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Quantum confinement in double perovskite multilayers: Sr₂FeMoO₆/La₂CoMnO₆ SUBHASIS SAMANTA, BIRABAR NANDA, Indian Inst of Tech-Madras — We have examined the interfacial electronic structure of multilayers grown along [001] out of half metallic ferrimagnet Sr₂FeMoO₆ (SFMO) and insulating ferromagnet La_2CoMnO_6 (LCMO) using the density functional theory calculations. The half-metallic nature arises due to the partial occupancy of xz, yz and x^2-y^2 states of SFMO in the spin minority channel. We find that LCMO provides a confinement potential along z the direction to the spin-polarized free electrons at the interface. The confinement potential ensures further quantization of the delocalized states, namely xz and yz of SFMO, lying on the Fermi level. The x^2-y^2 states remain unaffected and therefore, spin-polarized two dimensional electron gas (2DEG) is intrinsically formed. The formation of 2DEG is very distinct from that of the widely studied LAO/STO and LMO/SMO heterostructures. In these compounds, the 2DEG is formed via interfacial electron reconstruction to quench the polar catastrophe.

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