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Typical Applications

The HMC921LP4E is ideal for:

- Cellular/3G & WiMAX/LTE/4G
- Fixed Wireless & WLAN
- CATV, Cable Modem & DBS
- Microwave Radio & Test Equipment
- IF & RF Applications

Functional Diagram



HMC921LP4E

GaAs HBT MMIC 2 WATT POWER AMPLIFIER, 0.4 - 2.7 GHz

Features

High Output IP3: +48 dBm High Output P1dB: +33 dBm High Gain: 16 dB @ 900 MHz Single Supply: +5V 32% PAE @ +33 dBm Pout Adjustable Bias Current 24 Lead 4x4 mm SMT Package: 16 mm²

General Description

The HMC921LP4E is a high linearity GaAs HBT MMIC 2 watt power amplifier operating from 0.4 to 2.7 GHz and is housed in a RoHS compliant 4x4 mm QFN leadless package. The HMC921LP4E utilizes a minimum number of external components and operates from a single +5V supply. This versatile power amplifier can be biased for both low quiescent current and high quiescent current modes by adjusting a single external resistor.

Electrical Specifications, $T_{A} = +25^{\circ}C$, Vcc1 = Vcc2 = VEN = +5V^[1]

Demonster		400 mA (R1 = 270 Ω)														
Parameter	Min.	Vin. Typ. N		Min.	Тур.	Max.	Units									
Frequency Range	3	50 - 50	0	80	00 - 10	00	18	00 - 20	00	20	00 - 22	00	25	00 - 28	00	MHz
Gain	17	19		14	16		9	11		9.5	10.5		8	9		dB
Gain Variation Over Temperature		0.01			0.01			0.01			0.01			0.01		dB / °C
Input Return Loss	9	12		10	15		5	10		8	12		6	11		dB
Output Return Loss	6	10		5	9		8	9		6	7		9	10		dB
Output Power for 1dB Compression (P1dB)	32.5	34		30.5	32		31	32.5		32	32.5		33	33.3		dBm
Saturated Output Power (Psat)		35			34			34			34			34.5		dBm
Output Third Order Intercept (IP3)		47			44			43			43			45		dBm
Noise Figure		12.9			9			8.5			6.9			6.5		dB
Supply Current (Icq) Ien Icc1 Icc2		8 12 400			8 12 400			8 12 400			8 12 400			8 12 400		mA mA mA

[1] Specifications and data reflect HMC921LP4E measured using the respective application circuits for each designated frequency band found herein. Contact the HMC Applications Group for assistance in optimizing performance for your application.

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Electrical Specifications, $T_A = +25^{\circ}C$, Vcc1 = Vcc2 = VEN = +5V^[1]

Demonster				700 mA (R1 = 130 Ω)												
Parameter	Min. Typ.		Max.	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Units
Frequency Range	з	50 - 50	0	80	00 - 100	00	18	00 - 20	00	20	00 - 22	200	26	00 - 28	00	MHz
Gain	19	19.5		14	16		9	11		10.3	10.8		8	9		dB
Gain Variation Over Temperature		001			0.01			0.01			0.01			0.01		dB / °C
Input Return Loss	9	12		11	15		6	10		9	13		6	12		dB
Output Return Loss	6	10		6	9		8	9		6	7.5		9	10		dB
Output Power for 1dB Compression (P1dB)	33	34.5		31	32.5		31.5	33		32.8	33.5		33	34		dBm
Saturated Output Power (Psat)		35			34			34			34.5			35		dBm
Output Third Order Intercept (IP3)		43			45			46			47			47		dBm
Noise Figure		14			9			8.5			8			8		dB
Supply Current (Icq) len Icc1 Icc2		13 14 700			13 14 700			13 14 700			13 14 700			13 14 700		mA mA mA

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450 MHz Tune



Gain vs. Temperature @ 400mA



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Broadband Gain & Return Loss @ 700mA



Gain vs. Temperature @ 700mA







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Output return Loss @ 400 mA



P1dB vs. Temperature @ 400 mA



Input Return Loss @ 700 mA



Output return Loss @ 700 mA



P1dB vs. Temperature @ 700 mA



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Output IP3 vs. Output Power @ 400mA



Noise Figure vs. Temperature @ 400mA





Output IP3 vs. Output Power @ 700mA



Noise Figure vs. Temperature @ 700mA



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c

0.7

0.8

- 40 C

0.5

FREQUENCY (GHz)

0.6

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-20

-25

-30

-35

-40

-45

-50

0.2

0.3

ISOLATION (dB)

