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Advances Through Innovation:
**Transphorm Changes the Game with
Gen-IV SuperGaN™ 650V GaN Platform**

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Highest Performance, Highest Reliability GaN



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Transphorm—A Leader in 600 V+ GaN Power Electronics

Start to Develop 600 V GaN (2005 – 2012)	600 - 650 V GaN Products (2017)	> 600 V GaN Product (2020)
EPC	EPC (450 V)	600-650 V GaN Commercial
Fujitsu	Fujitsu	✓ Transphorm
GaN Systems	✓ GaN Systems (TSMC)	✓ Infineon/Panasonic
Infineon	Infineon (licensed Panasonic)	✓ TSMC (GaN Sys./Navitas)
International Rectifier	International Rectifier	✓ Texas Instruments
MicroGaN	MicroGaN	✓ Power Integrations
Panasonic	✓ Panasonic	650 V GaN Automotive
RFMD	RFMD	✓ Transphorm
Toshiba	Toshiba	900 V GaN Commercial (JEDEC)
Transphorm	✓ Transphorm/Fujitsu	✓ Transphorm

Transphorm Has Shipped 500,000 GaN Parts To The Market:

Enabled total conversion capacity in field: 200 MW

Markets

High-voltage GaN technology benefits numerous markets that require reliable higher efficiency, higher performance power conversion. The highest adoption rates are projected for the following application areas:

Infrastructure and IT Power Supplies



Increases clean power output in standardized server and telecom form factors.

Consumer and Computing Adapters, Gaming Power Supplies



Improved efficiencies result in lower thermals, improved power density and lower system cost.

Broad Industrial Battery Chargers, UPS



Reduces size and weight of systems that run industrial factories, charge battery powered forklifts, electric vehicles and keep critical data accessible..

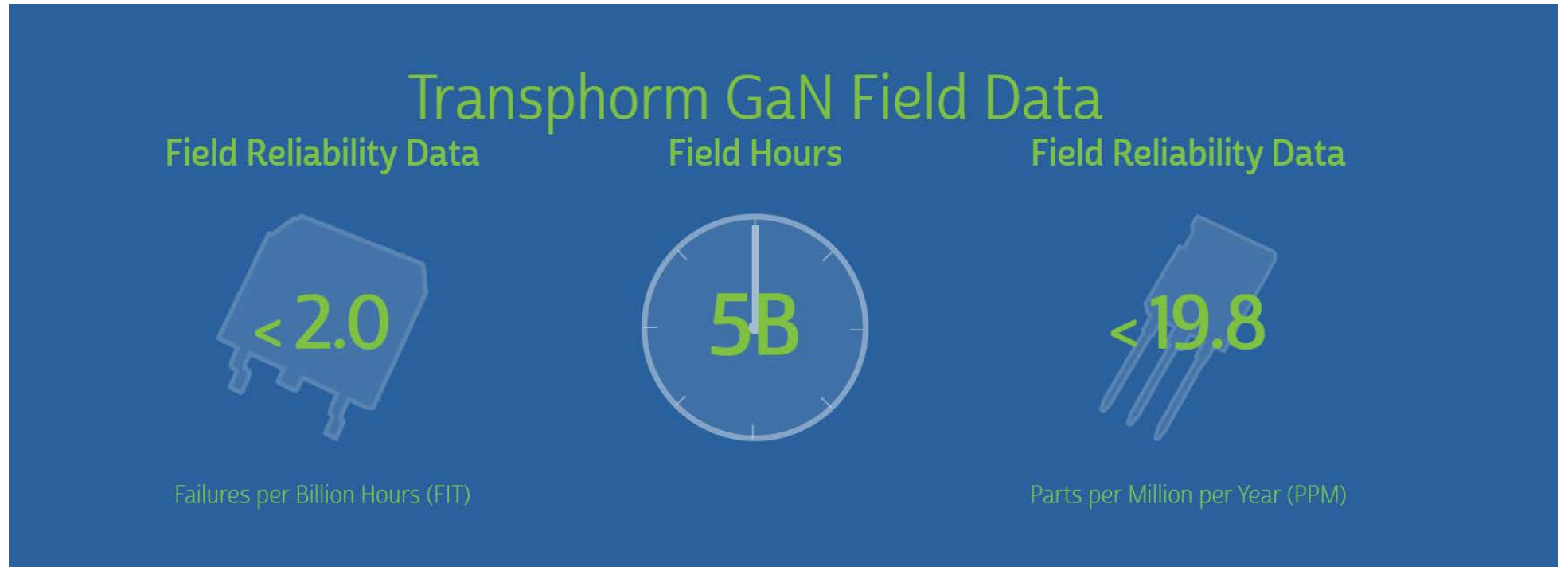
Automotive EV and Charging



Generates longer distance per charge with a lower overall system cost.

Field PPM Rates Showing Excellent Reliability

To Date: 4ppm Field Failure Rate



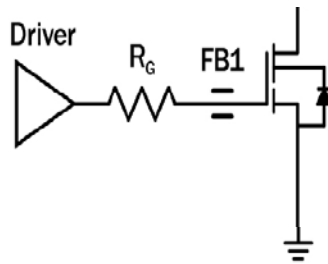
GaN 2-chip Normally Off Implementation

Packs High Performance With High Reliability

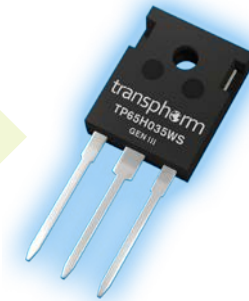
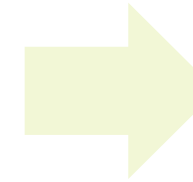
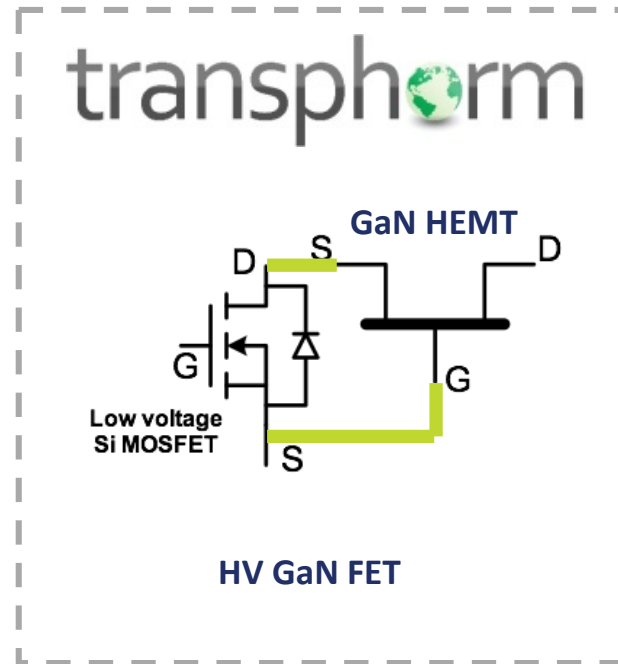
Standard Gate

Driver Examples:

- Silicon Labs
- ON Semiconductor
- Texas Instruments



Simple to Drive
GaN FET



Normally off
Packaged Part

- ✓ Low R_{ON}
- ✓ Minimal miller plateau
- ✓ Fast switching
- ✓ Diode free bridge

