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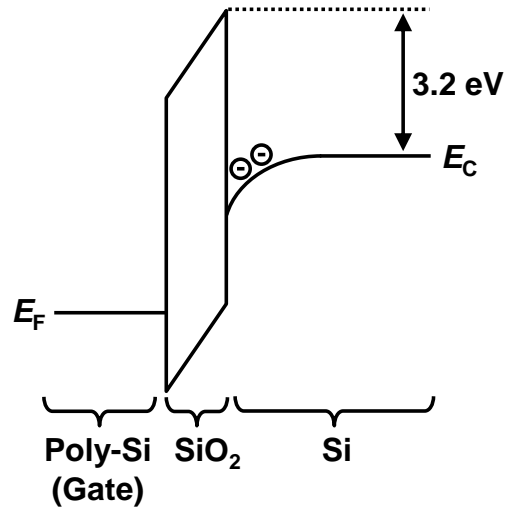
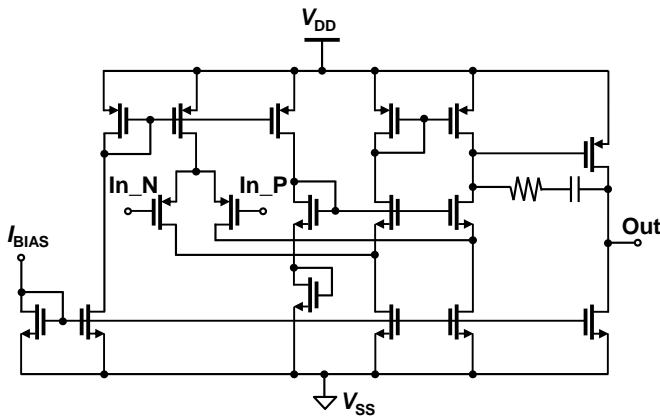The font size of the text in the figures must be at least 8 points. Papers that violate the font size rule will be rated unfavorably. Figure captions should be below the figures; table captions should be above the tables. Use the abbreviation (e.g., "Fig.1") for immediate identification even at the beginning of a sentence. Curves in the graphs can be colored, but should also be legible when printed in B/W. To this end, use appropriate symbols and line styles (solid, dashed, etc.). Make sure all figures captions, legends, tick and axis labels are easily readable.

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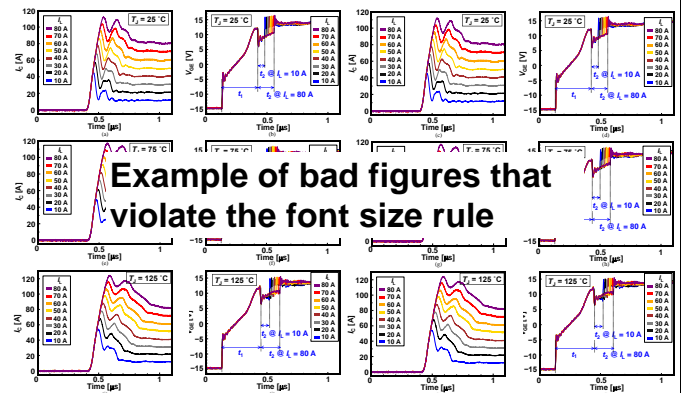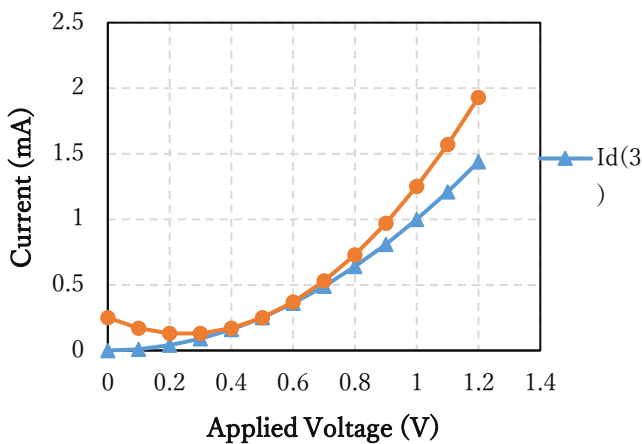

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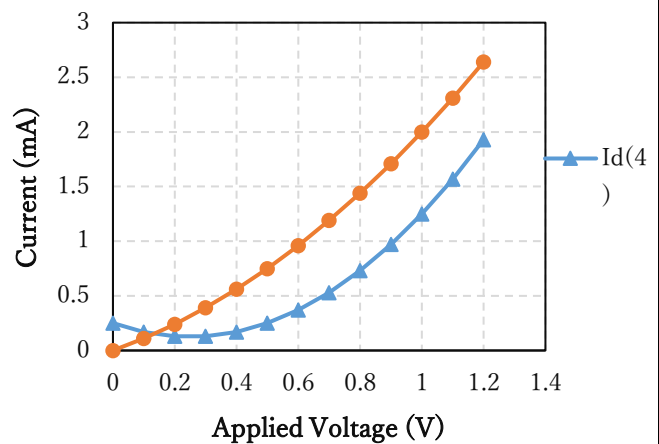

