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	Experiment title: Proposal title: Coherent Diffraction Imaging of Antiphase Domains in GaP Nanolayers for Low Cost Photonic Applications	Experiment number: MA-2243
Beamline: ID01	Date of experiment: from: February 4, 2015 to: February 9, 2015	Date of report: Sept 13, 2023
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Report:

This experiment is in the context of coherent integration of III-V semiconductors on silicon for integrated photonics on Si and also for high performance&low cost photovoltaic on Si applications. Si buffer and III-V growth are performed in our laboratory. The main objective of this experiment was to use coherent diffraction for imaging of antiphase domains on GaP/Si nanolayers. Development of such a non destructive imaging technique is crucial for comprehension and elimination of these crystalline defects, detrimental for optical properties.

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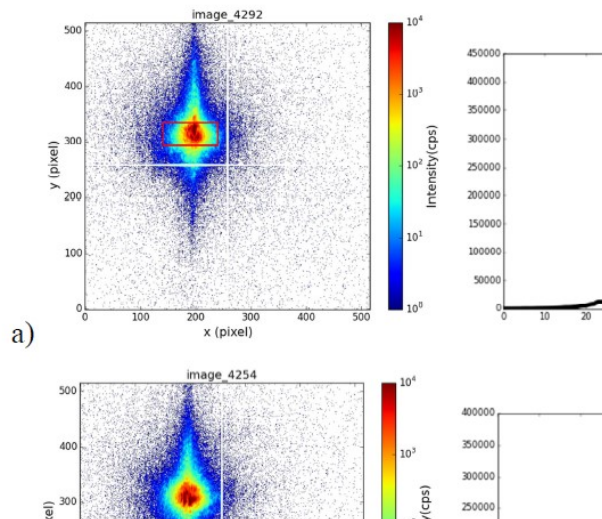


Fig. 1 2D images of the scattered spot for GaP(002) reflection, at two different spatial positions and corresponding cutlines in the horizontal direction.

Coherent diffraction has been carried on different samples with different thicknesses, below the critical thickness (ie <90nm and without misfit dislocations) and above this threshold. As shown figure 1, a clear contrast appears from different areas on the sample. Coherent Ptychographic imaging process has been performed, however, correct phase retrieval could not be obtained for coherent Bragg imaging on any sample. We have later on focused on K-map on a 140nm GaP layer grown on Si miscut substrate (6° in the [110] direction).

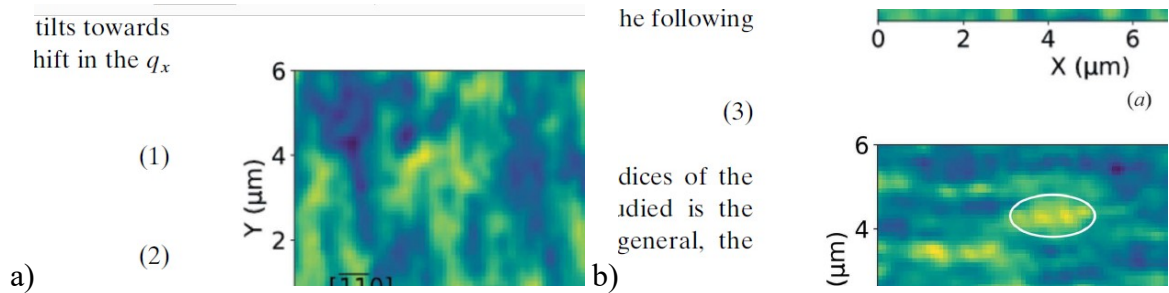


Fig. 2 Mapping of the tilt value along [-1-10] (a) and [1-10] (b) recorded on GaP (004) reflection.

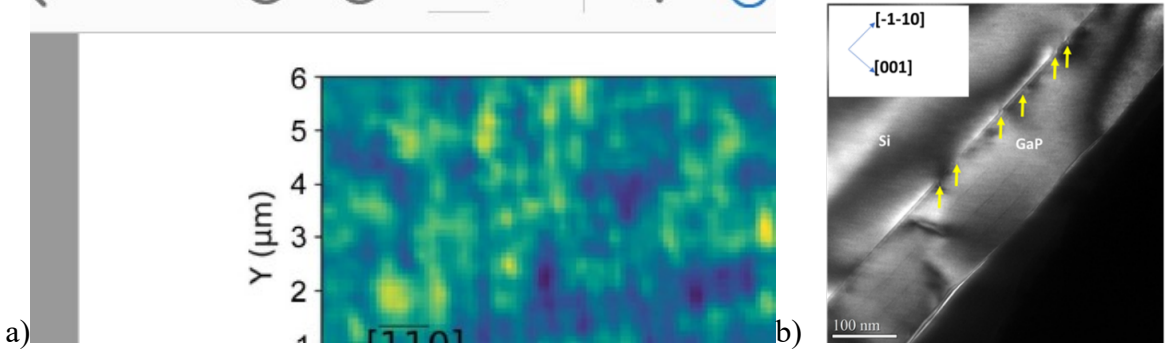


Fig. 3 a: Mapping of the in plane strain recorded on GaP (004) reflection, b: TEM cross section showing misfit dislocations.

This later part of the experiment allowed us to study strain related to misfit dislocations. The complex 5D dataset (3D in reciprocal space+2D in space) provides rich local structural information, such as the lattice tilt and the strain. Cross-hatch like patterns parallel to the [-1-10] and [1-10] can be evidence local tilt and strain mappings. The anisotropy of the distribution of strain is however shown fig. 3a. It should be related to the Si miscut. Combined with TEM measurements, the relaxation rate measured by K-map on the (004) Bragg reflection shows that 60° dislocations seem to be the main mechanism in the strain relief process, and the distribution of the dislocations is not homogeneous. We suggest that the cross-hatch pattern at the GaP/Si interface influences the free surface roughness, as demonstrated by a strong correlation between the K-Map strain mapping and the surface roughness mapping measured by AFM.

References:

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Justification and comments about the use of beam time (5 lines max.):

15 shifts combined with the use of an efficient 2D detector allowed us to study 4 samples of different thicknesses.

Publication(s):

- 1 paper published in Applied Crystallography [2], 2 contribution in international conferences [3-4].