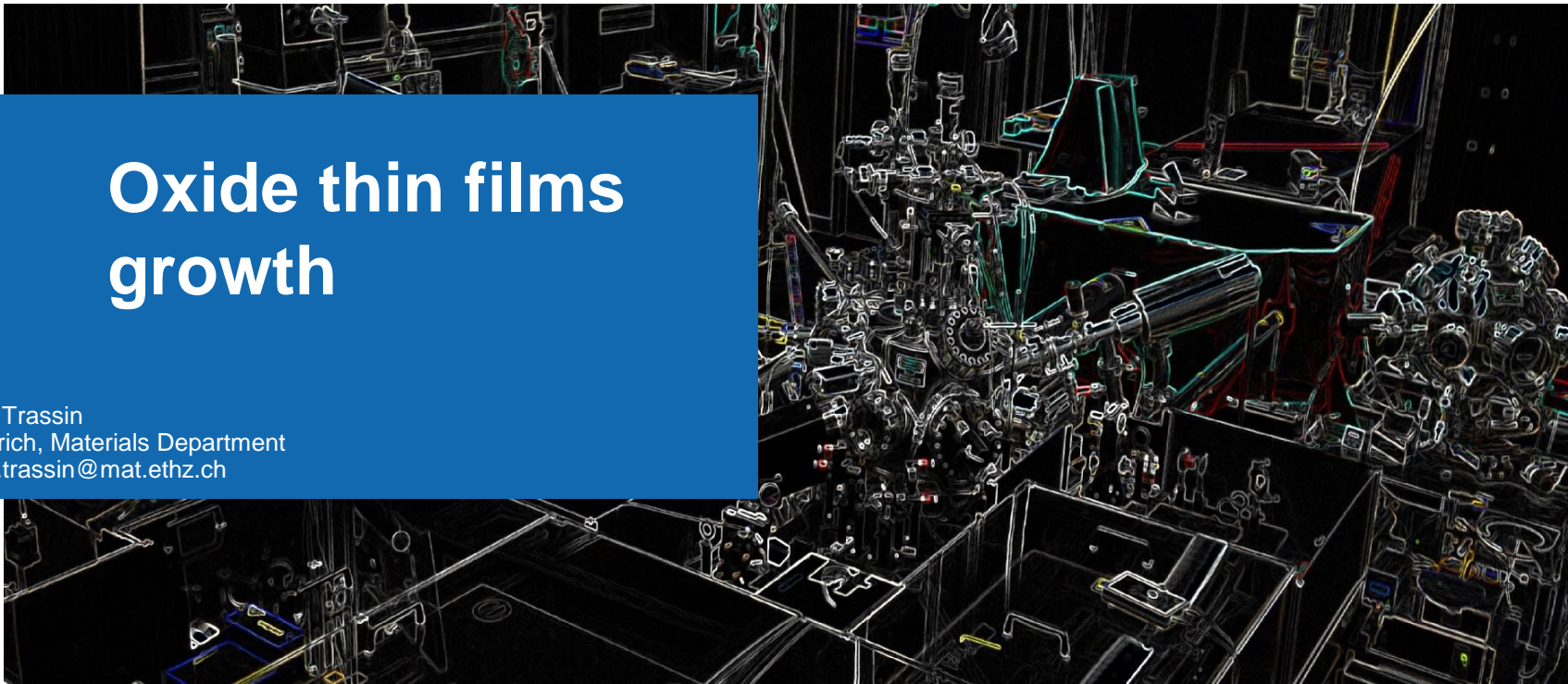


Oxide thin films growth

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Thin films epitaxy

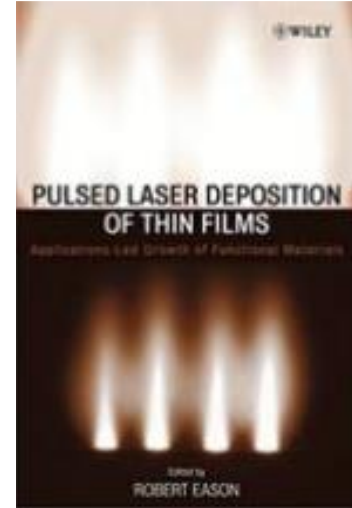
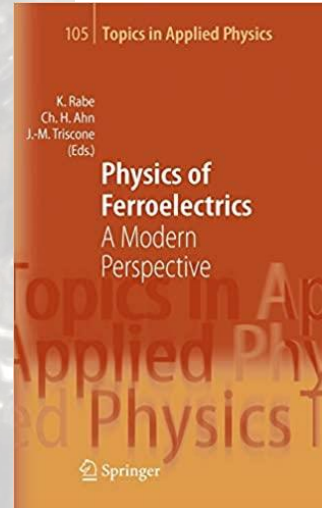
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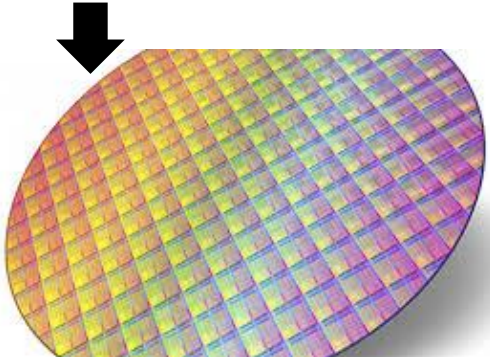
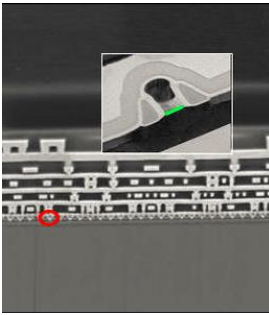


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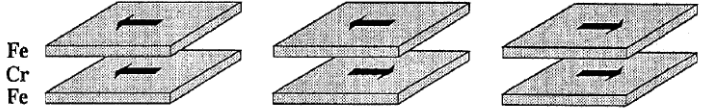
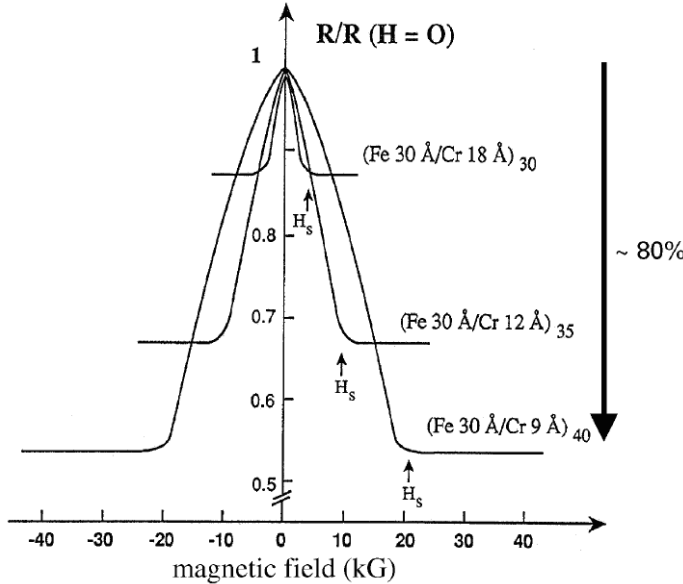
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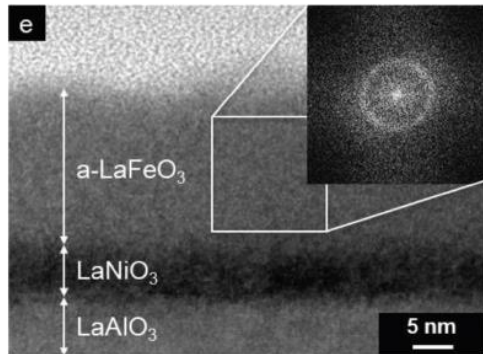


- **Tune** the physical properties of bulk (strain, confinement effects, etc...)
- **Create** new materials (stabilizing new states of matter), multilayers and new interfaces

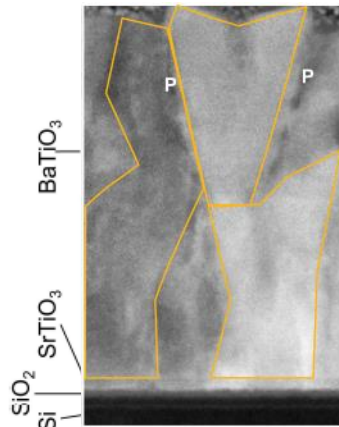
Reproduce bulk properties in reduced dimensions, technologically relevant design, etc...



Thin films research and applications



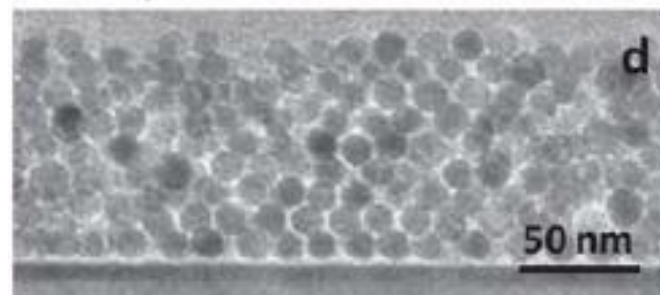
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A wide variety of textures, morphologies,
applications...



Spray pyrolysis, sol-gel deposition, Langmuir-Blodgett,
evaporation, **molecular beam epitaxy, pulsed laser
deposition, sputtering**, chemical vapor deposition, etc...



