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## Abstract

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$$f(x) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( a_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} + b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} \right). \quad (1)$$

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|-----------|------|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
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| 10        | Yes  |        | Headings, i.e. <b>Abstract</b>                                  |
| 12        |      |        | Authors' names                                                  |
| 14        | Yes  |        | <b>Paper title</b>                                              |
| 10        |      | Yes    | Sub-headings, i.e., <i>Fonts</i>                                |
| 9         |      |        | References, table, table names, table captions, figure captions |
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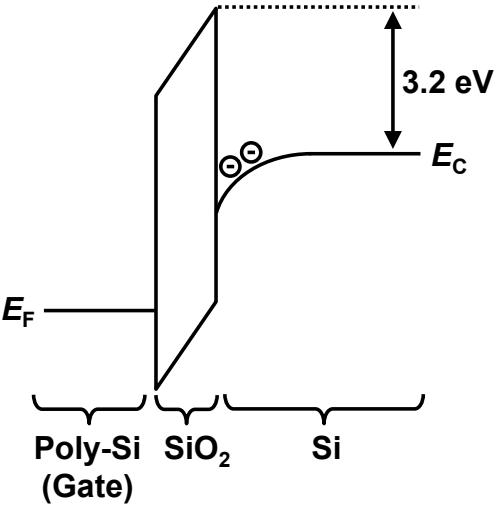


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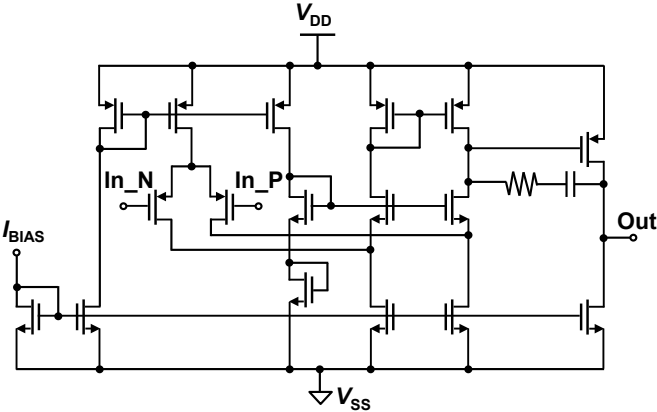


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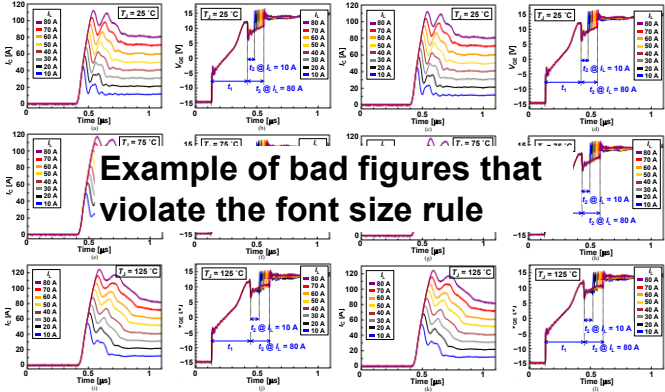


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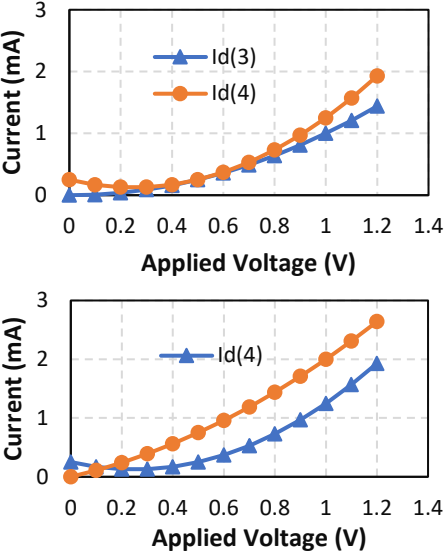


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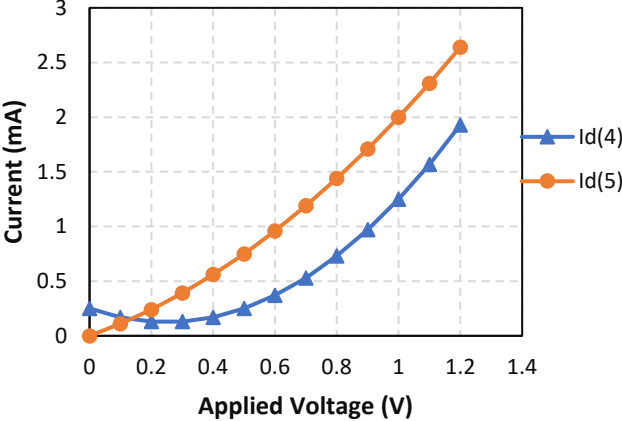


