

ISL71040M

Radiation Tolerant Low-Side GaN FET Driver

The [ISL71040M](#) is a low-side driver designed to drive enhancement mode Gallium Nitride (GaN) FETs in isolated topologies and boost type configurations. The ISL71040M operates with a supply voltage from 4.5V to 13.2V and has both inverting (INB) and non-inverting (IN) inputs to satisfy requirements for inverting and non-inverting gate drives with a single device.

The ISL71040M has a 4.5V gate drive voltage ( $V_{DRV}$ ) generated using an internal regulator that prevents the gate voltage from exceeding the maximum gate-source rating of enhancement mode GaN FETs. The gate drive voltage features an Undervoltage Lockout (UVLO) protection that ignores the inputs (IN/INB) and keeps OUTL turned on to ensure the GaN FET is in an OFF state whenever  $V_{DRV}$  is below the UVLO threshold.

The ISL71040M inputs can withstand voltages up to 14.7V regardless of the  $V_{DD}$  voltage, which allows the inputs to be connected directly to most PWM controllers. The ISL71040M's split outputs offer the flexibility to adjust the turn-on and turn-off speed independently by adding additional impedance to the turn-on and turn-off paths.

The ISL71040M operates across the military temperature range from -55°C to +125°C and is offered in an 8 Ld Thin Dual Flat No-Lead (TDFN) plastic package.

**Related Literature**

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- [ISL71040M](#) device page

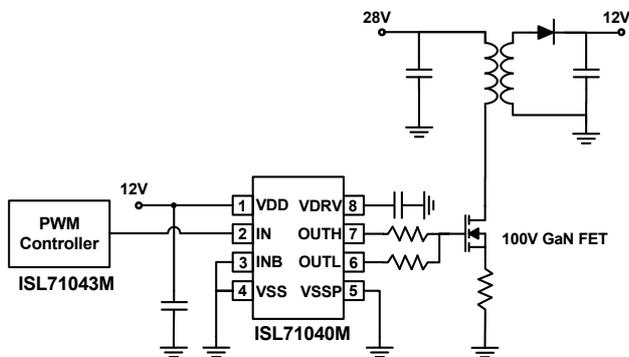


Figure 1. Typical Flyback Power Supply Application

**Features**

- Wide operating voltage range of 4.5V to 13.2V
- Up to 14.7V logic inputs (regardless of  $V_{DD}$  level)
  - Inverting and non-inverting inputs
- Optimized to drive enhancement mode GaN FETs
  - Internal 4.5V regulated gate drive voltage
  - Independent outputs for adjustable turn-on/turn-off speeds
- NiPdAu-Ag Lead finish (Sn-free, Pb-free)
- Moisture Sensitivity Level (MSL) Rating: 1
- Passes NASA Low Outgassing Specifications
- Full military temperature range operation
  - $T_A = -55^\circ\text{C}$  to  $+125^\circ\text{C}$
  - $T_J = -55^\circ\text{C}$  to  $+150^\circ\text{C}$
- Characterized radiation levels
  - Low Dose Rate (LDR)  $<0.01\text{rad}(\text{Si})/\text{s}$ :  $30\text{krad}(\text{Si})$
  - No SEB/L,  $V_{DD} = 16.5\text{V}$ :  $43\text{MeV}\cdot\text{cm}^2/\text{mg}$

**Applications**

- Flyback and forward converters
- Boost and PFC converters
- Secondary synchronous FET drivers

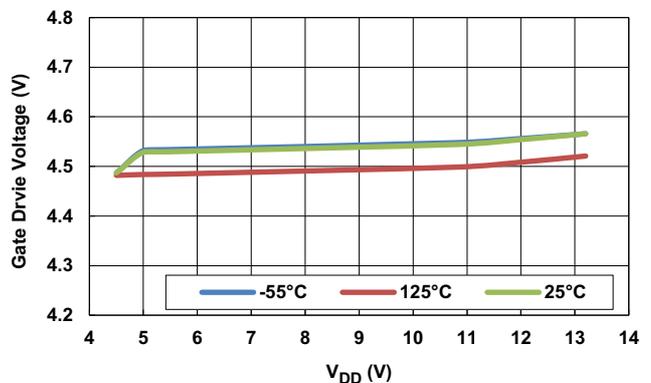


Figure 2.  $V_{DRV}$  Line Regulation vs Temperature

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## 1. Overview

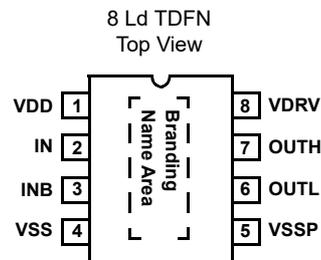
### 1.1 Ordering Information

| Part Number<br>(Notes 2, 3) | Part Marking   | Package<br>(RoHS Compliant) | Pkg.<br>Dwg. #          | Carrier Type<br>(Note 1) | Temp Range (°C) |
|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| ISL71040MRTZ                | 710<br>40MRTZ  | 8 Ld TDFN                   | <a href="#">L8.4x4B</a> | Tube                     | -55 to +125     |
| ISL71040MRTZ-T              |  |                             |                         | Reel, 6k                 |                 |
| ISL71040MRTZ-T7A            |  |                             |                         | Reel, 250                |                 |
| ISL71040MEV1Z               | Standalone evaluation board for the ISL71040M.                           |                             |                         |                          |                 |
| ISL71043MEVAL1Z             | Flyback Power Supply Evaluation Board using the ISL71043M and ISL71040M. |                             |                         |                          |                 |

Notes:

- See [TB347](#) for details about reel specifications.
- These Pb-free plastic packaged products employ special Pb-free material sets; molding compounds/die attach materials and NiPdAu-Ag plate - e4 termination finish, which is RoHS compliant and compatible with both SnPb and Pb-free soldering operations. Pb-free products are MSL classified at Pb-free peak reflow temperatures that meet or exceed the Pb-free requirements of IPC/JEDEC J STD-020.
- For Moisture Sensitivity Level (MSL), see the [ISL71040M](#) device page. For more information about MSL, see [TB363](#).

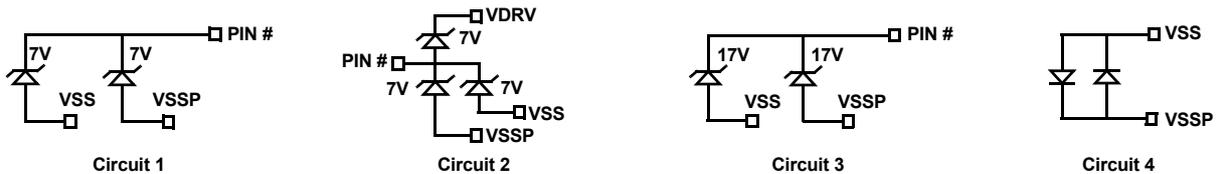
### 1.2 Pin Configuration



### 1.3 Pin Descriptions

| Pin Number | Pin Name | ESD Circuit | Description  |
|------------|----------|-------------|--|
| 1          | VDD      | 3           | Supply for the ISL71040M internal linear regulator. Locally bypass the supply to VDD using at least a 4.7µF ceramic capacitor.   |
| 2          | IN       | 3           | Non-inverting input pin that controls the OUTH and OUTL outputs. This input has TTL/CMOS type thresholds. When using the ISL71040M in an inverting application, tie this pin to VDD to enable the outputs. |
| 3          | INB      | 3           | Inverting input pin that controls the OUTH and OUTL outputs. This input has TTL/CMOS type thresholds. When using the ISL71040M in a non-inverting application, tie this pin to VSS to enable the outputs.  |
| 4          | VSS      | 4           | Supply ground. Connect this pin to VSSP from the PCB ground plane.   |
| 5          | VSSP     | 4           | Power supply ground. Connect this pin to VSS from the PCB ground plane.  |
| 6          | OUTL     | 2           | Output low pin that is the gate driver turn-off output. Connect this pin to the gate of the GaN FET with a short, low inductance path. A series gate resistor can be used to adjust the turn-off speed.    |
| 7          | OUTH     | 1           | Output high pin that is the gate driver turn-on output. Connect this pin to the gate of the GaN FET with a short, low inductance path. A series gate resistor can be used to adjust the turn-on speed.     |
| 8          | VDRV     | 1           | Internal linear regulator output and the gate drive voltage. Locally bypass this pin using at least a 4.7µF ceramic capacitor; 2µF to 10µF with variability.   |
| -          | EPAD     | 4           | The exposed pad should be connected externally to VSSP. Put as many vias as possible in this pad connecting to other PCB layers to improve heat dissipation.   |

**ESD Circuits:**



## 2. Specifications

### 2.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

| Parameter   | Minimum      | Maximum | Unit        |
|---|--------------|---------|-------------|
| V <sub>DD</sub>   | -0.3         | +16.5   | V           |
| IN, INB   | -0.3         | +16.5   | V           |
| OUTL, OUTH, VDRV  | -0.3         | +6.5    | V           |
| V <sub>DD</sub> (Note 4)                                  | -0.3         | +16.5   | V           |
| IN, INB (Note 4)  | -0.3         | +16.5   | V           |
| OUTL, OUTH, VDRV (Note 4)                                 | -0.3         | +6.2    | V           |
| <b>ESD Rating</b>   | <b>Value</b> |         | <b>Unit</b> |
| Human Body Model (Tested per JS-001-2017)                 | 8            |         | kV          |
| Charged Device Model (Tested per JS-002-2014)             | 2            |         | kV          |
| Latch Up (Tested per JESD-78E; Class 2, Level A) at 125°C | 100          |         | mA          |

Note:

4. Tested in a heavy ion environment at LET = 43MeV•cm<sup>2</sup>/mg at +125°C (TC) for SEB.

CAUTION: Do not operate at or near the maximum ratings listed for extended periods of time. Exposure to such conditions can adversely impact product reliability and result in failures not covered by warranty.

