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Analytical Modeling of Depletion-Mode MOSHEMT Device for High- Temperature Applications

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ABSTRACT An analytical model for depletion-mode MOSHEMTs for high-temperature applications is compared against the experimental GaN HEMT data of the AlGaN/GaN MOSHEMT for temperature dependence of 2DEG simulated at 75 °C and 125 °C. Both temperatures reduce the 2DEG density by 4 % in the GaN HEMT and 3 % in the AlGaN/GaN MOSHEMT. The cause of this diminishing effect is determined to be the decrease of the conduction band offset at high temperatures. Additionally, the device performance degrades at high temperatures due to the immature behaviour of GaN material when it operates at high-power dissipation with poor thermal conductivity. The simulated AlGaN/GaN MOSHEMT performance is comparatively improved compared to the experimental AlGaN/GaN HEMT devices. This improvement could be used to understand the nature of the 2DEG density vs the temperature, hence could enhance the experimental performance of the AlGaN/GaN MOSHEMT.

INDEX TERMS AlGaN, GaN, MOSHEMT, 2DEG, wide-bandgap, semiconductor device.

I. INTRODUCTION

Over the past ten years, gallium nitride (GaN), which has excellent performance characteristics including a wide band gap, high breakdown field, high electron mobility, high saturation velocity, low noise, and low thermal impedance, has become a popular material for fabricating semiconductor devices [1], [2], [3]. Thus, several market-driven industries, such as high-frequency communication, RF power devices, high-power conversion, photonics, and control, have reported the use of GaN-based devices [4], [5].

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The high electron density at the AlGaN/GaN interface is one of the characteristics of the AlGaN/GaN heterostructure that makes it suitable for high-power applications. Due to spontaneous and piezoelectric polarization-induced charges at the AlGaN surface, the AlGaN/GaN interface, and the GaN/substrate interfaces, GaN-based epitaxial layers grown in the wurtzite crystal structure exhibit distinctive material characteristics such as built-in electric fields. Therefore, a positive sheet charge must be present at the AlGaN surface in order for the 2DEG to develop at the AlGaN/GaN interface [6], [7]. However, for high-power, high-frequency, and high-temperature applications with minimal gate leakage current, AlGaN/GaN metal oxide semiconductor high electron mobility transistors (MOSHEMTs) are very fascinating [8].

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Due to the low cost and the large size of the silicon substrate, the GaN devices on the silicon substrate help to solve the substrate's cost and heat sink capability [9].

Nevertheless, GaN technology has been constrained by a few undesirable scattering phenomena. The trapping effect has been measured and characterized [10] and simulated at higher frequency applications [11]. High leakage currents occur triggered by scattering phenomena like dislocation scattering, charged impurity scattering, roughness scattering at the interface, and phonon scattering [12], [13], [14], consequently affecting the sheet carrier density and 2DEG of GaN HEMTs. Furthermore, the Schottky and Ohmic contacts degrade at higher temperatures, which reflects the importance of temperature stability and reliability for HEMTs. An analytical model for 2DEG charge density and TCAD simulation for the buffer layer to increase the breakdown critical field has been studied in [15], [16], and [17]. Therefore, it is vital to analyze how the 2DEG transport works at different temperatures because the transport characteristics of 2DEG significantly impact the device's performance. There are various simulations based on mole fractions of AlGaN/GaN and AlGaAs/GaAs HEMTs on 2DEG transport properties [18]. Wang et al. [19] investigated how the 2DEG heterostructure in Al_{0.18}Ga_{0.82}N/GaN is affected by high temperatures. The device modelling must include a thermal model. For example, an analytical thermal model established by Li et al. uses a conformal mapping method [20]. Alim et al. [21] described how temperature has been found to affect the DC and RF transconductance of many significant HEMT technologies. Mann et al. [22] present an ASM-HEMT that is temperaturedependent for modeling GaN HEMTs at high temperatures. Other works on nonlinear temperature-dependent modeling of GaN HEMTs include [23], [24], [25]. The impact of temperature on both the TLM structure and knee walkout in GaN HEMT devices has been thoroughly investigated in studies [26], [27], which focused on simulation analysis.