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BaTiO₃

SrRuO₃

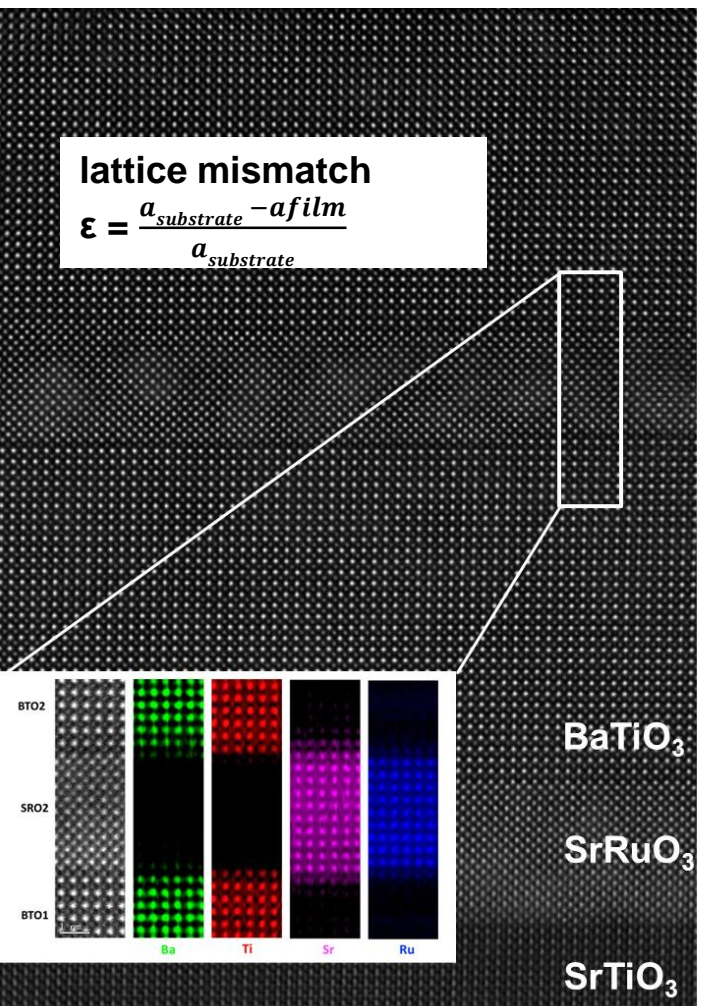
SrTiO₃

5 nm

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lattice mismatch

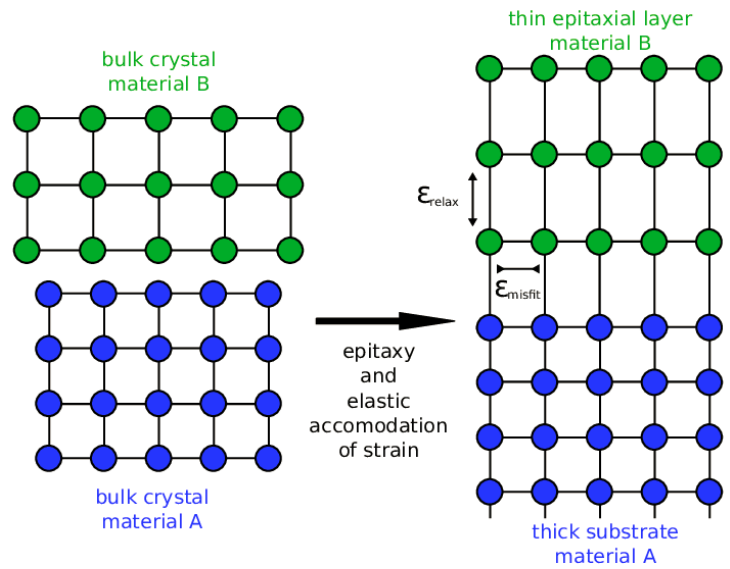
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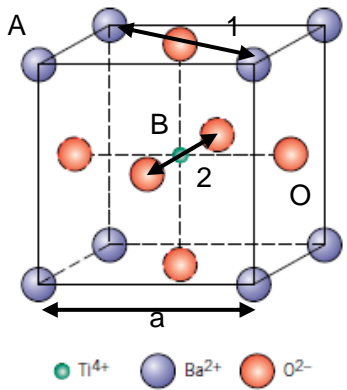
Ordered growth of single crystalline material using an oriented single crystal as a substrate

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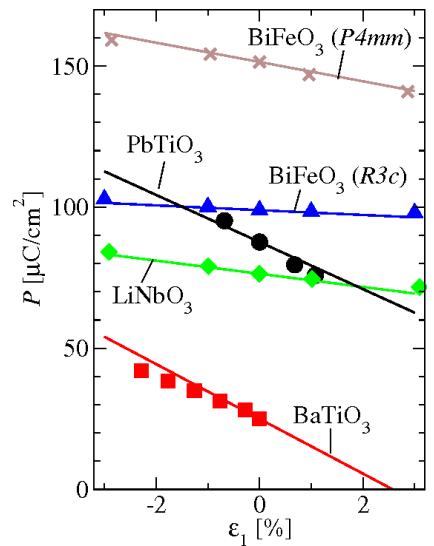
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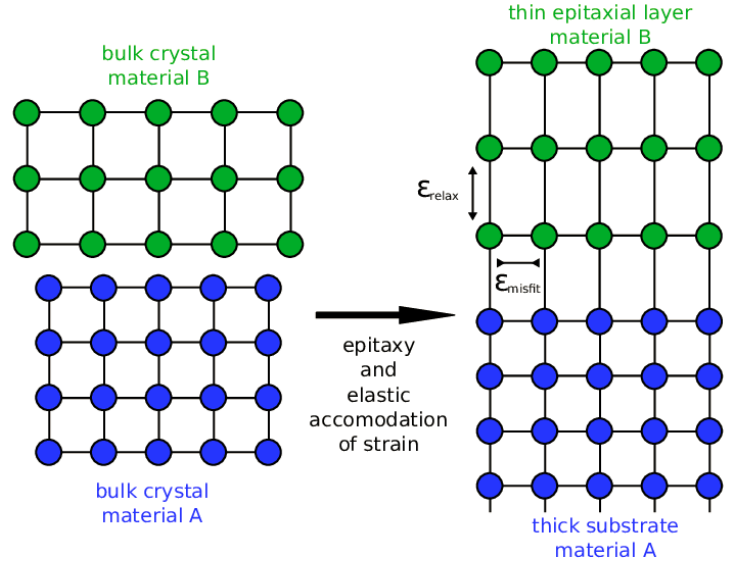
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Oxide electronics: Ferroelectrics (B-driven)

Boost of polarization



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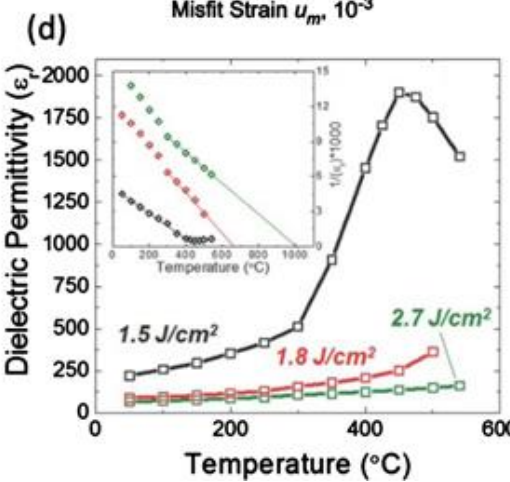
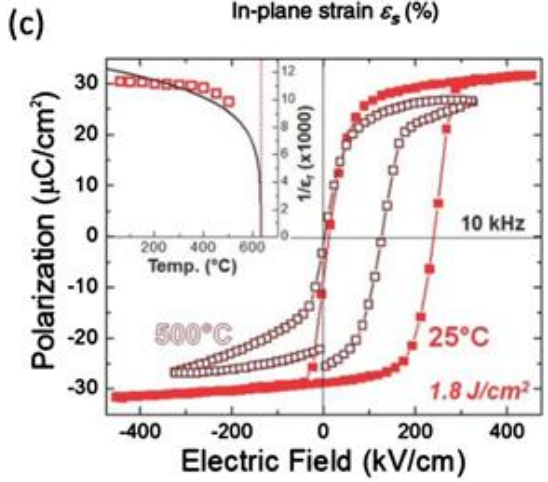
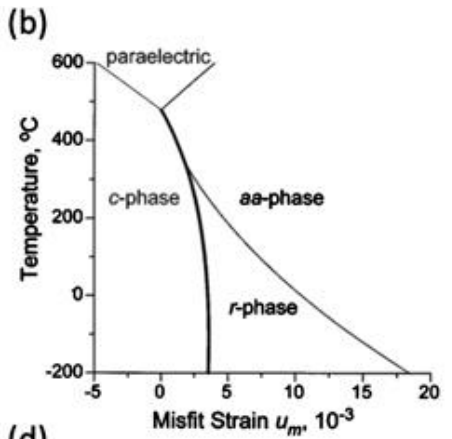
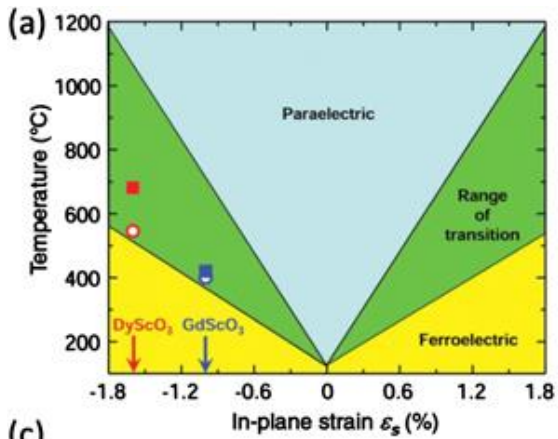


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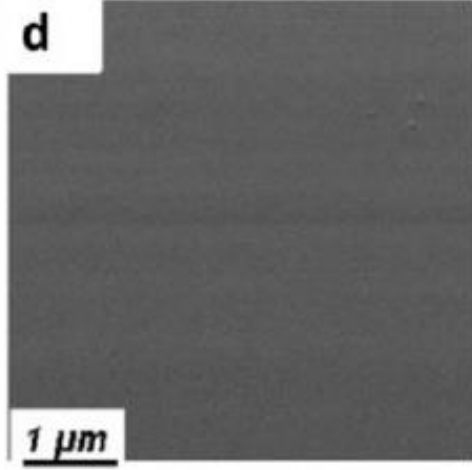
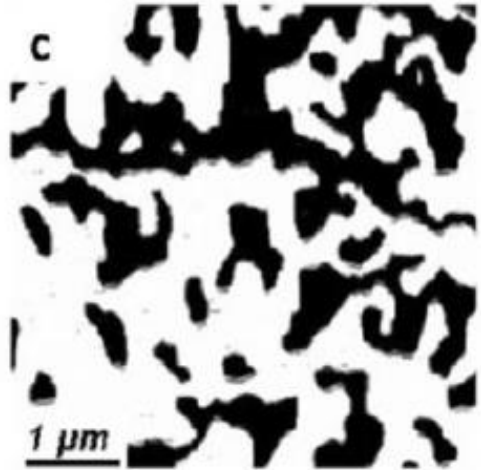
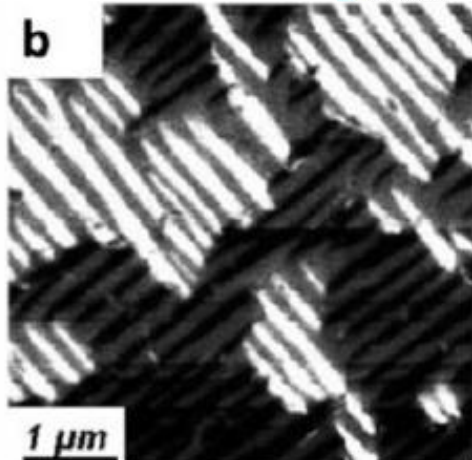
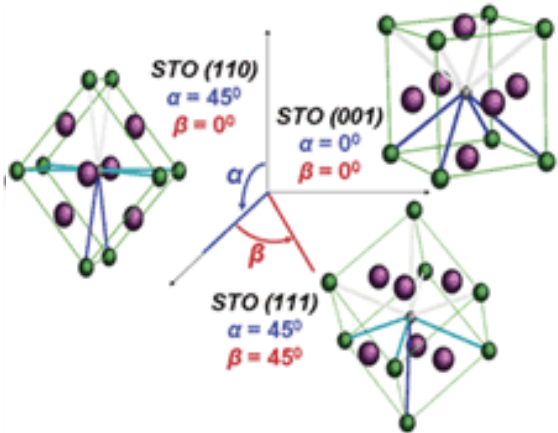


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Oxide electronics: Ferroelectrics