### 2.2 Outgas Testing

| Specification (Tested per ASTM E595, 1.5)        | Value | Unit |
|--|-------|------|
| Total Mass Lost (Note 5)                         | 0.05  | %    |
| Collected Volatile Condensable Material (Note 5) | <0.01 | %    |
| Water Vapor Recovered                            | 0.03  | %    |

Note:

5. Outgassing results meet NASA requirements of total mass loss <1% and collected volatile condensable material of <0.1%.

### 2.3 Thermal Information

| Thermal Resistance (Typical)   | $\theta_{JA}$ (°C/W) | $\theta_{JC}$ (°C/W) |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 8 Ld TDFN Package (Notes 6, 7) | 40                   | 2                    |

Notes:

6.  $\theta_{JA}$  is measured with the component mounted on a high-effective thermal conductivity test board with direct attach features in free air. See [TB379](#).
7. For  $\theta_{JC}$ , the “case temp” location is the center of the package underside.

| Parameter                 | Minimum                   | Maximum | Unit |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------|------|
| Storage Temperature Range | -65                       | +150    | °C   |
| Pb-Free Reflow Profile    | See <a href="#">TB493</a> |         |      |

### 2.4 Recommended Operating Conditions

| Parameter                        | Minimum | Maximum | Unit |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|------|
| Case Operating Temperature Range | -55     | +125    | °C   |
| V <sub>DD</sub>                  | 4.5     | 13.2    | V    |
| IN, INB                          | 4.5     | 13.2    | V    |

## 2.5 Electrical Specifications

$V_{DD} = 4.5V, 13.2V, V_{SS} = V_{SSP} = 0V, C_{VDRV} = 4.7\mu F, V_{IH} = 5.0V, V_{IL} = 0V, r_{OUTH} = r_{OUTL} = 0\Omega$ , no load on OUTH/OUTL. **Boldface limits apply across the operating temperature range, -55°C to +125°C.**

| Parameter   | Symbol       | Test Conditions                         | Min<br>(Note 9) | Typ<br>(Note 8) | Max<br>(Note 9) | Unit       |
|---|--------------|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|
| <b>Power Supply</b>   |              |   |                 |                 |                 |            |
| Quiescent Supply Current                                    | $I_{DDQ}$    | $V_{DD} = 4.5V, IN = 0V, INB = V_{DD}$  | -               | 1.4             | <b>2.7</b>      | mA         |
|   |              | $V_{DD} = 13.2V, IN = 0V, INB = V_{DD}$ | -               | 1.5             | <b>2.7</b>      | mA         |
| Operating Supply Current                                    | $I_{DDO}$    | $V_{DD} = 4.5V, f_{PWM} = 500kHz$       | -               | 6.8             | <b>13</b>       | mA         |
|   |              | $V_{DD} = 13.2V, f_{PWM} = 500kHz$      | -               | 7.3             | <b>15</b>       | mA         |
| <b>Gate Drive Voltage</b>                                   |              |   |                 |                 |                 |            |
| Output Voltage  | $V_{DRV}$    | $V_{DD} = 4.5V$                         | <b>4.29</b>     | 4.44            | -               | V          |
|   |              | $V_{DD} = 13.2V$                        | <b>4.34</b>     | 4.59            | <b>4.76</b>     | V          |
| Current Limit of $V_{DRV}$                                  | $I_{LIM}$    | $V_{DD} = 4.5V, 13.2V$                  | <b>50</b>       | 140             | <b>300</b>      | mA         |
| <b>Under Voltage Lockout (UVLO) on <math>V_{DRV}</math></b> |              |   |                 |                 |                 |            |
| UVLO Rising Threshold                                       | $V_{RDRV}$   |   | <b>3.75</b>     | 3.98            | <b>4.15</b>     | V          |
| UVLO Falling Threshold                                      | $V_{FDRV}$   |   | <b>3.40</b>     | 3.74            | <b>4.00</b>     | V          |
| UVLO Hysteresis   | $V_{HDRV}$   |   | <b>100</b>      | 238             | <b>375</b>      | mV         |
| <b>Input Pins</b>   |              |   |                 |                 |                 |            |
| High Level Threshold  | $V_{IH}$     |   | -               | 1.7             | <b>2.0</b>      | V          |
| Low Level Threshold   | $V_{IL}$     |   | <b>1.0</b>      | 1.4             | -               | V          |
| Input Hysteresis  | $V_{IHYS}$   |   | <b>120</b>      | 290             | <b>450</b>      | mV         |
| Pull-Up/Down Resistor                                       | $R_{INU/D}$  | IN to $V_{SS}$ , INB to $V_{DD}$        | <b>97</b>       | 166             | <b>362</b>      | k $\Omega$ |
| Input Leakage Current                                       | $I_{IN/INB}$ |   | <b>-1</b>       | -               | <b>1</b>        | $\mu A$    |
| <b>OUTH Output</b>  |              |   |                 |                 |                 |            |
| Peak Source Current (Note 10)                               | $I_{SRC}$    | $C_L = 220nF$ (Figure 4)                | <b>1</b>        | 1.5             | <b>3</b>        | A          |
| Driver Output Resistance                                    | $r_{ONP}$    | $I_{OUTH} = 45mA$                       | -               | 2.2             | <b>3.2</b>      | $\Omega$   |
| Output Leakage Current                                      | $I_{LKP}$    | OUTH = 0V, 4.5V                         | <b>-1</b>       | -               | <b>1</b>        | $\mu A$    |
| <b>OUTL Output</b>  |              |   |                 |                 |                 |            |
| Peak Sink Current (Note 10)                                 | $I_{SNK}$    | $C_L = 220nF$ (Figure 4)                | <b>1.5</b>      | 2.8             | <b>4</b>        | A          |
| Driver Output Resistance                                    | $r_{ONN}$    | OUTH = $V_{DRV}$ , $I_{OUTL} = -45mA$   | -               | 0.5             | <b>1</b>        | $\Omega$   |
|   |              | OUTH = OUTL, $I_{OUTL} = -45mA$         | -               | 1.7             | <b>3</b>        | $\Omega$   |
| Gate Hold-Off Resistance                                    | $r_{OUTL-P}$ | $V_{DD} = 0V, OUTL = 0.7V$              | <b>400</b>      | 520             | <b>700</b>      | $\Omega$   |
| <b>Switching Characteristics</b>                            |              |   |                 |                 |                 |            |
| Turn-On Propagation Delay                                   | $t_{DON}$    | $C_L = 1000pF$ (Figure 3)               | <b>15</b>       | 40              | <b>65</b>       | ns         |
| Turn-Off Propagation Delay                                  | $t_{DOFF}$   | $C_L = 1000pF$ (Figure 3)               | <b>15</b>       | 39              | <b>65</b>       | ns         |
| Propagation Delay Matching                                  | $t_{DM}$     | $ t_{DON} - t_{DOFF} $                  | <b>-10</b>      | 1               | <b>10</b>       | ns         |
| Rise Time (10% to 90%) (Note 10)                            | $t_{RISE}$   | $C_L = 200pF$                           | -               | 6               | -               | ns         |
|   |              | $C_L = 1500pF$                          | -               | 13              | -               | ns         |
|   |              | $C_L = 10000pF$                         | <b>21</b>       | 60              | <b>90</b>       | ns         |
| Fall Time (90% to 10%) (Note 10)                            | $t_{FALL}$   | $C_L = 200pF$                           | -               | 4.5             | -               | ns         |
|   |              | $C_L = 1500pF$                          | -               | 8               | -               | ns         |
|   |              | $C_L = 10000pF$                         | <b>16</b>       | 35              | <b>60</b>       | ns         |

Notes:

8. Typical values shown are not guaranteed.

9. Compliance to datasheet limits is assured by one or more methods: production test, characterization, and/or design.

10. Test applies only to packaged parts due to hardware limitations at wafer probe.

## 2.6 Timing Diagrams

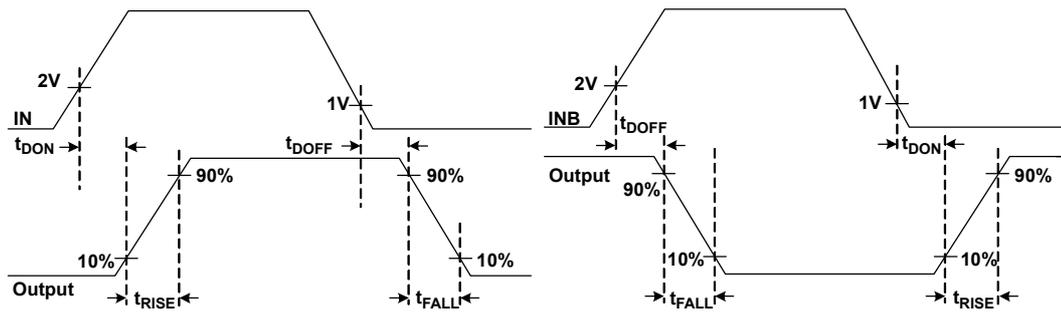


Figure 3. Timing Diagram, OUTH and OUTL Tied Together

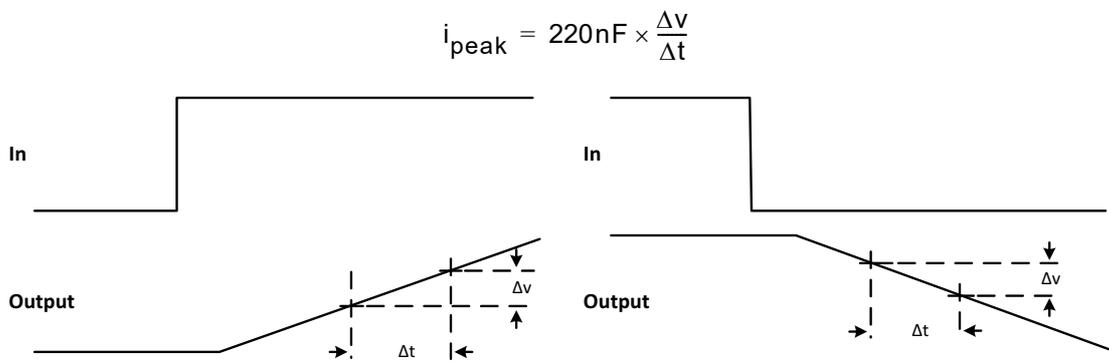


Figure 4. Peak Source/Sink Measurement

### 3. Typical Performance Curves

Unless otherwise noted,  $V_{DD} = 4.5V, 13.2V, V_{SS} = V_{SSP} = 0V, C_{VDRV} = 4.7\mu F, V_{IH} = 5.0V, V_{IL} = 0V$ , no load on OUTH/OUTL,  $r_{OUTH} = r_{OUTL} = 0\Omega$ .

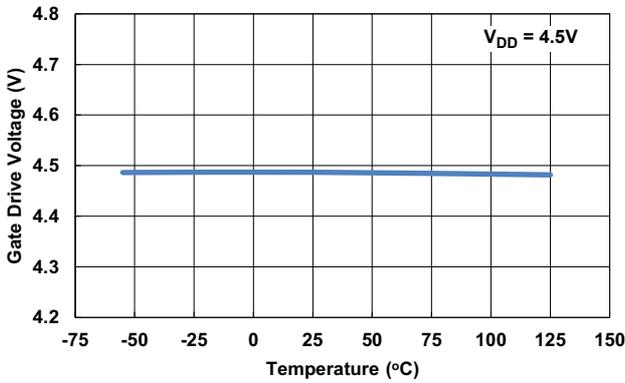


Figure 5.  $V_{DRV}$  vs Temperature

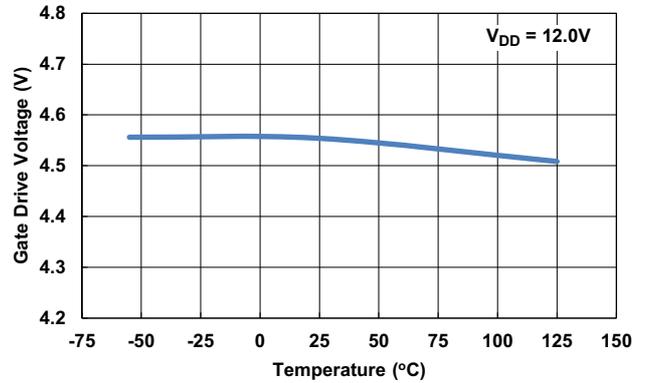


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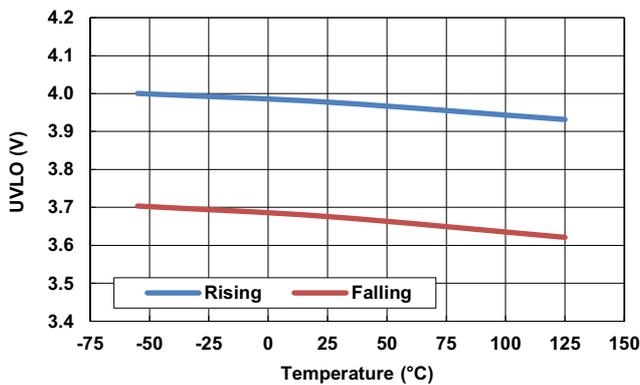


Figure 7.  $V_{DRV}$  Undervoltage Lockout Threshold

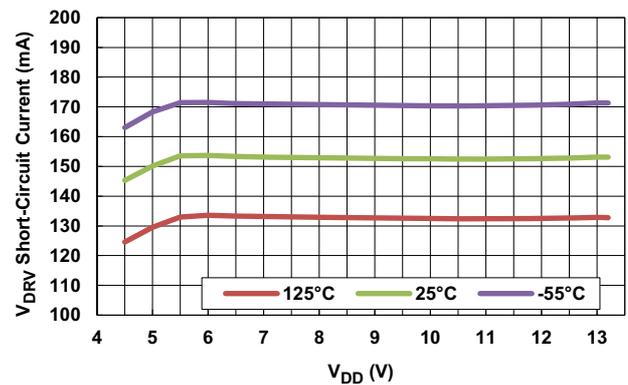


Figure 8.  $V_{DRV}$  Short-Circuit Current vs Temperature

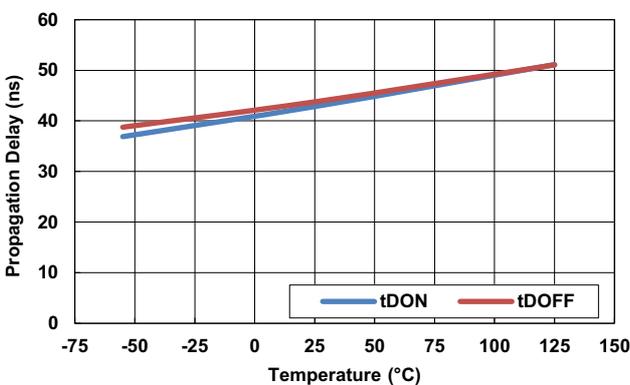


Figure 9. Input Propagation Delay vs Temperature

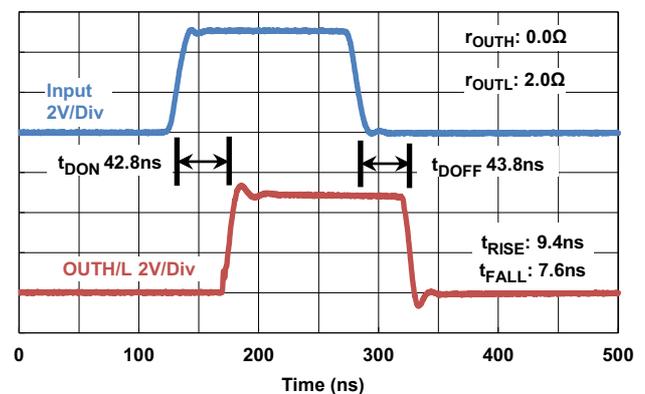


Figure 10. Input Propagation Delay

Unless otherwise noted,  $V_{DD} = 4.5V$ ,  $13.2V$ ,  $V_{SS} = V_{SSP} = 0V$ ,  $C_{VDRV} = 4.7\mu F$ ,  $V_{IH} = 5.0V$ ,  $V_{IL} = 0V$ , no load on OUTH/OUTL,  $r_{OUTH} = r_{OUTL} = 0\Omega$ . **(Continued)**

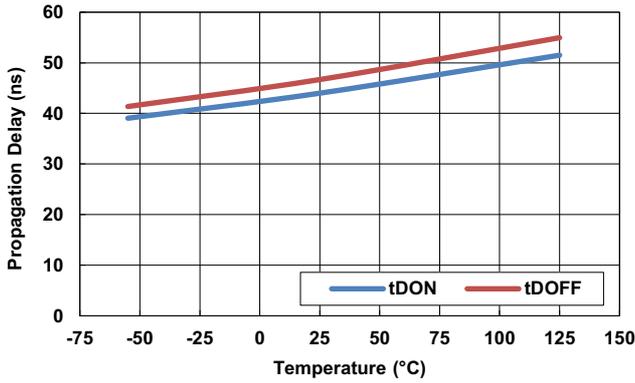


Figure 11. Input Bar Propagation Delay vs Temperature

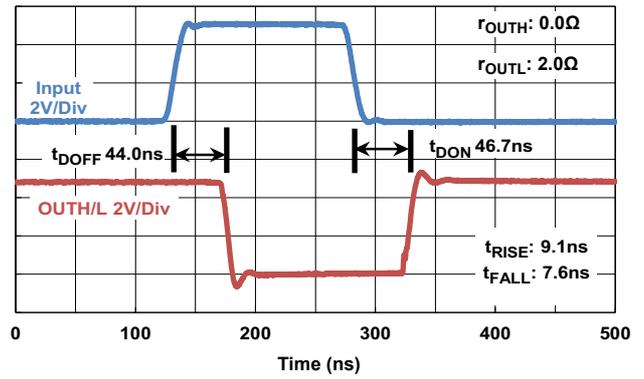


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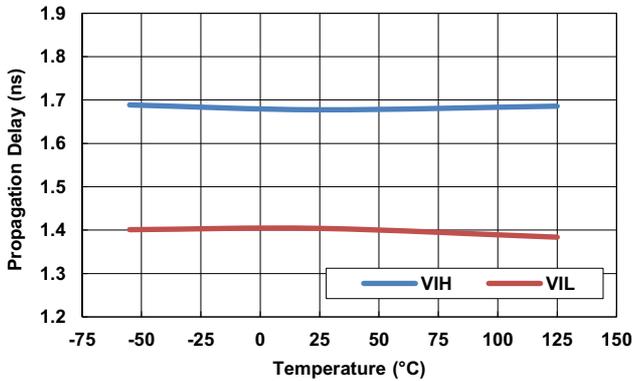