In this article, we investigated the AlGaN/GaN MOSHEMTs 2DEG transport characteristics through TCAD simulation and compared analytically with experimental data of AlGaN/GaN HEMTs at temperatures of 75 °C and 125 °C. Here, we study the behaviour of an AlGaN/GaN MOSHEMT against experimental conventional GaN HEMT to give us an insight view how its behaviour affects different GaN based devices for a high temperature application. There are some diversions in the curve because no calibration has been performed.

II. DEVICE DESIGN

The AlGaN/GaN MOSHEMT has been designed using Silvaco's Atlas TCAD device simulation software, as shown in Fig. 1. The device building is composed of a 25 nm thick Al_{0.25}Ga_{0.75}N barrier layer and a 4.2 μ m doped GaN buffer layer on a silicon substrate. The MOSHEMT has a doping concentration of acceptor traps of 5 × 10¹⁹ cm⁻³ in the GaN buffer layer and an n-type uniform background doping of 3×10^{16} cm⁻³. From the top, the proper electron confinement

towards the buffer is provided by the $Al_{0.25}Ga_{0.75}N$ barrier layer. Due to piezoelectric and spontaneous polarization effects, numerous electrons spontaneously emerge at the GaN channel without intentional doping, producing a 2DEG [6], as displayed in Fig. 2, while Al_2O_3 is used as the gate dielectric where thickness, permittivity, and bandgap are 10 nm, 9 and 7 eV, respectively [28].

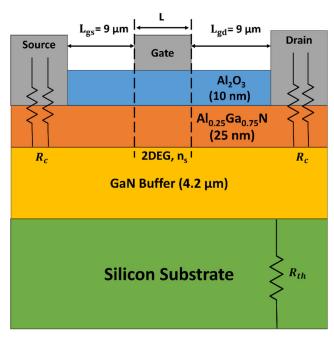


FIGURE 1. Schematic cross section of the simulated AlGaN/GaN MOSHEMT with Silicon substrate.

Furthermore, the gate length of the device is $10 \, \mu \text{m}$, with a work function of 4.7 eV. The gate electrode is assumed to be made of metal. The distance between the gate to the source and to the drain is $9 \, \mu \text{m}$. As for simulations, we incorporated models such as the Fermi-Dirac model in order to use Fermi statistics; the Shockley-Read-Hall model is used for carrier generation and recombination; *Fnord*, a statement of the *Albrct* to take into account Albert's mobility model and saturation velocity; a model of Joule heat for heat generation effect; a statement *Gansat* which is nitride-specific mobility model; and the epitaxial strain model caused by a lattice mismatch and a spontaneous polarization, calculated strain and polarization are evoked. The Block method was selected to solve linearized equations in the Atlas TCAD [29].

III. DEVICE DESCRIPTION

Fig. 2 presents the calculated polarization charge densities at the $Al_2O_3/Al_{0.25}Ga_{0.75}N$, $Al_{0.25}Ga_{0.75}N/GaN$, and GaN/substrate interfaces that calculation is done by Python software where the equations (1) to (10) used. Hence, spontaneous polarization (P_{sp}) presented in the equation (1) [30], [31] is given by:

$$P_{sp}(x) = (-0.052x - 0.029) C / m^2$$
 (1)



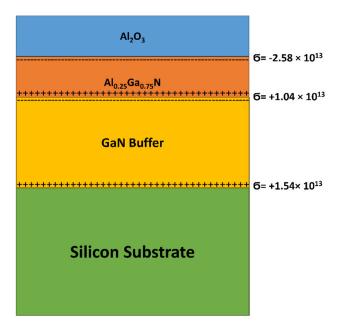


FIGURE 2. Calculated polarization-induced sheet charge densities at $Al_2O_3/AlGaN$, AlGaN/GaN, and GaN/substrate interface.