Domain engineering, polarization orientation



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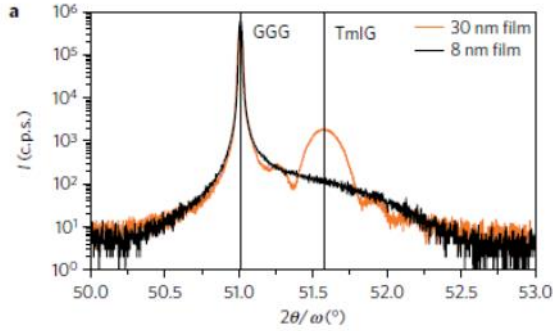
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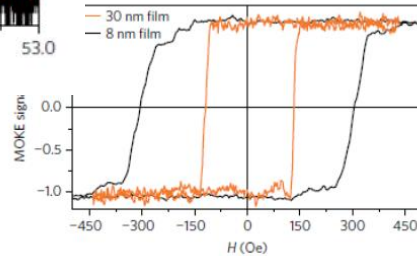
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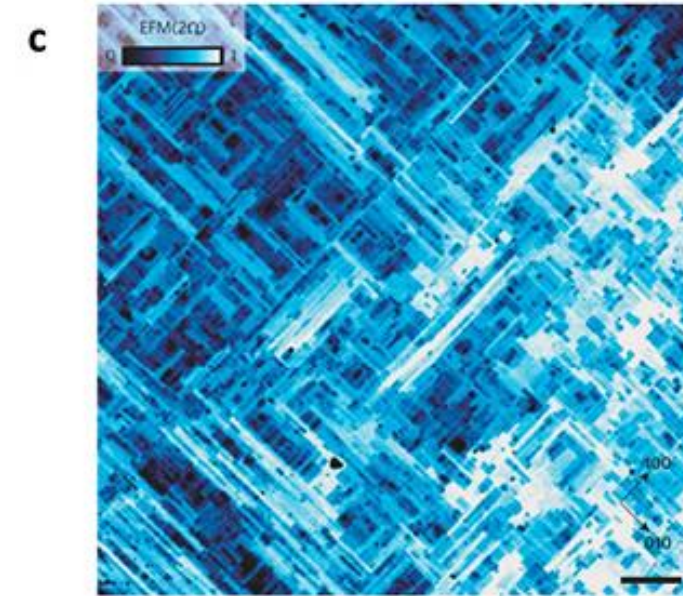
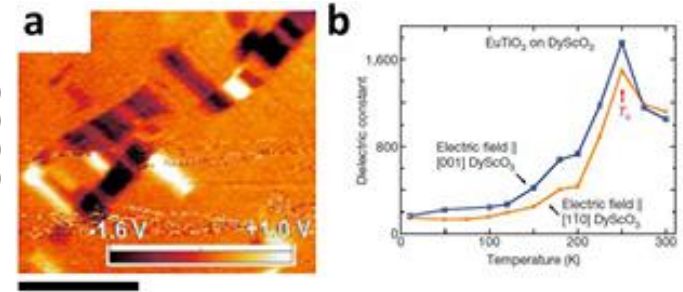
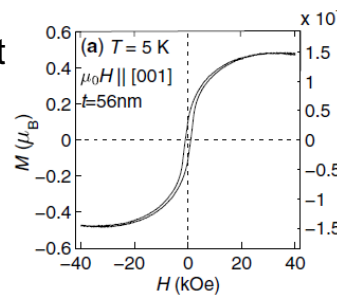
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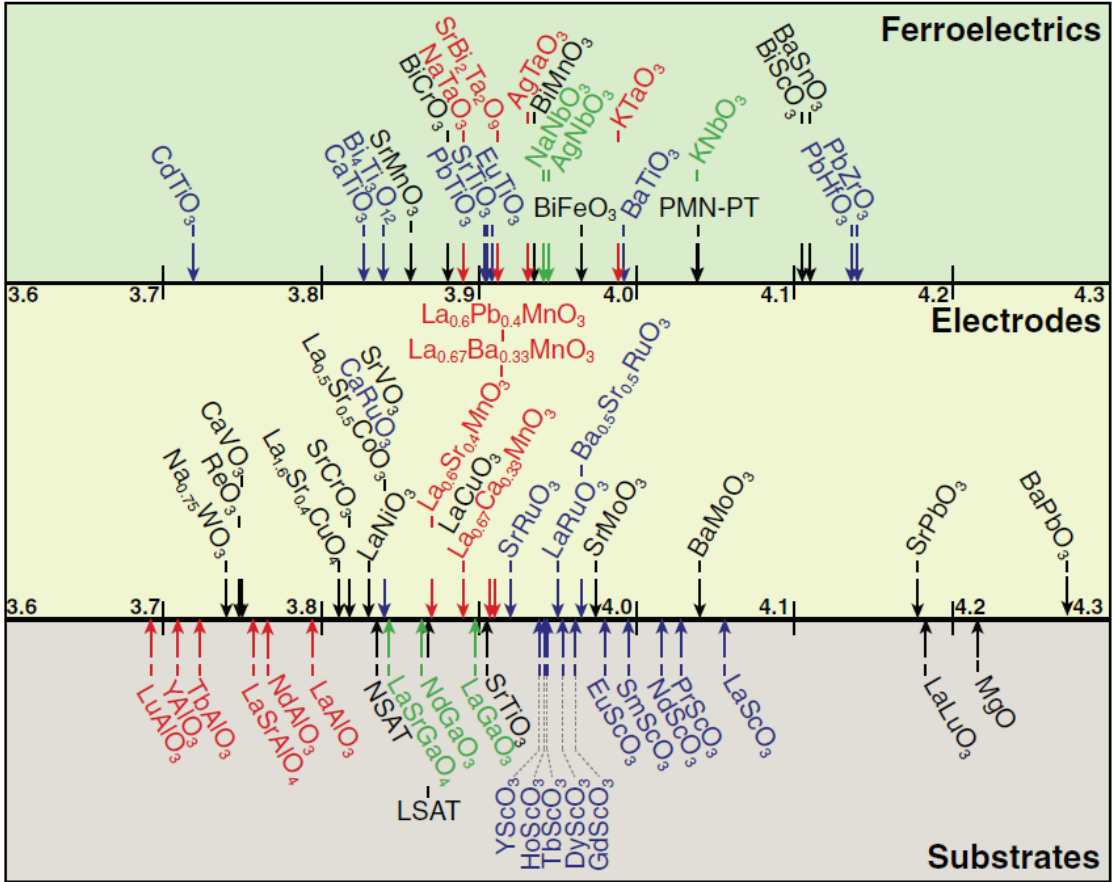
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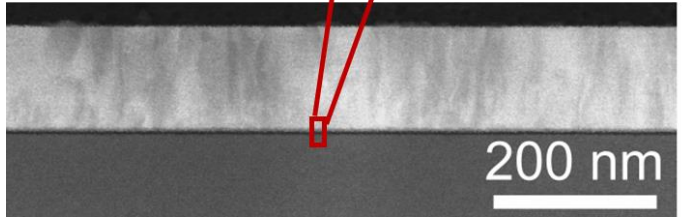


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Finding the right substrate

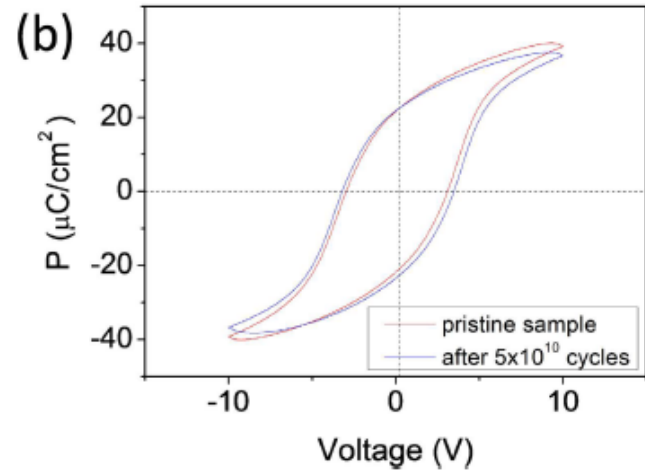
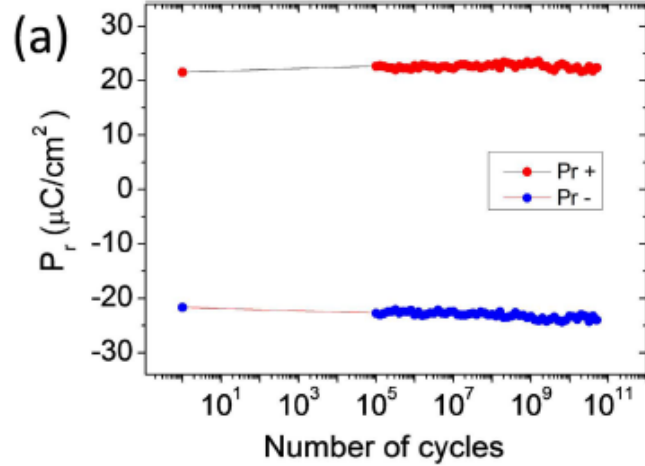
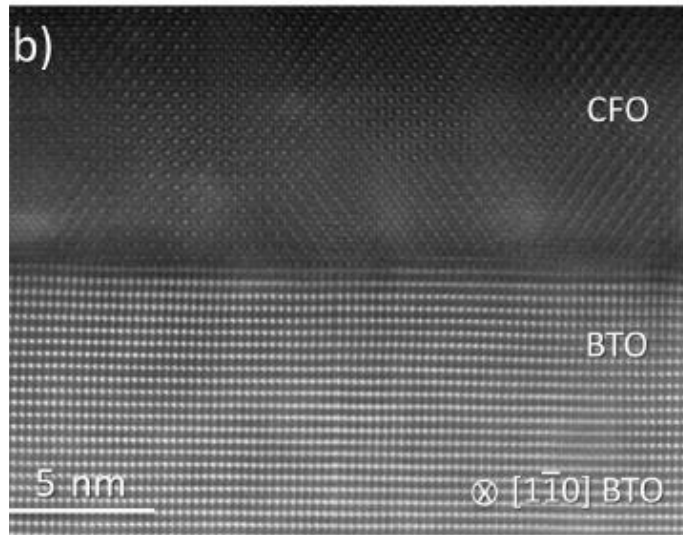
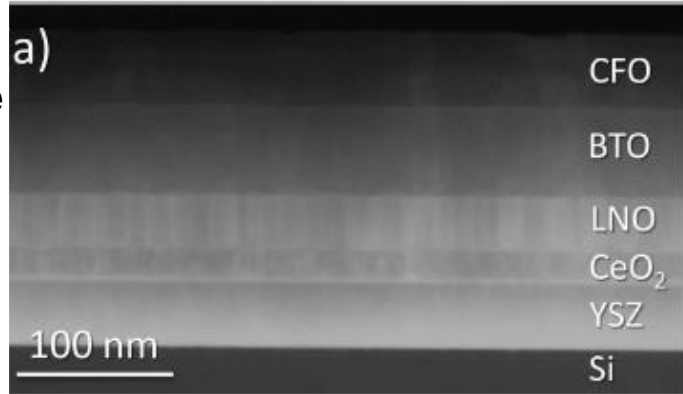


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Finding the right substrate and buffers...



