

band gap when forming a superlattice, the superlattice-induced folding must be such that the lowest energy strain-split X band folds to $\bar{\Gamma}$.

The strain will also split the three-fold degeneracy (in the absence of spin-orbit splitting) of the valence band maximum into a doubly degenerate p^{100} , p^{010} pair and a single p^{001} state. Again the order of these states depends on the sign of the strain:

$$\Gamma_c, \Sigma_{c2} \quad \Gamma_-$$

reduces the direct band gap and slightly modifies the valence band offsets. The effect of spin-orbit on the confinement of the superlattice states is thus expected to be small.

5. CONCLUSIONS

We have studied the electronic structure of GaAs/AlGaAs superlattices with a spin-orbit splitting of the conduction band.

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