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WP13: New RF Amplifiers based on GaN Semiconductors

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- Realisation and evaluation of a new RF amplifier based on GaN semiconductors at kilowatt level.
- Identification of the advantages of GaN semiconductor technology for accelerator RF amplifiers.
- Specifications
 - 1000 W combined output power
 - 750 MHz
 - High efficiency >70%
 - High breakdown voltage
 - GaN transistors from e.g. Ampleon, Qorvo, Cree Wolfspeed, NXP Semiconductors, Infineon, etc.
- D13.3: GaN RF amplifier module at kW level.



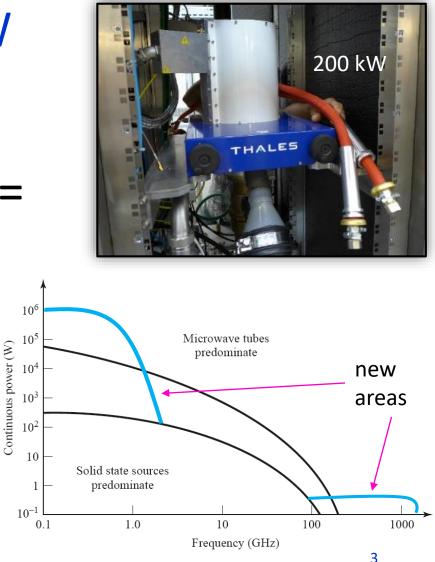
Example of RF amplifiers developed at the FREIA laboratory Uppsala University, Technological Platform in AMICI.



It takes a handful of transistors (200) to replace one tetrode of 200 kW



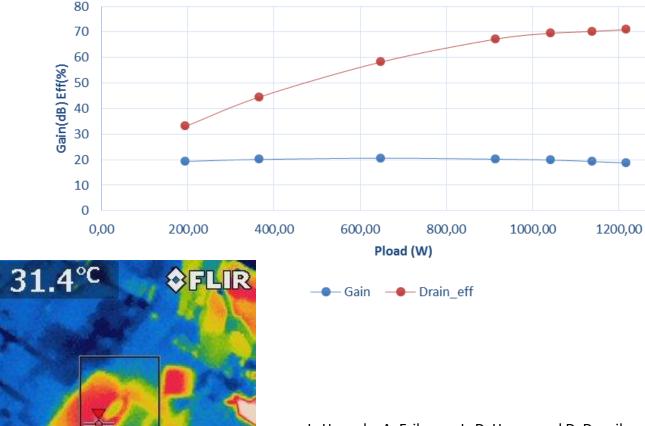
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Single ended RF power amplifier 352 MHz 1.25kW 70% efficiency

