



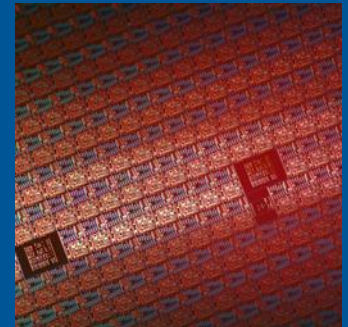
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InAs Quantum-Well MOSFET for logic and microwave applications

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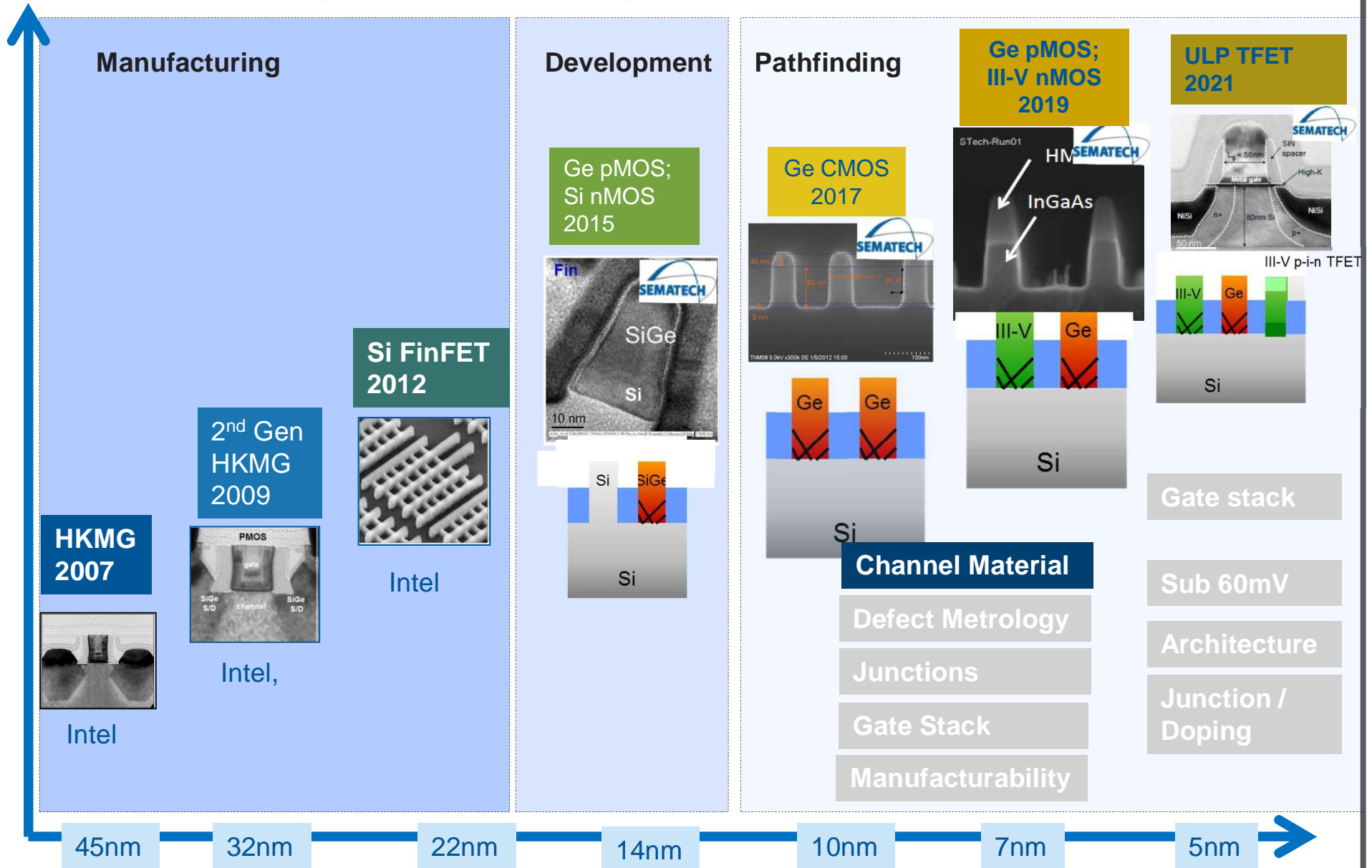
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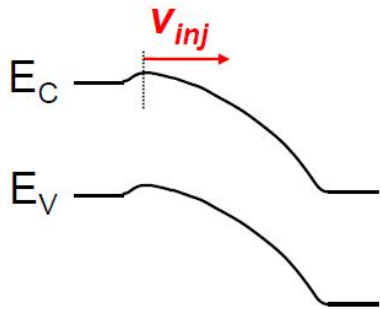
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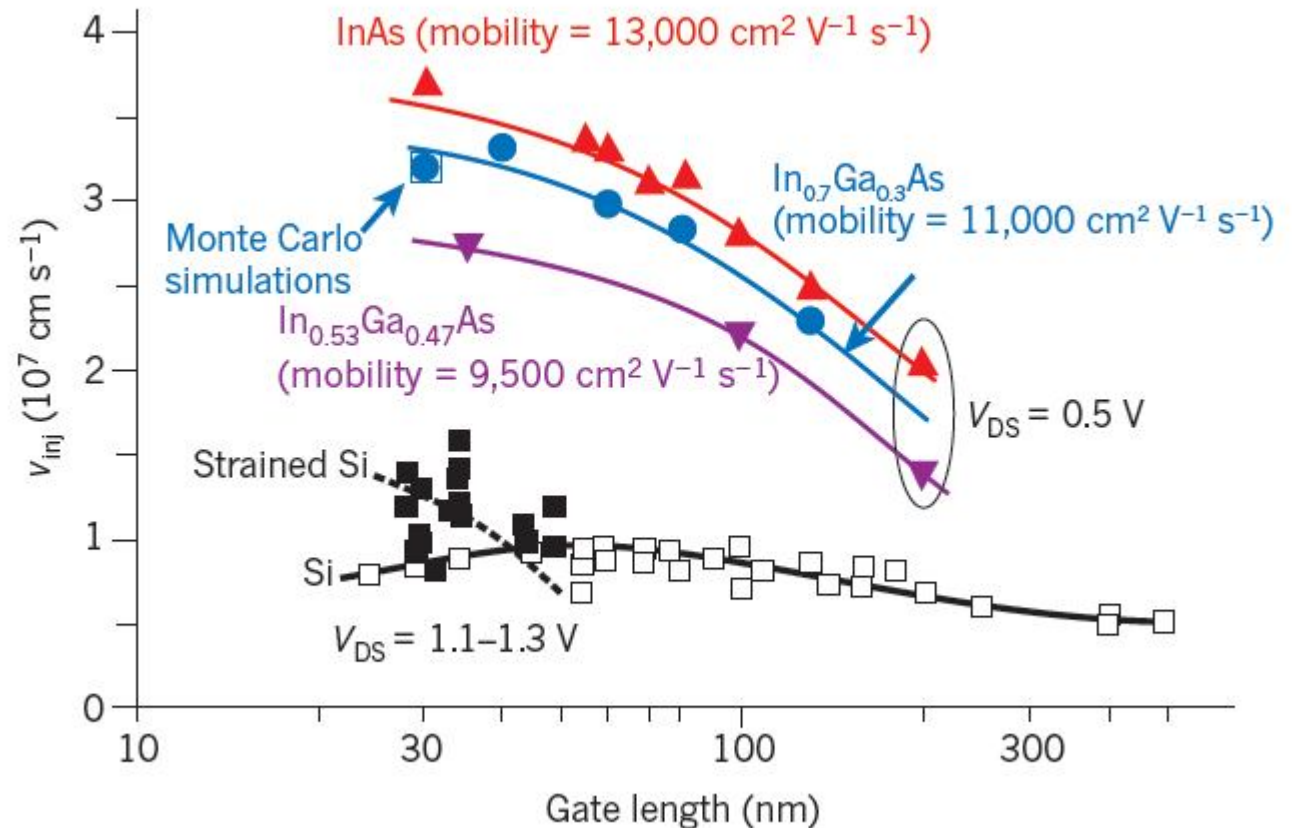
Possible Logic Technology Roadmap