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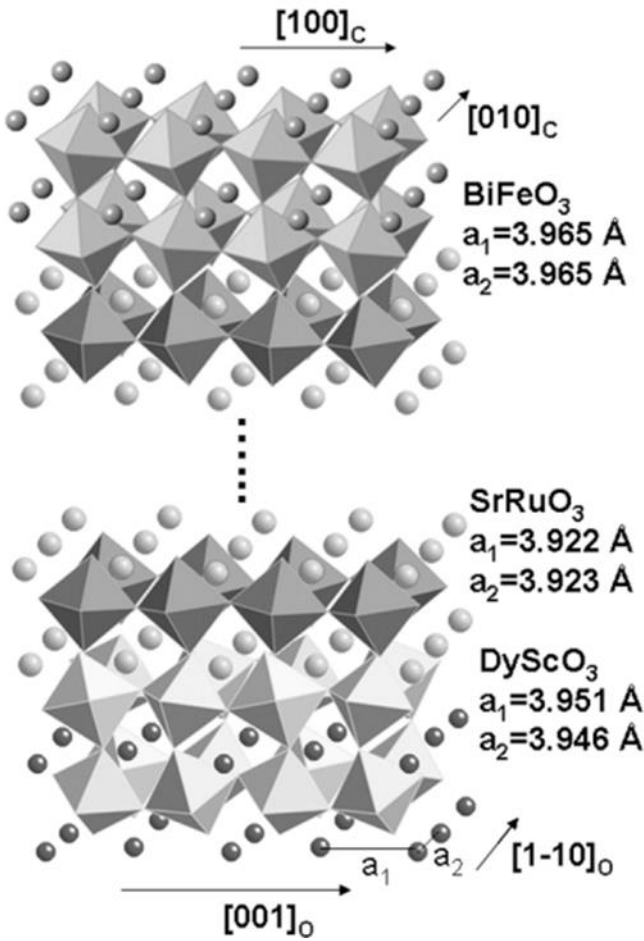
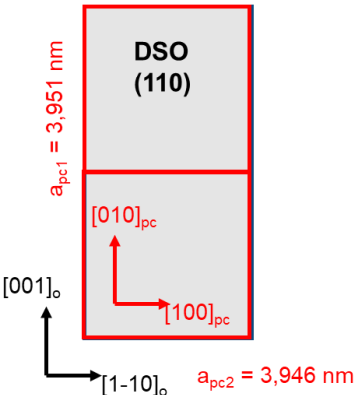
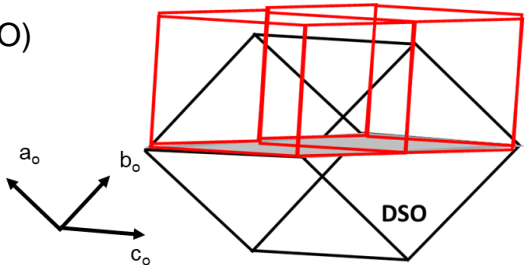
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The case of DyScO₃ (DSO)
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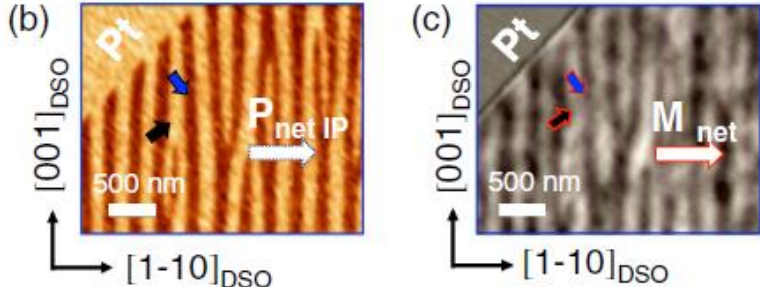
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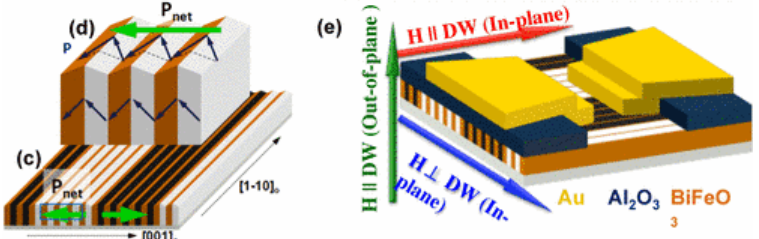
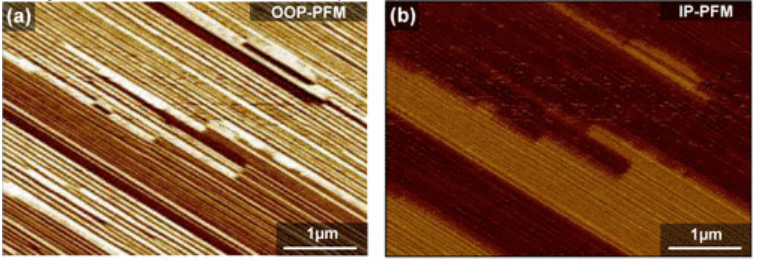
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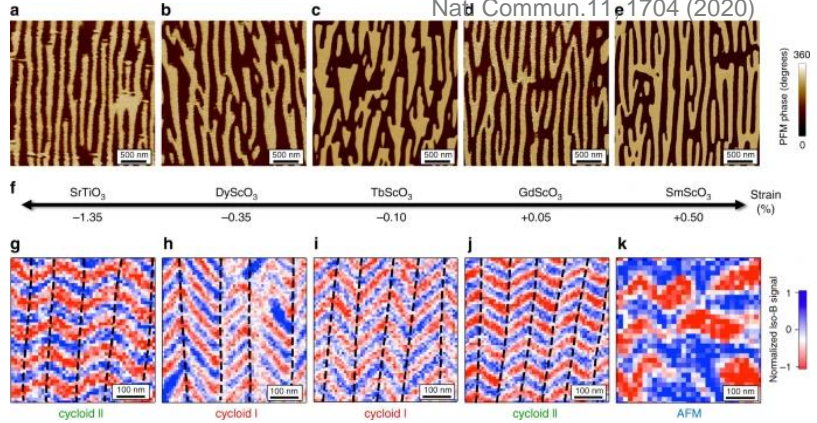
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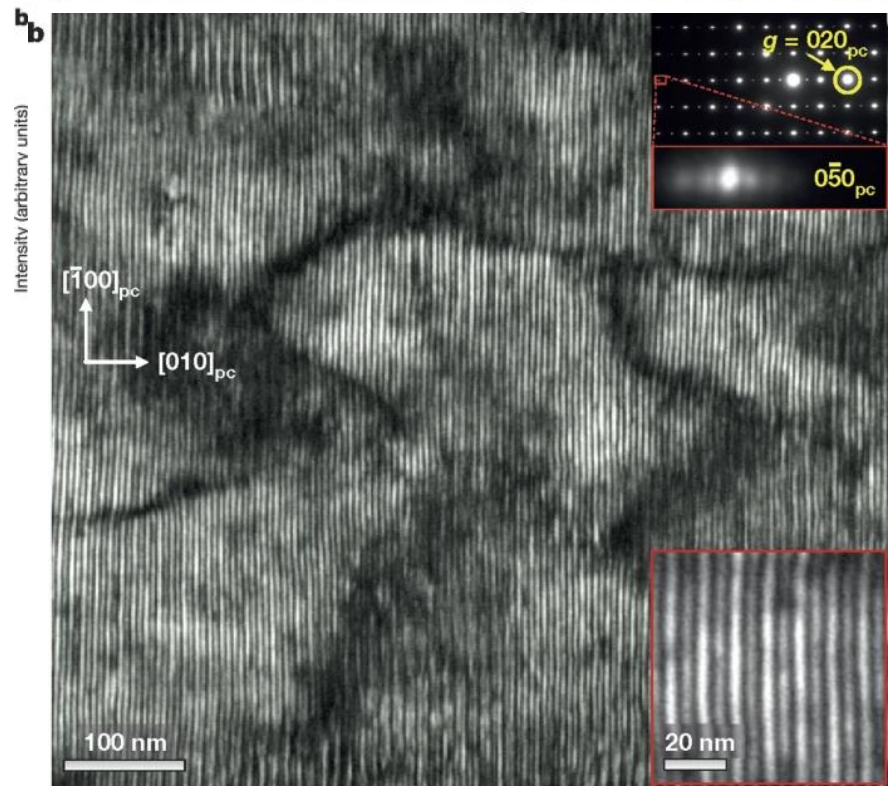
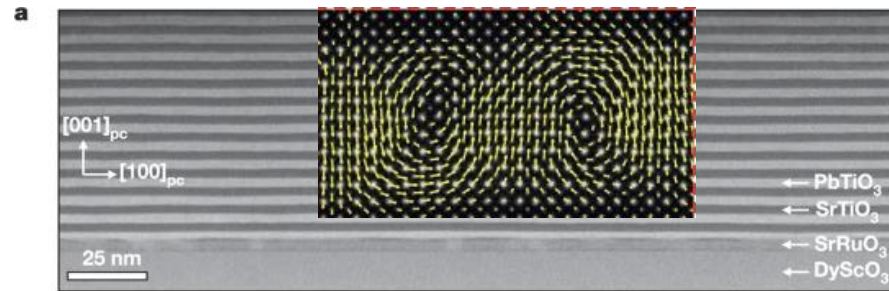
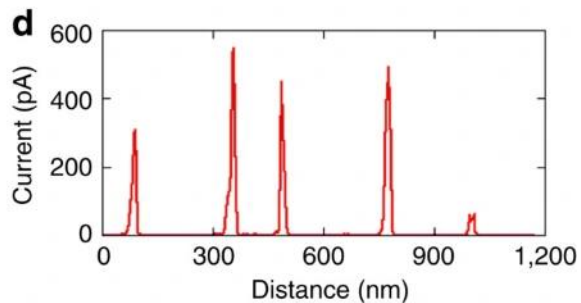
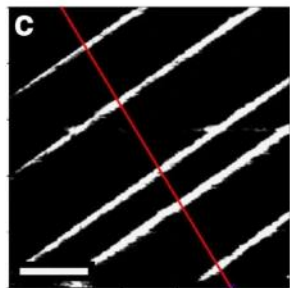
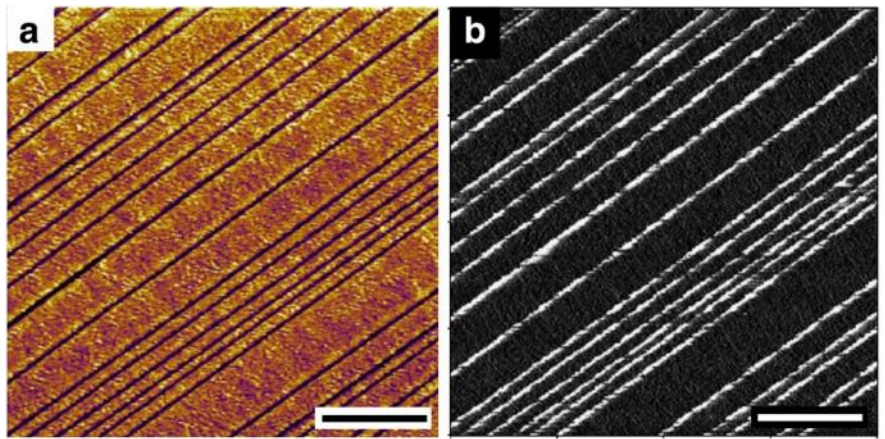
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Thin films epitaxy