Alternatively, for a precise interpolation, a bowing parameter b can be used:

$$P_{sp}(x) = (xP_{sp}(AIN) + (1-x)P_{sp}(GaN) + bx(1-x))$$
(2)

While the lattice constant $(a_0 \text{ and } c_0)$ for $Al_xGa_{1-x}N$ are expressed in the equations (3) and (4), where x = Al mole fraction.

$$a_0(x) = (-0.077x + 3.189) \times 10^{-10}m$$
 (3)

$$c_0(x) = (-0.203x + 5.189) \times 10^{-10}m$$
 (4)

Furthermore, the elastic constants (c_{13} and c_{33}) can be written as in equations. (5) and (6) [30], [31].

$$c_{13}(x) = (5x + 103) GPa$$
 (5)

$$c_{33}(x) = (-32x + 405) GPa \tag{6}$$

The magnitude of the polarization-induced sheet charge (σ) at the AlGaN/GaN interface can be calculated using equations (7) and (8).

$$|\sigma(x)| = |P_{PE}(Al_xGa_{1-x}N) + P_{SP}(Al_xGa_{1-x}N) - P_{SP}(GaN)|$$
(7)
$$|\sigma(x)| = |2\frac{a(0) - a(x)}{a(x)} \left\{ e_{31}(x) - e_{33}(x) \frac{c_{13}(x)}{c_{33}(x)} \right\} + P_{SP}(x) - P_{SP}(0)|$$
(8)

where e_{13} and e_{33} are piezoelectric constants as shown in the equations (9) and (10) [30], [31].

$$e_{13}(x) = (-0.11x - 0.49) \frac{C}{m^2}$$
 (9)

$$e_{33}(x) = (0.73x + 0.73)^{C} / m^{2}$$
 (10)

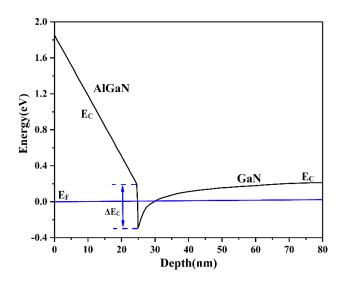


FIGURE 3. Conduction energy band diagram of AlGaN/GaN MOSHEMT device at 25 °C temperature.

A. TRANSPORT FEATURES OF 2DEG

The band diagram in Fig. 3 is obtained after simulating the Fig. 1 structure. The conduction band E_c crosses the Fermi level with an energy of -0.303 eV at a depth of 25 nm from the Schottky gate contact, where the two-dimensional electron gas (2DEG) is formed at the $Al_{0.25}Ga_{0.75}N/GaN$ interface. The coupled Schrödinger and Poisson equations could be solved to determine the 2DEG density for $Al_{0.25}Ga_{0.75}N/GaN$ heterostructures. The electrostatic potential is correlated to charge distribution by Poisson's equation, as shown in equation (11) [32].

$$\frac{d}{dz}\left(\varepsilon\frac{d}{dz}V(z)\right) = q\left(N_D^+ - N_E\right) \tag{11}$$

The density of ionized donors denotes N_D^+ , whereas the density of conduction electrons expressed by N_E . Schrodinger's equation illustrates the wave function of the i^{th} sub-band ψ_i for free electrons [33].

$$\left[-\frac{h^2}{2m^*} \frac{d^2}{dz^2} + [V(z)] \right] \psi_i(z) = E_i \psi_i(z)$$
 (12)

The electron effective mass defines m^* and the Eigen-energy of the i^{th} sub-band ψ_i is represented by E_i [33]. Thus, equation (12) can be presented as equation (13). Furthermore, by solving H (Hamiltonian operator):

$$H\psi_i(z) = E_i\psi_i(z) \tag{13}$$

can be written as:

$$(H - l\lambda) \psi_i(z) = 0 \tag{14}$$

Equation (12) Eigenvalue for the Eigen energy E_i is indicated by λ . ψ_i may have an unlimited number of dependent solutions due to $|H - l\lambda| \psi_i = 0$, as presented by R. M. Chu [32]. Now, the 2DEG, $n_{2D}(z)$ is provided by the



equation (15).

$$n_{2D}(z) = \sum_{i} N_{i} |\psi_{i}(z)|^{2}$$
 (15)

where N_i is the per unit area electrons for the E_i the energy state of ψ_i wave function.