Motivation for InAs vs. InGaAs



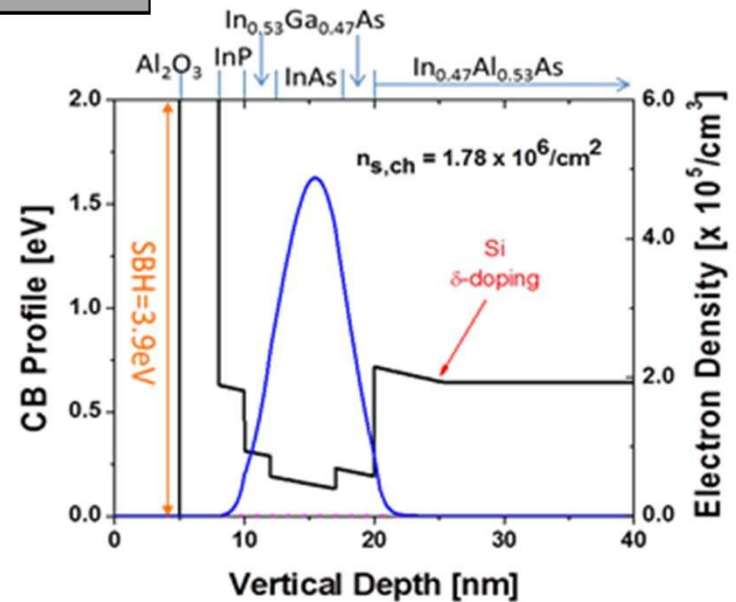
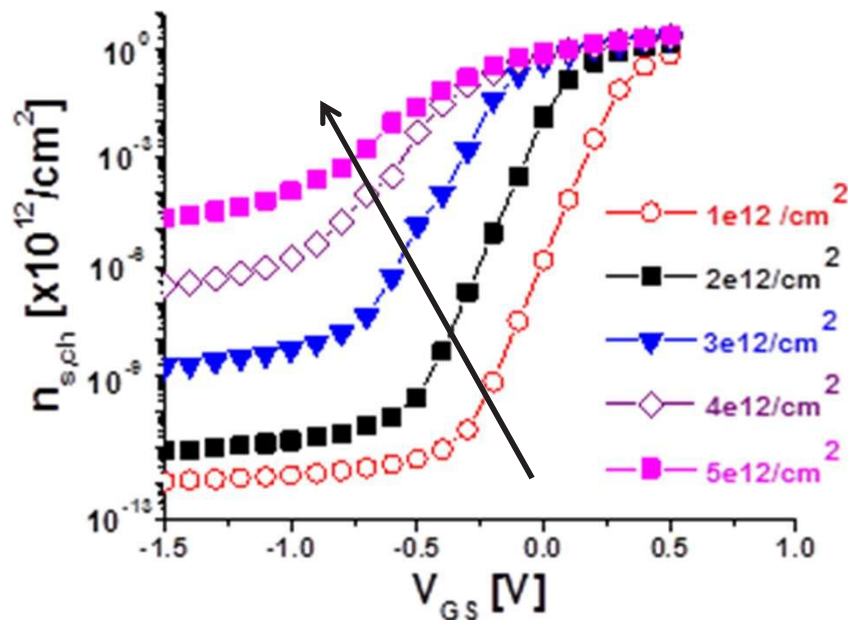
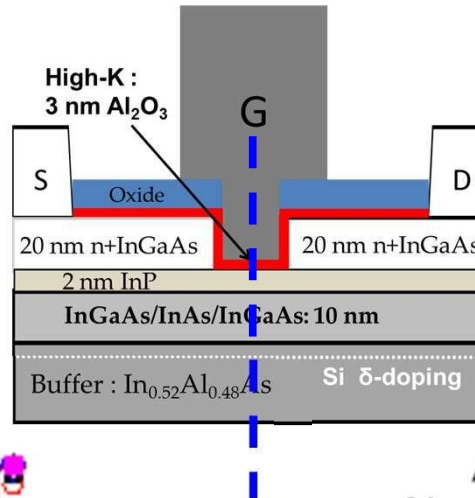
<del Alamo, Nature 2012>
<Kim, IEDM 2009>



- $v_{inj} (\text{InAs}) > v_{inj} (\text{In}_{0.7}\text{Ga}_{0.3}\text{As} / \text{In}_{0.53}\text{Ga}_{0.47}\text{As}) > 2v_{inj} (\text{Si})$ at less than half V_{DD}
- Derived v_{inj} values consistent with quasi **ballistic transport** (Collision-free)

Layer structure with inverted Si δ -doping

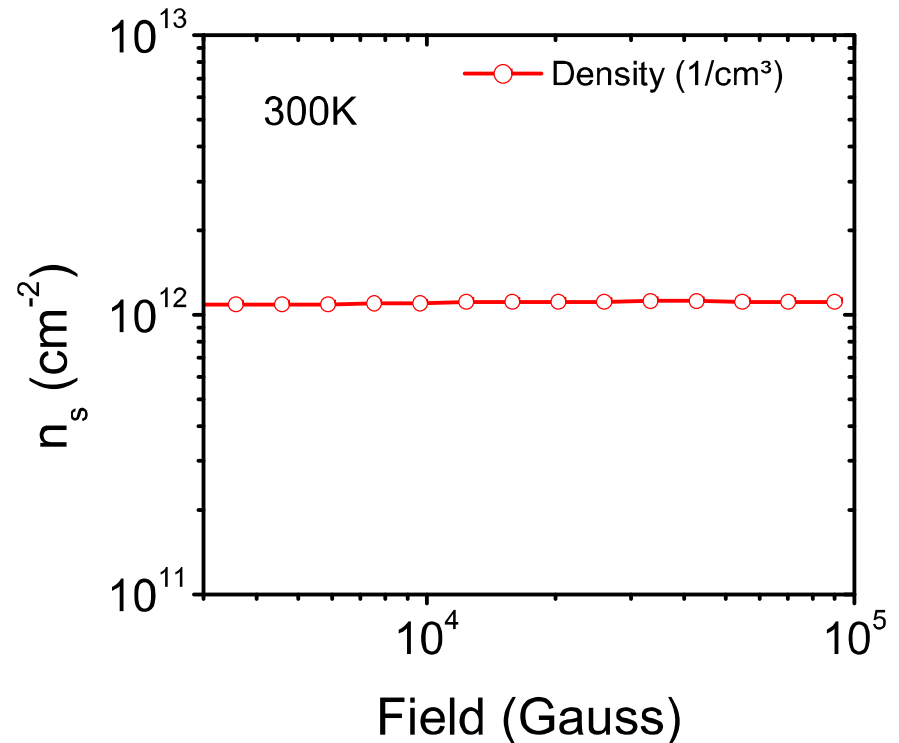
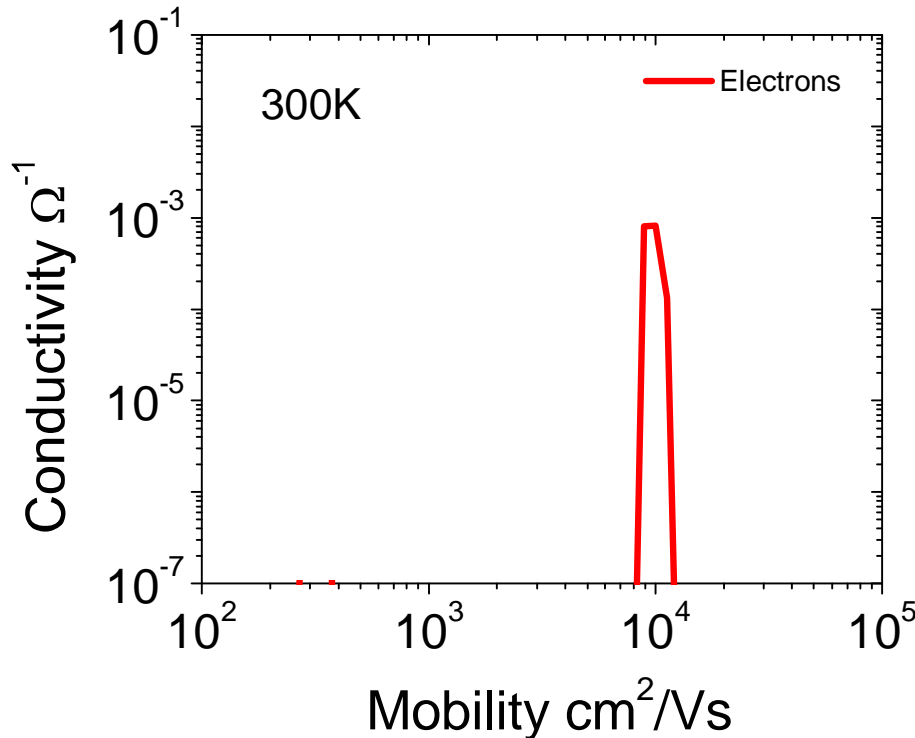
Inverted Si δ -doping