Standard
Gate Drivers

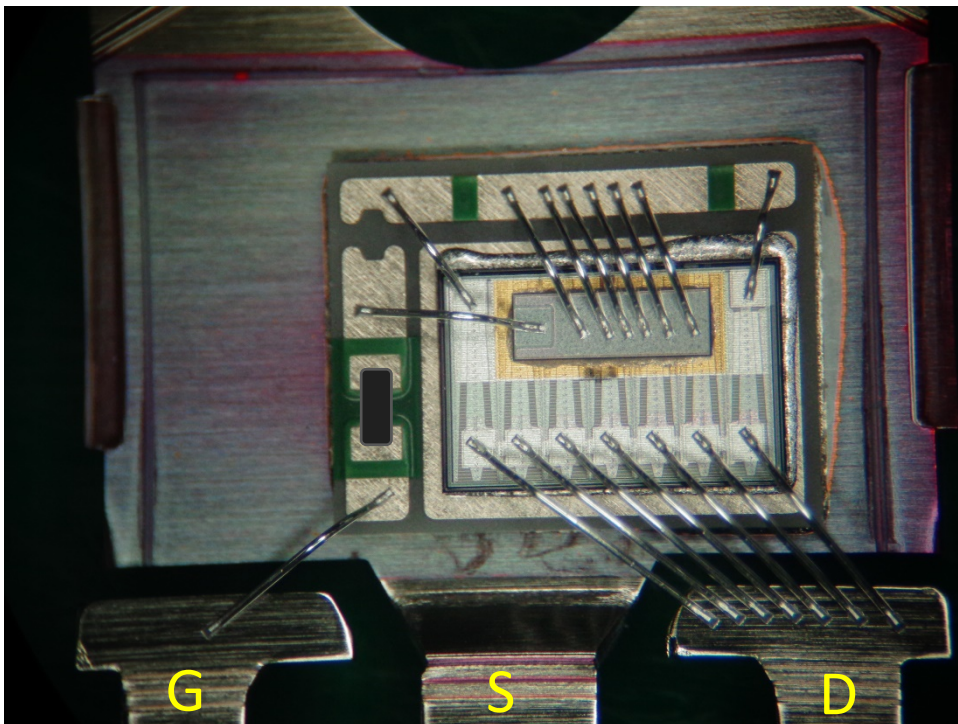
High Noise
Immunity

Robust Gate

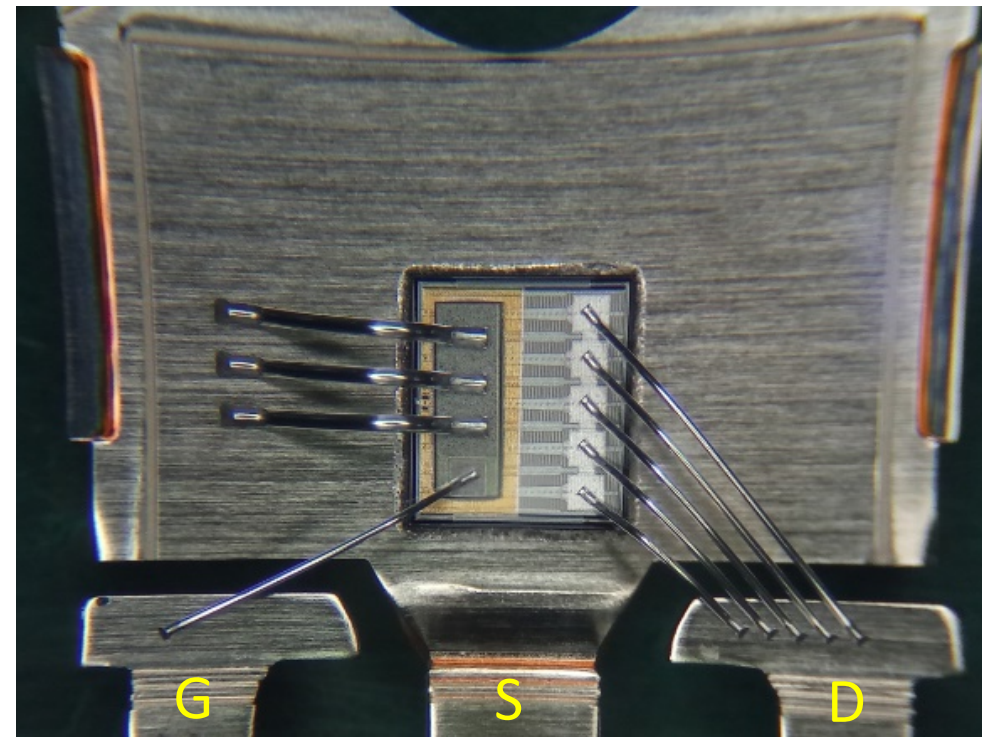
High Gate
Drive Margin

Innovative Design Enables Simplest 2-chip Normally-off GaN

Gen III



Gen IV

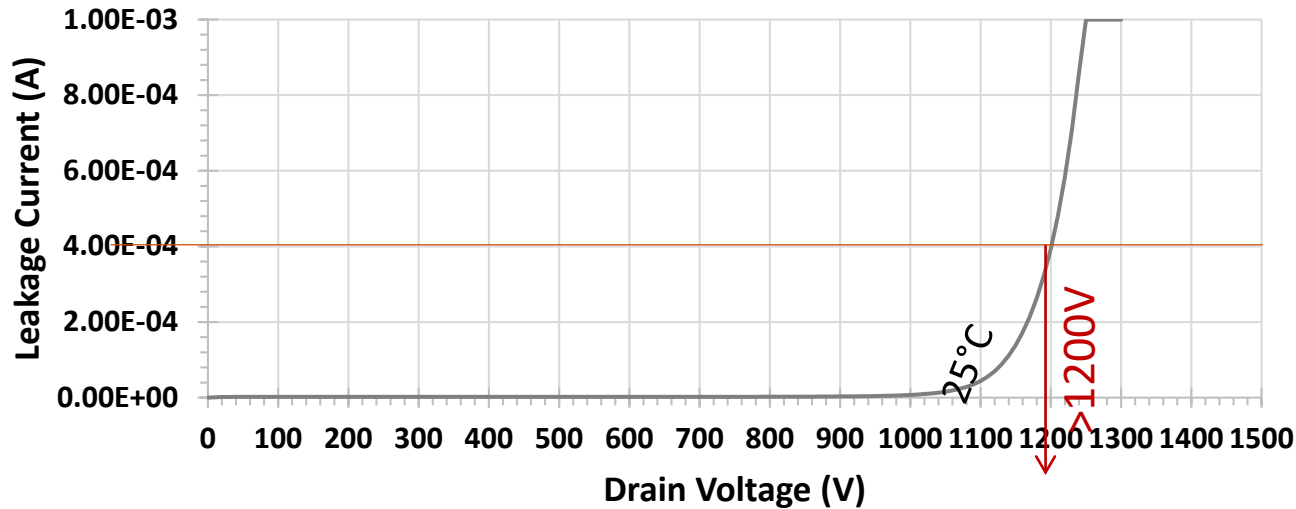


- Patented innovation transforms a complex 2-chip design into a simplistic “1-chip-like” package
- Multiple components/wires were removed from previous product
- Targeting remarkable cost reduction and significant performance improvement

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TPH Gen IV GaN Vs. Other GaN: I_{DSS} Comparison

TPH Gen IV (35m Ω):



- TPH Gen IV: 1200 V at 25°C
- 300 V higher than competition

Other GaN (70m Ω):