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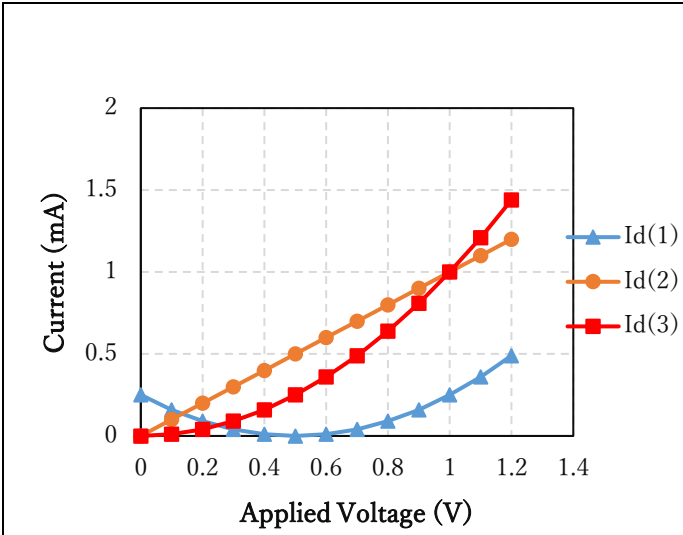
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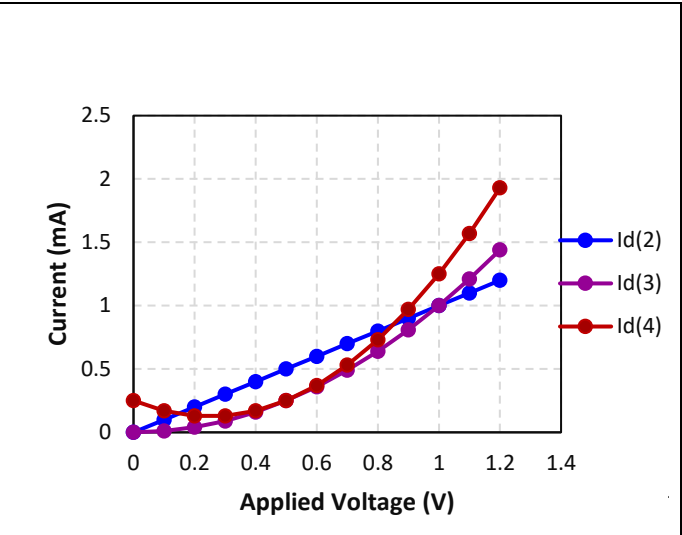

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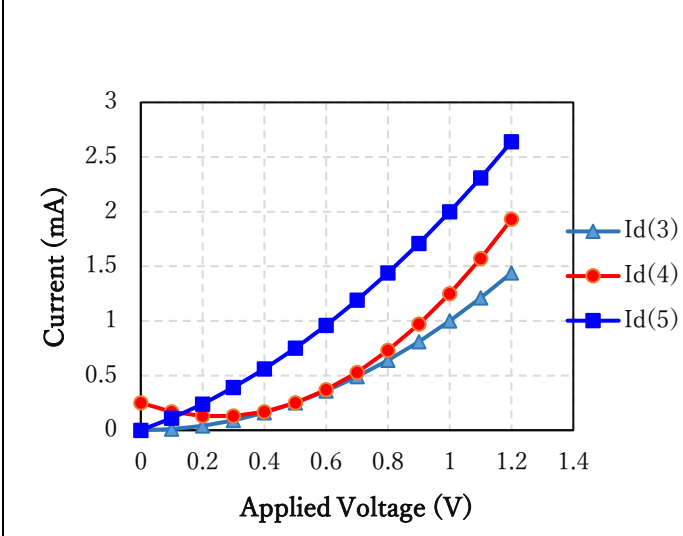

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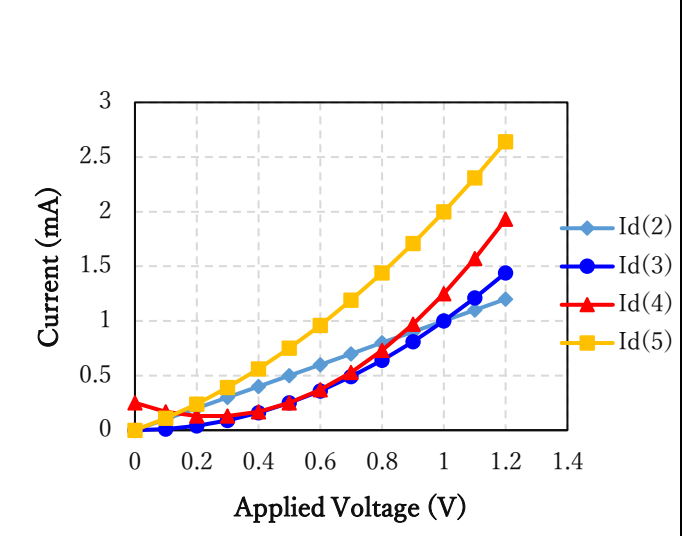

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TABLE II. Comparison with state-of-the-art AAAA circuits

	CICC'20 [1]	ISSCC'23 [2]	JSSC'23 [3]	VLSI'23 [4]	ISSCC'24 [5]	This work
Target power device	IGBT	IGBT	SiC MOSFET	Si MOSFET	GaN FET	IGBT
Sensor input	dI_C/dt, V_{CE}	dI_C/dt, V_{CE}	dI_C/dt	V_{DS}	V_{DD} of high-side gate driver	dI_C/dt
Feedback control target	V_{GE} waveform	Timing of state change	Timing of state change	Timing of state change	Timing of state change	Timing of state change
Real-time control	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Number of states per switching		4	3	3	3	3
Preset parameters for each state		I_G	V_{GS}	R_G	I_G	I_G
Levels of parameter		NA	2	2	3	6 bit
Implementation	PCB	PCB	PCB	IC (Not fully integrated)	IC (Fully integrated)	IC (Fully integrated)
IC Process				130 nm HV CMOS	500 nm, 600 V SOI	180 nm BCD

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