Hence, the density of states (DOS) integration function, Fermi-Dirac probability function with g(E), f(E) denotes N_i as given in the equation (16). Here, $(E) = \frac{m^*}{\pi} h^2$, so the equation (16).

$$N_i = \int_{E}^{\infty} g(E) f(E) dE$$
 (16)

can be written as:

$$N_i = m^* /_{\pi h^2} \int_{E_i}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1 + exp\left(\frac{E_i - E_F}{kT}\right)} dE \tag{17}$$

simplified to the equation:

$$N_i = \frac{m^*kT}{\pi h^2 In} \left[1 + exp\left(\frac{E_F - E_i}{kT}\right) \right]$$
 (18)

The temperature, the Boltzmann constant, and the Fermi level are expressed by T, k, and E_F respectively. Thus, under equilibrium conditions, the sub-band obeys Fermi statistics, and the equation (15) is given by,

$$n_{2D}(z) = \sum_{i} m^* kT / \pi h^2 |\psi_i(z)|^2 \ln \left[1 + \exp\left(\frac{E_F - E_i}{kT}\right) \right]$$
(19)

Equation (19) shows that the three-dimensional Fermi-Dirac statistics is used to calculate the electron concentration when the distance between successive sub-band energies gets lower than the thermal energy, kT.

B. 2DEG CHARGE DENSITY AND THRESHOLD VOLTAGE

The low electric field and a provided gate bias, the 2DEG sheet carrier density [34], n_s can be presented as an equation (20).

$$n_s = \frac{\varepsilon}{ad_{A/GaN}} \left(V_{gs} - V_{th} \right) \tag{20}$$

Here , V_{th} is the threshold voltage, and a gate voltage denoted as V_{gs} and d_{AlGaN} is the AlGaN barrier thickness, and $\frac{\varepsilon}{d_{AlGaN}} = C_n$, C_n is the gate capacitance. Considering the various band discontinuities, the sum of gate capacitance with two contributions: $C_n^{-1} = C_{Al2O3}^{-1} + C_{barrier}^{-1}$, having gate dielectric and the AlGaN barrier. Hence, the threshold voltage with the polarization-induced charge is calculated analytically by equation (21) [34].

$$V_{th} = \phi_b - \Delta E_c - qC_n^{-1}P_{total}$$
 (21)

where the total polarization charge is expressed by P_{total} , the conduction band offset in the AlGaN/GaN heterostructure defined by ΔE_c , and the Schottky barrier height denotes ϕ_b .It is noticed that after the solution of the Schrodinger and

Poisons equation [30], [35], the 2DEG sheet carrier density is written as in equation (22).

$$n_s = \frac{\varepsilon}{q d_{AlGaN}} \left(V_{gs} - V_{th} - \frac{E_F(n_s)}{q} \right)$$
 (22)

here, E_F is a function of n_s , as proposed by equation (23).

$$E_F = K_1 + K_2 \sqrt{n_s} + K_3 n_s \tag{23}$$

where K_1 , K_2 , and K_3 indicate three dependent temperature parameters fixed numerically [36]. It can be illustrated by performing some algebra of $n_s(E_F)$, that n_s can still be described as an analytical function of the gate voltage as shown in equation (24), where $\Gamma = (K_3 + qC_n^{-1})$. Consequently, 2DEG sheet carrier density, n_s and threshold voltage, V_{th} can be regarded as weakly temperature dependent because the polarization field is a weak function of the temperature [36].

$$n_s = \frac{1}{4\Gamma^2} \left[-K_2 + \sqrt{K_2^2 + 4\Gamma(V_{gs} - V_{th} - K_1)} \right]^2$$
 (24)

C. DRAIN CURRENT AND TRANSCONDUCTANCE

The ideal HEMT drain current can be derived over the channel length as provided by equation (25) or equation (26) [35], [36]. Here, the concentration of electron sheet carrier density denotes n_S , the electron charge represents q, and the channel width denotes W.

$$I_{ds}(x) = qn_S(x)Wv(x)$$
 (25)

or

$$I_{ds}\left(LK_{1}V_{ds}\right) = -q\mu W \int_{V_{S}}^{V_{D}} n_{S}dV \tag{26}$$

Furthermore, the drift velocity with a channel, i.e., ν can be expressed by equation (27). Where, in the 2DEG channel, the electron mobility denotes μ , $K_1 = \alpha/E_c$, the adjustable parameter indicates α , and the electrical critical field denotes E_c .

$$v(x) = \frac{\mu E(x)}{1 + \alpha^{E(x)}/E_c} = \frac{\mu \frac{dV}{dx}}{1 + K_1 \frac{dV}{dx}}$$
(27)