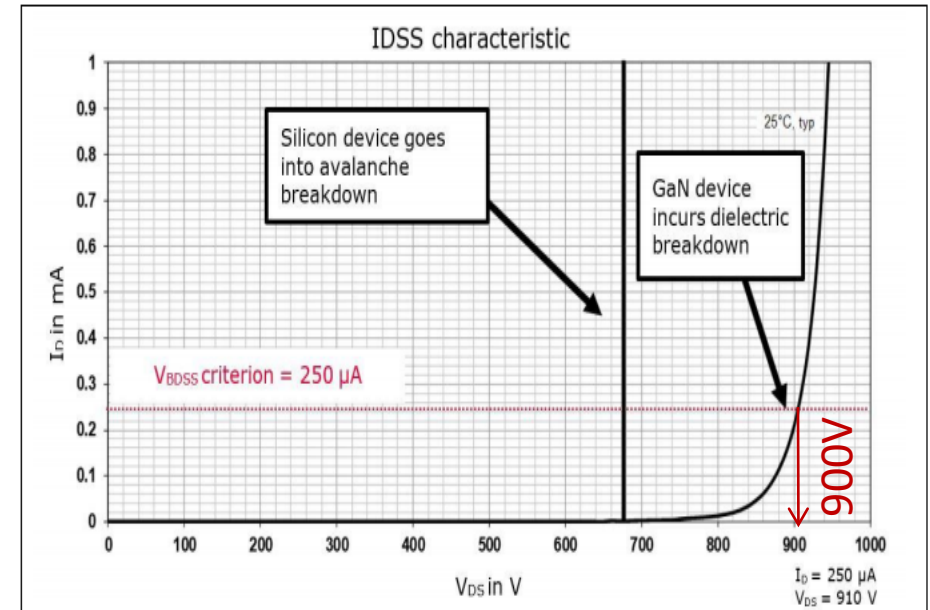
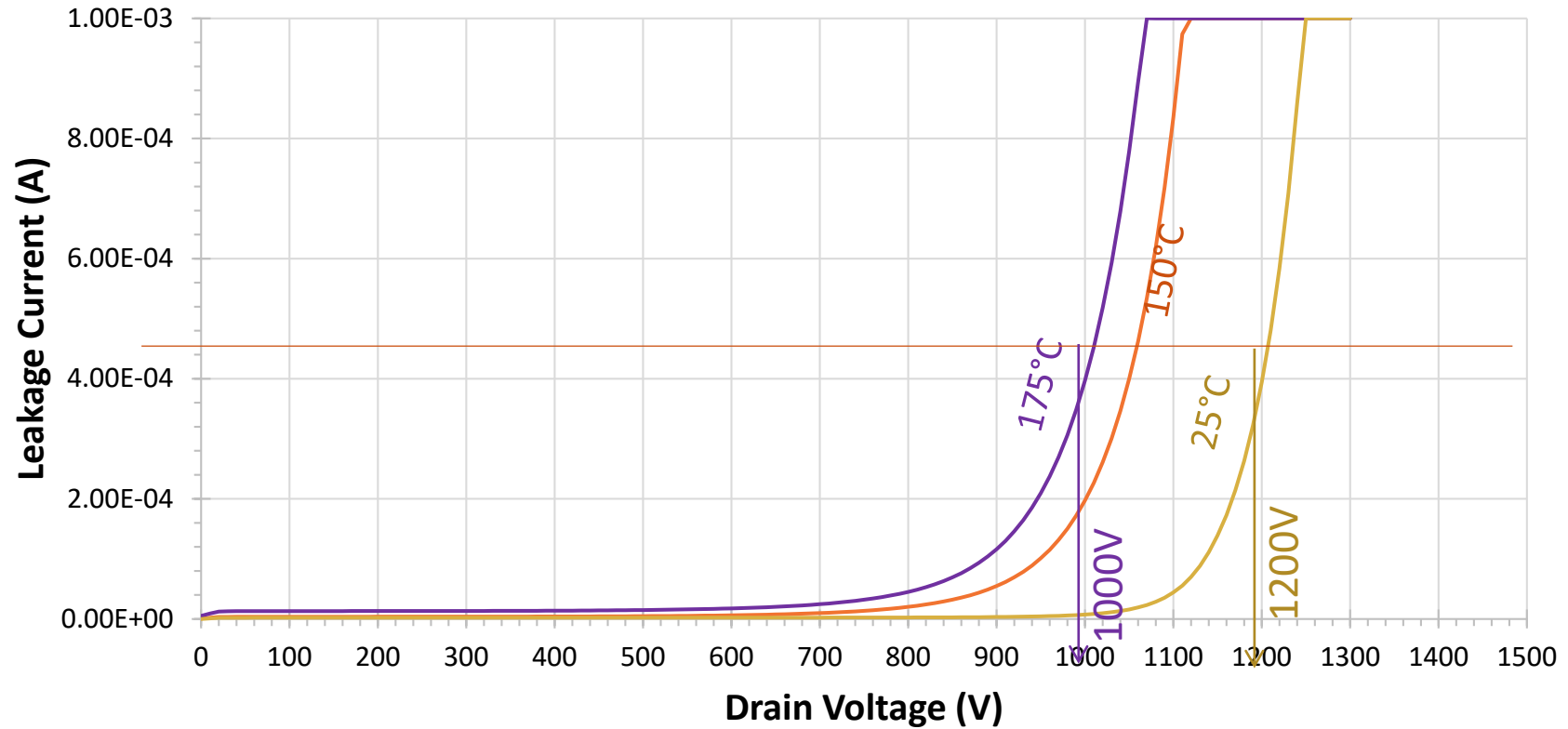


Figure 13 Overlay of drain current versus drain voltage traces for a 600 V-rated GaN HEMT and a 650V-rated silicon SJ MOSFET

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Gen IV I_{DSS} At High Temperatures

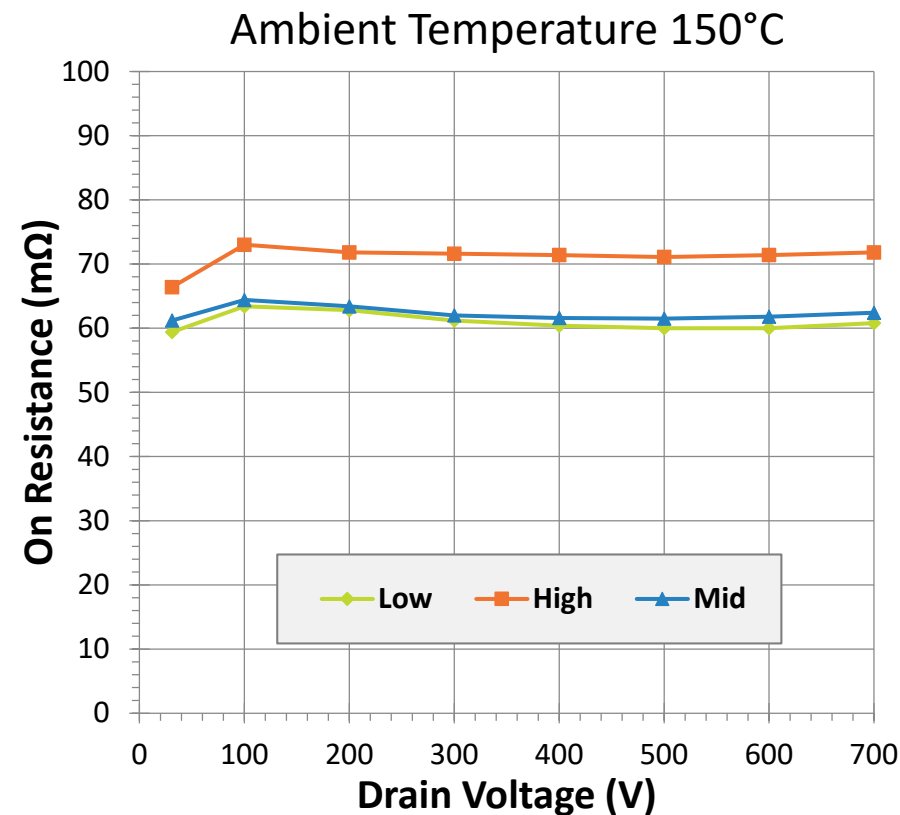
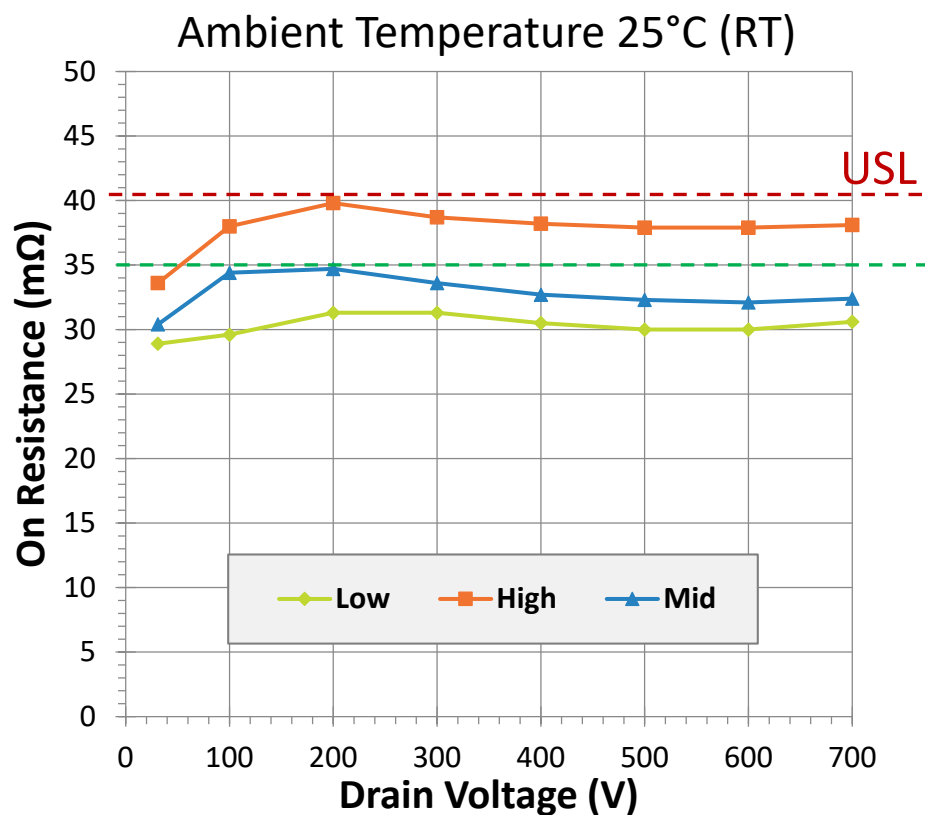


