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Highlights:

- Structural investigation of GaAs crystals grown on two specific nanopatterned Si(001) substrates (namely nanopillars and nanotips) intentionally designed for the monolithic integration of defect-free GaAs.
- Comprehensive characterization of the GaAs/Si interface quality employing a combination of HAADF-STEM, EDX spectroscopy and electron tomography.
- The presence of a high density of planar defects and misfit dislocations in both GaAs/Si heterostructures confirm the plastic strain relaxation of the GaAs crystals.
- Elastically relaxed strained GaAs crystals grown on patterned Si substrates may be achieved by producing atomically flat surfaces and smaller tip openings to ensure substrate compliance.

Abstract

Crystal defects present in GaAs nanocrystals \sim 15-50 nm in diameter and grown by metal organic vapor phase epitaxy on top of two different nanopatterned Si(001) substrates (nanopillars and nanotips with \sim 40-80 nm openings embedded in a SiO₂ matrix) and on a planar substrate, have been investigated by

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