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X-ray diffraction analysis of Ge islands on patterned Si(001) D.A. WALKO, D.A. ARMS, Advanced Photon Source, Argonne National Laboratory, J.T. ROBINSON, O.D. DUBON, LBNL and Dept. of Materials Science and Engineering, University of California-Berkeley, J.A. LIDDLE, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, D.S. TINBERG, P.G. EVANS, Dept. of Materials Science and Engineering, University of Wisconsin-Madison — We have used x-ray diffraction to study the structure of Ge islands grown on patterned Si(001) substrates. Square arrays of submicron Au dots were deposited by electron-beam evaporation through a stencil mask followed by molecular-beam epitaxy growth of Ge. This approach produces Ge islands in the shape of truncated pyramids assembled on a two-dimensional square lattice that extends over thousands of square microns. We have used x-ray diffraction to analyze the structure of the Ge islands, with the x rays focused to illuminate only the patterned regions of the substrate. Structure of the Ge islands was measured as a function of Au dot size, probing the evolution of Si/Ge composition, strain, and orientation with island size. We show that the structure as well as the morphology of the truncated-pyramidal islands is qualitatively distinct from that of dome-shaped islands on the unpatterned regions of the substrate. Supported by US Department of Energy and National Science Foundation.

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