1000 V breakdown even at higher 175°C temperature

- Breakdown at 150°C: 1050 V
- Breakdown at 175°C: 1000 V

In Circuit Test - DyRon vs. Vd Very Stable at RT & 150°C

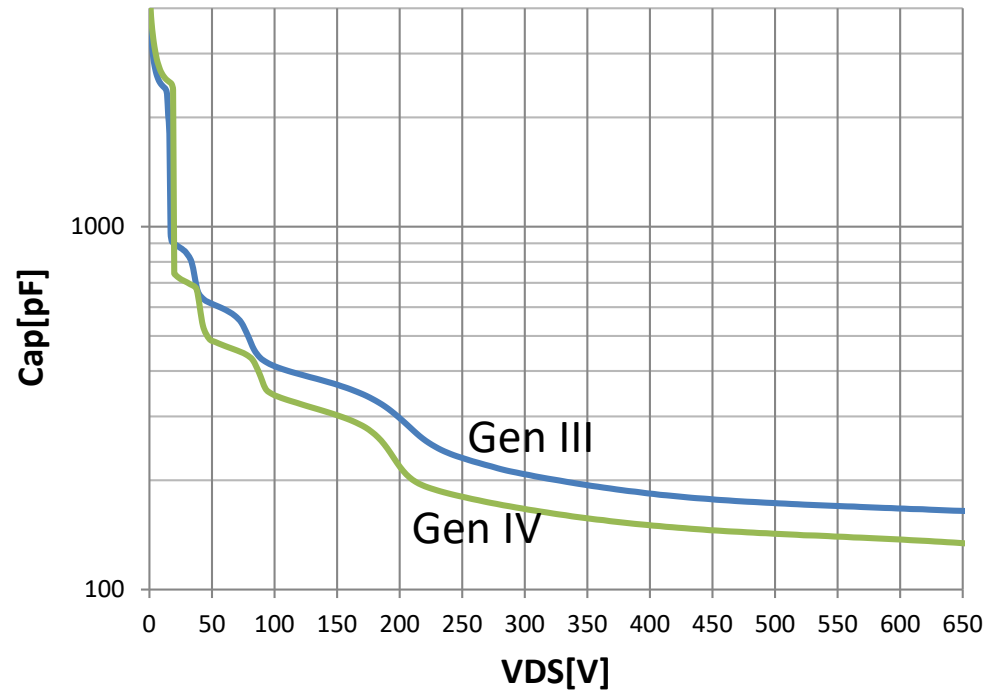
Switching to 700 V



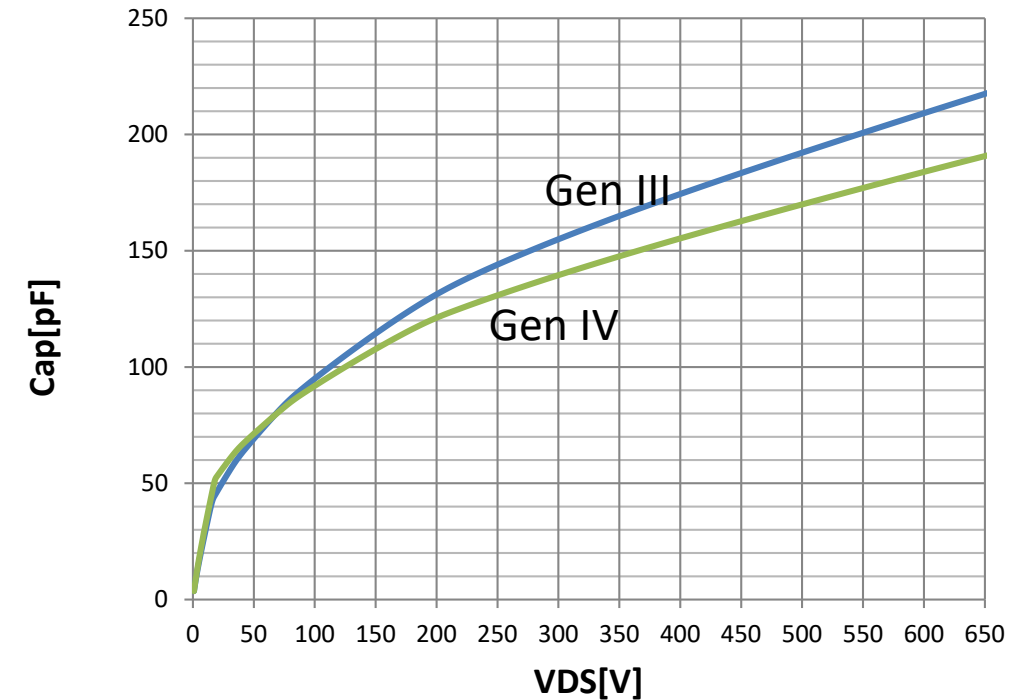
- Max/typical/low Ron devices tested
- Flat Dynamic $R_{DS(on)}$ to 700 V at 25°C & 150°C

Dynamic Parameters- C_{oss} & Q_{oss} vs. V_d

Gen III vs Gen IV (C_{oss})

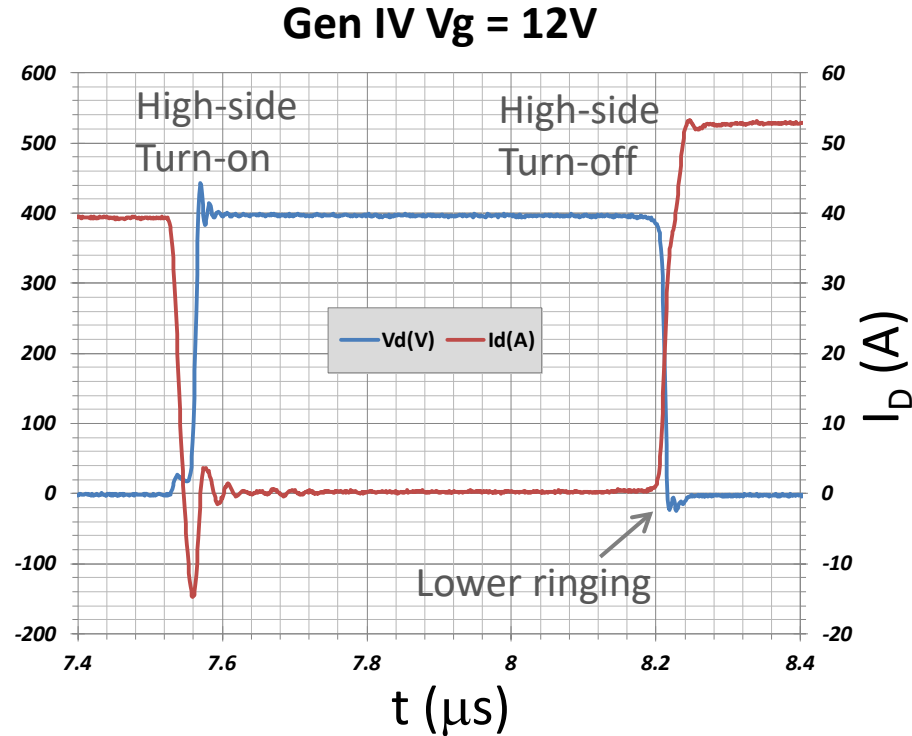


Gen III vs Gen IV (Q_{oss})