21°C

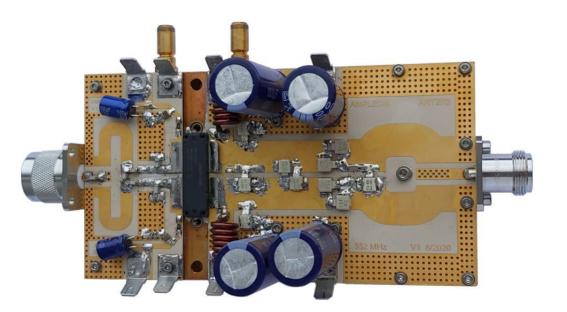




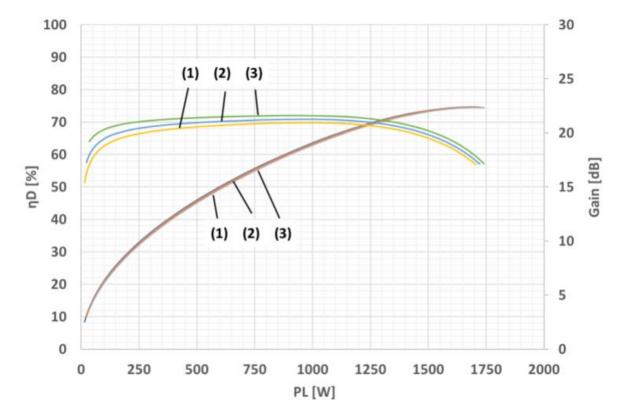
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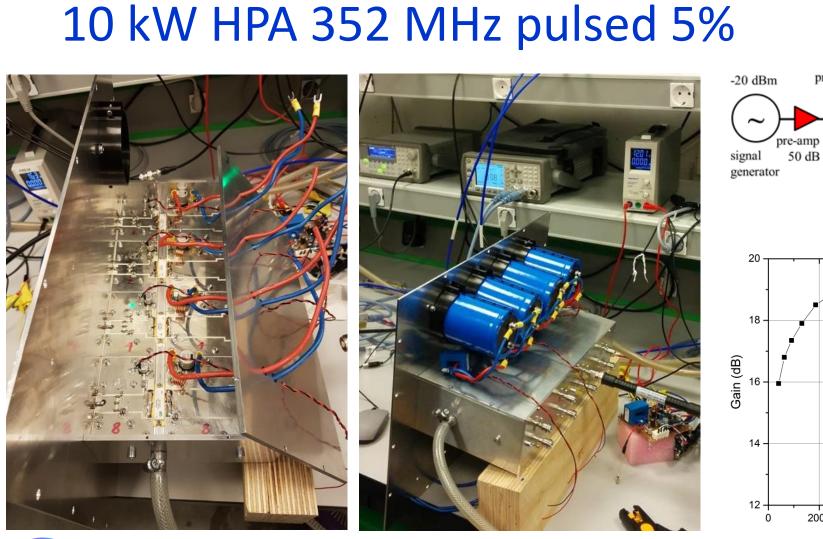
Towards industrialization: ART2K0PE board at 352 MHz 1600 watt CW efficiency of more than 74 %



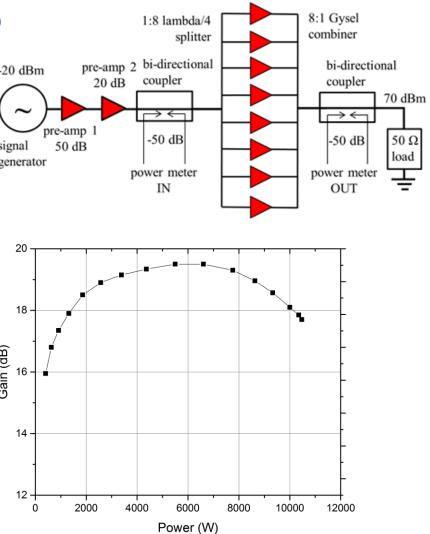
ART2K0PE: Ampleon Power LDMOS transistor







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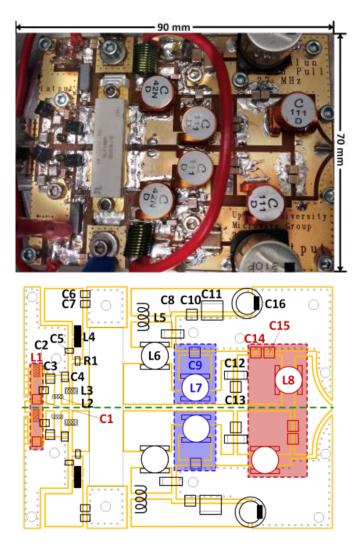


 $DUT \sim 20 \text{ dB}$

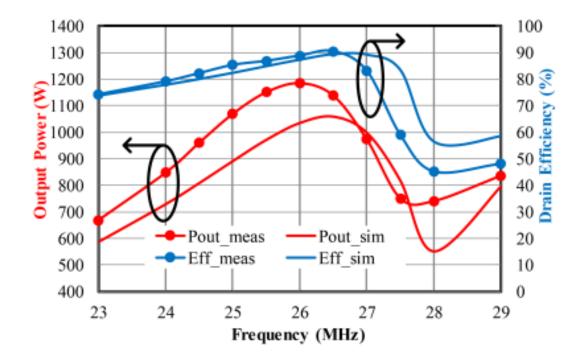
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SSPA at 27 MHz – 1kW efficiency of 90% (non linear class E – lumped push-pull)