Reverse Isolation vs. Temperature 700mA

Reverse Isolation vs. Temperature 400mA



Power Compression @ 400mA



Power Compression @ 700mA

0.4





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Broadband Gain & Return Loss @ 400 mA 20 10 S21 S11 S22 RESPONSE (dB) 0 -10 -20 0.5 0.9 1.1 1.3 0.3 0.7 FREQUENCY (GHz)

Gain vs. Temperature @ 400 mA



Input Return Loss vs. Temperature 400mA



Broadband Gain & Return Loss @ 700 mA



Gain vs. Temperature @ 700 mA



Input Return Loss vs. Temperature 700mA



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900 MHZ 11

Output Return Loss @ 400mA



P1dB vs. Temperature @ 400 mA



Psat vs. Temperature @ 400 mA



Output Return Loss @ 700mA



P1dB vs. Temperature @ 700 mA



Psat vs. Temperature @ 700 mA



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Power Compression @ 400 mA



Output IP3 vs. Output Power @ 400 mA



Noise Figure vs. Temperature 400 mA



Power Compression @ 700 mA



Output IP3 vs. Output Power @ 700 mA



Noise Figure vs. Temperature 700 mA



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Reverse Isolation vs. Temperature 400mA









ACPR vs. Temperature @ 880 MHz CDMA 2000, 9 Channels Forward, 700 mA



Output IP3 vs. Bias Current



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Broadband Gain & Return Loss @ 400 mA



Gain vs. Temperature @ 400 mA



Input Return Loss @ 400 mA



Broadband Gain & Return Loss @ 700 mA



Gain vs. Temperature @ 700 mA



Input Return Loss @ 700 mA



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1900 MHz Tune

Output Return Loss @ 400 mA



P1dB vs. Temperature @ 400 mA



Psat vs. Temperature @ 400 mA



Output Return Loss @ 700 mA



P1dB vs. Temperature @ 700 mA



Psat vs. Temperature @ 700 mA



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Output IP3 vs. Output Power @ 400 mA



Noise Figure vs. Temperature @ 400 mA



Reverse Isolation vs. Temperature 400 mA







Noise Figure vs. Temperature @ 700 mA



Reverse Isolation vs. Temperature 700 mA



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Power Compression @ 400 mA



ACPR vs. Temperature @ 1960 MHz CDMA 2000, 9 Channels Forward, 400 mA



Output IP3 vs. Bias Current



Power Compression @ 700 mA



ACPR vs. Temperature @ 1960 MHz CDMA 2000, 9 Channels Forward, 700 mA



VDET Output Voltage vs. Temperature



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Broadband Gain & Return Loss @ 400 mA



Gain vs. Temperature @ 400 mA



Input Return Loss @ 400 mA



Broadband Gain & Return Loss @ 700 mA



Gain vs. Temperature @ 700 mA



Input Return Loss @ 700 mA



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2150 MHz Tune



P1dB vs. Temperature @ 400 mA



Psat vs. Temperature @ 400 mA



Output Return Loss @ 700 mA



P1dB vs. Temperature @ 700 mA



Psat vs. Temperature @ 700 mA



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Output IP3 vs Output Power @ 400 mA



Noise Figure vs. Temperature @ 400 mA



Reverse Isolation vs. Temperature 400 mA



Output IP3 vs Output Power @ 700 mA



Noise Figure vs. Temperature @ 700 mA



Reverse Isolation vs. Temperature 700 mA



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2150 MHz Tune

Power Compression @ 400 mA



Power Compression @ 700 mA





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GaAs HBT MMIC 2 WATT POWER AMPLIFIER, 0.4 - 2.7 GHz 2700 MHz Tune

Broadband Gain & Return Loss @ 400 mA 15 10 RESPONSE (dB) 5 0 S1 S2 -5 -10 -15 2.5 2.7 2.9 3 2.4 2.6 2.8 FREQUENCY (GHz)

Gain vs. Temperature @ 400 mA



Input Return Loss @ 400 mA



Broadband Gain & Return Loss @ 700 mA



Gain vs. Temperature @ 700 mA



Input Return Loss @ 700 mA



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2700 MHz Tune

Output Return Loss @ 400 mA



P1dB vs. Temperature @ 400 mA



Psat vs. Temperature @ 400 mA



Output Return Loss @ 700 mA



35 34 P1dB (dBm) 33 32 +25 C +85 C - 40 C 31 30 2.5 2.6 2.7 2.8 2.9 FREQUENCY (GHz)

P1dB vs. Temperature @ 700 mA

Psat vs. Temperature @ 700 mA



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Output IP3 vs. Output Power @ 400 mA



Noise Figure vs. Temperature @ 400 mA



Reverse Isolation vs. Temperature 400 mA



Output IP3 vs. Output Power @ 700 mA



Noise Figure vs. Temperature @ 700 mA



Reverse Isolation vs. Temperature 700 mA



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Output IP3 vs. Output Power @ 400 mA