Figure 13. Input Logic Threshold vs Temperature

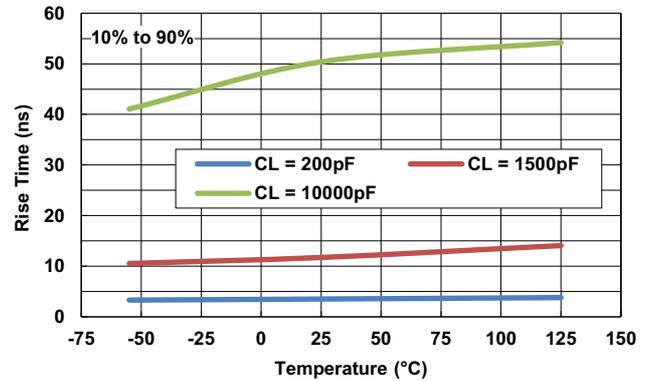


Figure 14. Output Rise Times vs Temperature

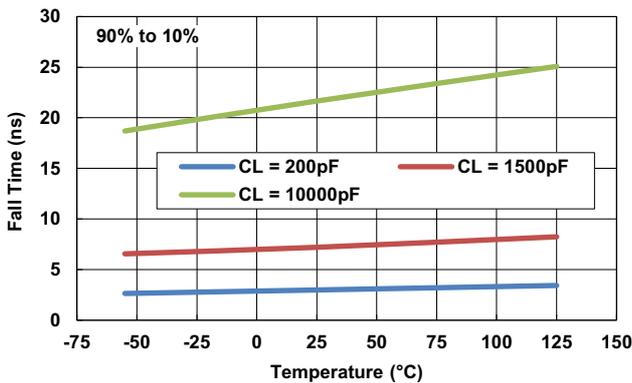


Figure 15. Output Fall Times vs Temperature

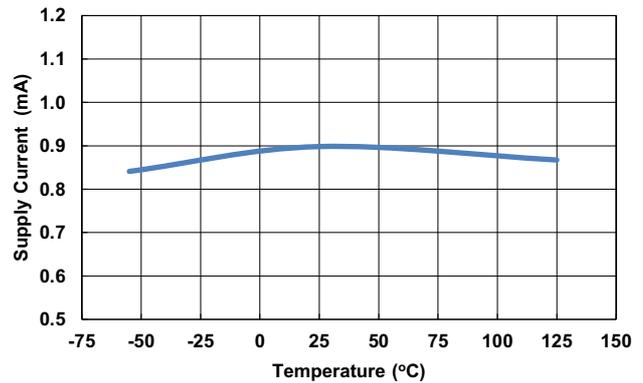
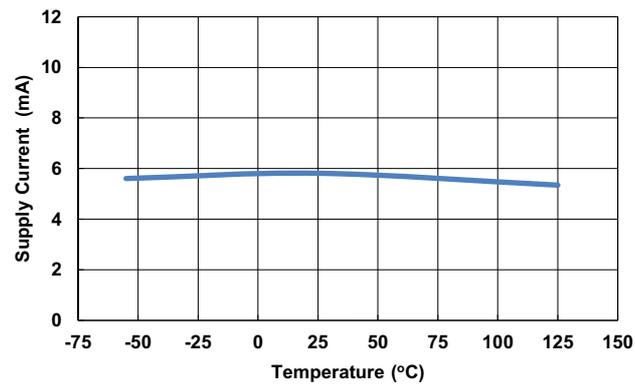


Figure 16. Quiescent Supply Current vs Temperature

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**Figure 17. Operating Supply Current**

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## 4. Functional Description

### 4.1 Gate Drive for Enhancement N-Channel GaN FETs

New technologies based on wide-band gap semiconductors produce High Electron Mobility Transistors (HEMT). An example of a HEMT is the GaN based power transistors such as the EPC2019 and EPC2022, which offer very low  $r_{DS(ON)}$  and gate charge (Qg). These attributes make the devices capable of supporting very high switching frequency operation without suffering significant efficiency loss. However, GaN power FETs have special gate drive requirements that the ISL71040M is specifically designed to address.

The following are key properties of a gate driver for GaN FETs:

- Gate drive signals need to be sufficiently higher than the  $V_{GS}$  threshold specified in GaN FET datasheets for proper operation
- A well regulated gate drive voltage keeps the  $V_{GS}$  lower than the specified absolute maximum level of 6V
- Split pull-up and pull-down gate connections add series gate resistors to independently adjust turn-on and turn-off speed without the need for a series diode with a voltage drop that may cause an insufficient gate drive voltage
- Driver pull-down resistance  $<0.5\Omega$  (typical) eliminates undesired Miller turn-on
- High current source/sink capability and low propagation delay achieves high switching frequency operation

### 4.2 Functional Overview

The ISL71040M is a single channel high speed enhancement mode GaN FET low-side driver for isolated power supplies and Synchronous Rectifier (SR) applications.

The ISL71040M has a wide operating supply range of 4.5V to 13.2V. The gate drive voltage is generated from an internal linear regulator to keep the gate-to-source voltage below the absolute maximum level of 6V for the EPC2019 and EPC2022 GaN FET devices.

The input stage can handle inputs to the 14.7V independent of  $V_{DD}$  and has both inverting and non-inverting inputs. The split output stage can source and sink high currents and allows for independent tuning of the turn-on and turn-off times. The typical propagation delay of 40ns enables high switching frequency operation.

## 5. Applications Information

### 5.1 Undervoltage Lockout

The VDD pin accepts a recommended supply voltage range of 4.5V to 13.2V and is the input to the internal linear regulator. VDRV is the output of the regulator and is equal to 4.5V. VDRV provides the bias for all internal circuitry and the gate drive voltage for the output stage.

An UVLO circuitry monitors the voltage on VDRV and is designed to prevent unexpected glitches when VDD is being turned on or turned off. When  $VDRV < \sim 1V$ , an internal 500 $\Omega$  resistor connected between OUTL and ground helps keep the gate voltage close to ground. When  $\sim 1.2V < VDRV < UVLO$ , OUTL is driven low while ignoring the logic inputs, and OUTH is in a high impedance state. The low state has the same current sinking capacity as during normal operation. This ensures that the driven FETs are held off even if there is a switching voltage on the drains that can inject charge into the gates from the Miller capacitance.

When  $VDRV > UVLO$ , the output starts to respond to the logic inputs following the next rising edge on IN or falling edge on INB. In the non-inverting operation (PWM signal applied to the IN pin) the output is in phase with the input. In the inverting operation (PWM signal applied to the INB pin), the output is out of phase with the input.

For the negative transition of  $V_{DD}$  through the UV lockout voltage, when  $VDRV < \sim 3.7V_{DC}$ , the OUTL is active low and OUTH is high impedance, regardless of the input logic states.

### 5.2 Input Stage

The ISL71040M input thresholds are based on a TTL and CMOS compatible input threshold logic that is independent of the supply voltage. With typical high threshold = 1.7V and typical low threshold = 1.4V, the logic level thresholds can be conveniently driven with PWM control signals derived from 3.3V and 5V power controllers.

The ISL71040M offers both inverting and non-inverting inputs. The state of the output pin is dependent on the bias on both input pins. [Table 1](#) summarizes the inputs to output relation.

**Table 1. Truth Table**

| IN | INB | OUT | OUTH | OUTL |
|----|-----|-----|------|------|
| 0  | 0   | 0   | Hi-Z | 0    |
| 0  | 1   | 0   | Hi-Z | 0    |
| 1  | 0   | 1   | 1    | Hi-Z |
| 1  | 1   | 0   | Hi-Z | 0    |

Note:

11. OUT is the combination of OUTH and OUTL connected together. Hi-Z represents a high impedance state.

As a protection mechanism, if any of the input pins are left in a floating condition, OUTL is held in the low state and OUTH is high impedance. This state is achieved using a 300k $\Omega$  pull-up resistor on the INB pin to VDD and a 300k $\Omega$  pull-down resistor on the IN pin to VSS. For proper operation in non-inverting applications, connect INB to VSS. For proper operation in inverting applications, connect IN to VDD.

### 5.3 Enable Function

Use the unused input pin to enable and disable the ISL71040M. The following guidelines describe how to implement the enable/disable function:

- In a non-inverting configuration, the INB pin can be used to implement the enable/disable function. OUT is enabled when INB is biased low, acting as an active low enable pin.
- In an inverting configuration, the IN pin can be used to implement the enable and disable function. OUT is enabled when IN is biased high, acting as an active high enable pin.

## 5.4 Driver Power Dissipation

The ISL71040M power dissipation is dominated by the losses associated with the gate charge of the driven bridge FETs and the switching frequency. The internal bias current also contributes to the total dissipation but is usually not significant compared to the gate charge losses.

For example, the EPC2022 has a total gate charge of 13nC when  $V_{DS} = 100V$  and  $V_{GS} = 4.5V$ . This is the charge that a driver must source to turn on the GaN FET and must sink to turn off the GaN FET.

Use [Equation 1](#) to calculate the power dissipation of the driver:

$$(EQ. 1) \quad P_D = 2 \cdot Q_c \cdot \text{freq} \cdot V_{GS} \cdot \frac{r_{\text{gate}}}{r_{\text{gate}} + r_{DS(ON)}} + I_{DD}(\text{freq}) \cdot V_{DD}$$

where:

freq = Switching frequency

$V_{GS} = V_{DRV}$  bias of the ISL71040M

$Q_c$  = Gate charge for  $V_{GS}$

$I_{DD}(\text{freq})$  = Bias current at the switching frequency

$r_{DS(ON)}$  = Driver ON-resistance

$r_{\text{gate}}$  = External gate resistance (if any)

**Note:** The gate power dissipation is proportionally shared with the external gate resistor. Do not overlook the power dissipated by the external gate resistor.