➤ Optimize Si δ -doping to better electrostatics

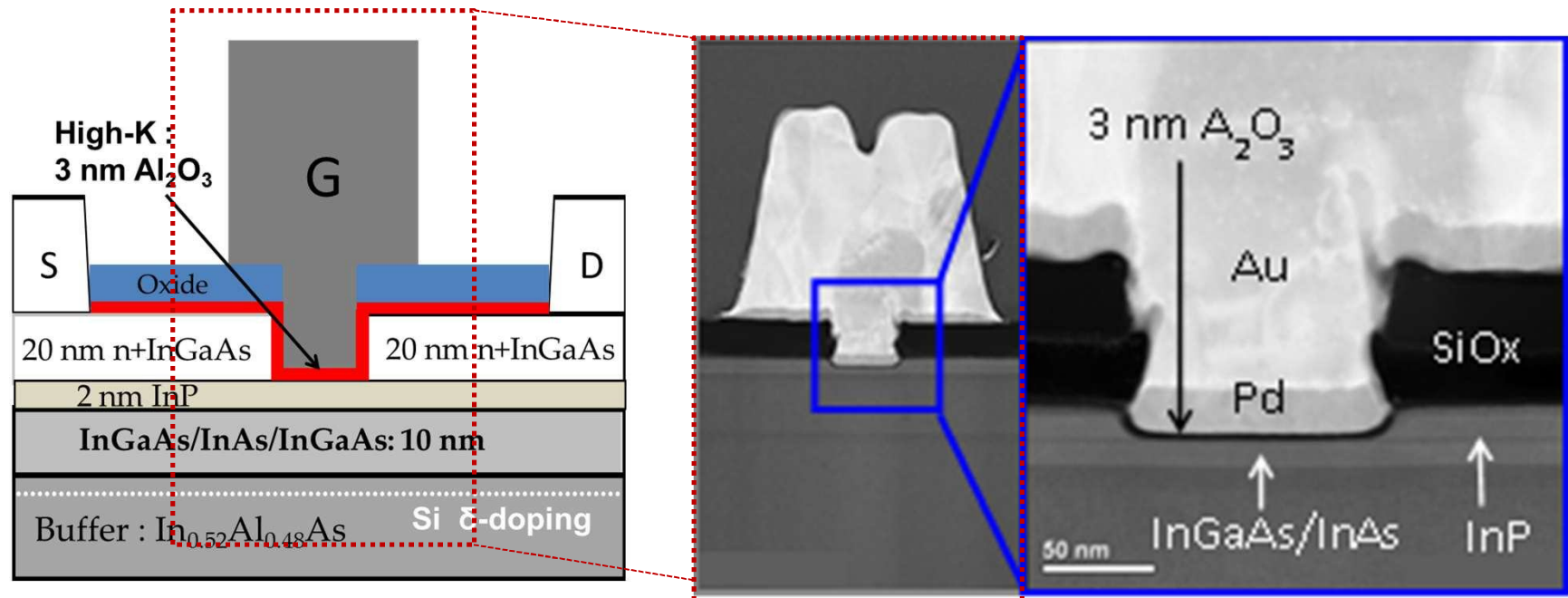
Validation of epi quality in this work

- QMSA results from calibration structure



- $\mu_{n,\text{Hall}} = 11,200 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V-sec}$ and $n_{s,\text{ch}} = 1 \times 10^{12}/\text{cm}^2$ at 300K
- $\mu_{n,\text{Hall}} = 20,000 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V-sec}$ and $n_{s,\text{ch}} = 1 \times 10^{12}/\text{cm}^2$ at 77K

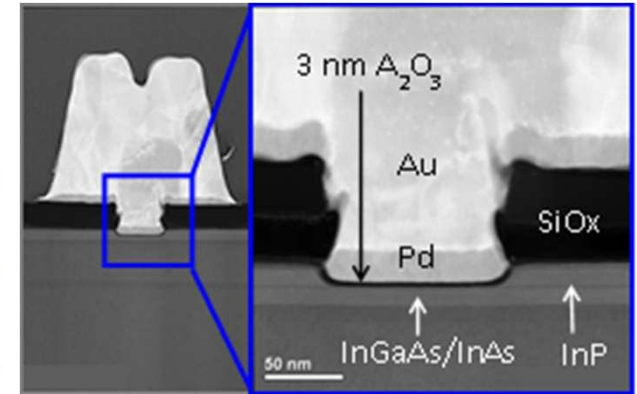
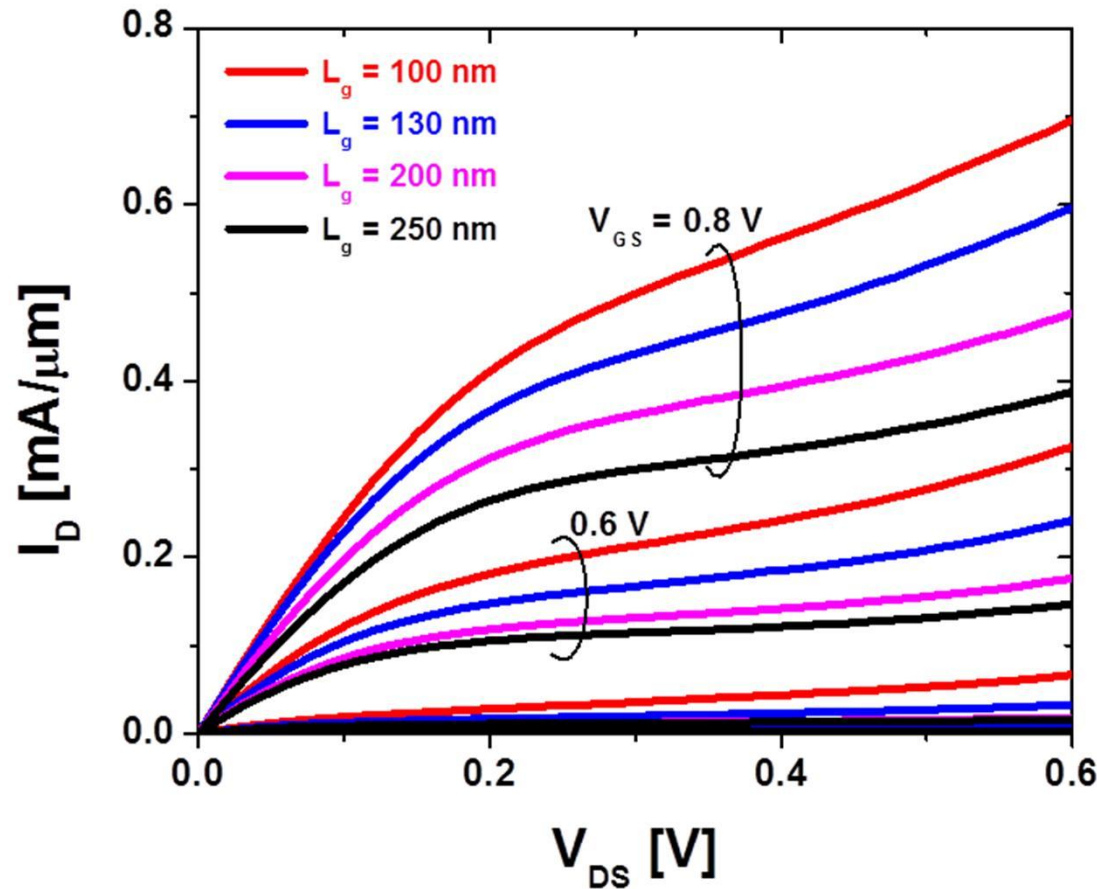
Test Structure Design