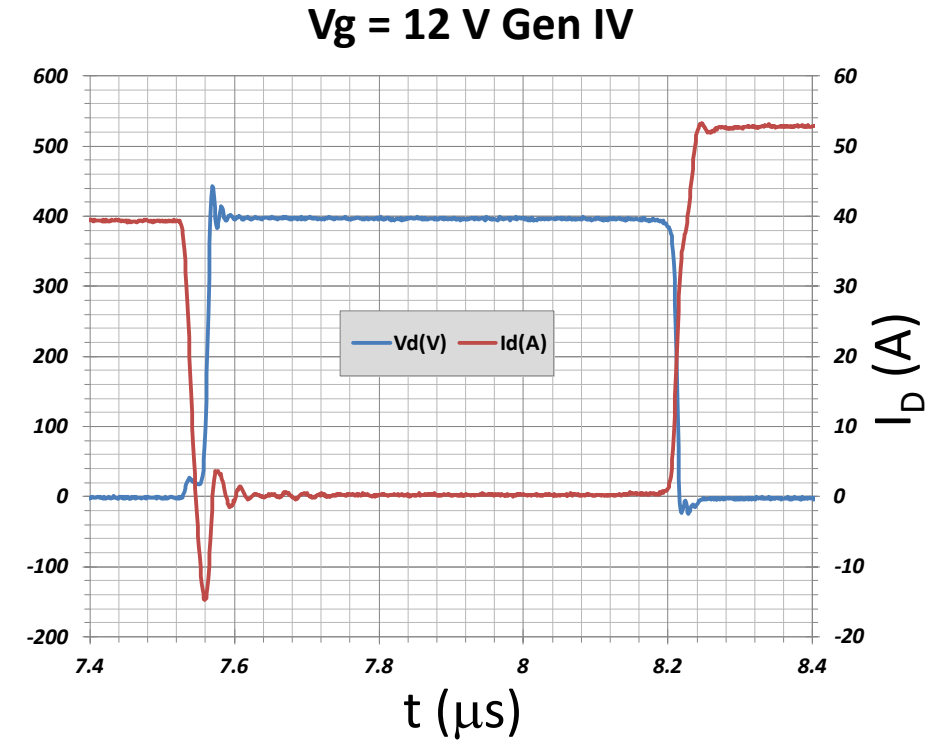
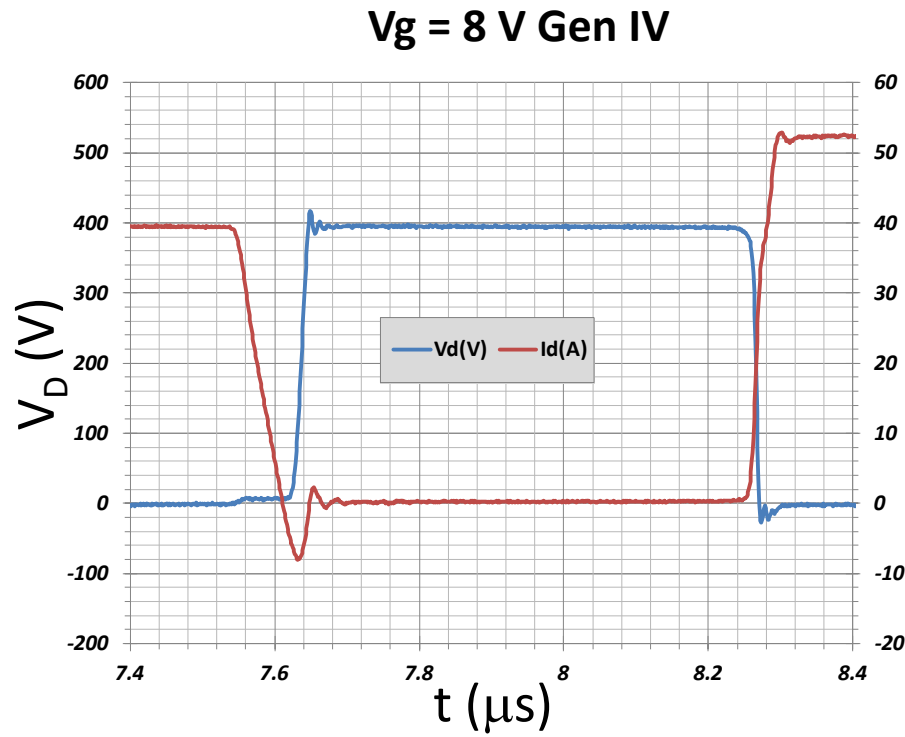
- Reduced C_{oss} & Q_{oss}

Verified Switching Performance: Gen IV



- Gen IV: Higher speed but much lower turn-off ringing
=>Improved stability
- Turn-on spike can be controlled (next slide)