## 5.5 PCB Layout Considerations

The ISL71040M AC performance depends significantly on the Printed Circuit Board (PCB) design. The following layout design guidelines are recommended to achieve optimum performance:

- Place the driver as close as possible to the driven power FET
- Understand where the switching power currents flow. The high amplitude di/dt currents of the driven power FET induce significant voltage transients on the associated traces
- Keep power loops as short as possible by paralleling the source and return traces
- Use planes where practical; they are usually more effective than parallel traces
- Avoid paralleling high amplitude di/dt traces with low level signal lines. High di/dt induces currents and consequently, noise voltages in the low level signal lines
- When practical, minimize impedances in low level signal circuits. The noise that is magnetically induced on a 10kΩ resistor is 10 times larger than the noise on a 1kΩ resistor
- Be aware of magnetic fields emanating from transformers and inductors. Gaps in the magnetic cores of these structures are especially bad for emitting flux
- If you must have traces close to magnetic devices, align the traces so that they are parallel to the flux lines to minimize coupling
- The use of low inductance components such as chip resistors and chip capacitors is highly recommended
- Use decoupling capacitors to reduce the influence of parasitic inductance in the VDRV, VDD, and GND leads. To be effective, these capacitors must also have the shortest possible conduction paths. If using vias, connect several paralleled vias to reduce the inductance of the vias
- It may be necessary to add resistance to dampen resonating parasitic circuits, especially on OUTH. If an external gate resistor is unacceptable, the layout must be improved to minimize lead inductance
- Keep high dv/dt nodes away from low level circuits. Guard banding can be used to shunt away dv/dt injected currents from sensitive circuits. This is especially true for control circuits that source the input signals to the ISL71040M

- Avoid placing a signal ground plane under a high amplitude  $dv/dt$  circuit. This injects  $di/dt$  currents into the signal ground paths
- Calculate power dissipation and voltage drop for the power traces. Many PCB/CAD programs have built-in tools for calculating trace resistance
- Large power components (such as power FETs, electrolytic caps, and power resistors) have internal parasitic inductance that cannot be eliminated
- If the circuits are simulated, consider including parasitic components, especially parasitic inductance
- The GaN FETs have a separate substrate connection that is internally tied to the source pin. The source and substrate should be at the same potential. Limit the inductance in the OUTH/L to Gate trace by keeping it as short and thick as possible
- For optimum thermal performance, place a pattern of vias and a thermal land on the top layer of the PCB directly underneath the EPAD. Connect the EPAD to VSSP. Connect the vias to the plane which serves as a heatsink. To ensure good thermal contact use solder to connect the EPAD to the thermal land on the PCB.

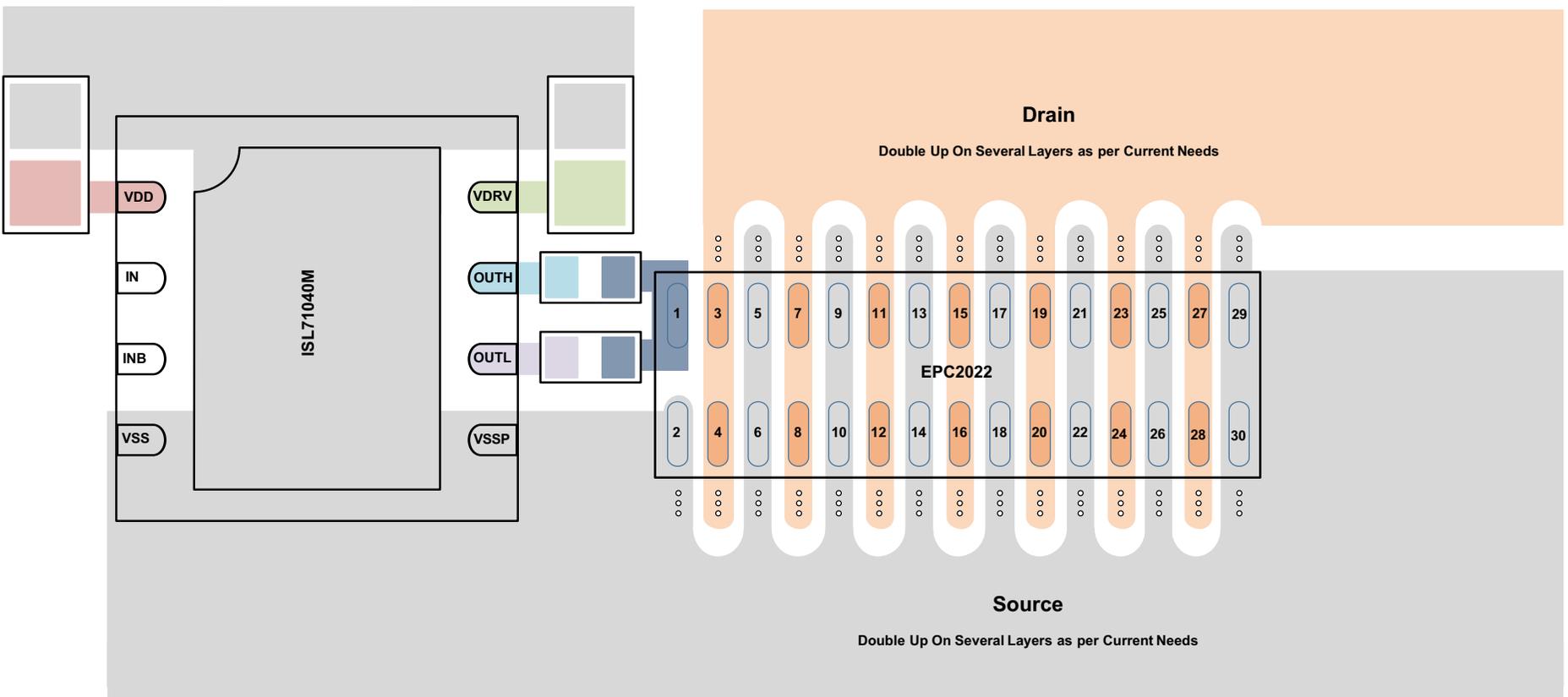


Figure 18. PCB Layout Recommendation

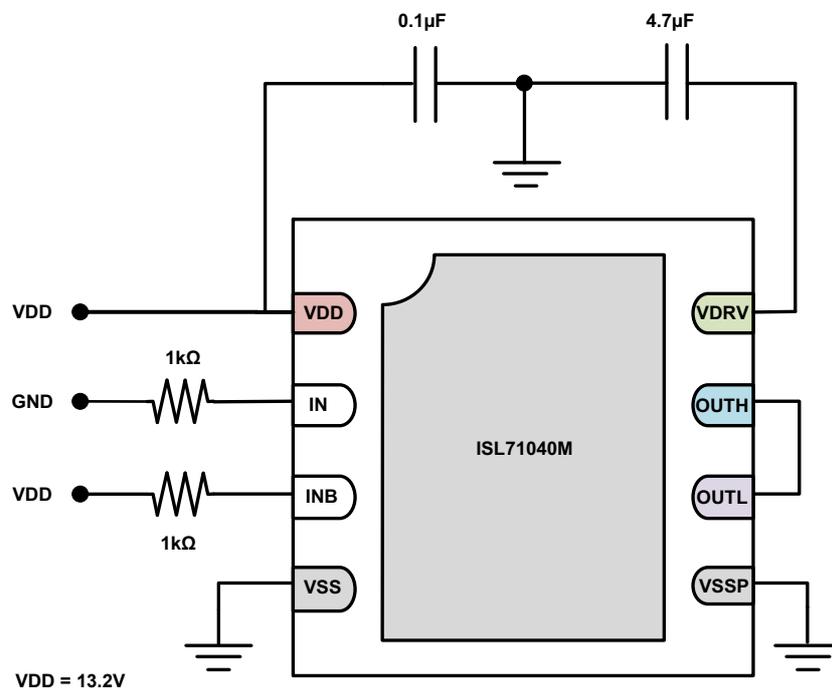
## 6. Radiation Tolerance

The ISL71040M is a radiation tolerant device for commercial space applications, Low Earth Orbits (LEO) applications, high altitude avionics, launch vehicles, and other harsh environments. This device's response to Total Ionizing Dose (TID) radiation effects, and Single Event Effects (SEE) has been measured, characterized, and reported in the following sections. However, TID performance is not guaranteed through radiation acceptance testing, nor is the SEE characterized performance guaranteed.

### 6.1 Total Ionizing Dose (TID) Testing

#### 6.1.1 Introduction

Total dose testing of the ISL71040M proceeded in accordance with the guidelines of MIL-STD-883 Test Method 1019. The experimental matrix consisted of 24 samples irradiated under bias, as shown in [Table 2 on page 17](#), and 12 samples irradiated with all pins grounded (unbiased). [Figure 19](#) shows the bias configuration.



**Figure 19. Irradiation Bias Configuration for the ISL71040M**

Samples of the ISL71040M were drawn from fabrication lot 5V8PBA and were packaged in the production 8 Ld plastic TDFN, Package Outline Drawing (POD) L8.4x4B. The samples were screened to datasheet limits at room temperature only before irradiation.

Total dose irradiations were performed using a Hopewell Designs N40 panoramic vault-type low dose rate  $^{60}\text{Co}$  irradiator located in the Renesas Palm Bay, Florida facility. The dose rate was  $0.0089\text{rad}(\text{Si})/\text{s}$  ( $8.9\text{mrad}(\text{Si})/\text{s}$ ). PbAl spectrum hardening filters were used to shield the test board and devices under test against low energy secondary gamma radiation.