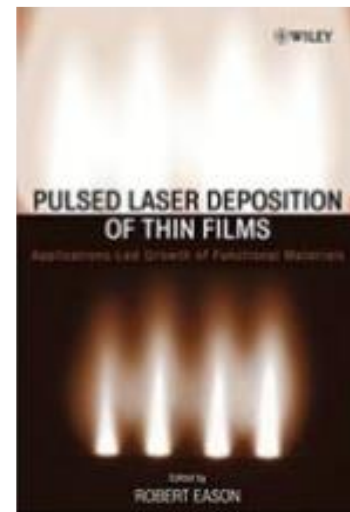
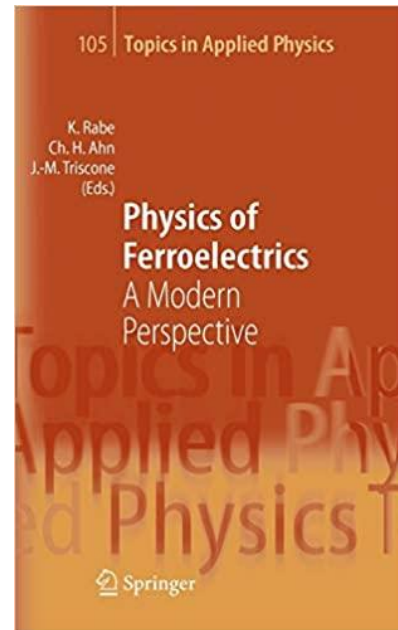
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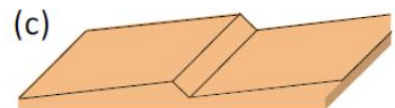
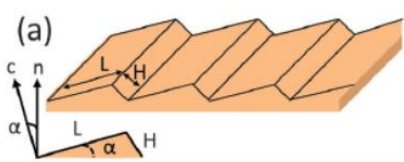
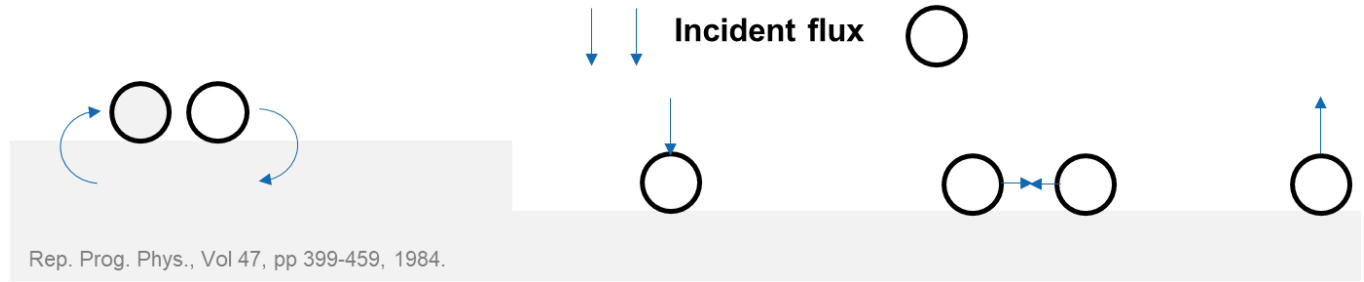
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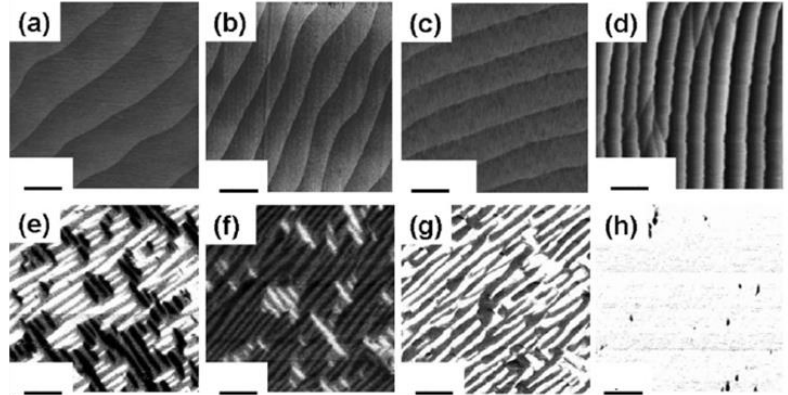
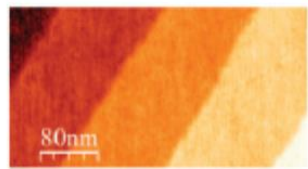
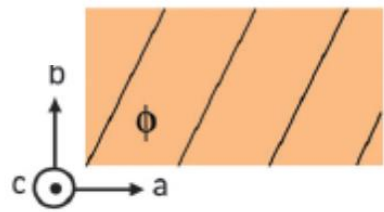
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During deposition



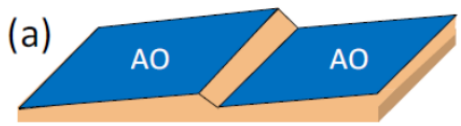
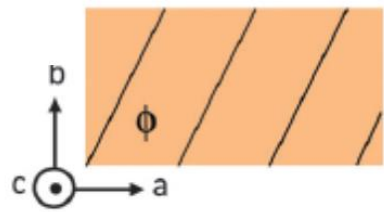
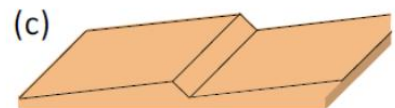
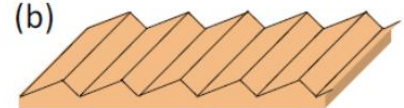
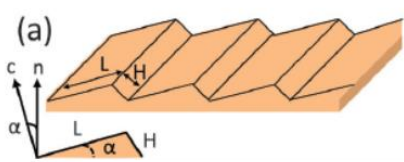
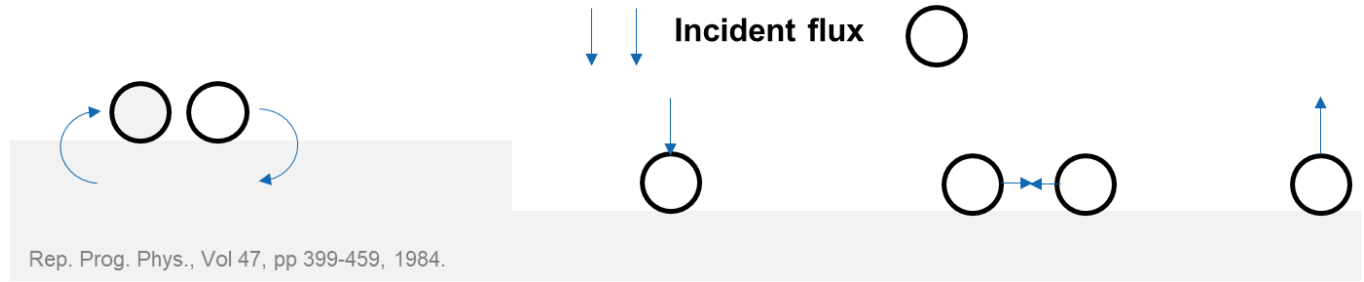
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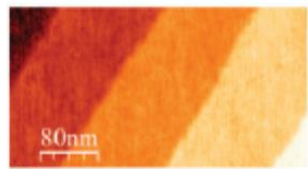
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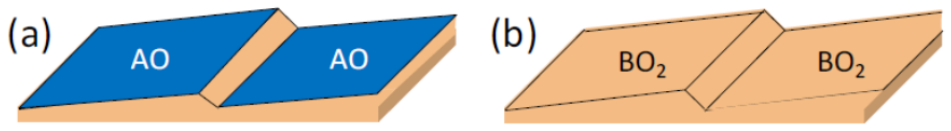
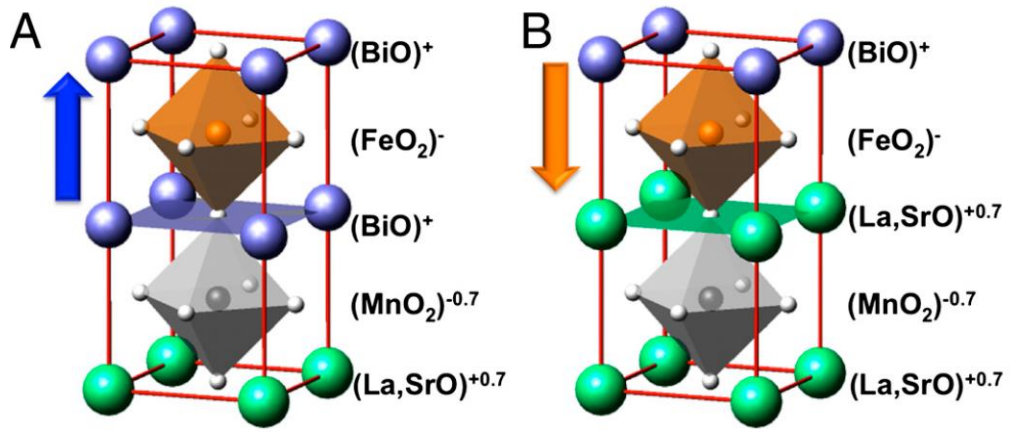
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Screening charges at the surfaces set the final direction of the polarization



Control from the **bottom** interface



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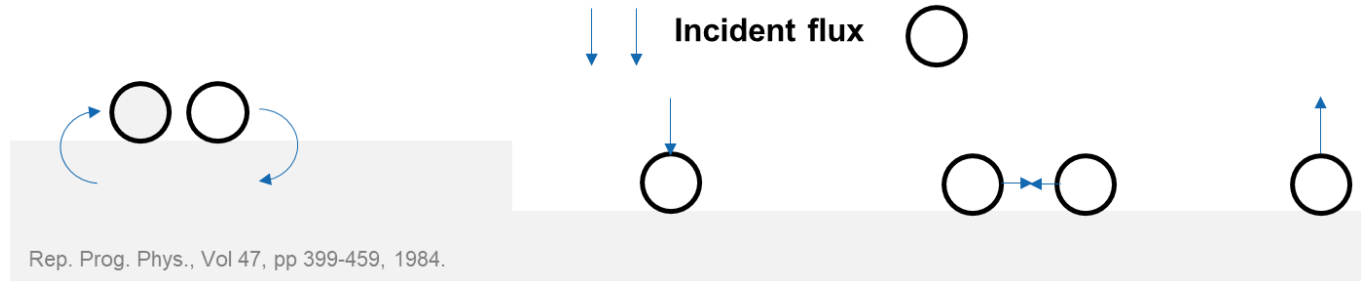
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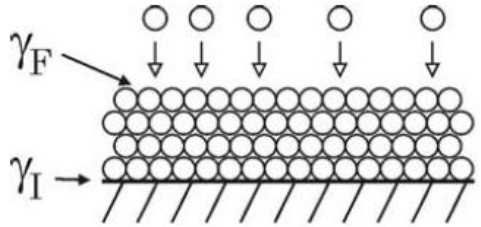
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Thermodynamic approach: surface free energies of the films, substrates and interfaces determine the morphology of the film

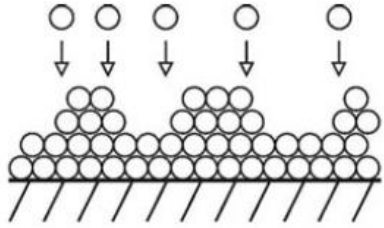
$$\Delta\gamma < 0$$

$$\Delta\gamma = \gamma_{film} + \gamma_{interface} - \gamma_{substrate}$$

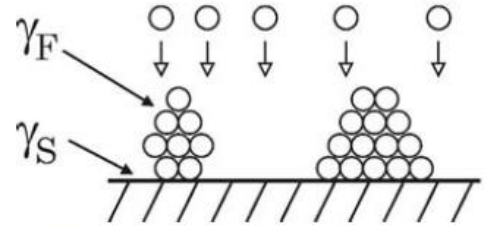
$$\Delta\gamma > 0$$



Van der Merve
Layer by layer



Stranski Krastanov (SK)



Volmer Weber (3D)

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Volmer Weber $\Delta\gamma > 0$
(3D)