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Icc1 + IEN vs. Output Power @ 400 mA



Icc2 vs. Output Power @ 400 mA



Absolute Maximum Ratings

Collector Bias Voltage (Vcc1, Vcc2)	+5.5V		
RF Input Power (RFIN)	+21 dBm @ 900 MHz +26 dBm @ 1900 MHz		
Junction Temperature	150 °C		
Continuous Pdiss (T = 85 °C) (derate 67.9 mW/°C above 85 °C)	4.4 W		
Thermal Resistance (junction to ground paddle)	14.72 °C/W		
Storage Temperature	-65 to +150 °C		
Operating Temperature	-40 to +85 °C		
ESD Sensitivity (HBM)	Class 1C		



ELECTROSTATIC SENSITIVE DEVICE OBSERVE HANDLING PRECAUTIONS

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Icc1 + IEN vs. Output Power @ 700 mA



Icc2 vs. Output Power @ 700 mA 1200 1100 1000 (Am 900 lcc2 800 700 600 500 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 Pout (dBm)

Recommended Bias Resistor Value

Bias Current vs. R1, Ven = 5V

Vcc1 = Vcc2 (V)	R1 (Ohms)	len + lcc1 + lcc2 (mA)
5V	270	420
	225	522
	175	625
	130	715

Bias Current vs. R1, Ven = 0V

Vcc1 = Vcc2 (V)	R1 (Ohms)	len + lcc1 + lcc2 (mA)
	270	2.6
51/	225	2.6
5V	175	2.6
	130	2.6



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POWER AMPLIFIER, 0.4 - 2.7 GHz

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Outline Drawing



Package Information

Part Number	Package Body Material	Lead Finish	MSL Rating	Package Marking ^[1]
HMC921LP4E	RoHS-compliant Low Stress Injection Molded Plastic	100% matte Sn	MSL1 ^[2]	<u>H921</u> XXXX
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[1] 4-Digit lot number XXXX

[2] Max peak reflow temperature of 260 °C

Pin Descriptions

Pin Number	Function	Description	Interface Schematic
1 - 3, 6 - 10, 12 - 14, 18, 19, 21, 22, 24	N/C	The pins are not connected internally; however, all data shown herein was measured with these pins connected to RF/DC ground externally.	
4	RFIN	This pin is DC coupled. Off chip matching components are required. See Application Circuit herein.	
15 - 17	RFOUT / Vcc2	RF output and DC Bias input for the amplifier. Off chip matching components are required. See Application Circuit herein.	
5	GND	These pins & package bottom must be connected to RF/DC ground.	
11	VDET	DC voltage output proportional to RFOUT signal.	
20	VEN	Power control pin. This voltage can be reduced or R1 resistor value increased to reduce quiescent current. For full power down, apply < 0.5V	
23	Vcc1	DC power supply pin for bias circuitry	

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450 MHz Evaluation PCB



List of Materials for 450 MHz Evaluation PCB 131903 [1]

Item	Description
J1, J2	SMA Connector
J3, J4	DC Pin
C1, C9	30 pF Capacitor, 0402 Pkg.
C2	15 pF Capacitor, 0402 Pkg.
C3	27 pF Capacitor, 0402 Pkg.
C4 - C6, C11	100 pF Capacitor, 0402 Pkg.
C9, C20	2.2 uF Capacitor, Case A
C12, C16, C18	1000 pF Capacitor, 0402 Pkg.
R1	130 ohms Resistor, 0603 Pkg.
L1	3.6 nH Inductor, 0402 Pkg.
L2	4.7 nH Inductor, 0402 Pkg.
L3	150 nH Inductor, 0603 Pkg.
U1	HMC921LP4E Amplifier
PCB ^[2]	131901 Evaluation PCB

[1] Reference this number when ordering complete evaluation PCB

[2] Circuit Board Material: Rogers 4350 or Arlon 25 FR

The circuit board used in this application should use RF circuit design techniques. Signal lines should have 50 Ohm impedance while the package ground leads and exposed paddle should be connected directly to the ground plane similar to that shown. A sufficient number of via holes should be used to connect the top and bottom ground planes. The evaluation board should be mounted to an appropriate heat sink. The evaluation circuit board shown is available from Hittite upon request.

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450 MHz Application Circuit

This circuit was used to specify the performance for 350 - 500 MHz operation. Contact the HMC Applications Group for assistance in optimizing performance for your application.



* R1 = 130 Ohms for 700 mA bias, 270 Ohms for 400 mA bias.