Switching Performance: Speed Controllability

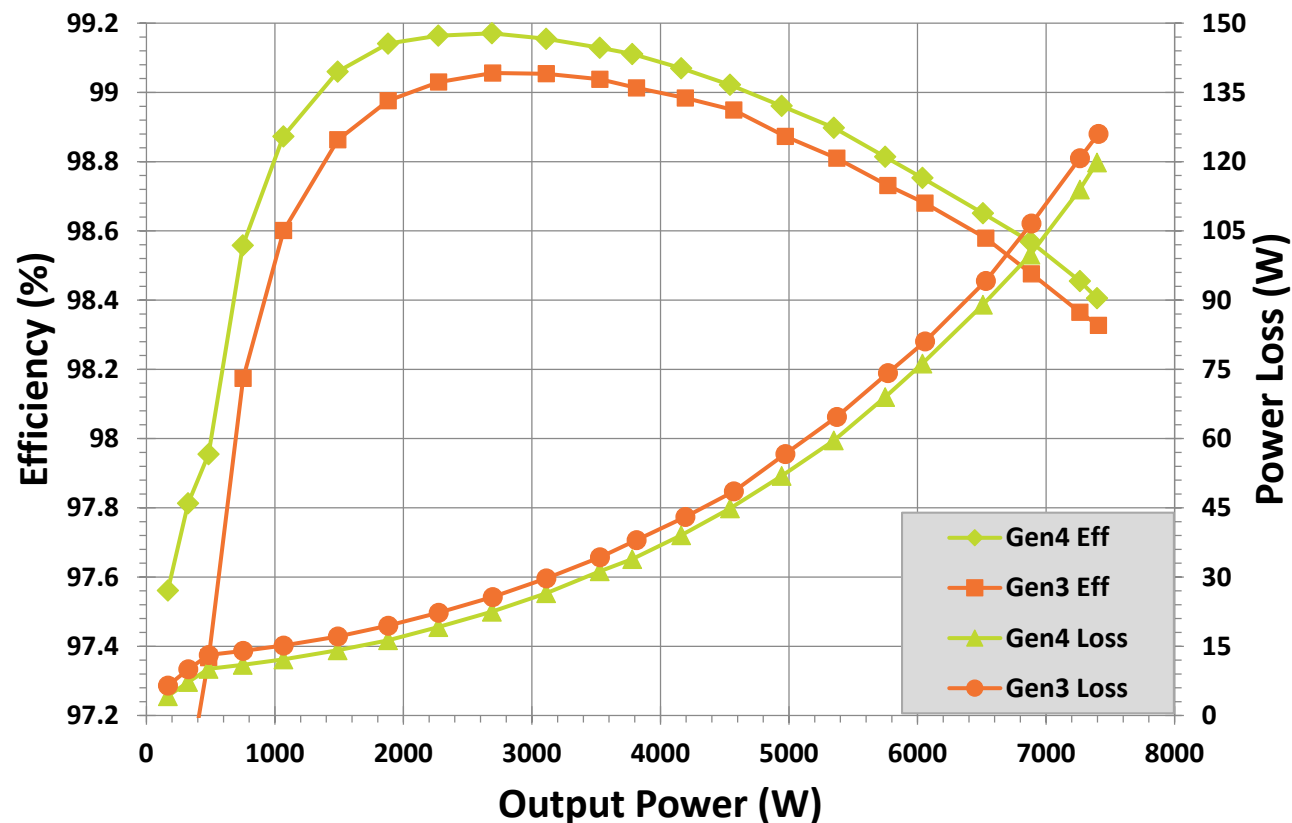
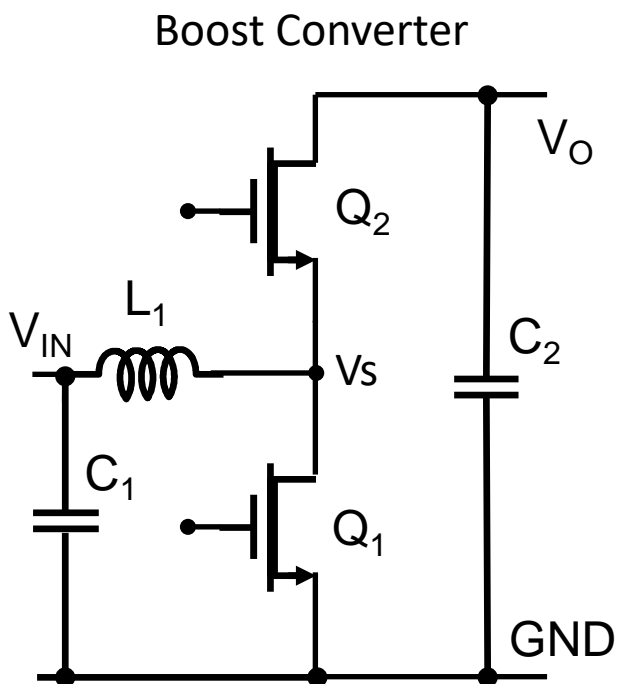


- Switching speed controllable with V_g (or R_g)

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Performance Benefit, Gen IV vs. Gen III

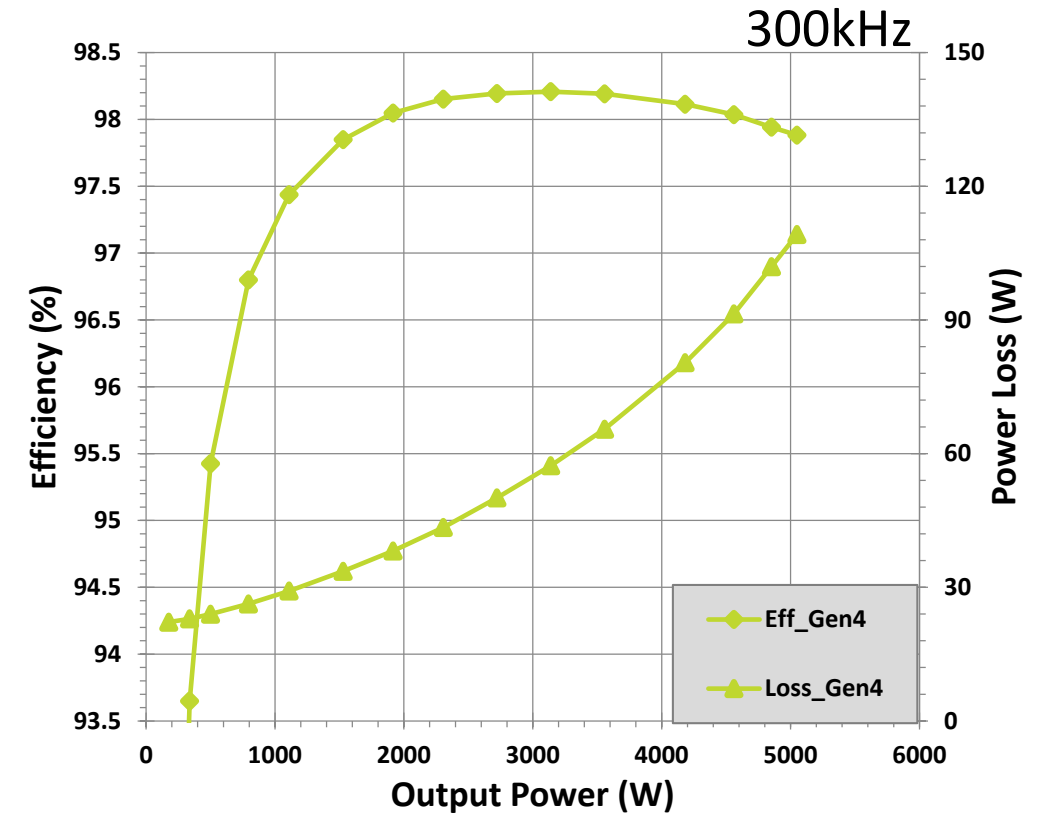
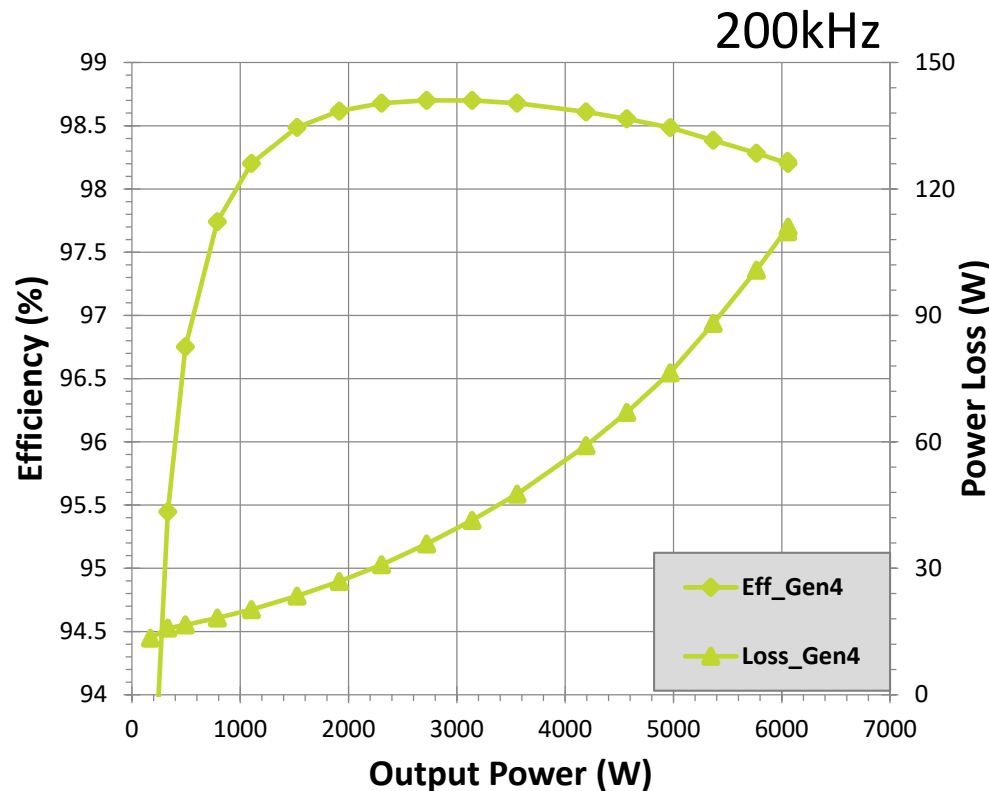
Synchronous Boost Converter: 240 V:400 V @ 100 kHz



- Gen IV further improves efficiency:
 - ✓ 0.2-0.4% improvement at low load & >0.1% at mid to high load.

