

- [54] GATE MODULATED BIPOLAR TRANSISTOR
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[57] **ABSTRACT**
Geometrical design criteria are disclosed for a Gate Modulated BiPolar Transistor, or GAMBIT, which is a three terminal variable negative resistance device. The GAMBIT is a planar, interdigitated, integrated device whose electrical characteristics show a voltage controlled negative resistance between two of its terminals. The magnitude of the negative resistance is controlled by the variation of the applied bias to the third terminal.

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