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**Current dependent dephasing in an Aharonov-Bohm Interferometer** KUAN-TING LIN, YIPING LIN, J. C. CHEN, Department of the Physics, National Tsing Hua University, Hsinchu 30013, Taiwan, T. UEDA, S. KOMIYAMA, Department of Basic Science, University of Tokyo, Komaba, Tokyo 153-8902, Japan — We have studied the temperature dependence of the current induced dephasing rate in a ballistic GaAs/Al<sub>x</sub>Ga<sub>1-x</sub>As ring. The dephasing rate is linearly proportional to the temperature regardless of the current applied. The AB oscillations are suppressed by the increase of the excitation current; however, the dephasing becomes less temperature dependent. Our observations cannot be interpreted by Joule heating effect. Possible decoherence mechanisms caused by the excess current will be discussed.

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