Performance Benefit at 200 and 300 kHz

Synchronous Boost Converter: 240 V:400 V



- All test were in hard-switching (Expect higher Eff. in soft switching)
- [200kHz] Peak efficiency: Gen IV 98.70% => Best-in-class
- [300kHz] Peak efficiency: Gen IV 98.21% => Best-in-class

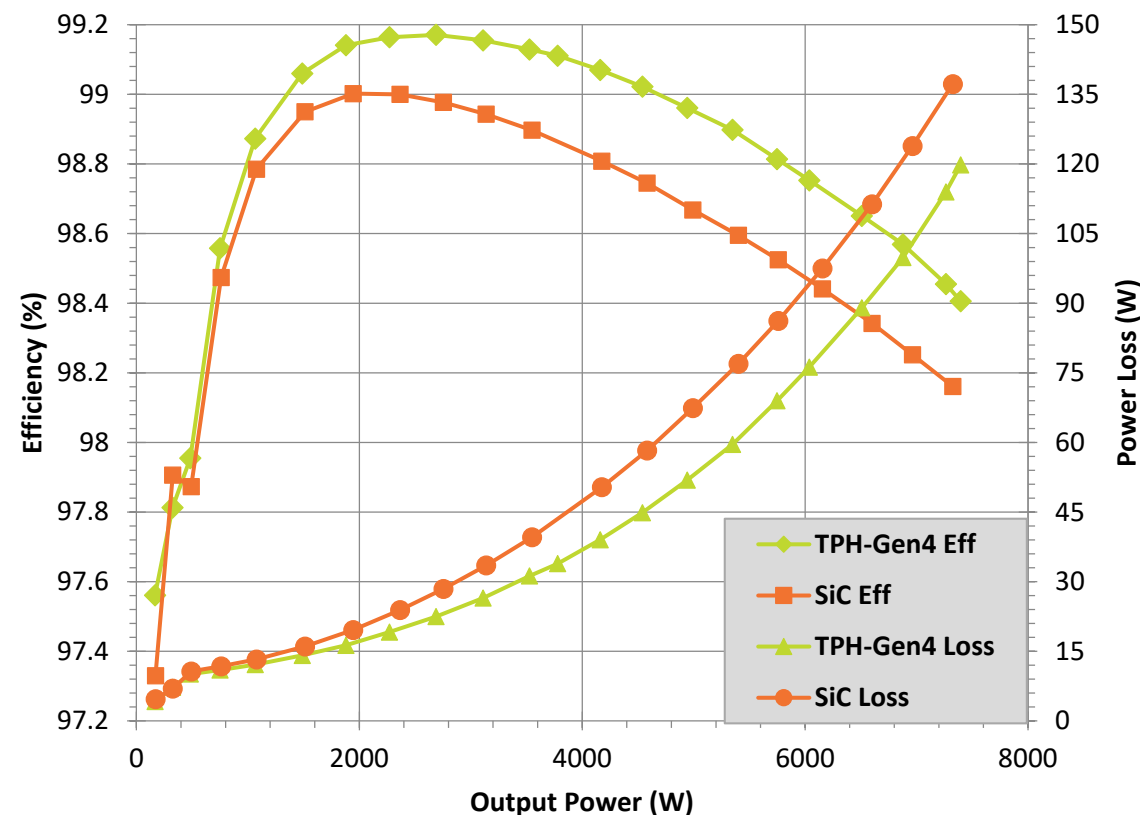
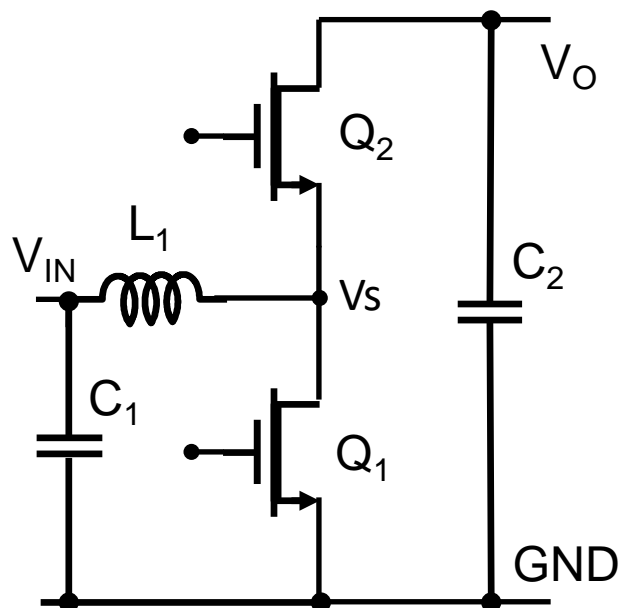
Performance Compared to SiC MOSFET (30mΩ)