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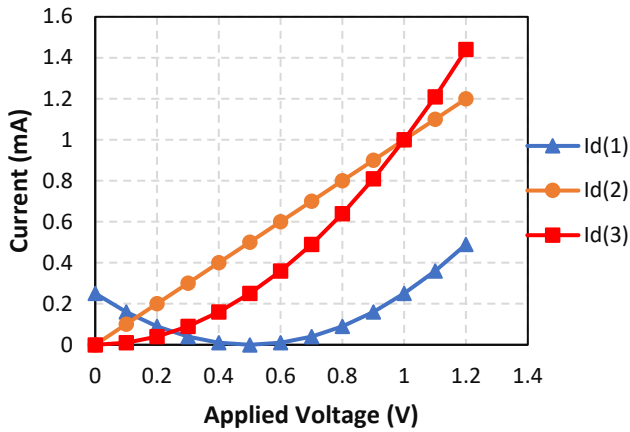


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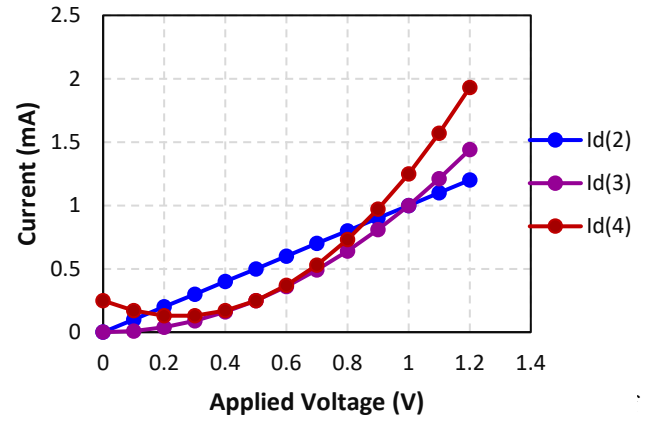


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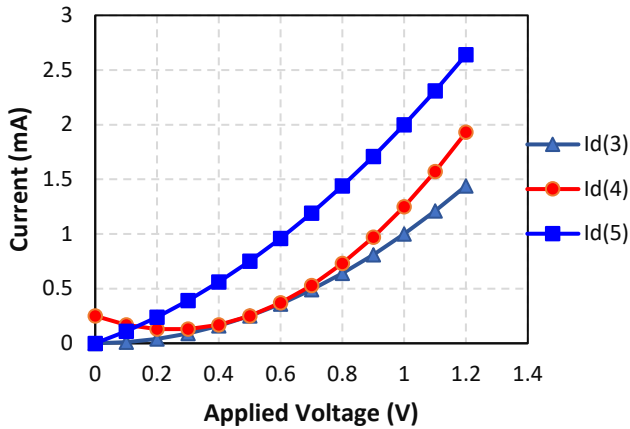


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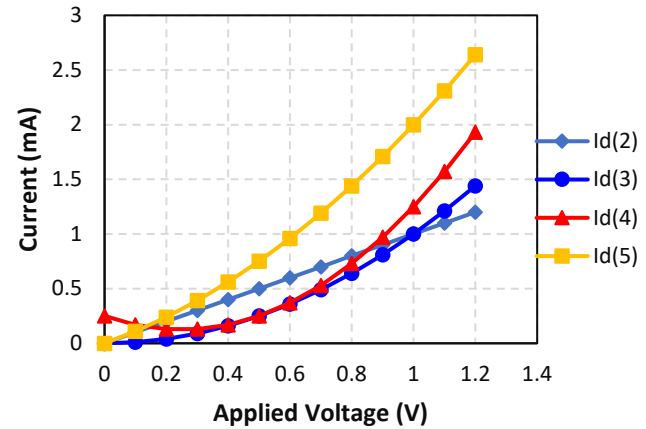


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|                         | CICC'20<br>[1]    | JSSC'23<br>[3]         | VLSI'23<br>[4]         | This<br>work           |
|-------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Target power device     | IGBT              | SiC MOSFET             | Si MOSFET              | IGBT                   |
| Feedback control target | $V_{GE}$ waveform | Timing of state change | Timing of state change | Timing of state change |
| Real-time control       | Yes               | Yes                    | No                     | Yes                    |
| Levels of parameter     |                   | 2                      | 2                      | 6 bit                  |
| IC Process              |                   |                        |                        |                        |
| Board / IC              | PCB               | PCB                    | IC                     | IC                     |
| Target power device     | IGBT              | SiC MOSFET             | Si MOSFET              | IGBT                   |

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