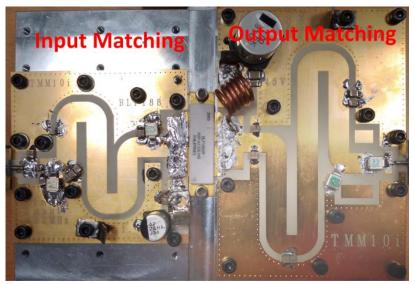


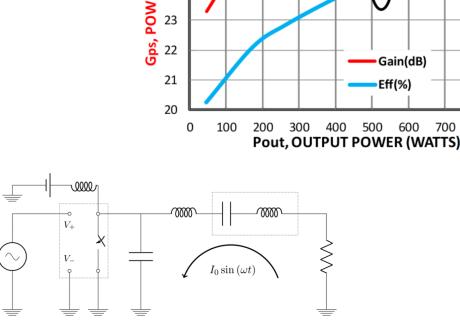
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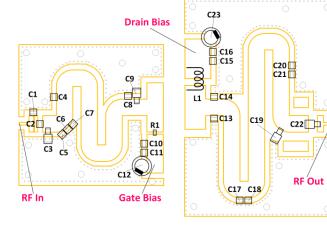
SSPA class E at 100 MHz – 1kW efficiency of 93%





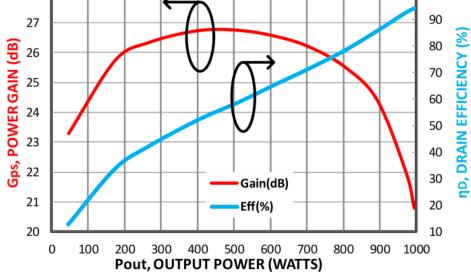
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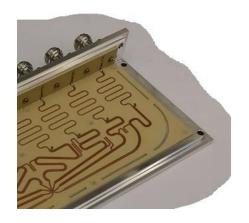
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Power Sweep Performance



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Gysel Power Combiner 10 kW at 352 MHz

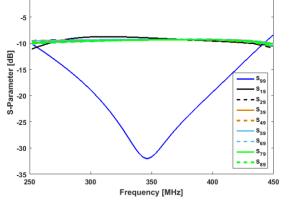


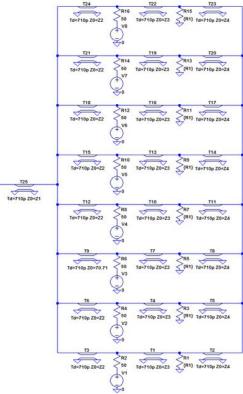
Key Parameters

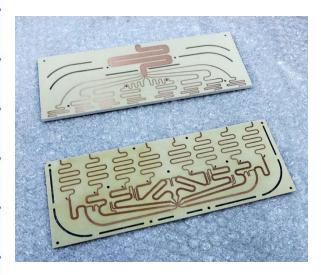
- S_{NN} < -20 dB
- Losses < 0.1 dB
- High Power Handling

R17 50 V9 AC 1

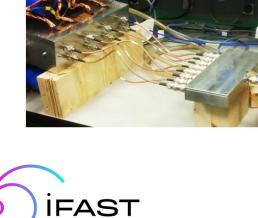
• 240 x 100 x 30 mm





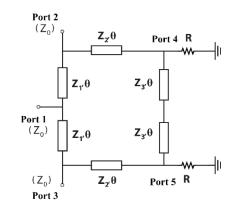


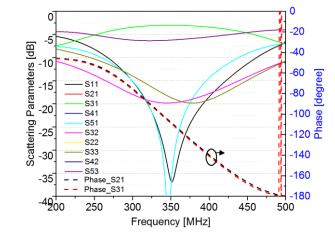
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20 kW Gysel combiner at 352 MHz

