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Silicon cap layer	215
SiGeC - no boron	213
SiGe - no carbon, no boron	211
SiGe - boron doped	209
SiGe - no carbon, no boron	207
SiGeC - no boron	205
Silicon seed layer	203
p-type silicon substrate with collector region	201

Fig. 2

(57) **Abstract:** A method and resulting electronic device utilizing periodic multi-layer (ML) (500) and/or superlattice (SL) structures in the base of a SiGe heterojunction bipolar transistor (HBT) is disclosed. The SL is a special case of an ML, in which layers that are chemically different from adjacent neighbors are successively repeated. The use of the ML (500) in electronic and photonic devices enables strategic engineering of the energy band gap (551, 553) and carrier mobilities. Principles disclosed herein relate to npn- and pnp-type SiGe HBTs as well as HBTs made with other compound semiconductor materials (e.g., other Group III-V or II-VI materials). Additionally, technology and methods disclosed herein benefit other devices types such as, for example, metal oxide semiconductor field effect transistors (MOSFETs), high electron mobility transistors (HEMTs), high hole mobility transistors (HHMTs), bipolar junction transistors (BJTs), and FINFETs.

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