Pt on Y doped Zirconia

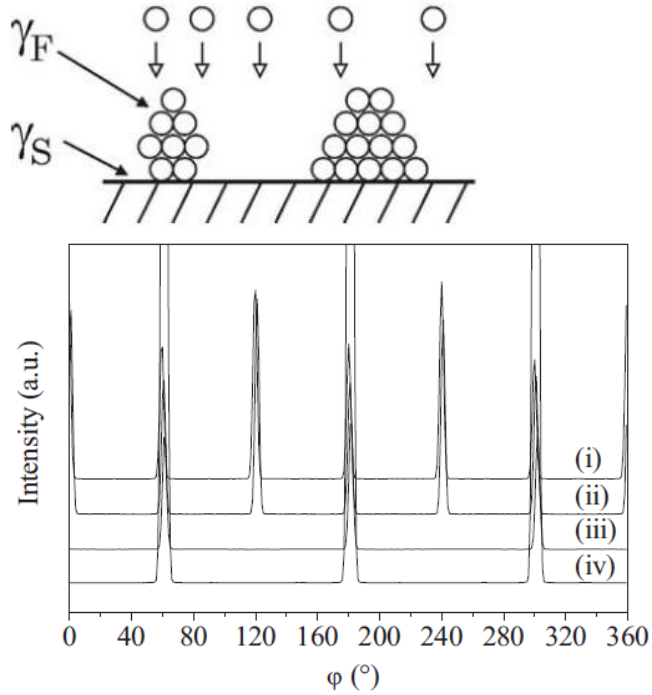
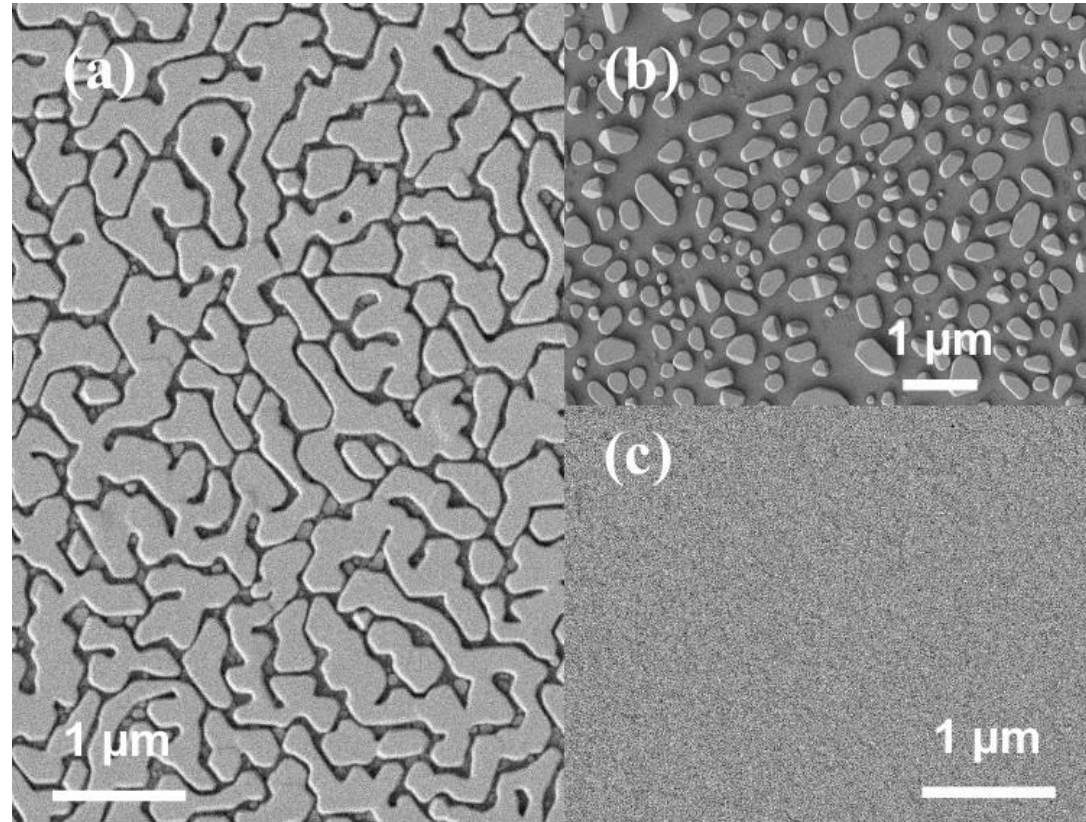


FIG. 3. ϕ -scans of the Pt {311} planes for the following three types of Pt films: (i) deposited directly on YSZ (111), (ii) with a further annealing at 800 °C for 48 h, and (iii) deposited using Ti adhesion layer. ϕ -scans of the substrate peak YSZ {422} are given in (iv).



Growth processes and growth modes

What do we need to get controlled two dimensional epitaxial growth

2D growth modes

$\Delta\gamma < 0$ (during growth homoepitaxy)

The 2D growth behavior is determined by kinetic parameters

- the surface diffusion coefficient D_s of the ad-atoms
- the sticking coefficient of an atom at the edge of a terrace
- the energy barrier to descend the edge to a lower terrace (Ehrlich–Schwoebel barrier *Journal of Applied Physics* 37, 3682–3686 (1966))

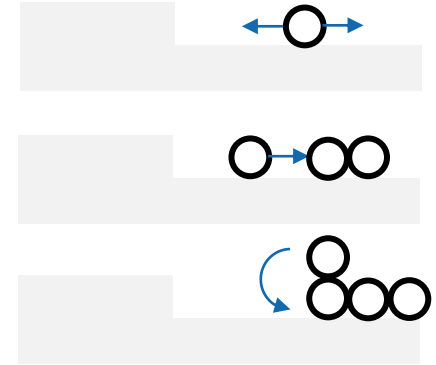
D_s determines the average distance an atom travels before being trapped

$$l_D = \sqrt{\tau \cdot D_s}$$

and

$$D_s = \nu \cdot a^2 e^{-E_a/K_B T}$$

τ residence time before evaporation,
 ν attempt frequency,
 a a characteristic jump distance,
 E_a activation energy for diffusion



Temperature controls the diffusivity

Growth processes and growth modes

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2D growth modes

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Step flow growth



If the diffusion of the ad-atoms is too high, $t_d \gg$ average terrace width L

Growth processes and growth modes

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Step flow growth



Lower diffusion of ad-atoms, the probability for atoms to bond to an existing island exceeds the probability to form a new one (high impact of the diffusion to a lower terrace).

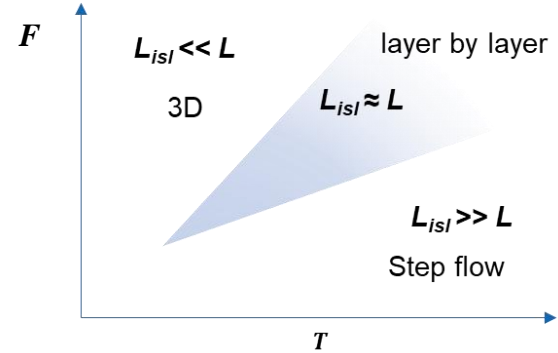
Ideal case, layer by layer : Atoms first have to reach the island edge and diffuse to a lower terrace



Mean distance between islands

$$L_{isl} \sim \left(\frac{D_s}{F}\right)^p$$

$p < 1$
 p exponent linked to the number of atoms to form a stable island, F incident flux



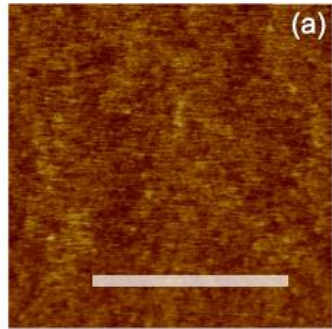
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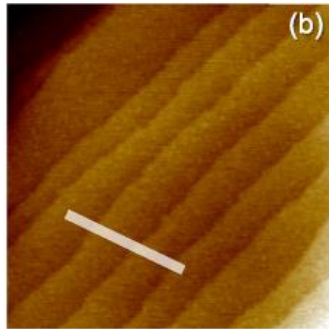
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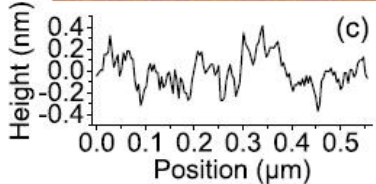


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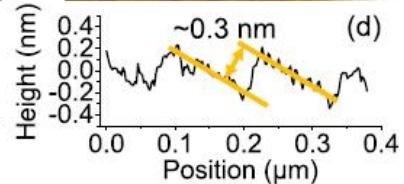


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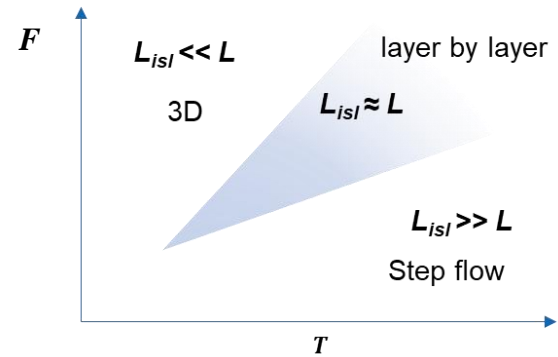
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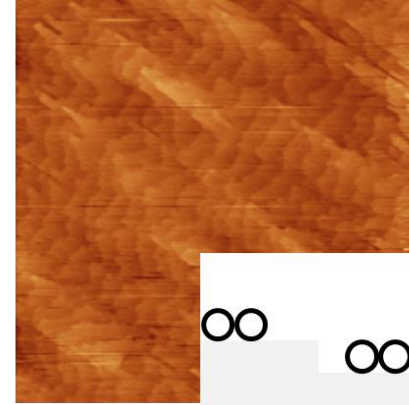
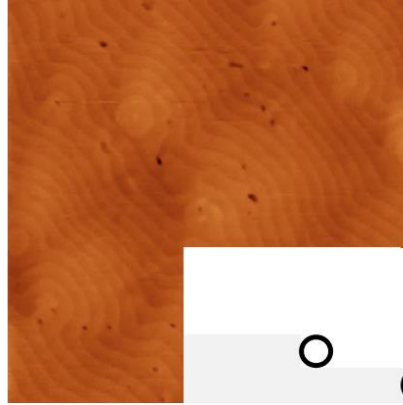
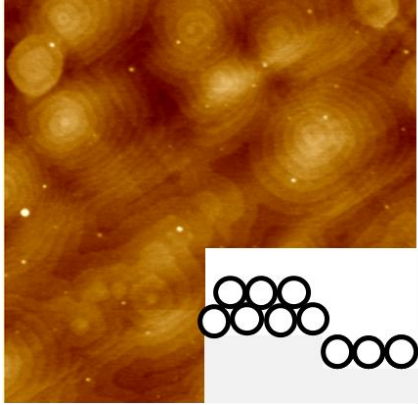
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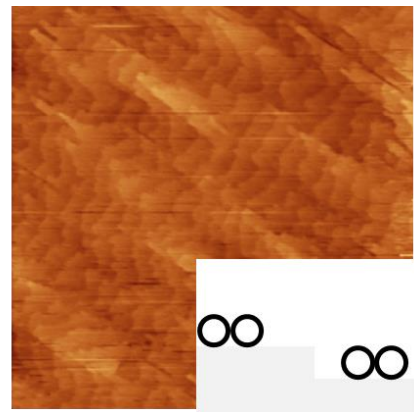
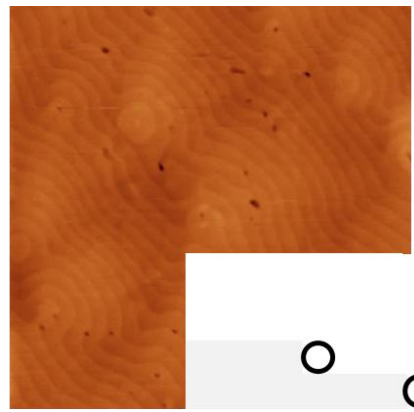
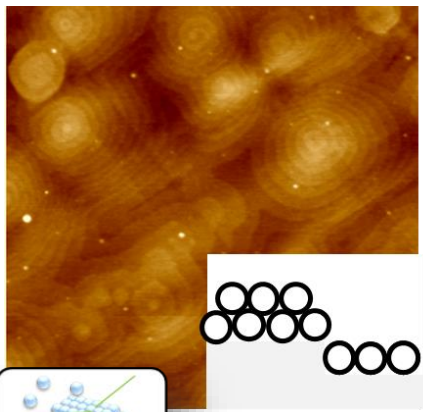


Why do we need layer by layer?