Additionally, after combining equations (25) and (27) and then integrating between the limits 0 < x < L, where L is the gate length, the drain current can be written as equation (28),

$$I_{ds}\left(1 + \frac{V_{ds}}{LE_c}\right) = \mu C_n \frac{W}{L} \left(\left(V_{gs} - V_{th}\right) V_{ds} - \frac{V_{ds}^2}{2}\right) \tag{28}$$

After considering the situation $\partial I_{ds}/\partial V_{ds} = 0$, the drain voltage can be expressed by equation (29).

$$V_{ds}^{sat} = \sqrt{(LE_c)^2 + 2LE_c(V_{gs} - V_{th}) - LE_c}$$
 (29)

The drain current can be further written as equation (30) after doing several algebras [6].

$$I_{ds}^{sat} = \mu C_n \frac{2W}{L} \left(V_{gs} - V_{th} \right)^2$$



$$\times \left[1 + \sqrt{\left(1 + \frac{2\mu \left(V_{gs} - V_{th}\right)}{V_{Sat}^{L}}\right)}\right]^{-2} \tag{30}$$

After Shockley's design, considering with low field mobility $V_{Sat} = \mu E$, and V_{Sat} limit to infinity, the drain current equation can be simplified to equation (31) [37].

$$I_{ds}^{sat} = \mu C_n \frac{W}{2L} \left(V_{gs} - V_{th} \right)^2 \tag{31}$$

Then, with $n_s = \frac{\varepsilon}{qd_{AlGaN}} (V_{gs} - V_{th})$ and $\mu = C/n_s^{\delta} T^{\gamma}$, equation (30) [38], where C, δ , and γ are the empirical constant for describing the dependence on the 2DEG density n_s and temperature. The mobility constants of $\gamma =$ 2.7 and δ =0.3 have been fitted to the theoretical computed $\mu_{2D}(\text{2DEG})$ of [39], [40] with ($\hbar\omega_0 = 91.2 \text{ MeV}$, $m^*/m_0 =$ 0.2, $\varepsilon_s = 8.9$ and $\varepsilon_{s,\infty} = 5.35$) for $n_s = 1 \times 10^{13}$ cm⁻² and T = 300 K, respectively. However, it was reported [41] that GaN optical phonon energy ($\hbar\omega_0 \sim 90$ MeV) is high compared to the energy separation of sub-bands. The energy separation between all sub-bands, except for the first and second, is very small < 1 MeV, resulting in a highly inelastic nature of polar-optical scattering. This could make the total scattering rate the sum of many intersub-band and intrasubband scattering processes when the n_s concentration is high. This would result in a depreciation of the characteristic features of a 2DEG. For this reason, the relaxation time for the scattering of electrons in this 2DEG by optical phonons would tend to be the bulk relaxation time. So, this can be finally presented by equation (32).

$$I_{ds}^{sat} = q^2 \frac{CW}{2C_n LT^{\gamma}} n_s^{2-\delta}$$
 (32)

Now, the transconductance can be expressed by derivation of equation (32) to expression in equation (33).

$$g_m^{sat} = \frac{qCW}{2LT^{\gamma}} (2 - \delta) n_s^{1 - \delta}$$
 (33)

This equation shows that transconductance is directly related to the mobility of electrons in the 2DEG region. As temperature increases, scattering mechanisms become more pronounced, which limits the smooth movement of electrons and, therefore, reduces mobility. So, the percentage of electrons in the 2DEG region also decreased. In short, we can say that if scattering increases, it may lead to a reduction in the mobility and 2DEG density.

Furthermore, by referring to Fig 1 and using this extremely simple question, $V_{gs} - V_{th}$ for larger V_{gs} , it could be possible to make the model more accurate by considering gate-drain series resistance, self-heating, and other degradation processes. To take into account the series resistance, the saturation voltage in the definition of equation (32) can be substituted by $V_{ds} = V_{ds}^* - I_{ds}R_{DS}$. So, the total resistance is $R_{DS} = 2R_c + R_{gs} + R_{gd}$, where $R_{gs} = R_{sheet}(L_{gs}W)$ and $R_{gd} = R_{sheet}(L_{gd}W)$, here L_{gs} and L_{gd} are the gate-to-source and gate-to-drain spacing. On the other hand, the 2DEG channel

sheet resistance $R_{sheet}^{-1} = qn_s\mu$. Hence, the modification of equation (32) can then be shown in equation (34).

