBm}$. Another interesting application is as a driver for a broadband power module like BGD802, in fact the BGD802 to give the output power of 1 W it requires about 30 mW of input, so these MMICs are the right choice also as TX driver. The application diagram is extremely simple, just the usual dc-block capacitor and a choke for power supply are needed.
In conclusion, the AM-1, AG-102, AG101G and MAALSS0034 MMICs can be used for all applications requiring good dynamic associated with a low noise, as drivers for a higher power stage but also as a buffer stage with medium gain suitable for any need.

| MMIC: | AM-1 | AG-102 AG-101G | MAALSS0034, some applications |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| MGA-62563 | + | AM-1 AG-102 <br> AG-101G MAALSS0034 $\square$ | = | ultra low noise high dynamic aplifier $100 \mathrm{MHz}-2.5 \mathrm{GHz} \mathrm{NF} 1.1-1.5 \mathrm{~dB}$ gain $20-30 \mathrm{~dB}$ output $+16 /+22 \mathrm{dBm}, \mathrm{OIP} 3+33 /+36 \mathrm{dBm}$ |
| MAR-6 | + |  | = | Iow noise amplifier $\begin{gathered} 50 / 70 \mathrm{MHz}-1.5 \mathrm{GHz} \text { NF } 2.5-3.5 \mathrm{~dB} \\ \text { gain } 22-35 \mathrm{~dB} \\ \text { output }+18 \mathrm{dBm}, \text { OIP3 }+26 \mathrm{dBm} \end{gathered}$ |
| AM-1 AG-102 <br> AG-101G MAALSS0034 | + | wide band power module, example BGD-802 | = | wide band power amplifier $\begin{gathered} 50 / 70 \mathrm{MHz}-1 \mathrm{GHz} \# \\ \text { output } 0,5-1 \mathrm{~W} \mathrm{\#} \\ \text { gain about } 30 \mathrm{~dB} \# \\ \text { \# depending on the used power module } \end{gathered}$ |


| AM-1 AG-102 AG-101G MAALSS0034 | + | -- power transistor <br> or <br> -- power module or <br> -- power MMIC | = | medium-high <br> Depending o |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| MMIC AM-1 AG-102 AG-101G MAALSS0034 typical application diagram |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | MMIC : AM | AG | AG-101G | M |
| Frequency range |  | $60-3000 \mathrm{MHz}$ |  |  |  |
| Gain |  | $10-15 \mathrm{~dB}$ |  |  |  |
| Ouput P1dB |  | from +16 dBm to +22 dBm (depending on model) |  |  |  |
| Output IP3 |  | +39 dBm / +33 dBm (depending on model) |  |  |  |
| Noise Figure |  | $1,6-2.6 \mathrm{~dB}$ |  |  |  |

## medium power broadband MMICs and Modules

The table indicates the continuous output power ( P 1 dB ), expressed in dBm and in mW , and the frequency range


From the diagram it is possible to get the device number, below the comparison chart "NUMBER = MMIC"
1 = CGY 21 over $50 \mathrm{MHz}+$ GPA $505 \mathrm{dc}-500 \mathrm{MHz}(\max 1 \mathrm{GHz})---2=$ ERA 5 up to $5.5 \mathrm{GHz}+$ VNA 25 up to 2.5 GHz 3 = SNA 676 ---- $4=$ RF $2145---5=$ LMX 2119M ---- $6=$ PM $2107---7=$ MAAMSS0049 ---- 8 = MAV 11 $9=$ MGA $83563---10=$ GPD $405---11=$ BGD 802 \# ---- $12=$ MHW 9242 \# ---- 14 = CGY 52
\# they are power modules, the others are MMICs listed in this section