Unique features of this work:

- **InAs channel** for better transport
- **Inverted Si δ -doping** for low excess R_{SD} and excellent electrostatic control
- **3 nm Al₂O₃/2 nm InP** gate stack to improve D_{it}

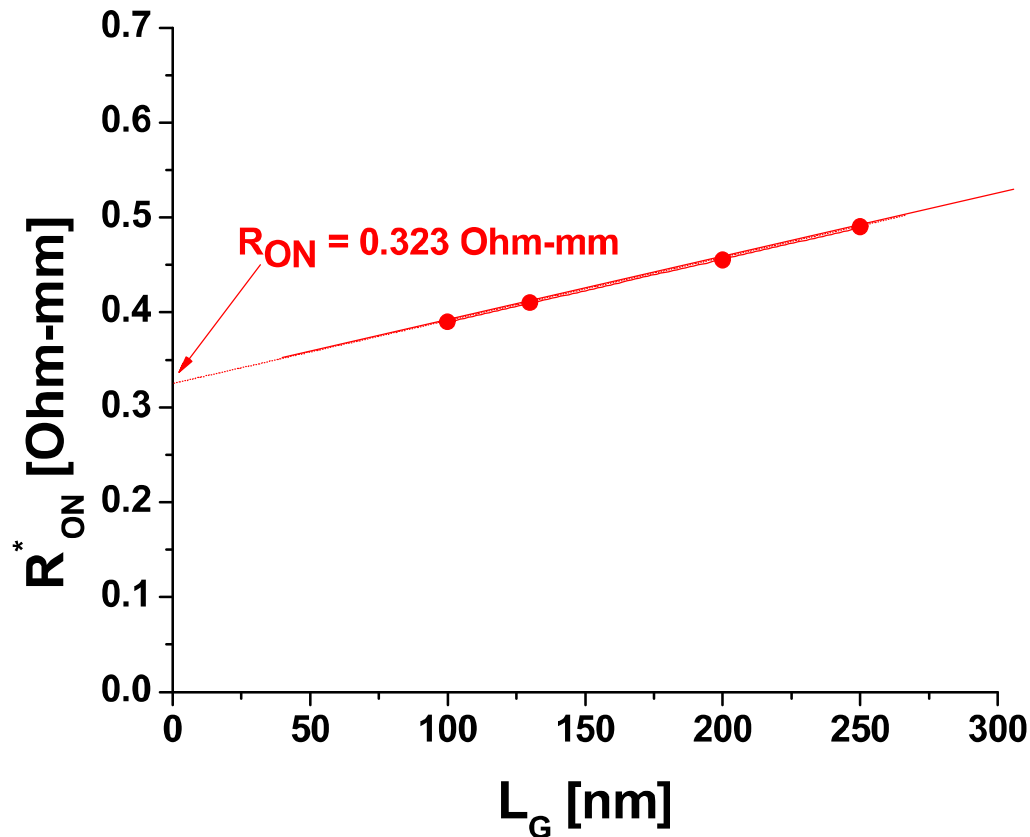
InAs MOSFET Output Characteristics



Optimized gate recess
with $L_{side} < 5$ nm

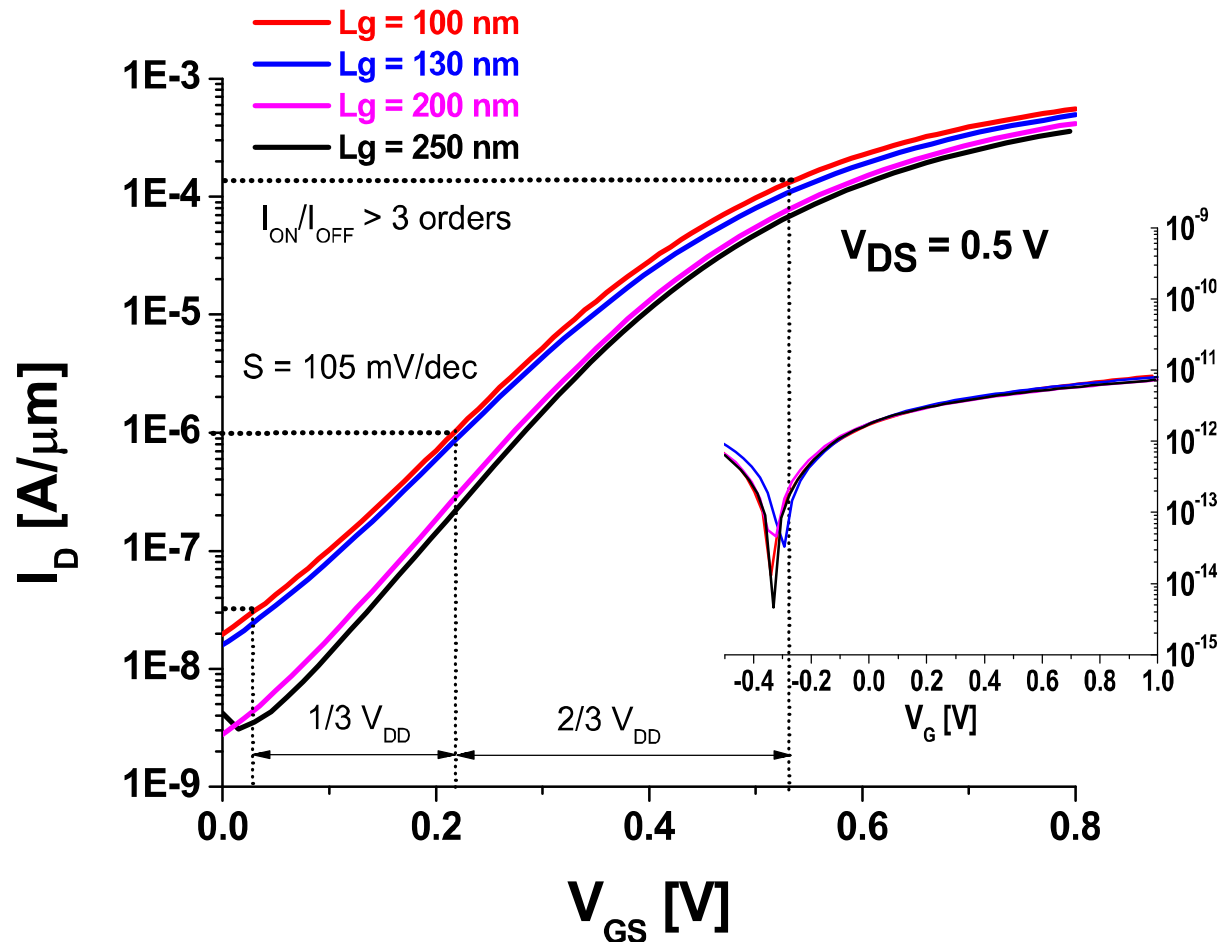
- Excellent I_D saturation and pinch off behavior
- $I_{D,sat} = 0.68$ A/mm at $V_{DS} = 0.6$ V at $L_g = 100$ nm