Downpoints for the testing were  $0\text{krad}(\text{Si})$ ,  $10\text{krad}(\text{Si})$ ,  $20\text{krad}(\text{Si})$ , and  $30\text{krad}(\text{Si})$ . Following irradiation, the samples were subjected to a high temperature biased anneal for 168 hours at  $+100^\circ\text{C}$ .

All electrical testing was performed outside the irradiator using production Automated Test Equipment (ATE) with data logging of all parameters at each downpoint. All downpoint electrical testing was performed at room temperature.

### 6.1.2 Results

[Table 2](#) summarizes the attributes data. "Bin 1" indicates a device that passes all the datasheet specification limits.

**Table 2. ISL71040M Total Dose Test Attributes Data**

| Dose Rate mrad(Si)/s | Bias                      | Sample Size | Downpoints | Bin 1/Rejects |
|----------------------|---------------------------|-------------|------------|---------------|
| 8.9                  | <a href="#">Figure 19</a> | 24          | Pre-Rad    | 0             |
|                      |                           |             | 10krad(Si) | 0             |
|                      |                           |             | 20krad(Si) | 0             |
|                      |                           |             | 30krad(Si) | 0             |
|                      |                           | 12          | Anneal     | 0             |
| 8.9                  | Grounded                  | 24          | Pre-Rad    | 0             |
|                      |                           |             | 10krad(Si) | 0             |
|                      |                           |             | 20krad(Si) | 0             |
|                      |                           |             | 30krad(Si) | 0             |
|                      |                           | 12          | Anneal     | 0             |

The plots in [Figure 20](#) through [27](#) show data for key parameters at all downpoints. The plots show the average as a function of total dose for each of the irradiation conditions; we chose to use the average because of the relatively large sample sizes. All parts showed excellent stability over irradiation.

[Table 3 on page 18](#) shows the average of other key parameters with respect to total dose in tabular form.

### 6.1.3 Typical Radiation Performance

$V_{DD} = 4.5V, 13.2V, V_{SS} = V_{SSP} = 0V, C_{VDRV} = 4.7\mu F, V_{IH} = 5.0V, V_{IL} = 0V,$  no load on OUTH/OUTL,  $r_{OUTH} = r_{OUTL} = 0\Omega$

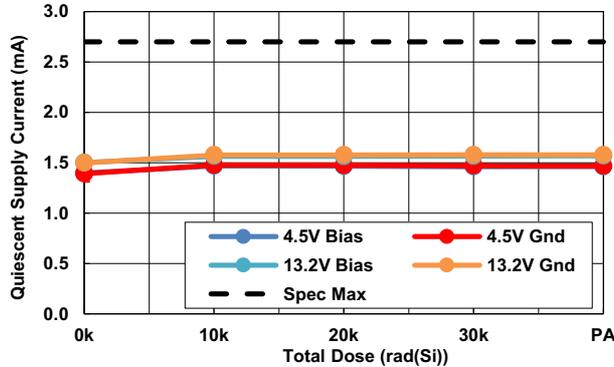


Figure 20. Quiescent Supply Current vs TID

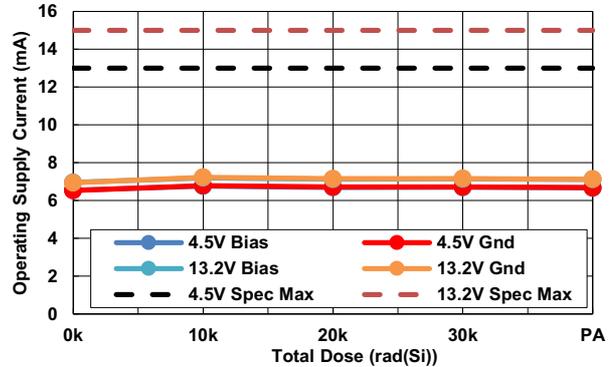


Figure 21. Operating Supply Current vs TID

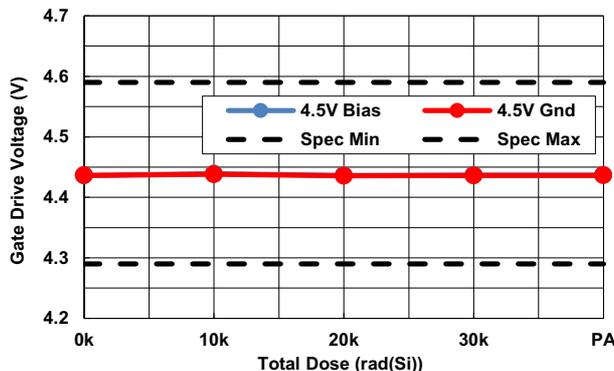


Figure 22.  $V_{DRV}$  Voltage vs TID ( $V_{DD} = 4.5V$ )

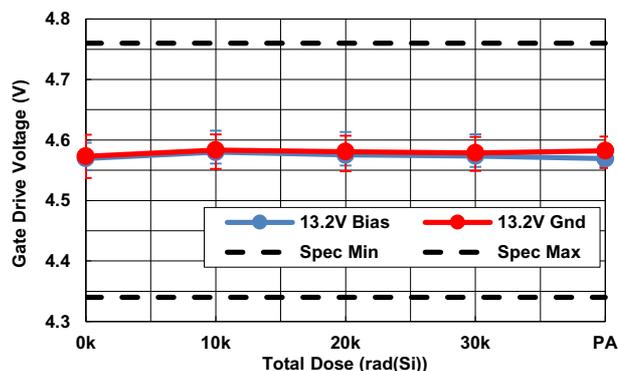


Figure 23.  $V_{DRV}$  Voltage vs TID ( $V_{DD} = 13.2V$ )

$V_{DD} = 4.5V, 13.2V, V_{SS} = V_{SSP} = 0V, C_{VDRV} = 4.7\mu F, V_{IH} = 5.0V, V_{IL} = 0V$ , no load on OUTH/OUTL,  $r_{OUTH} = r_{OUTL} = 0\Omega$  (Continued)

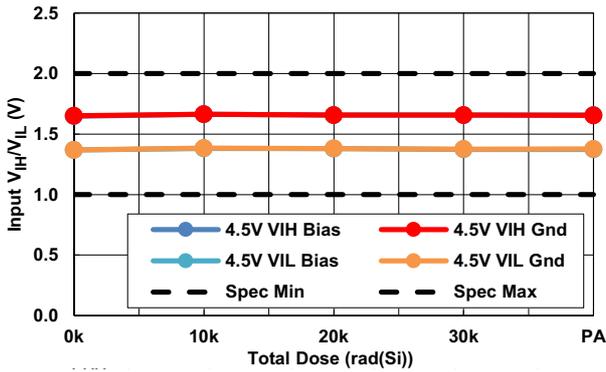


Figure 24.  $V_{IH}/V_{IL}$  Level vs TID ( $V_{DD} = 4.5V$ )

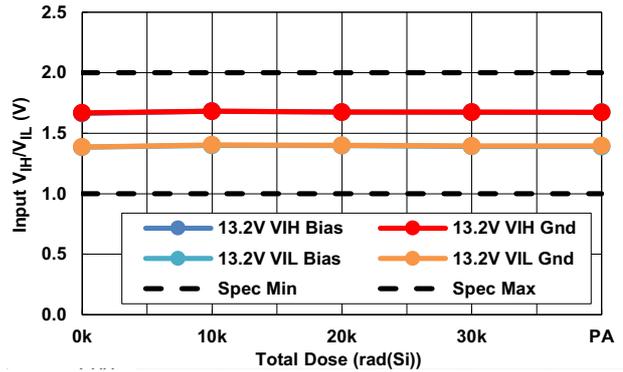


Figure 25.  $V_{IH}/V_{IL}$  Level vs TID ( $V_{DD} = 13.2V$ )

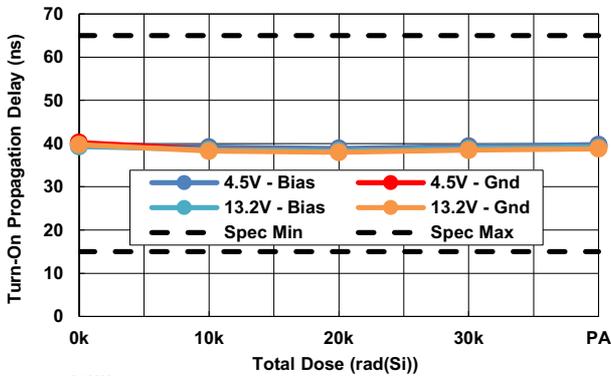


Figure 26.  $t_{ON}$  vs TID

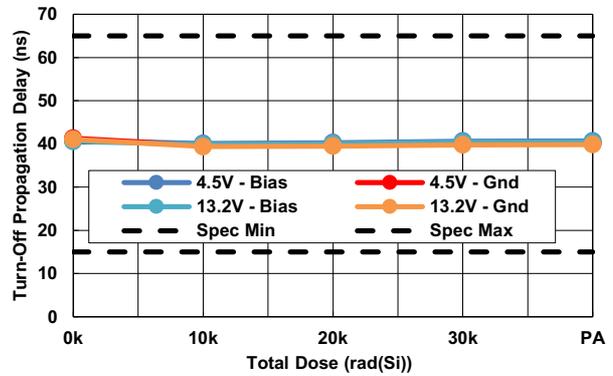


Figure 27.  $t_{OFF}$  vs TID

Table 3. ISL71040M Response of Key Parameters vs TID ( $V_{DD} = 12V$ )