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900 MHz Evaluation PCB



List of Materials for 900 MHz Evaluation PCB 130007 [1]

Item	Description
J1 - J2	PCB Mount SMA Connector
J3 - J4	2 mm DC Header
C1	22 pF Capacitor, 0402 Pkg.
C2	7.5 pF Capacitor, 0402 Pkg.
C3	5.6 pF Capacitor, 0402 Pkg.
C4, C9	2.2 µF Capacitor, Tantalum
C5, C7, C10	1000 pF Capacitor, 0603 Pkg.
C6, C8, C11, C14, C15	100 pF Capacitor, 0402 Pkg.
C12, C13	8.2 pF Capacitor, 0402 Pkg.
L1	0.78 nH Inductor, 0402 Pkg.
L2	48 nH Inductor, 0402 Pkg.
R1	130 Ohms Resistor, 0603 Pkg.
U1	HMC921LP4E Linear Amplifier
PCB [2]	130005 Evaluation PCB

[1] Reference this number when ordering complete evaluation PCB

[2] Circuit Board Material: Rogers 4350 or Arlon 25 FR

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900 MHz Application Circuit

This circuit was used to specify the performance for 800 - 1000 MHz operation. Contact the HMC Applications Group for assistance in optimizing performance for your application.



* R1 = 130 Ohms for 700 mA bias, 270 Ohms for 400 mA bias.



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1900 MHz Evaluation PCB



List of Materials for 1900 MHz Evaluation PCB 130008 [1]

Item	Description
J1 - J2	PCB Mount SMA Connector
J3 - J4	2 mm DC Header
C1	0.9 pF Capacitor, 0402 Pkg.
C2	0.9 pF Capacitor, 0402 Pkg.
C3	1.8 pF Capacitor, 0402 Pkg.
C4, C9	2.2 µF Capacitor, Tantalum
C5, C7, C10	1000 pF Capacitor, 0603 Pkg.
C6, C8, C11, C14, C15	100 pF Capacitor, 0402 Pkg.
C12	3.6 pF Capacitor, 0402 Pkg.
C13	2.7 pF Capacitor, 0402 Pkg.
L1	18 nH Inductor, 0402 Pkg.
R1	130 Ohms Resistor, 0603 Pkg.
U1	HMC921LP4E Linear Amplifier
PCB [2]	130090 Evaluation PCB

[1] Reference this number when ordering complete evaluation PCB

[2] Circuit Board Material: Rogers 4350 or Arlon 25FR

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The circuit board used in this application should use RF circuit design techniques. Signal lines should have 50 Ohm impedance while the package ground leads and exposed paddle should be connected directly to the ground plane similar to that shown. A sufficient number of via holes should be used to connect the top and bottom ground planes. The evaluation board should be mounted to an appropriate heat sink. The evaluation circuit board shown is available from Hittite upon request.



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1900 MHz Application Circuit

This circuit was used to specify the performance for 1800 - 2000 MHz operation. Contact the HMC Applications Group for assistance in optimizing performance for your application.



* R1 = 130 Ohms for 700 mA bias, 270 Ohms for 400 mA bias.



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2150 MHz Evaluation PCB



List of Materials for 2150 MHz Evaluation PCB 131924 [1]

Item	Description
J1, J2	SMA Connector
J3, J4	DC Pin
C1	3.9 pF Capacitor, 0402 Pkg.
C2, C8	4.3 pF Capacitor, 0402 Pkg.
C7	1.8 pF Capacitor, 0402 Pkg.
C3 - C6, C11	100 pF Capacitor, 0402 Pkg.
C15, C16, C17	1000 pF Capacitor, 0402 Pkg.
C18, C19	2.2 uF Capacitor, Case A.
R1	130 ohms Resistor, 0603 Pkg.
L1	10 nH Inductor, 0603 Pkg.
U1	HMC921LP4E Amplifier
PCB [2]	131905 Evaluation PCB

[1] Reference this number when ordering complete evaluation PCB

[2] Circuit Board Material: Rogers 4350 or Arlon 25 FR

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2150 MHz Application Circuit

This circuit was used to specify the performance for 2000 - 2200 MHz operation. Contact the HMC Applications Group for assistance in optimizing performance for your application.



* R1 = 130 Ohms for 700 mA bias, 270 Ohms for 400 mA bias.



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2700 MHz Evaluation PCB



List of Materials for 2700 MHz Evaluation PCB 131907 [1]

Item	Description			
J1, J2	SMA Connector			
J3, J4	DC Pin			
C1, C2	2.4 pF Capacitor, 0402 Pkg.			
C7	1.3 pF Capacitor, 0402 Pkg.			
C3 - C6, C11	100 pF Capacitor, 0402 Pkg.			
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2700 MHz Application Circuit

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Notes:

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