R_{ON} Characteristic



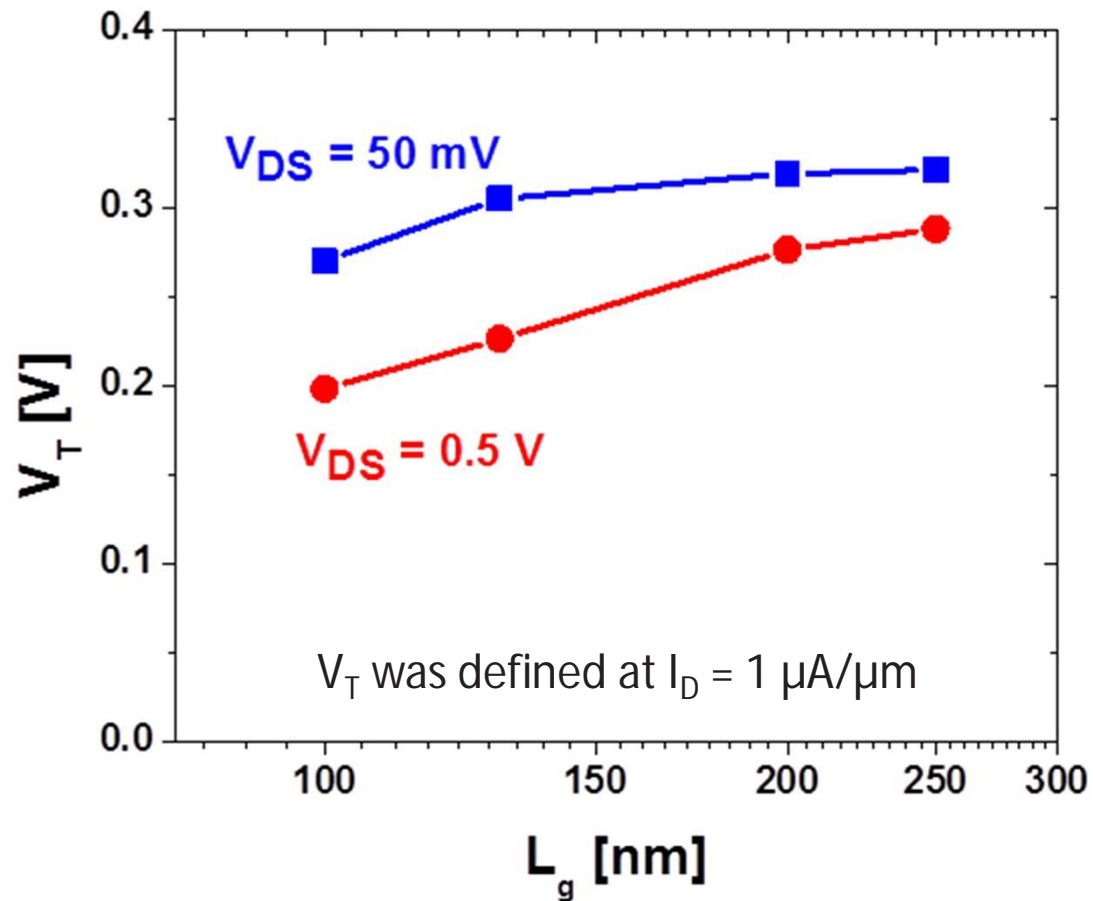
- $R_{ON} = 0.323$ Ohm-mm with optimized gate recess process ($L_{side} < 5$ nm)
- R_{ON} could be reduced with self-aligned architecture

InAs MOSFET Subthreshold Characteristics



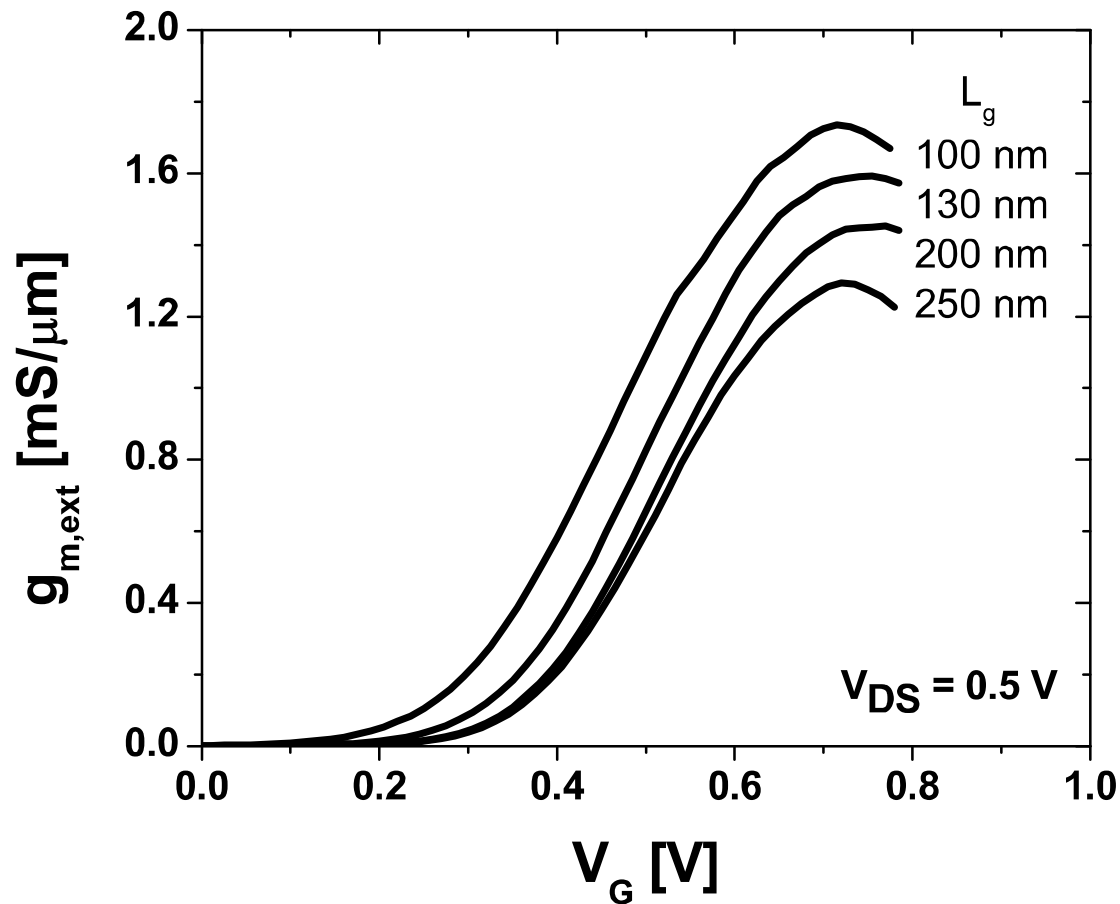
- $SS = 105$ mV/dec. at $L_g = 100$ nm with $D_{it} = 4 \times 10^{12}$ /eV.cm²
- Excellent gate leakage → A room for EOT scaling below 2 nm

V_T roll-off



- $V_T = 0.2 \text{ V}$ at $L_g = 100 \text{ nm}$: Enhancement-mode operation

InAs MOSFET g_m Characteristic

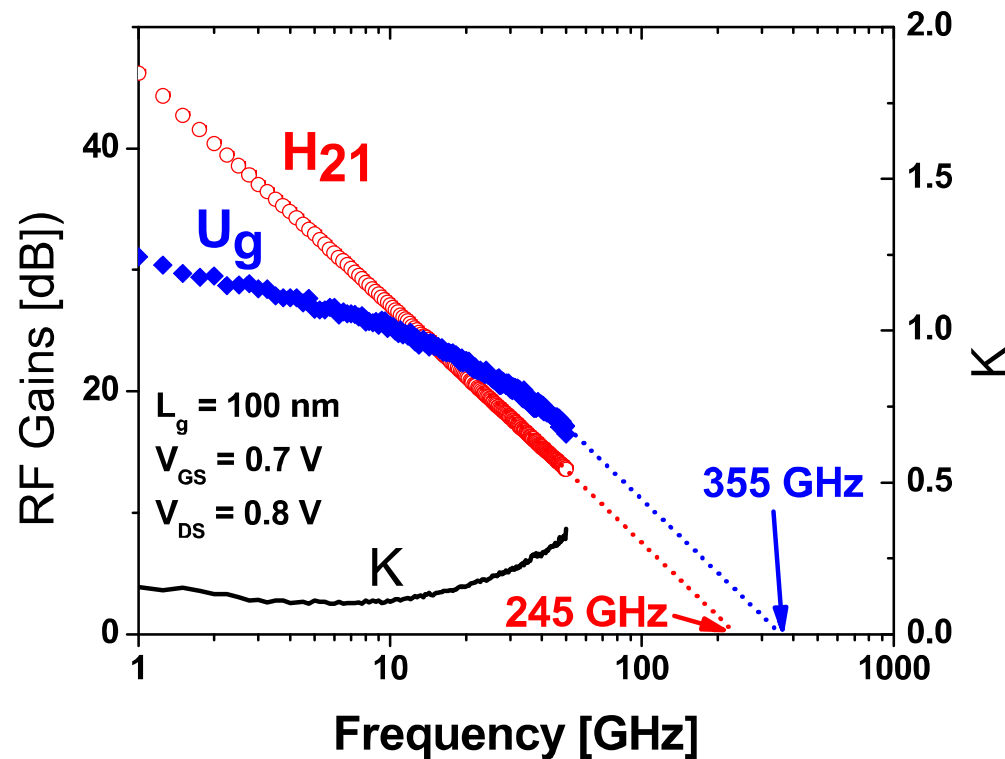


$$g_{m,int} = C_g \times V_{inj}$$

$g_m = 1.73 \text{ mS}/\mu\text{m}$ at $V_{DS} = 0.5 \text{ V}$ (A record $g_{m,ext}$ at $L_g = 100 \text{ nm}$)