$$I_{ds}^{sat} = i_0 / (1 + \Delta) \tag{34}$$

where

$$\Delta = \frac{qCW}{2LT\gamma} R_{DS} n_s^{1-\delta}$$

D. TEMPERATURE AND SELF HEATING

The saturation region current declines due to the self-heating effect on the AlGaN/GaN device at high current density. Essentially, channel temperature is raised by self-heating to an effective temperature, T_{ef} ; this temperature relies on the dissipated power, the substrate temperature (T_{sub}), and the thermal resistance (R_{th}) as shown in equation (35).

$$T_{ef} = R_{th}I_{ds}V_{ds} + T_{sub} (35)$$

the R_{th} can be expressed as equation (36) [36], [42].

$$R_{th} = (\pi K)^{-1} \ln \left[8 d_{sub} / \pi L \right]$$
 (36)

Here, the thickness of the substrate indicates d_{SUB} , the substrate thermal conductivity represents K. The thermal conductivity has been studied experimentally for sapphire, silicon, GaN, and silicon carbide (SiC) substrates [42]. Additionally, the high-temperature variation impacted the bandgap energy, effective carrier concentrations, and mobility. Thus, the bandgap energy reduces at a higher temperature, which is described by the equation (37) [43].

$$E_g = E_0 - \alpha T^2 / (\beta + T) \tag{37}$$

Here, bandgap energy at 0 K presents E_0 , the empirical constants for GaN denote α and β . However, the change of temperature has not impacted on piezoelectric and spontaneous polarization coefficients [44]. Moreover, the rising temperature often causes a reduction in thermal conductivity (K), mobility (μ), and carrier concentration (n_s). By using power law, thermal conductivity is modelled through equation (38).

$$K(T_L) = K_{300} \left(\frac{T_L}{300K}\right)^{\alpha_k} \tag{38}$$

Here, the temperature reduction is modelled by the parameter α . At $K_{300} = 130$ W/mK; $\alpha = -0.43$ [45]. Caughey and Thomas use an equation like that to model low-field mobility [26], [45], [46], [47]. The mobilities are also analyzed using power laws to describe the temperature dependency as given in equation (39).

$$\mu(T_L) = \mu_{300} \left(\frac{T_L}{300K}\right)^{\alpha_{\mu}}$$
 (39)

Similarly, equation (40) shows the effective carrier concentrations, which are also analyzed using power laws to describe the temperature dependency.

$$n_s(T_L) = n_{s.300} \left(\frac{T_L}{300K}\right)^{\alpha_n}$$
 (40)



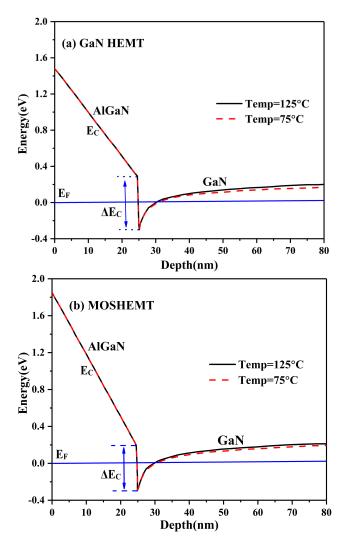


FIGURE 4. Profile of a conduction band diagram indicates that the 2DEG is reduced when the temperature is raised from 75 °C to 125 °C, changing the temperature for both (a) GaN HEMT (b) MOSHEMT.

IV. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Fig. 4 shows the profile of a conduction band where the performance of 2DEG has been observed by varying the temperature. The 2DEG is reduced when the temperature is raised from 75 °C to 125 °C.

Because as the temperature increases, carriers (electrons in this case) gain more thermal energy. This increased energy can lead to greater scattering events, reducing the overall mobility of electrons in the 2DEG. Hence, conduction band energy around -0.3025 eV for 75 °C to -0.2985 for 125 °C has changed for the experimental GaN HEMT device [48]. On the contrary, the simulated MOSHEMT varied from -0.220 eV to -0.217 eV approximately. Comparing experimental and simulation data is presented in Table 1.