| Test Parameter Name and Conditions | Symbol    | Irradiation Conditions | Pre-Rad Value | 10krad(Si) | 20krad(Si) | 30krad(Si) | Post Anneal | Unit |
|------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------|---------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|------|
| Quiescent Supply Current           | $I_{DDQ}$ | Bias                   | 1.40          | 1.47       | 1.47       | 1.46       | 1.46        | mA   |
|                                    |           | Ground                 | 1.39          | 1.48       | 1.47       | 1.47       | 1.47        |      |
|                                    |           | Limit -                | 0.10          | 0.10       | 0.10       | 0.10       | 0.10        |      |
|                                    |           | Limit +                | 2.70          | 2.70       | 2.70       | 2.70       | 2.70        |      |
| Operating Supply Current           | $I_{DDO}$ | Bias                   | 6.54          | 6.76       | 6.69       | 6.70       | 6.67        | mA   |
|                                    |           | Ground                 | 6.53          | 6.79       | 6.71       | 6.72       | 6.68        |      |
|                                    |           | Limit -                | 1.00          | 1.00       | 1.00       | 1.00       | 1.00        |      |
|                                    |           | Limit +                | 13.00         | 13.00      | 13.00      | 13.00      | 13.00       |      |
| Gate Drive Voltage (4.5V)          | $V_{DRV}$ | Bias                   | 4.44          | 4.44       | 4.44       | 4.44       | 4.44        | V    |
|                                    |           | Ground                 | 4.44          | 4.44       | 4.44       | 4.44       | 4.44        |      |
|                                    |           | Limit -                | 4.29          | 4.29       | 4.29       | 4.29       | 4.29        |      |
|                                    |           | Limit +                | 4.59          | 4.59       | 4.59       | 4.59       | 4.59        |      |
| Gate Drive Voltage (13.2V)         | $V_{DRV}$ | Bias                   | 4.57          | 4.58       | 4.58       | 4.57       | 4.57        | V    |
|                                    |           | Ground                 | 4.57          | 4.58       | 4.58       | 4.58       | 4.58        |      |
|                                    |           | Limit -                | 4.34          | 4.34       | 4.34       | 4.34       | 4.34        |      |
|                                    |           | Limit +                | 4.76          | 4.76       | 4.76       | 4.76       | 4.76        |      |

**Table 3. ISL71040M Response of Key Parameters vs TID ( $V_{DD} = 12V$ ) (Continued)**

| Test Parameter Name and Conditions  | Symbol          | Irradiation Conditions | Pre-Rad Value | 10krad(Si) | 20krad(Si) | 30krad(Si) | Post Anneal | Unit |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|---------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|------|
| Input $V_{IH}/V_{IL}$ Level (4.5V)  | $V_{IH}/V_{IL}$ | Bias                   | 1.65          | 1.66       | 1.66       | 1.66       | 1.66        | V    |
|                                     |                 | Ground                 | 1.65          | 1.66       | 1.66       | 1.66       | 1.65        |      |
|                                     |                 | Limit -                | 1.00          | 1.00       | 1.00       | 1.00       | 1.00        |      |
|                                     |                 | Limit +                | 2.00          | 2.00       | 2.00       | 2.00       | 2.00        |      |
| Input $V_{IH}/V_{IL}$ Level (13.2V) | $V_{IH}/V_{IL}$ | Bias                   | 1.66          | 1.68       | 1.67       | 1.67       | 1.67        | V    |
|                                     |                 | Ground                 | 1.67          | 1.68       | 1.67       | 1.67       | 1.67        |      |
|                                     |                 | Limit -                | 1.00          | 1.00       | 1.00       | 1.00       | 1.00        |      |
|                                     |                 | Limit +                | 2.00          | 2.00       | 2.00       | 2.00       | 2.00        |      |
| Turn-On Propagation Delay           | $t_{DON}$       | Bias                   | 39.78         | 39.18      | 38.87      | 39.36      | 39.76       | ns   |
|                                     |                 | Ground                 | 40.23         | 38.74      | 38.45      | 38.95      | 39.31       |      |
|                                     |                 | Limit -                | 15.00         | 15.00      | 15.00      | 15.00      | 15.00       |      |
|                                     |                 | Limit +                | 65.00         | 65.00      | 65.00      | 65.00      | 65.00       |      |
| Turn-Off Propagation Delay          | $t_{DOFF}$      | Bias                   | 40.79         | 40.10      | 40.29      | 40.64      | 40.66       | ns   |
|                                     |                 | Ground                 | 41.31         | 39.64      | 39.76      | 40.02      | 40.09       |      |
|                                     |                 | Limit -                | 15.00         | 15.00      | 15.00      | 15.00      | 15.00       |      |
|                                     |                 | Limit +                | 65.00         | 65.00      | 65.00      | 65.00      | 65.00       |      |

## 6.2 Single Event Effects Testing

The intense proton and heavy ion environment encountered in space applications can cause a variety of Single-Event Effects (SEE) in electronic circuitry, including Single Event Upset (SEU), Single Event Transient (SET), Single Event Functional Interrupt (SEFI), Single Event Gate Rupture (SEGR), and Single Event Burnout (SEB). SEE can lead to system-level performance issues including disruption, degradation, and destruction. For predictable and reliable space system operation, individual electronic components should be characterized to determine their SEE response. This report discusses the results of SEE testing performed on the ISL71040M Low-Side GaN FET Driver.

### 6.2.1 SEE Test Facility

Testing was performed at the Texas A&M University (TAMU) Radiation Effects Facility of the Cyclotron Institute heavy ion facility. This facility is coupled to a K500 super-conducting cyclotron that is capable of generating a wide range of particle beams with the various energy, flux, and fluence levels needed for advanced radiation testing. Further details on the test facility can be found at their [website](#). The Devices Under Test (DUTs) were located in air at 30mm - 50mm from the Aramica window for the ion beam. Ion LET values are quoted at the DUT surface. Signals were communicated to and from the DUT test fixture through 20ft cables connecting to the control room. The testing reported here was conducted on December 5, 2018.

### 6.2.2 SEE Test Setup

SEE testing was carried out with the samples in an active configuration. [Figure 28 on page 20](#) shows the ISL71040M SEE test fixture schematic. Four units were mounted on every test board so that four units could be simultaneously irradiated and tested.

To test the ISL71040M for damaging SEE (collectively termed SEB), the part was placed in an operating condition with the input signal, IN, driven by a 500kHz square wave switching between GND and 10V. The INB terminal was tied to GND and the output was loaded with  $C_{OUT} = 10nF$ . The parameters monitored before and after irradiation to check for SEB were operating  $I_{DD}$  at the 500kHz input to IN, static  $I_{DD}$  at IN = 1.00V, static  $I_{DD}$  at IN = 2.0V,  $I_{IN}$  at IN = 0V,  $I_{IN}$  at IN = 13.2V,  $V_{OUT}$  at IN = 1.00V, and  $V_{OUT}$  at IN = 2.0V.  $V_{DD}$  was set to levels of 14.7V and 16.5V during the irradiation.

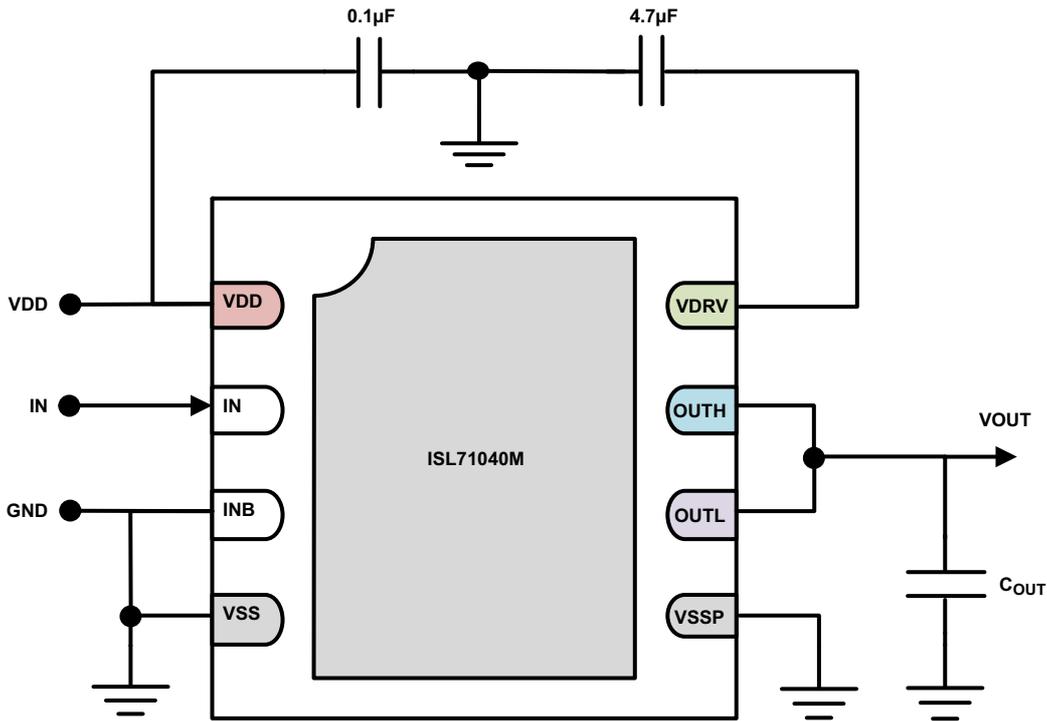


Figure 28. Simplified SEE Setup

The SET behavior of the ISL71040M was tested in both static and dynamic input cases. The COUT was removed to speed up the VOUT response, and only the cable capacitance of about 700pF loaded the output. The INB input was tied to GND. In the static testing, IN was alternately set to 1.00V (V<sub>IL</sub>) and 2.0V (V<sub>IH</sub>) to provide the minimum noise margin on the input. The output, VOUT, was monitored by an oscilloscope and triggered a capture whenever VOUT traversed 2.0V. VDRV was also captured in an SET event. The captures encompassed a time of -2µs to +18µs from the trigger point. During the dynamic testing IN was provided a 500kHz signal with a GND to 4V swing. In this case VOUT was monitored and captures were triggered on ±20ns deviation from the nominal 1µs pulse width. VDRV was also captured for any SET, and the capture time was -2µs to +18µs from the trigger time.