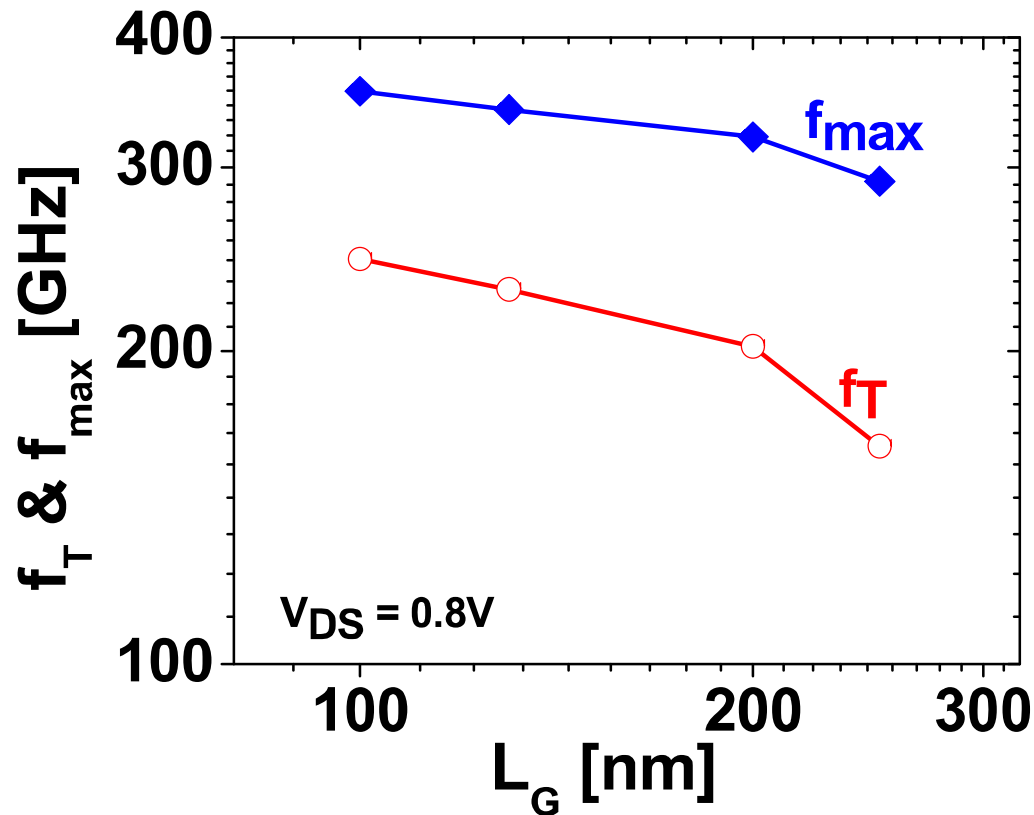
InAs MOSFET Microwave Characteristic

Calibration: LRRM, De-embedding: OPEN/SHORT



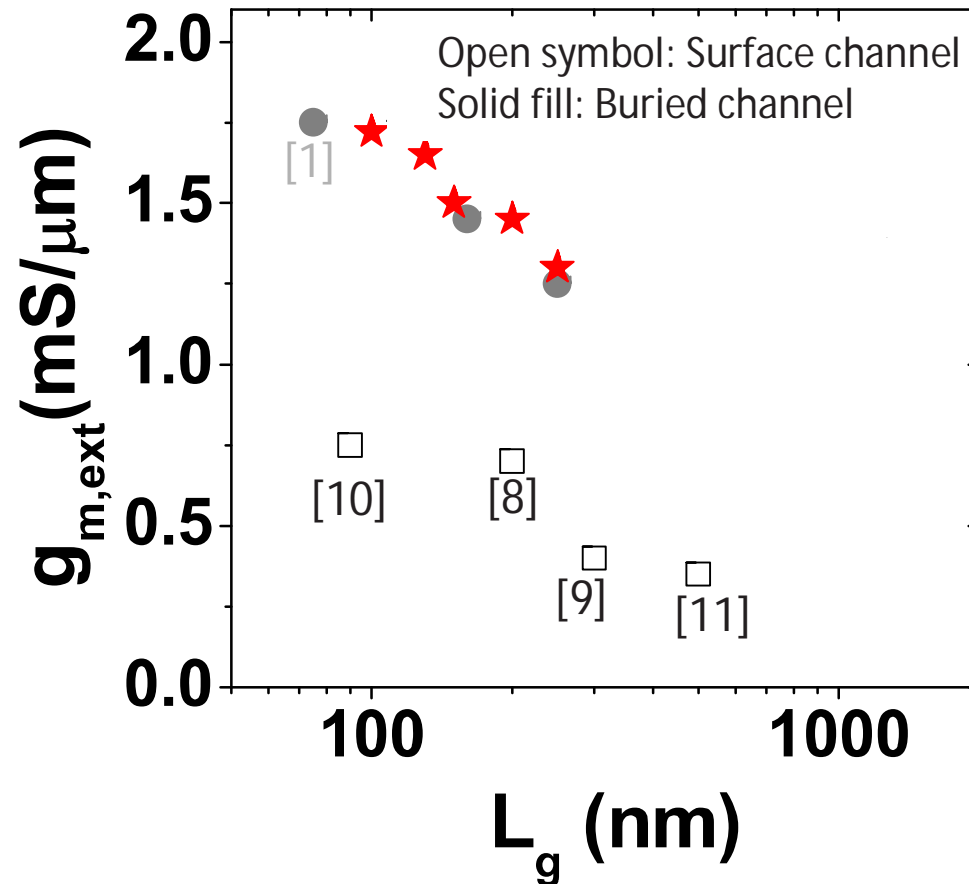
- L_g = 100 nm: $f_T = 245$ GHz & $f_{max} = 355$ GHz at V_{DS} = 0.8 V
→ These f_T & f_{max} are **record values** for any III-V MOSFET