On the other hand, Fig 5 illustrates under the temperature variation for two particular temperature points of 75 °C and 125 °C, the simulation results of MOSHEMT show the drainto-source current (I_{DS}) outputs for the several gates to source voltage (V_{GS}), which shows a similar behaviour of measured

TABLE 1. Compared data of experimental and simulational for 2DEG.

T (°C)	Experimental (eV)	Simulational (eV)
75	-0.3025	-0.220
125	-0.2985	-0.217

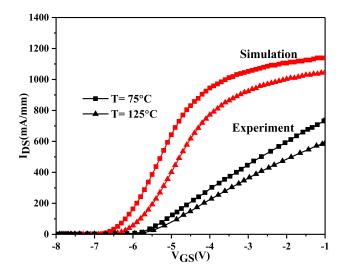


FIGURE 5. Transfer characteristics curves with different temperatures at 75 °C and 125 °C for simulation and experimental work.

GaN HEMT device [48], both simulated and experimental are taken at drain voltage $V_{DS}=15~V_{\odot}$.

We have observed similar performance for both simulation and experimental plots for AlGaN/GaN MOSHEMT and experimental conventional GaN HEMT; the drain to source current (I_{DS}) tends to degrade at rising temperatures due to the reduction of mobility (scattering events impede the motion of electrons) and sheet carrier concentration (Thermal energy can promote carrier generation through processes like thermal excitation or due to enhanced carrier recombination). It means GaN HEMT based devices with a different architecture for certain applications would suffer similar behaviour at high temperatures.

Moreover, at high temperatures, the threshold voltage (V_{th}) also increased in both results; for instance, the gate voltage (V_{GS}) becomes less negative when the threshold voltage (V_{th}) is moved right towards. Hence, for simulation, the V_{th} changes from around -6.9 V for 75 °C to -6.5 V for 125 °C. In the experiment case, approximately -5.42 V to -5.25 V [48], as highlighted in Table 2.

As for the 2DEG sheet carrier density, the calculated data for simulation and experimental have been demonstrated in Fig 6. It is revealed that the 2DEG sheet carrier density degrades for both devices when the temperature increases. Because at higher temperatures, various scattering mechanisms become more pronounced, such as lattice scattering, impurity scattering, and surface roughness scattering. Moreover, it induces thermal stress in the device material, potentially affecting the crystal structure and the quality of the interface between different semiconductor layers,



TABLE 2. Compared data of experimental and simulational for transfer curve.

T (°C)	Experimental (eV)	Simulational (eV)
75	-5.42	-6.9
125	-5.25	-6.5

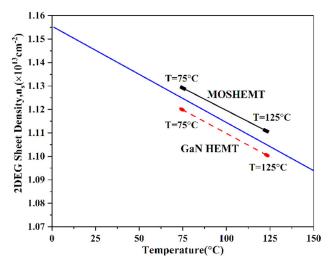


FIGURE 6. Profile of 2DEG sheet carrier density against different temperatures. This shows the 2DEG density is reduced by increasing the temperature of both devices.

consequently decreasing the mobility and sheet carrier density. Thus, in the simulation MOSHEMT device, the n_s vary from 1.13 × 10¹³ cm⁻² for 75 °C to 1.11 × 10¹³ cm⁻² for 125 °C, whereas, for the experimental GaN HEMT device, the n_s changes from 1.12 × 10¹³ cm⁻² for 75 °C to 1.10 × 10¹³ cm⁻² for 125 °C [48], as represented in Table 3.

GaN HEMT [49] and simulated MOSHEMT devices in Fig. 7 show the output characteristic curves by changing the temperature at different gate bias voltages. According to Fig. 7, the drain current (I_{DS}) tends to decrease as the temperature is raised, as predicted by analytical analysis on the drain current section.GaN HEMT [49] and simulated MOSHEMT devices in Fig. 7 show the output characteristic curves by changing the temperature at different gate bias voltages. According to Fig. 7, the drain current (I_{DS}) tends to decrease as the temperature is raised, as predicted by analytical analysis on the drain current section. In the MOSHEMT simulation, for the different gate to source (V_{GS}) voltages, such as 0 V, -2 V, and -4 V, the curves demonstrate slight degradation.