### 6.2.3 SEB/SEL Results

Destructive SEE (SEB) testing of the ISL71040M proceeded with varying V<sub>DD</sub> (14.7V and 16.5V) and checking the operating parameters (dynamic I<sub>DD</sub> at 500kHz into 10nF, static I<sub>DD</sub> at IN = 1.00V, I<sub>DD</sub> at IN = 2.0V, I<sub>IN</sub> at IN = 0V, I<sub>IN</sub> at IN = 13.2V, V<sub>OUT</sub> at IN = 1.00V, V<sub>OUT</sub> at IN = 2.0V) before and after irradiation to identify any damaging effects. Irradiation was done with silver (Ag) at normal incidence for LET at the die surface (after an Aramica window and a 30mm air gap) of 43 MeV•cm<sup>2</sup>/mg to a fluence of 1x10<sup>7</sup> ion/cm<sup>2</sup> at a flux of 5x10<sup>4</sup> ion/(cm<sup>2</sup> • s) and at a case temperature of 125°C ±10°C.

Although testing was also done at V<sub>DD</sub> = 14.7V, only the results at V<sub>DD</sub> = 16.5V are presented in [Table 4](#). The results at the lower voltage are not shown because they were similarly unchanging and add no new information.

Table 4. ISL71040M SEB/L Results (V<sub>DD</sub> = 16.5V, LET = 43MeV • cm<sup>2</sup>/mg at 1x10<sup>7</sup>ions/cm<sup>2</sup>, T<sub>CASE</sub> = 125°C ±10°C)

| V <sub>DD</sub> = 16.5V |       | I <sub>DD</sub> at 500kHz (mA) | I <sub>IN</sub> at IN = 0V (nA) | I <sub>IN</sub> at IN = 13.2V (µA) | I <sub>DD</sub> at IN = 1.0V (mA) | V <sub>OUT</sub> at IN = 1.0V (µV) | I <sub>DD</sub> at IN = 2.0V (mA) | V <sub>OUT</sub> at IN = 2.0V (V) |
|-------------------------|-------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| DUT1                    | Pre   | 31.0                           | 0.15                            | 71                                 | 1.80                              | 87                                 | 10.7                              | 4.58                              |
|                         | Post  | 30.2                           | 0.18                            | 71                                 | 1.80                              | 78                                 | 10.7                              | 4.58                              |
|                         | Delta | -2.5%                          | 20.0%                           | 0.0%                               | 0.0%                              | -10.3%                             | 0.4%                              | 0.0%                              |
| DUT2                    | Pre   | 31.3                           | 0.21                            | 70                                 | 1.78                              | 89                                 | 10.6                              | 4.58                              |
|                         | Post  | 30.6                           | 0.22                            | 69                                 | 1.78                              | 82                                 | 10.7                              | 4.58                              |
|                         | Delta | -2.1%                          | 4.8%                            | -1.4%                              | 0.0%                              | -7.9%                              | 0.4%                              | 0.0%                              |

**Table 4. ISL71040M SEB/L Results ( $V_{DD} = 16.5V$ ,  $LET = 43MeV \cdot cm^2/mg$  at  $1 \times 10^7$  ions/cm<sup>2</sup>,  $T_{CASE} = 125^\circ C \pm 10^\circ C$ ) (Continued)**

| $V_{DD} = 16.5V$ |       | $I_{DD}$ at 500kHz (mA) | $I_{IN}$ at IN = 0V (nA) | $I_{IN}$ at IN = 13.2V ( $\mu A$ ) | $I_{DD}$ at IN = 1.0V (mA) | $V_{OUT}$ at IN = 1.0V ( $\mu V$ ) | $I_{DD}$ at IN = 2.0V (mA) | $V_{OUT}$ at IN = 2.0V (V) |
|------------------|-------|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| DUT3             | Pre   | 31.0                    | 0.19                     | 69                                 | 1.77                       | 94                                 | 10.5                       | 4.57                       |
|                  | Post  | 30.4                    | 0.21                     | 69                                 | 1.77                       | 85                                 | 10.5                       | 4.57                       |
|                  | Delta | -1.9%                   | 10.5%                    | 0.0%                               | 0.0%                       | -9.6%                              | 0.2%                       | 0.0%                       |
| DUT4             | Pre   | 32.0                    | 0.23                     | 69                                 | 1.79                       | 80                                 | 10.5                       | 4.59                       |
|                  | Post  | 31.5                    | 0.22                     | 69                                 | 1.79                       | 74                                 | 10.5                       | 4.59                       |
|                  | Delta | -1.5%                   | -4.3%                    | 0.0%                               | 0.0%                       | -7.5%                              | 0.3%                       | 0.0%                       |

The data presented in [Table 4](#) supports the conclusion that the ISL71040M is immune to damaging SEE for operation at  $V_{DD} = 16.5V$  and case temperature of  $125^\circ C$  when irradiated with ions of  $LET 43MeV \cdot cm^2/mg$  at normal incidence. All of the monitored parameters exhibited variations within the reasonable accuracy of the measurements.

## 6.2.4 SET Results

The first ISL71040M SET test looked for the occurrence of  $V_{OUT}$  deviations from a static output level. The test looked for  $V_{OUT}$  transitioning through 2V for both IN = 1.00V and IN = 2.00V. Tests were run for both  $V_{DD} = 4.5V$  and  $V_{DD} = 13.2V$ . No static SET were captured for any of the four DUTs tested in all four of the static conditions. With four parts each irradiated to  $1 \times 10^7$  ion/cm<sup>2</sup> at an LET of  $43MeV \cdot cm^2/mg$  and  $25^\circ C$ , this put an upper bound on the cross section for a static SET at  $2.5 \times 10^{-8} cm^2$ .

The next SET testing looked for  $\pm 20ns$  perturbations on a 500kHz signal at the output. Both supply voltages, 4.5V and 13.2V, were tested. At testing with  $43MeV \cdot cm^2/mg$  silver ions, a small number of dynamic SET were found at the 13.2V bias. [Table 5](#) shows the results for this dynamic testing. The six SET captured spanned the pulse width deviation from the nominal  $1\mu s$  of  $-26ns$  to  $+17ns$ .

**Table 5. ISL71040M  $\pm 20ns$  Perturbation Counts on a 500kHz Square Wave and Cross Sections for Normal Incidence Ions at  $43MeV \cdot cm^2/mg$  at  $25^\circ C$**

| $43 MeV \cdot cm^2/mg$ | $\pm 20ns$ SET Counts for 500kHz |      |      |      | Average Cross Section ( $cm^2$ ) |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|------|------|------|----------------------------------|
|                        | DUT1                             | DUT2 | DUT3 | DUT4 |                                  |
| $V_{DD} = 4.5V$        | 0                                | 0    | 0    | 0    | $< 2.5 \times 10^{-8}$           |
| $V_{DD} = 13.2V$       | 1                                | 4    | 0    | 1    | $1.5 \times 10^{-7}$             |

## 6.2.5 SET Discussion and Conclusions

The ISL71040M was found to be immune to damaging SEE when run at  $V_{DD} = 16.5V$  and a case temperature of  $125^\circ C \pm 10^\circ C$  with a 500kHz signal being driven into a 10nF load capacitance and irradiated with normal silver ions for a surface LET of  $43 MeV \cdot cm^2/mg$ . Four parts irradiated to  $1 \times 10^7$  ion/cm<sup>2</sup> each showed no fundamental changes in the seven monitor parameters as presented in [Table 4 on page 20](#).

The ISL71040M exhibited no static output upsets through 2V at either  $V_{DD} = 4.5V$  or  $V_{DD} = 13.2V$ , or the input at either IN = 1.00V ( $V_{IL}$ ) or IN = 2.00V ( $V_{IH}$ ). The irradiations to  $1 \times 10^7$  ion/cm<sup>2</sup> were done with normal silver for a surface LET of  $43MeV \cdot cm^2/mg$  at a case temperature of approximately  $25^\circ C$ .

For dynamic SET defined as a  $\pm 20ns$  perturbation in pulse width for a 50% duty cycle 500kHz signal, a very small cross section ( $\leq 1.5 \times 10^{-7} cm^2$  as reported in [Table 5 on page 21](#)) was found for the ISL71040M. This was determined for  $1 \times 10^7$  ion/cm<sup>2</sup> on each of four parts irradiated with normal incidence silver for LET of  $43MeV \cdot cm^2/mg$ . As with the static SET testing  $V_{DD}$  was set to both  $V_{DD} = 4.5V$  and  $V_{DD} = 13.2V$  with the larger value yielding all the SET recorded. The six captured dynamic SET represented deviations of the pulse width from the nominal  $1\mu s$  spanning  $-26ns$  to  $+18ns$ .

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## 7. Revision History

| Rev. | Date         | Description   |
|------|--------------|---|
| 1.01 | Dec 15, 2022 | Updated Pin Descriptions table.<br>Updated Ordering Information table formatting.<br>Updated PCB Layout Considerations section. |
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