## high performances professional MMICs

These particular ICs are used in professional field, such as final stage or driver in laboratory RF signal generators, military RF-VHF front-end receivers for example Watkins - Johnson, Rohde \& Schwarz, A class amplifiers, and laboratory and so on. They have better features than common MMICs, such as a low input-output VSWR, constant phase throughout the whole band with a fair group delay, P1dB, IP3 and IP2 specified and guaranteed, etc... They are typically used in wide band circuits and also where is the need of a very fast response as recovery time.
Some have the two dc-block capacitors already inside which greatly facilitates their use, other models have not the capacitors inside (which have to be added externally) this is an advantage especially for use at low frequencies and / or for applications that must be customized considering that they can virtually operate starting by dc.

| gain - frequency |  | NF | P 1dB | IP3 | IP2 | reverse insul. | pwr. supply | cod. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| optimal | max |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{dB} \\ \mathrm{MHz} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{dB} \\ \mathrm{MHz} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{dB} \\ \mathrm{MHz} \end{gathered}$ | dBm | dBm | dBm | dB | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{mA}}$ |  |  |
| $\begin{gathered} 20 \\ 100-900 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{c\|} \hline 15 \\ 30-2000 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 3.9 \\ 100-900 \end{gathered}$ | + 19 | + 32 |  |  | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline 4.5 \\ 160 \end{array}$ | CGY 21 | TO39 case with small heat sink $9 \times 21 \mathrm{~mm}$ |
| $\begin{gathered} 15 \\ 0.1-400 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 12 \\ 01-850 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 4 \\ 0.1-400 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | -2 | + 12 | + 14 |  | 2.510 | GPD 110 | group delay 0.3 nS |
| $\begin{gathered} 15 \\ 5-400 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 12 \\ 3-800 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 4-4.5 \\ & 5-400 \end{aligned}$ | -2 | + 10 |  | > 20 | $15 \quad 10$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { GPD } 401 \\ & \text { GPD } 461 \text { \# } \end{aligned}$ | low noise RX stage or driver |
| $\begin{gathered} 14 \\ 5-400 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 12 \\ & -800 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 5.5-6 \\ & 5-400 \end{aligned}$ | + 7 | + 19 | + 25 | > 20 | $15 \quad 24$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { GDP } 402 \\ & \text { GPD } 462 \text { \# } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | intermediate stage |
| $\begin{gathered} 15 \\ 10-400 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 13 \\ & -900 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 5.5 \\ 5-400 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | + 23 | $\begin{gathered} +351 \\ +30 \end{gathered}$ | + 34 | >20 | $15 \quad 9$ | GPD 405 | high power with still fair NF |
| $\begin{gathered} 8 \\ \text { dc }-1000 \end{gathered}$ |  | 6.7 | +11.5 | + 17 | + 27 |  | 330 | MWA 320 \# | group delay < 0.6 ns Imd -58 dB out 1 mW , In+Out VSWR typ. 1.5:1 |
| $\begin{gathered} 6.2 \\ \mathrm{dc}-1000 \end{gathered}$ |  | 9 | +15.2 | + 25 | +31 |  | $\begin{aligned} & 4-5 \\ & 60-80 \end{aligned}$ | MWA 330 \# | group delay < 0.6 ns Imd - 62dB out 5 mW , In+Out VSWR typ. 1.5:1 |
| $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline 10.5 \\ 10-1000 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 8.5 \\ & -1300 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{c\|} \hline 2-3 \\ 10-1000 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | + 8 | + 20 | +28 | 16-17 | $\begin{array}{ll} 15 & \\ \hline \end{array}$ | UTO 1043R | High Reliability version |
| $\begin{gathered} 10 \\ 500-2000 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{c\|} \hline 9.5 \\ 400-2100 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline 4.5 \\ 500-2000 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | + 21 | + 33 |  | 16-17 | $15 \quad 100$ | UTO 2013 | typical group delay 0.5 nS |

MMICs with dc-block capacitors already inside
CGY 21
GPD 110
GPD 401
GPD 402
GPD 405
UTO 1043R UTO 2013


## NOTE \#

MMICs without dc-block capacitors already inside (to add externally)


GPD 461
GPD 462
MWA 320
MWA 330

