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Spin blocking effect in symmetric double quantum well due to Rashba spin-orbit coupling¹ SATOFUMI SOUMA, MATSUTO OGAWA, Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Kobe University, YOSHI-AKI SEKINE, NTT Basic Research Laboratories, NTT Corporation, ATSUSHI SAWADA, TAKAAKI KOGA, Division of Electronics for Informatics, Graduate School of Information Science and Technology, Hokkaido University — We report a theoretical study of the spin-dependent electronic current flowing laterally through the $In_{0.53}Ga_{0.47}As/In_{0.52}Al_{0.48}As$ double quantum well (DQW) structure, where the values of the Rashba spin-orbit parameter $\alpha_{\rm R}$ are opposite in sign but equal in magnitude between the constituent quantum wells [1]. By tuning the channel length of DQW and the magnitude of the externally applied in-plane magnetic field, one can block the transmission of one spin (e.g., spin-up) component, enabling us to obtain a spin-polarized current. Our experimental progress toward realizing the proposed device is also reported [2]. [1] T. Matsuura, S. Faniel, N. Monta, and T. Koga, Physica E 42, 2707 (2010). [2] T. Koga, T. Matsuura, S. Faniel, S. Souma, S. Mineshige, Y. Sekine, and H. Sugiyama, IEICE Trans. Electron. **E95-C**, 770 (2012).

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