Growth processes and growth modes

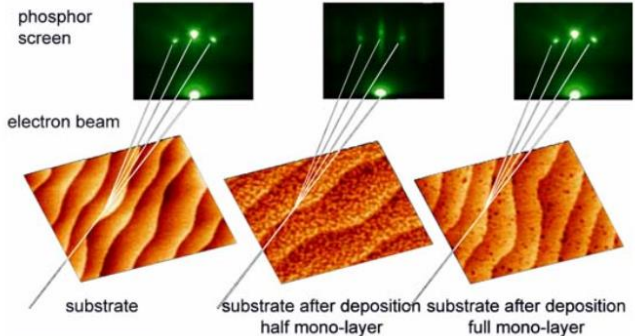
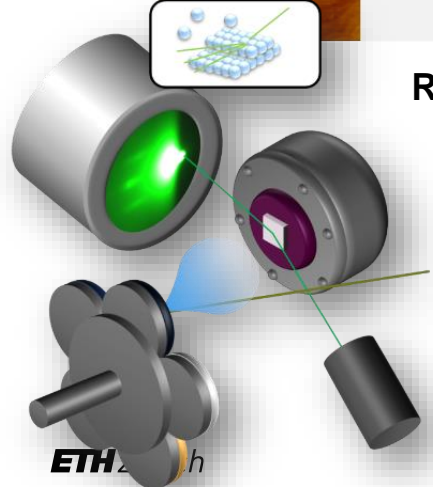
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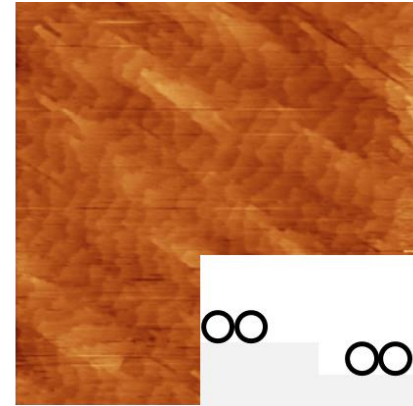
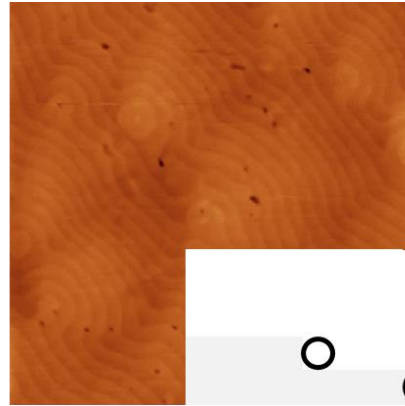
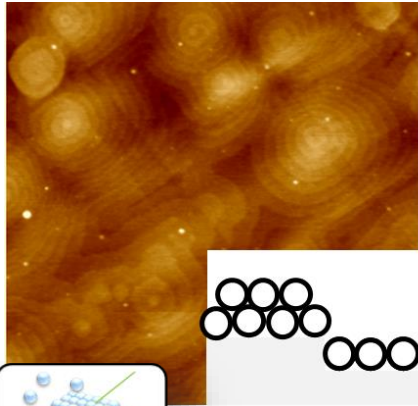
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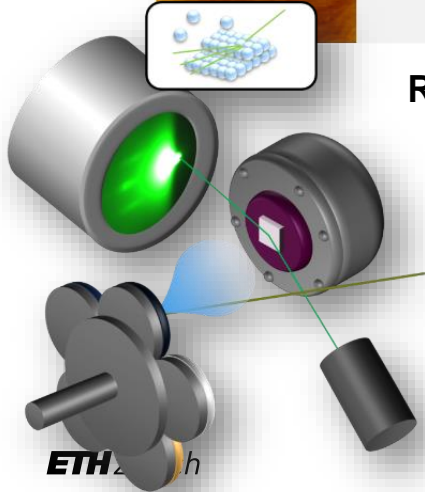
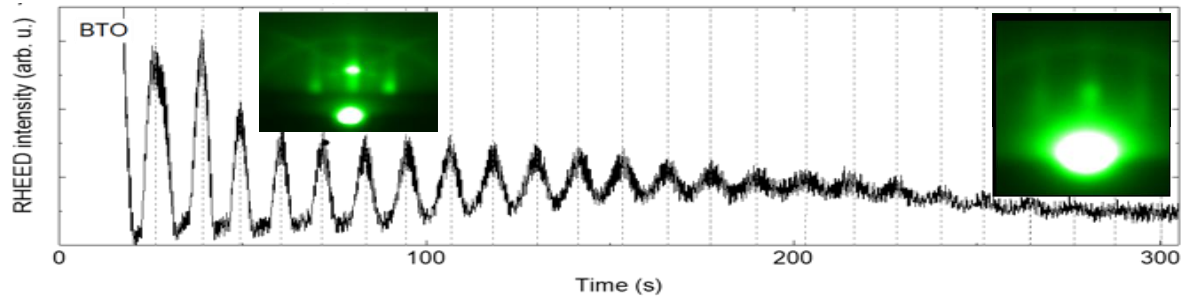
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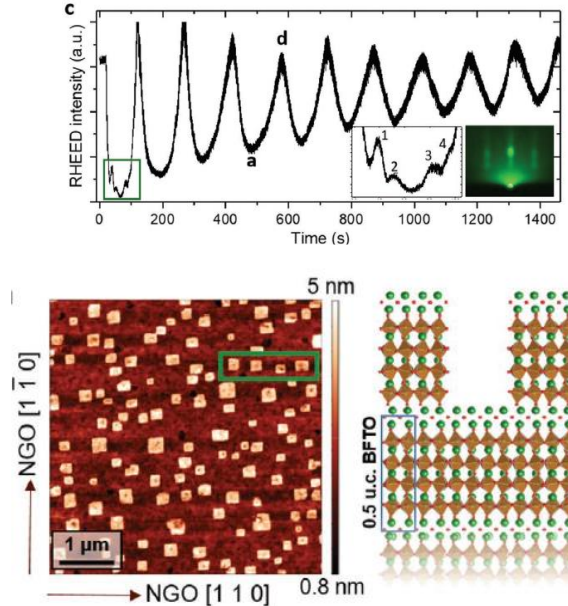
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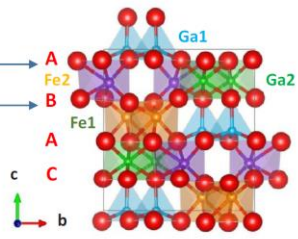
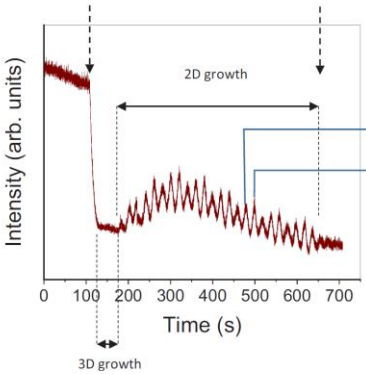
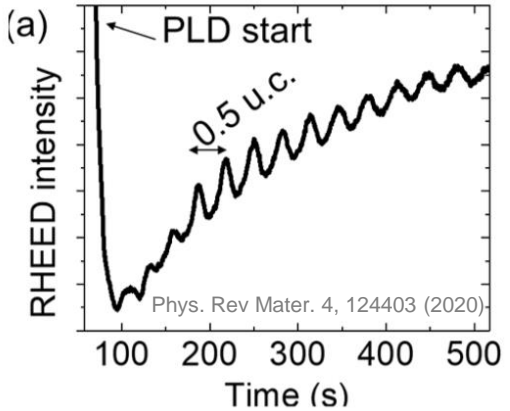


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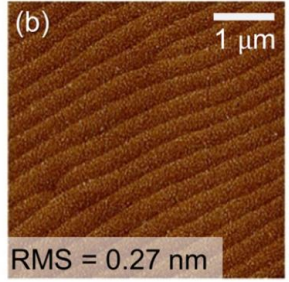
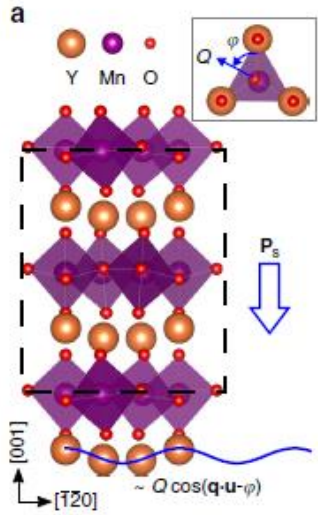
Unit cell and sub-unit cell thickness accuracy using RHEED



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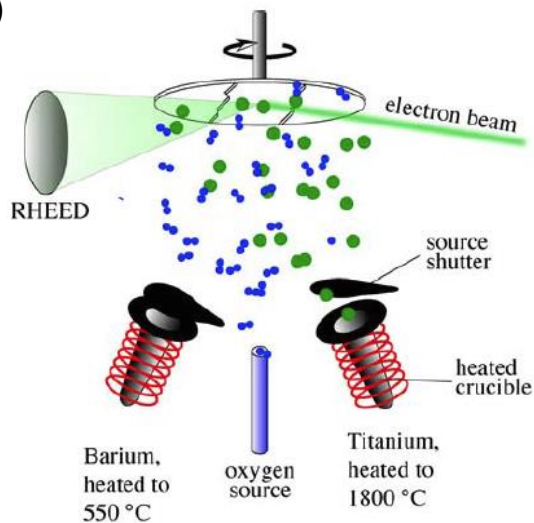
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Growth techniques