Synchronous Boost Converter: 240 V:400 V @ 100 kHz

Half-bridge Boost Converter

[Gate drive] GaN: 0-12V, $R_G=30$

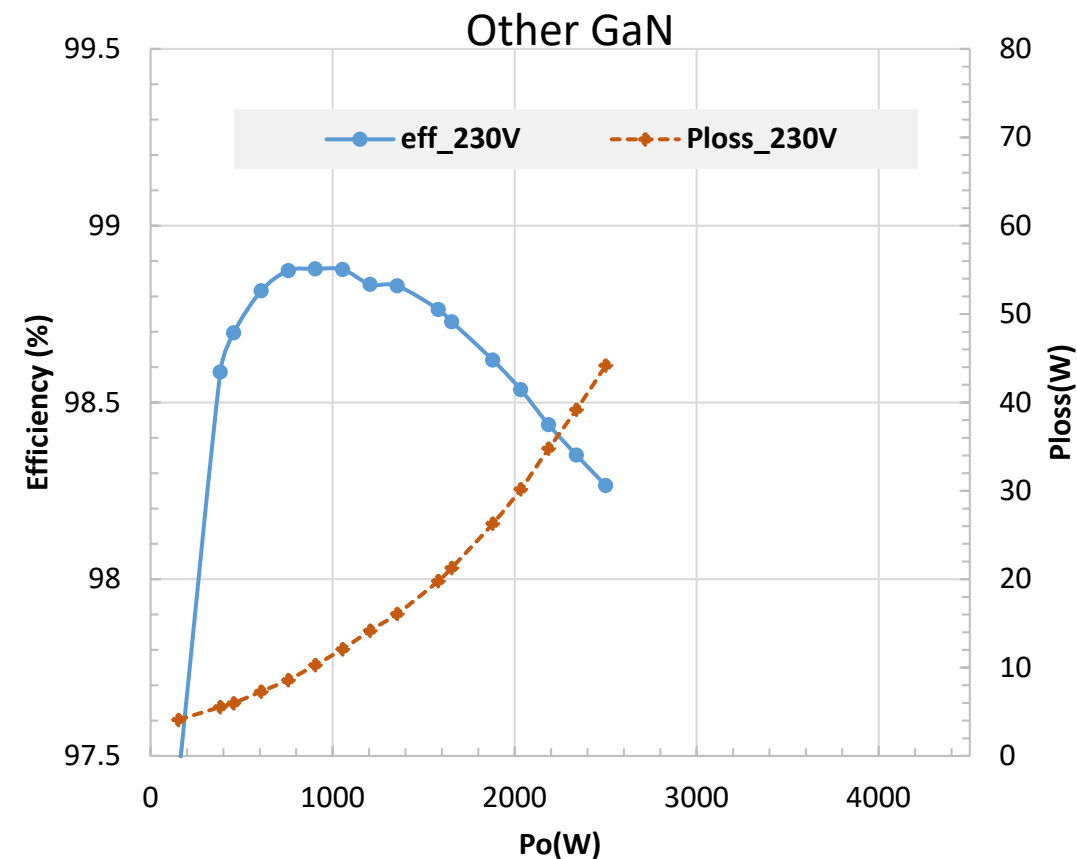
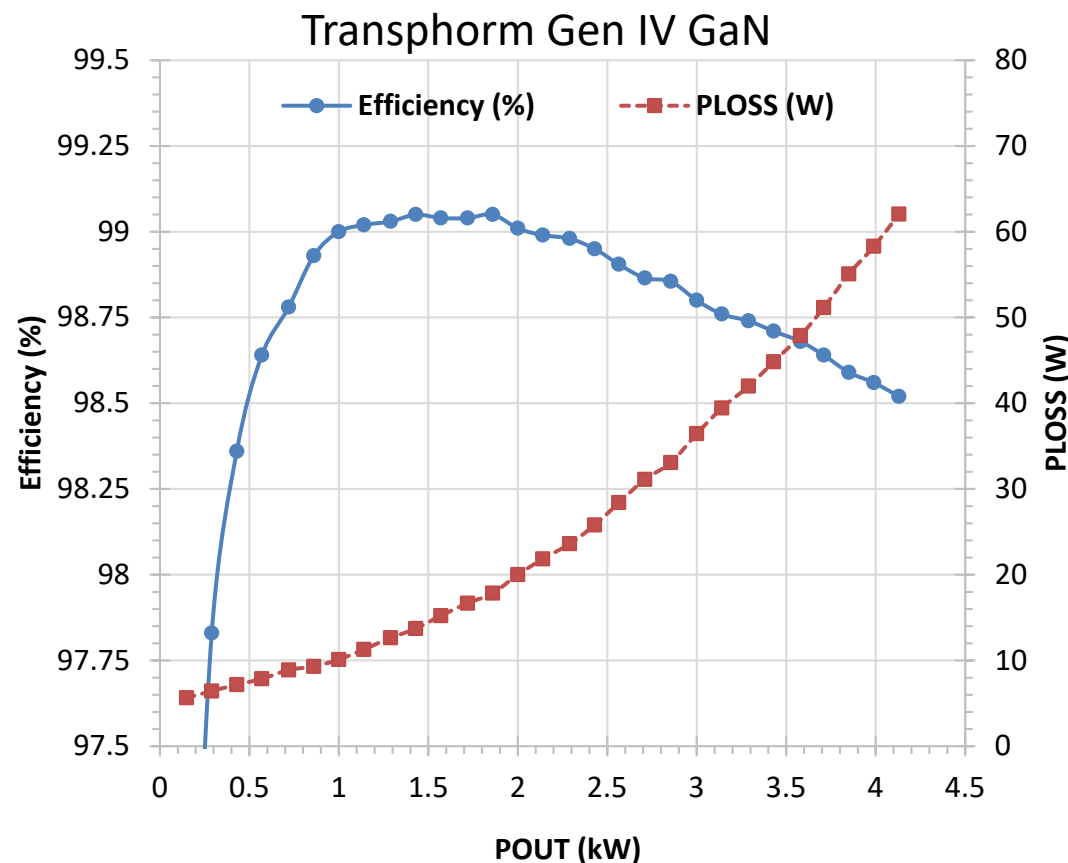
SiC: 0-18V, $R_G=0$



GaN: Efficiency improvement >0.2% from 3 kW-7.2 kW
 ✓ The only GaN product to deliver 7.3 kW (100kHz)

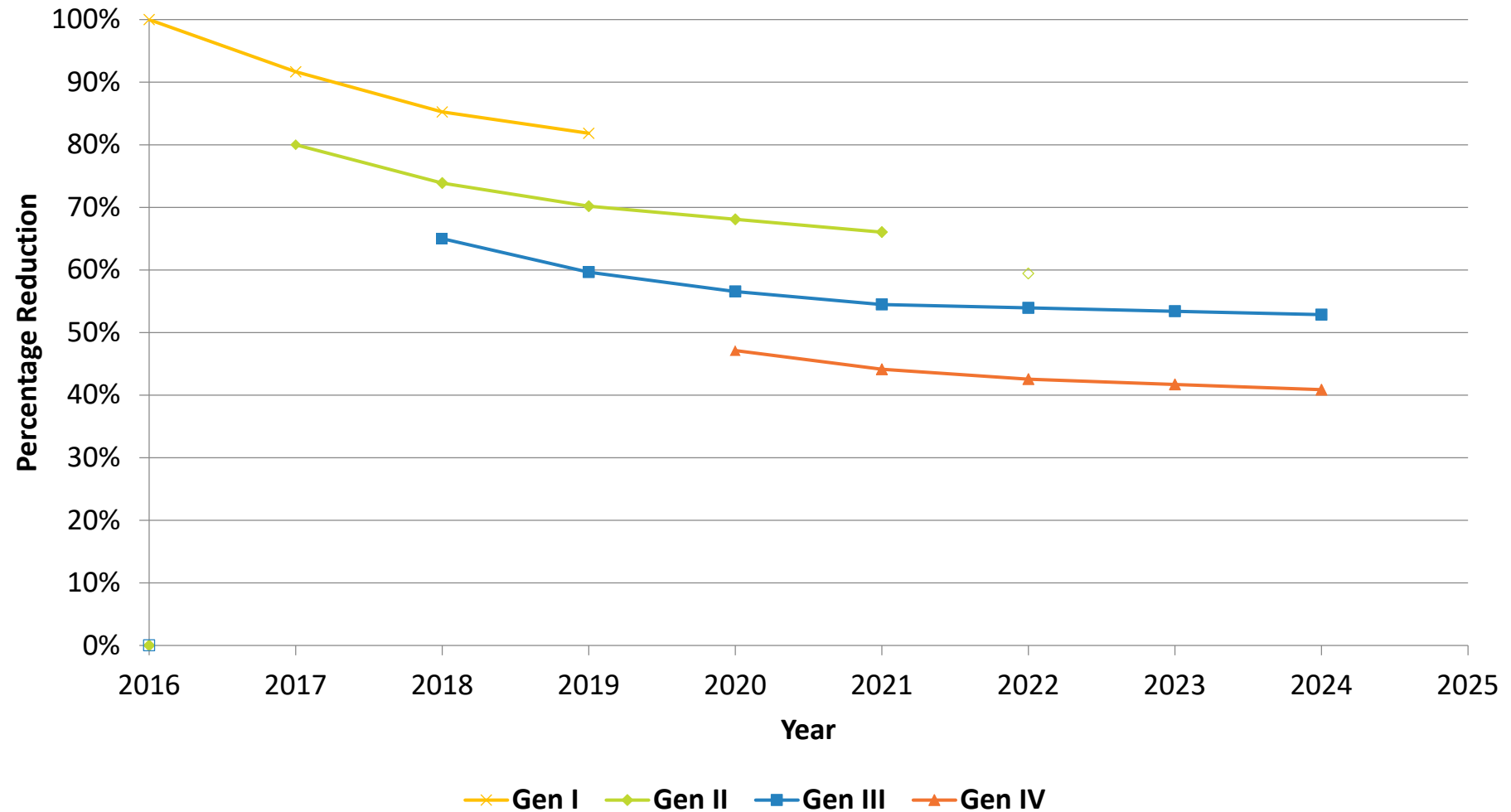
Best-in-Class Totem-pole PFC Performance

Highest Efficiency and Power Level By Discrete GaN: 230 Vrms:390 Vdc @ 65 kHz



- Same operation voltages & frequency in the same test setup.
- All auxiliary power & fan consumption included
- Peak efficiency: >99.0% vs. <98.9% (0.17% higher)
- Max power: 4.13kW vs. 2.50kW (65% higher)

Transphorm – Technology Price Reduction Y-O-Y



1. Transphorm has a proven success track record with 2-chip normally-off 600V+ GaN products based on a robust technology.
2. Continued innovation leads to Generation-4 devices transforming the 2-chip design into a 1-chip-like simplicity.
3. While Gen II/Gen III are matured and qualified as automotive grade (AEC Q101), Gen IV design is being introduced for commercial / industrial applications.
4. The simplicity and high-performance Gen IV product will accelerate GaN adoption in the power electronics market.



Thank you!

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