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Report:

In order to study and characterize highly perfect semiconductor multilayers and quantum dots, we have developed a method which allows discrimination of the different materials in the diffraction pattern from a superlattice. We used anomalous effects at the lead M-edge, in order to suppress the diffraction from PbTe. The atomic scattering factor of lead was determined via fluorescence. In order to interpolate f'' correctly in the vicinity of the lead M_V-edge at 2.5 keV, the fluorescence yield was fitted to the theoretical data taken from tables [2]. f' was then calculated according to the Kramers-Kronig relation.

With these values and the momentum corrected f_0 values [2], the intensity minimum was calculated and later measured at PbTe and Pb_{0.92}Eu_{0.08}Te films.

Figure 1a shows the result for the fluorescence (f'') and the calculated f' for Pb and the tabulated values for Te. At the (111) superstructure reflection of the PbTe-lattice one expects a minimum in the scattered intensity at the intersection point of f_{Pb} and f_{Te} .

The calculated minima for PbTe and Pb_{0.92}Eu_{0.08}Te are plotted in figure 1 b. The measurement on Pb_{0.92}Eu_{0.08}Te was performed as it is used as matrix material for highly ordered self organized quantum dots in multilayers [3].

In the diffraction pattern from a flat multilayer without quantum dots, one can see the sensitivity of this method: A sample of 10 x (6 Monolayers EuTe on 15 Monolayers PbTe) on a 2 micron PbTe-buffer and a BaF₂-substrate was investigated. Figure 2 shows the diffraction pattern on the (111) reflection, together with a simulation for pseudomorphically grown lattice. In this case the EuTe in-plane lattice parameter is forced to the PbTe lattice parameter and relaxes out of plane according to the poisson ratio. The simulation represents a common in-plane parameter of the whole multilayer of $0.88 \cdot a_{PbTe} + 0.12 \cdot a_{EuTe}$. This leads to an out of plane lattice parameter of about $1.028 \cdot a_{EuTe}$ for EuTe and $0.996 \cdot a_{PbTe}$ for PbTe.

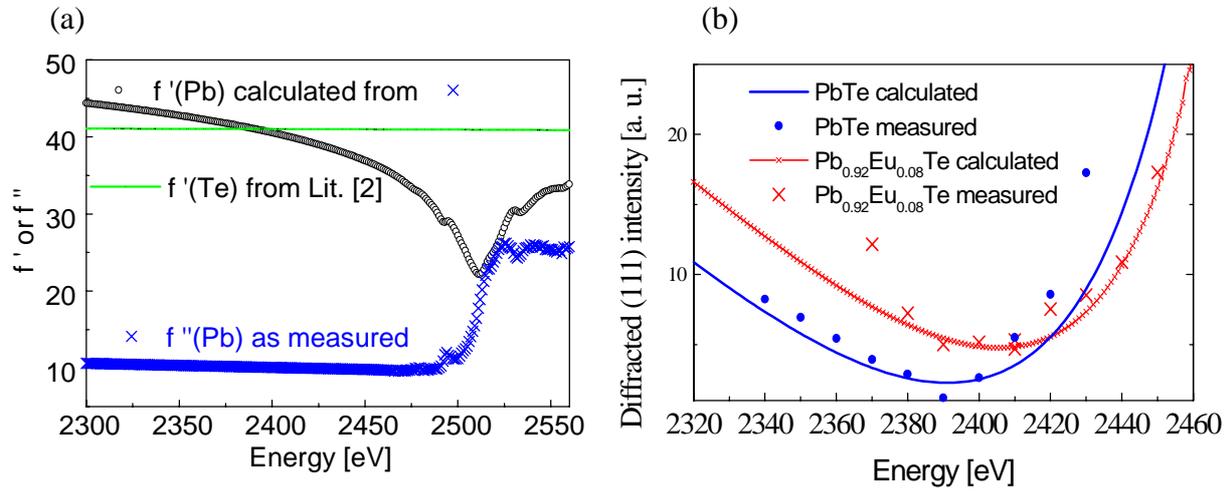


Figure 1 (a): imaginary part of the atomic scattering factor of Pb and the real part calculated via the Kramers-Kronig relation (momentum corrected for the PbTe-(111) reflection). $f'(Te)$ was taken from the tables. For the intersection point at 2390 eV one expects a minimum for the diffracted (111) intensity of PbTe. (b): Calculated and measured (111) intensities for PbTe and $Pb_{0.92}Eu_{0.08}Te$.

Due to the strong suppression of PbTe which scatters at this energy about a factor of 100 weaker than EuTe, the envelope of the superlattice is mainly determined by the lattice parameter and the thickness of the EuTe layers of about 20 Å.

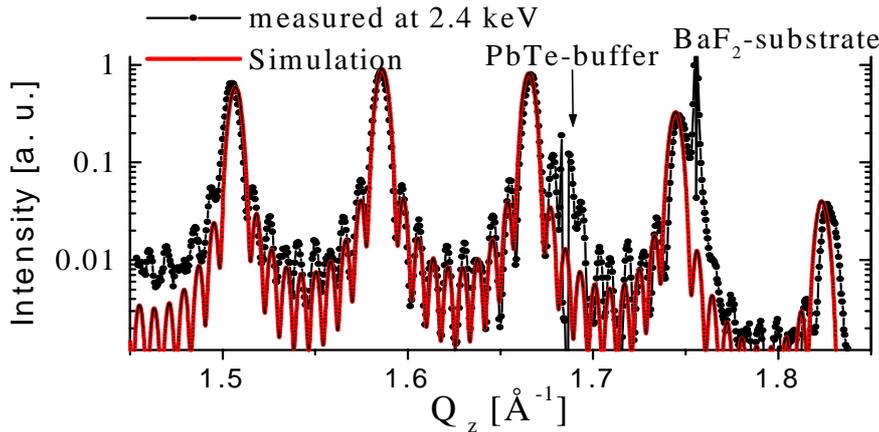


Figure 2: Specular scan on the (111) reflection of a EuTe/PbTe multilayer (black symbols). The suppression of the PbTe scattering allows a determination of the EuTe lattice parameter. The simulation (red line) refers to a pseudomorphically strained EuTe, with an out of plane distortion of + 3%.

In addition, we proposed anomalous diffraction on highly ordered quantum dot superlattices, in order to model and determine the strain distribution in these dots [3], [4]. The damaged mirrors on Id01 did not allow a reliable use of the beamline at low energies due to the heatload on the crystals and the higher harmonics which could not be sufficiently suppressed without mirrors.

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