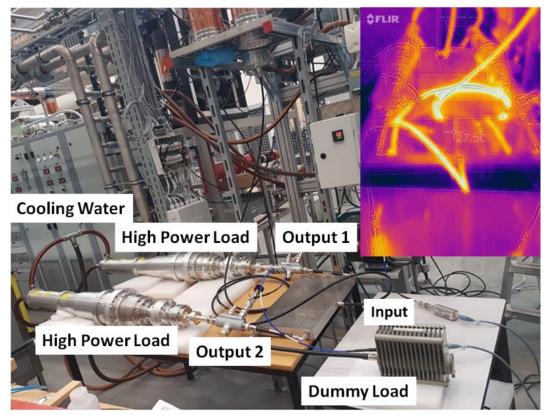






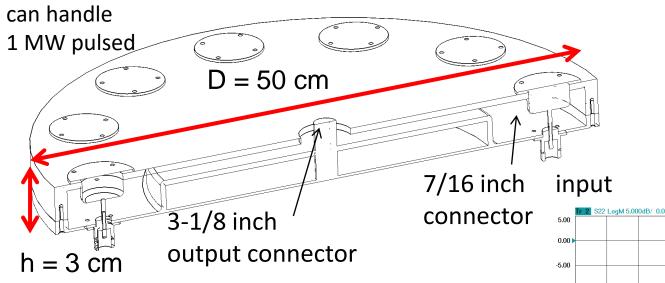
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Tested up to 20 kW IL 0.1 dB



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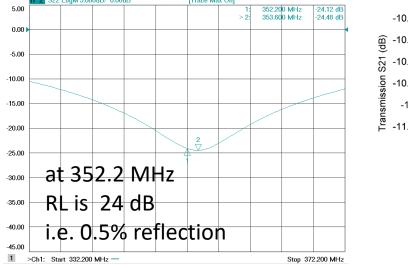
100 kW non-resonant power combiner with doorknob couplers at 352 MHz

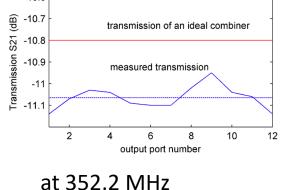




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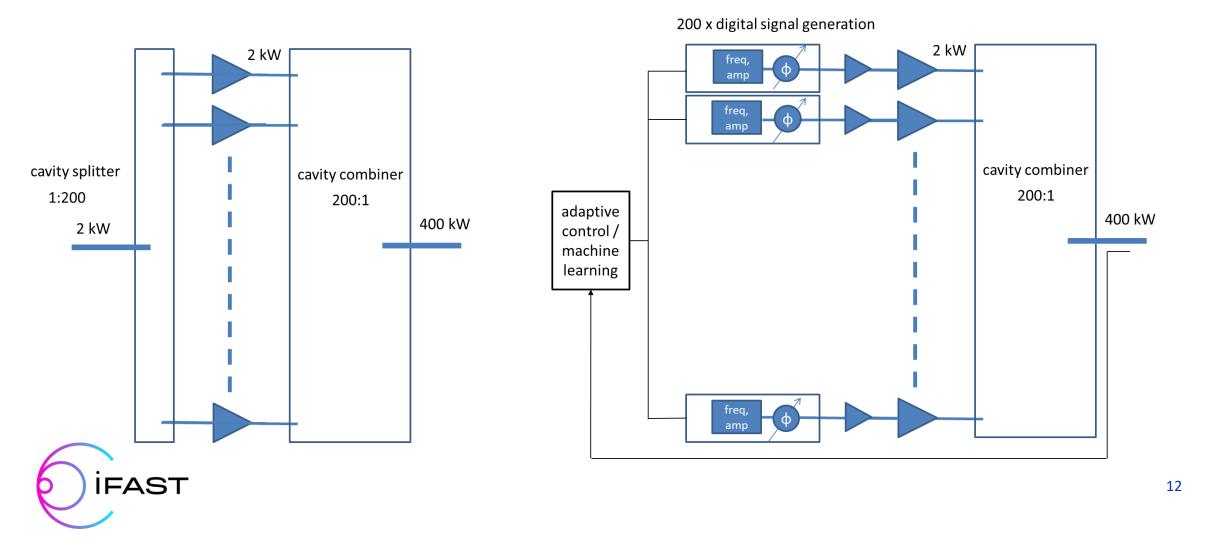
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IL is 0.3 dB i.e. 6% losses

Leading to novel architectures for high power amplifiers (several hundreds kW output power)



Contribution to Task 13.2: Developing and promoting services to industry in AMICI Technological Facilities (TFs)

- Setting up a discussion with European research institutes and Industry, where solid state power amplifiers technology is being currently developed.
- Create a central contact point and pushing for adopting well-defined procedures, regulations, cost evaluation schemes, quality standards, etc.
- Ensure the availability of the latest developments in the Task 13.3 GaN amplifers, as AMICI TP, for internal and external partners.
- Develop and promote services to industry, research laboratories and other technology stakeholders.



Thanks and questions







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