InAs MOSFET promising for RF Applications



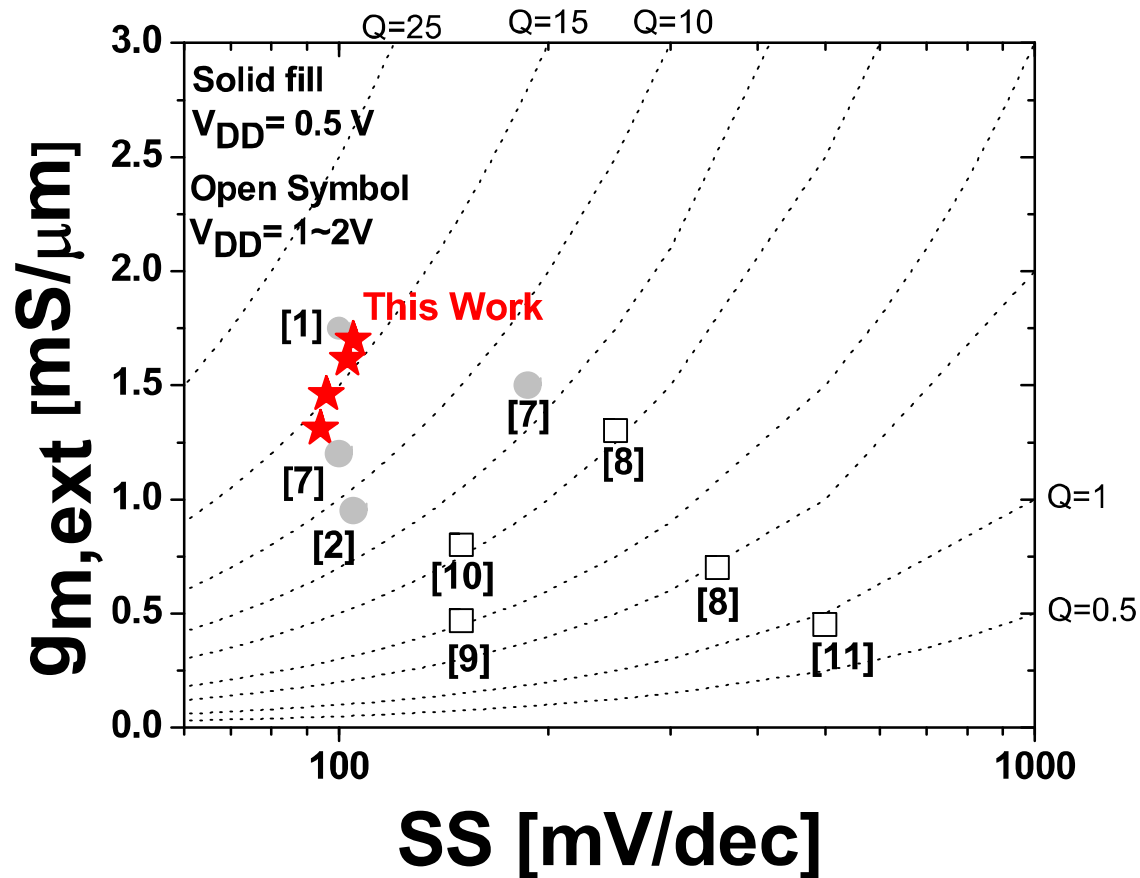
- $L_g = 200$ nm: $f_T > 200$ GHz & $f_{max} = 300$ GHz at $V_{DS} = 0.8$ V
- Excellent performance for millimeter wave applications

III-V MOSFET Benchmarking



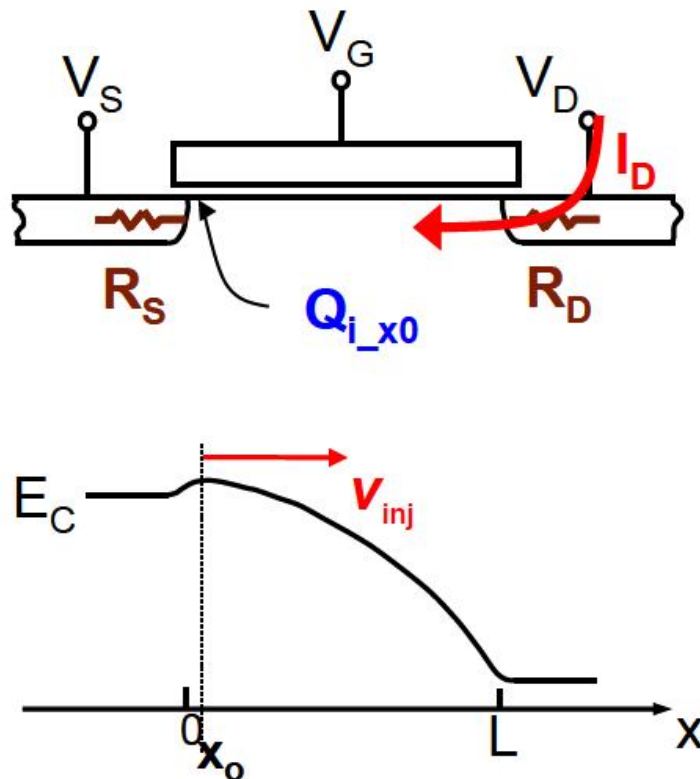
- A record transconductance at $L_g = 100$ nm for III-V MOSFET

III-V MOSFET Q Benchmarking



- FOM Q factor defined as g_m/S
 $Q = 16$ for $L_g = 100 \text{ nm}$ and $V_{DD} = 0.5 \text{ V}$.

Extraction methodology for v_{inj}



Kim, IEDM 2009

$$I_D = Q_{i_x0} \times v_{inj} \Rightarrow v_{inj} = \frac{I_D}{Q_{i_x0}}$$

- I_D : measured drain current
- Q_{i_x0} : sheet-charge density

$$Q_{i_x0} = \int C_{gi} dV_{GS,i}$$

with C_{gi} @ $V_{DS} = 10$ mV

- C_{gi} extracted from S-parameters
- R_S and R_D correction:

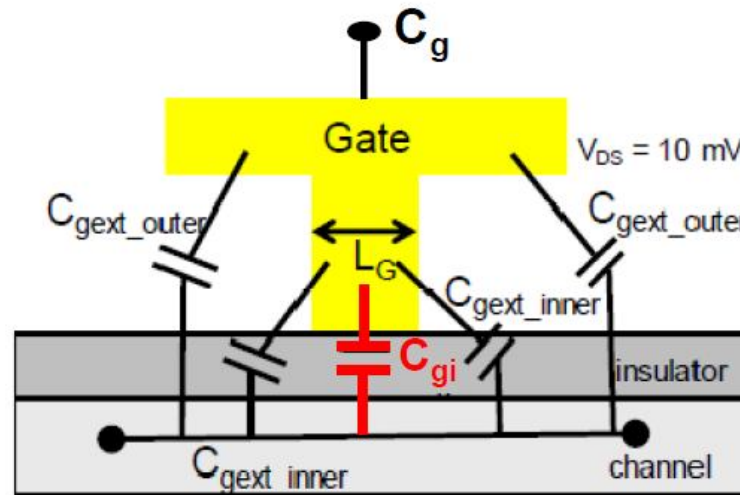
$$V_{DSi} = V_{DS} - I_D \times (R_S + R_D)$$

$$V_{GSi} = V_{GS} - I_D \times R_S$$

- V_T roll-off correction
- DIBL correction

C_{gi} - How to extract in small L_g device

C_{gi} → intrinsic gate capacitance per unit area [fF/ μm^2]
 (from S-parameters at linear region, $V_{DS} = 10$ mV)

