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Mitsubishi Electric Develops Ultra-Wideband Digitally Controlled GaN Amplifier for Mobile Base Stations

Expected to contribute to large-capacity communication and reduce power consumption of mobile base stations

TOKYO, January 10, 2019 – <u>Mitsubishi Electric Corporation</u> (TOKYO: 6503) announced today its development of the world's first^{*} ultra-wideband digitally controlled gallium nitride (GaN) amplifier, which is compatible with a world-leading range of sub-6GHz bands focused on fifth-generation (5G) mobile communication systems. With a power efficiency^{**} rating of above 40%, the amplifier is expected to contribute to large-capacity communication and reduce the power consumption of mobile base stations.

* According to Mitsubishi Electric research as of January 10, 2019

** Output power level equivalent to 6.5dB peak-to-average power ratio (PAPR) modulated signal



Ultra-wideband digitally controlled GaN amplifier

Key Features

- 1) Novel load modulation achieves wideband operation and contributes to large-capacity communication
 - Mitsubishi Electric's novel ultra-wideband digitally controlled GaN amplifier uses an advanced load modulation circuit with two parallel GaN transistors. The circuit expands the bandwidth of load modulation, a key factor for the amplifier's high-efficiency operation, for wideband (1.4–4.8GHz) operation.
 - Wide-band operation of amplifier supports several frequency bands.

2) Digital control realizes high-efficiency operation and reduces power consumption of mobile base stations

- Digitally controlled input signals for amplifier realize high-efficiency load modulation of above 40% over 110% of the fractional bandwidth. Digital control employs learning function based on Maisart^{®***}.
- Improved efficiency of amplifier helps to reduce power consumption in mobile base stations.

*** Mitsubishi Electric's AI creates the State-of-the-ART in technology Maisart



Corresponding frequency ranges of amplifiers

Measurement Results

| Frequencies | Fractional bandwidth | Efficiency |
|-------------|-------------------------|------------|
| 1.4-4.8GHz | 110% | Over 40% |

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About Maisart

Maisart encompasses Mitsubishi Electric's proprietary artificial intelligence (AI) technology, including its compact AI, automated design deep-learning algorithm and extra-efficient smart-learning AI. Maisart is an abbreviation for "<u>M</u>itsubishi Electric's <u>AI</u> creates the <u>S</u>tate-of-the-<u>ART</u> in technology." Under the corporate axiom "Original AI technology makes everything smart," the company is leveraging original AI technology and edge computing to make devices smarter and life more secure, intuitive and convenient.

Patents

Pending patents for the technology announced in this news release number two in Japan and two outside of Japan.

R&D Facilities Involved

Information Technology R&D Center, Mitsubishi Electric Corporation

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*At an exchange rate of 106 yen to the US dollar, the rate given by the Tokyo Foreign Exchange Market on March 31, 2018

About Mitsubishi Electric Research Laboratories, Inc.

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