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**Abstract** 

For the fabricated AlGaN/GaN heterostructure field-effect transistors (HFETs)

with different gate widths, the gate-channel carrier mobility is experimentally

obtained from the measured current-voltage and capacitance-voltage curves. Under

each gate voltage, the mobility gets lower with gate width increasing. Analysis shows

that the phenomenon results from the polarization Coulomb field (PCF) scattering,

which originates from the irregularly distributed polarization charges at the

AlGaN/GaN interface. The device with a larger gate width is with a larger PCF

scattering potential and a stronger PCF scattering intensity. As a function of gate

width, PCF scattering potential shows a same trend with the mobility variation. And

the theoretically calculated mobility values fits well with the experimentally obtained

values. Varying gate widths will be a new perspective for the improvement of device

characteristics by modulating the gate-channel carrier mobility.

Key words—AlGaN/GaN HFETs; gate width; carrier mobility

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