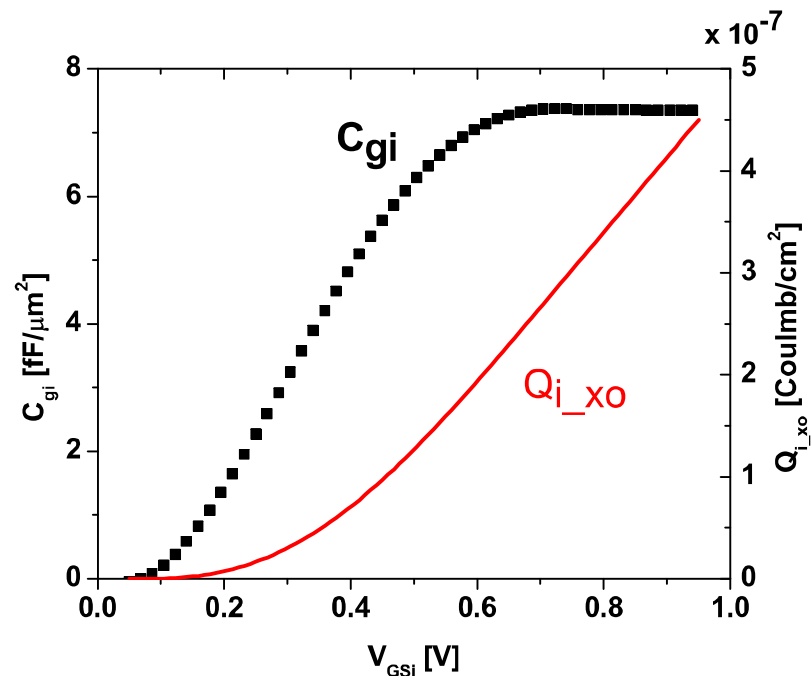
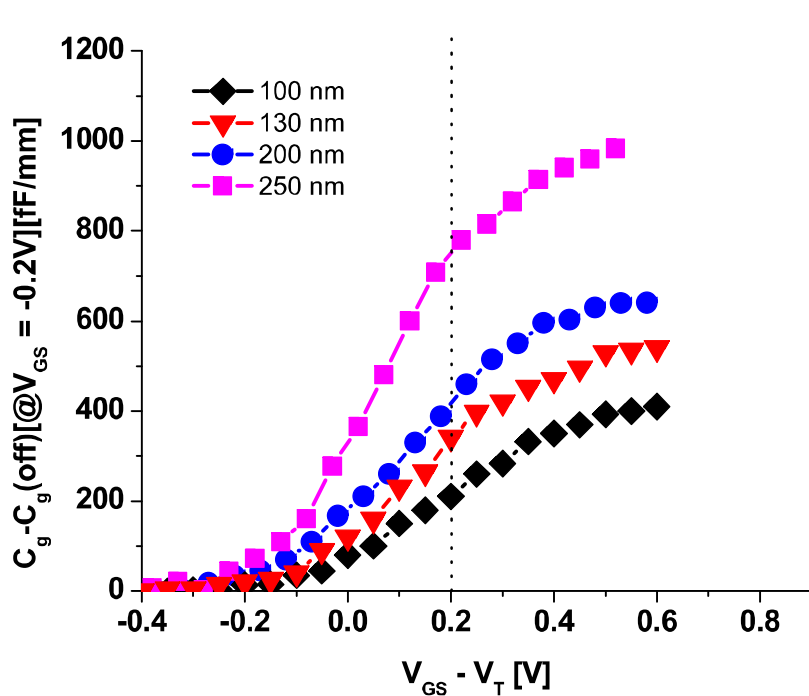


$$C_g = \underbrace{C_{gi} \times L_g + 2C_{gext_inner}}_{\propto f(V_{GSi} - V_T)} + \underbrace{2C_{gext_outer}}_{\approx C_g @ \text{OFF}}$$

$$\rightarrow C_g - C_g(\text{OFF}) = \underbrace{C_{gi} \times L_g}_{\text{intrinsic}} + 2C_{gext_inner}$$

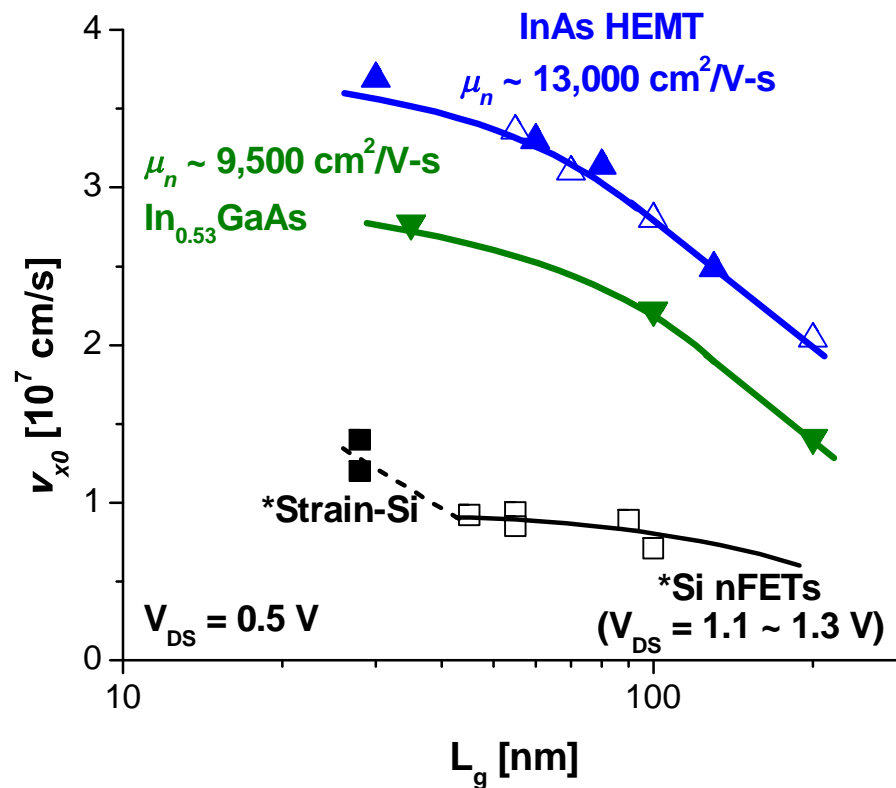
Q_{i_x0} - How to extract

$$Q_{i_x0} = \int C_{gi} d(V_{GS,i}), \text{ where } C_{gi} @ V_{DS} = 10 \text{ mV}$$



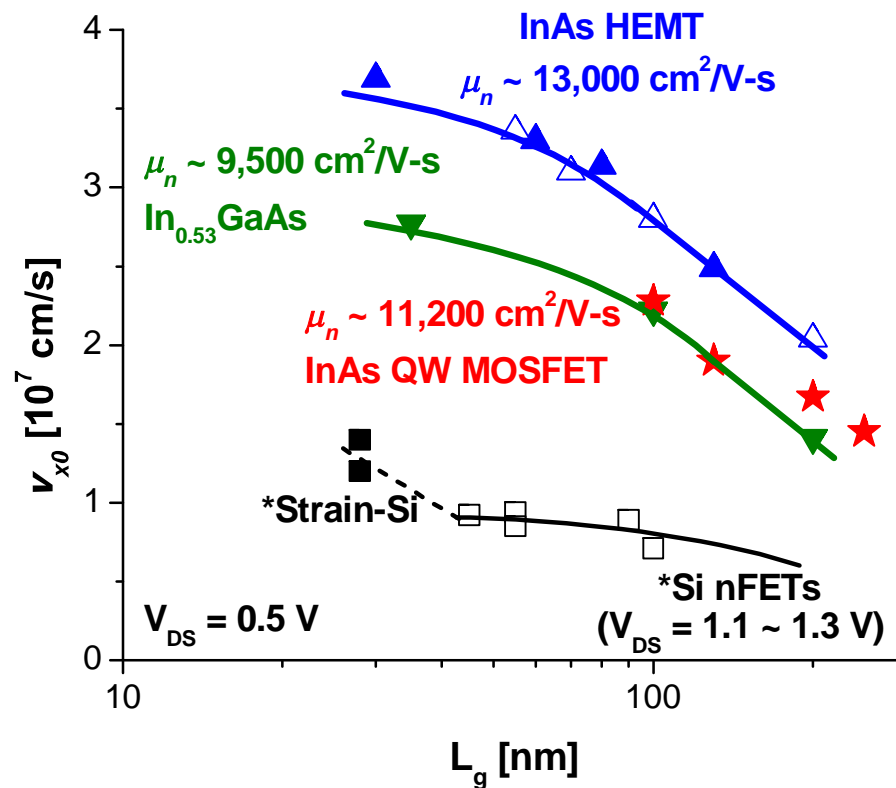
- Extracted intrinsic gate capacitance (C_{gi}) & charge (Q_{i_x0}) in channel with S-parameter

Benchmarking: Injection velocity (v_{inj})



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Conclusions

- InAs (rather than $\text{In}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{As}$) enables:
 - Record $g_m = 1.73 \text{ mS}/\mu\text{m}$ at $V_{DS} = 0.5 \text{ V}$
 - No significant I_{OFF} penalty ($S = 105 \text{ mV/dec}$)
 - Excellent microwave characteristics
 - $f_T = 245 \text{ GHz}$ and $f_{max} = 355 \text{ GHz}$ at $L_g = 100 \text{ nm}$
 - $2\times V_{inj}$ improvement vs. s-Si
- First rigorous v_{inj} benchmarking shows InAs MOSFET competitive with best known HEMT

InAs MOSFET (0.5V)	InAs HEMT (0.5V)	Strained Si MOSFET (1V)
$2.3 \times 10^7 \text{ cm/s}$	$2.8 \times 10^7 \text{ cm/s}$	$1 \times 10^7 \text{ cm/s}$