On the contrary, in GaN HEMT, the experimental result indicates the temperature-dependent behaviour of $I_{\rm ds}$ mostly because of the degradation of carrier transport properties and the reduction in the carrier concentration in the 2DEG as a reason for carriers to experience more scattering events due to lattice vibrations and other thermal effects, at high temperatures. Besides, it can affect the subthreshold slope, which is a measure of the sensitivity of the transistor to changes in gate voltage. Therefore, a degraded subthreshold slope can

TABLE 3. Compared data of experimental and simulation for 2DEG sheet carrier density.

T (°C)	Experimental (cm ⁻²)	Simulation (cm ⁻²)
75	1.12×10 ¹³	1.13×10 ¹³
125	1.10×10^{13}	1.11×10^{13}

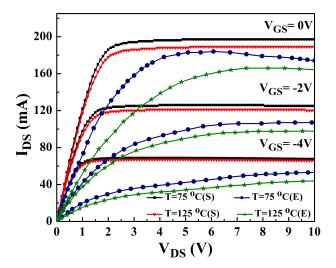


FIGURE 7. Comparison of output characteristic curves with different temperatures of MOSHEMT Vs GaN HEMT. (S = Simulation MOSHEMT, E = Experimental GaN HEMT) [49].

result in less efficient control of the transistor, affecting the steepness of the I vs V curve.

Additionally, it is noticed that the transconductance (g_m) is degraded for both simulation and experimental devices as the temperature increases because of the reduction in mobility and sheet carrier concentration, as predicted in the analytical model on the transconductance section. Thus, it is noted that in mobility, as temperature increases, the scattering is also enhanced, which is caused by lattice vibrations and other flaws in the crystal structure.

As a result, it reduced the mobility and 2DEG density because charge carriers movement through the channel region of the device is limited by the scattering phenomena, which impacted the transconductance since it is directly related to carrier mobility. Furthermore, a soaring temperature decrease in bandgap narrows the energy gap between the Fermi level and the Conduction band. Consequently, there is a reduction in mobility. On the contrary, the rising temperature in the sheet carrier concentration generated more electron-hole pairs in the material, increasing the sheet carrier concentration. Nevertheless, this impact is frequently overshadowed by decreased mobility, and the device's total conductivity may end up declining because of this. In the simulation, g_m reduces from around 273 mS/mm to 219 mS/mm, and for the experimental, around 231 mS/mm to 167 mS/mm with the changing temperature from 50 °C to 150 °C, as illustrated in Fig 8 [48]. Furthermore, a comparison of experimental and simulation data is revealed in Table 4.



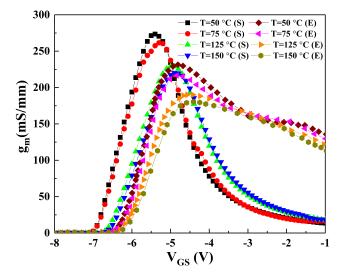


FIGURE 8. Comparison study between experimental (E) and simulation (S) behaviour of Transconductance (g_m) curves with different temperatures of 50 °C, 75 °C, 125 °C and 150 °C.

TABLE 4. Compared data of experimental and simulation for transconductance.

T (°C)	Experimental (mS/mm)	Simulation (mS/mm)
50	231	273
75	215	260
125	180	229
150	167	219

V. CONCLUSION

The primary outcome of this research is to analyze simulational and analytically the temperature dependency of 2DEG for the AlGaN/GaN MOSHEMT at temperatures of 75 °C and 125 °C. It is observed that the degradation nature of 2DEG density in both the devices. In this work, comparisons are made between the AlGaN/GaN MOSHEMT device simulated data with the experimental AlGaN/GaN HEMT device, where V_{th} improves from -6.9 V to -6.5 V for simulation and for the experimental from -5.42 V to -5.25 V, when the temperature increases from 75 °C to 125 °C. On the contrary, both devices transconductance (gm) was reduced by roughly an average of 20 mS/mm when temperature varied systematically from from 50 °C to 150 °C. Moreover, 2DEG sheet carrier density n_s decreases 1.13×10^{13} cm⁻² to 1.11×10^{13} cm⁻² for simulated MOSHEMT and $1.12 \times 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ to } 1.10 \times 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ for the experimental}$ GaN HEMT.

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