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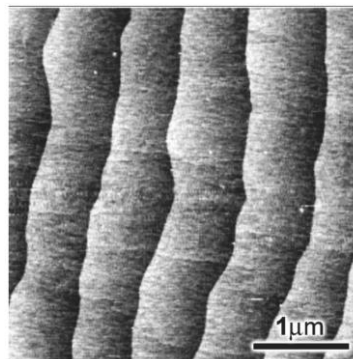
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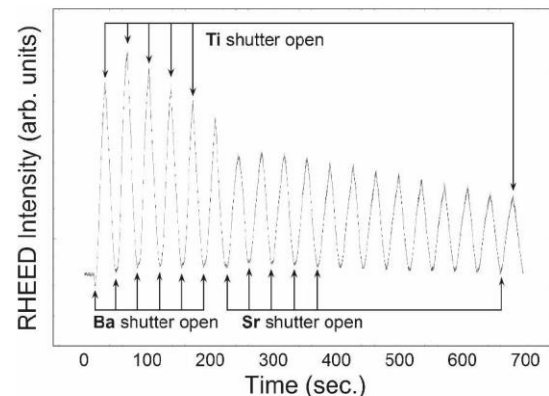
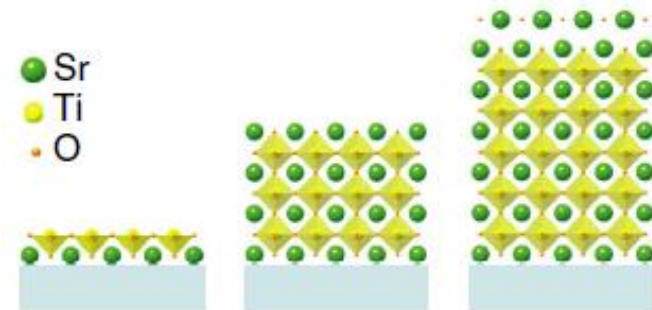
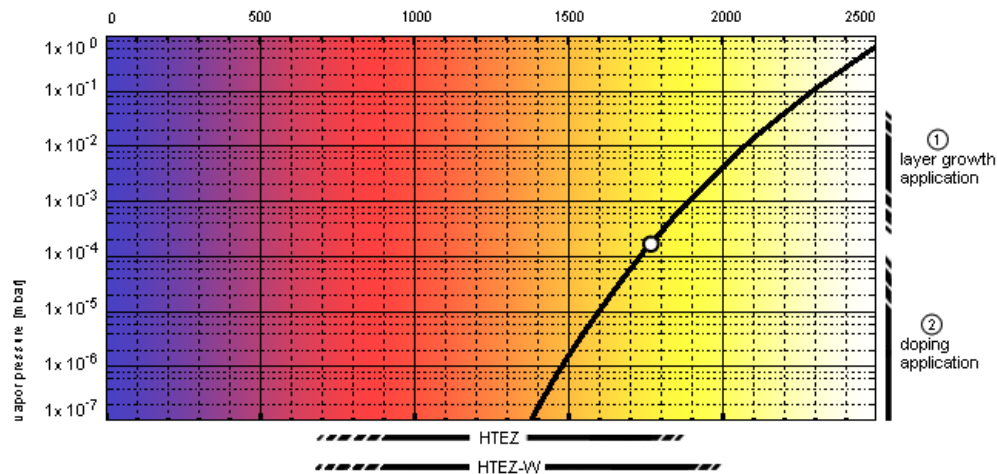
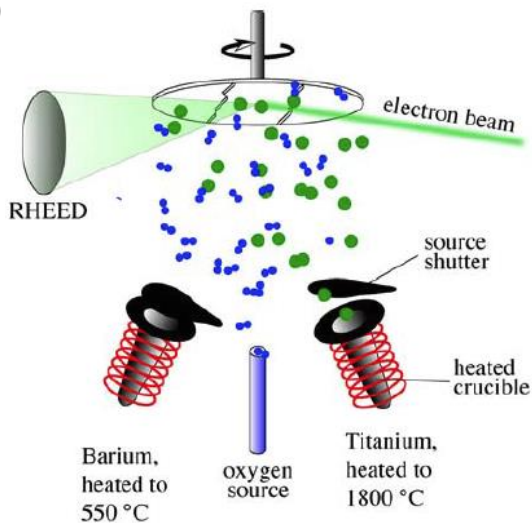


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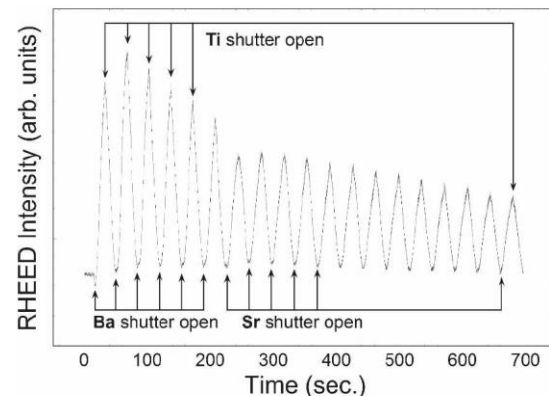
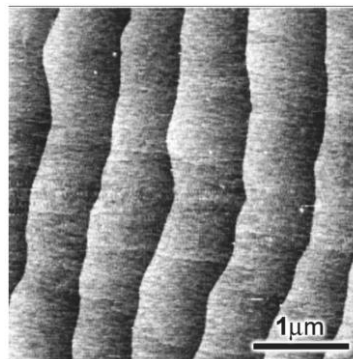


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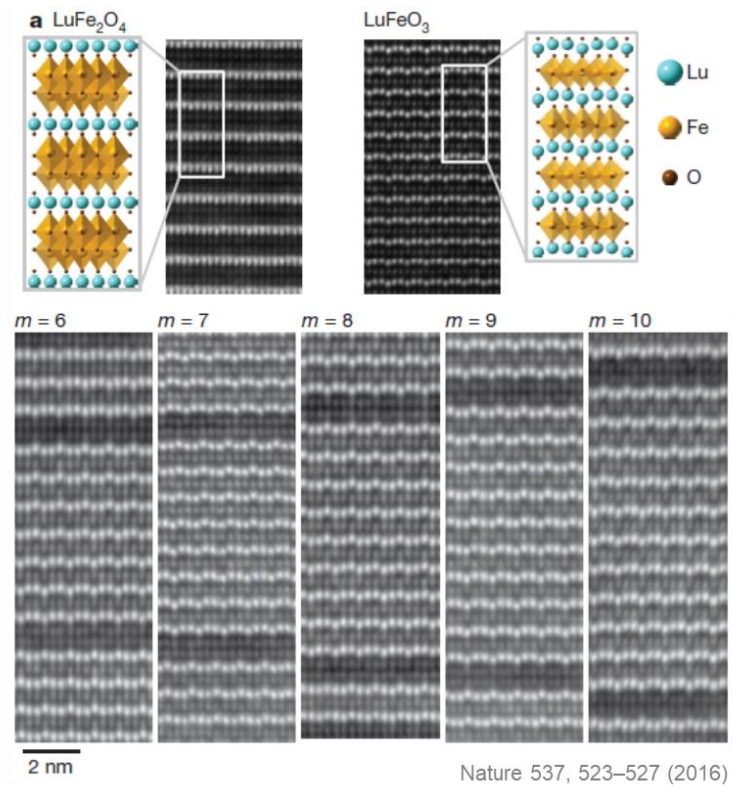
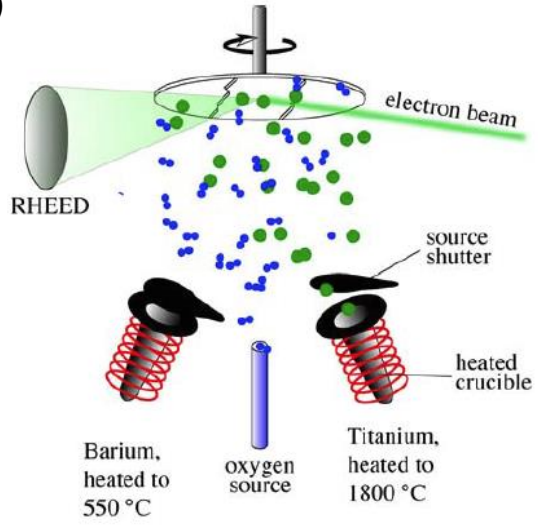
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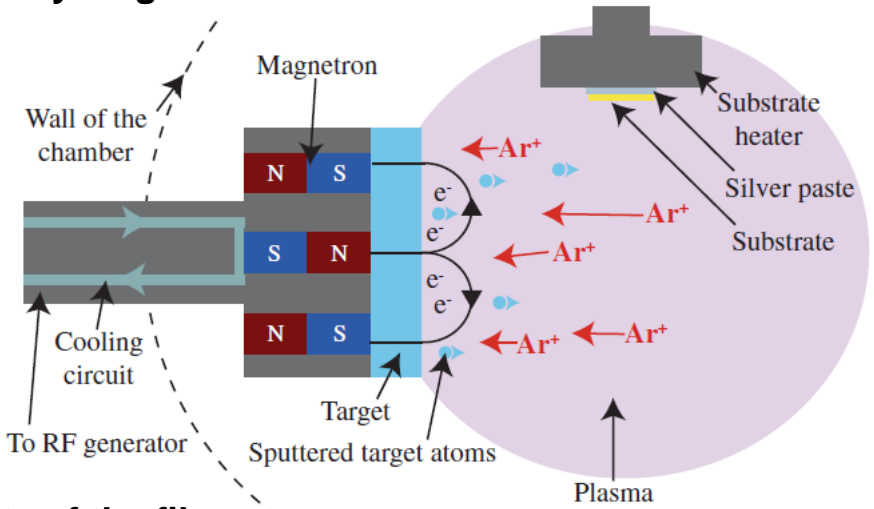
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- + Fine control on the atomic plane level
- + Large surface
- Calibration (precise timing of shutters)
- High temperatures get high flux, slow deposition

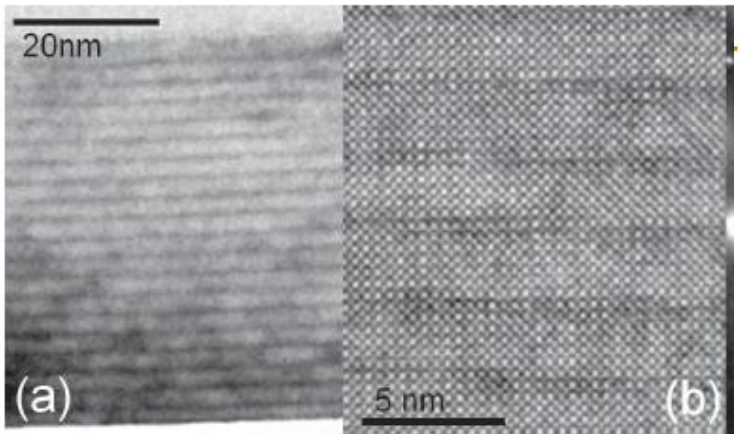
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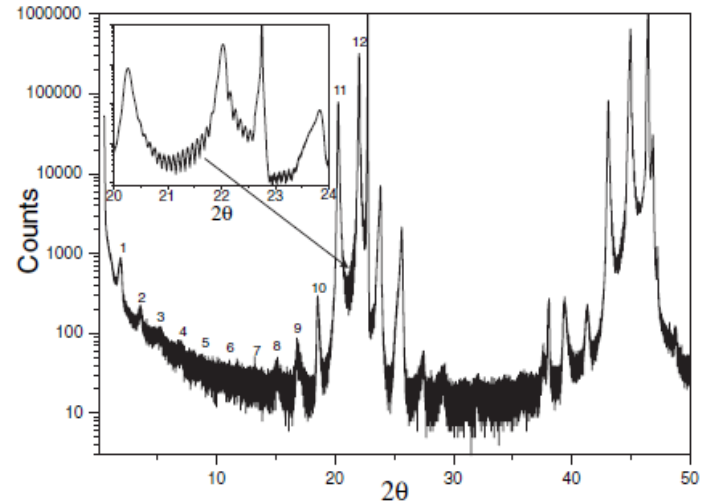
Radio Frequency Magnetron Sputtering



- + High quality of the films
- + Large surface
- Low deposition rate
- In-situ monitoring challenging



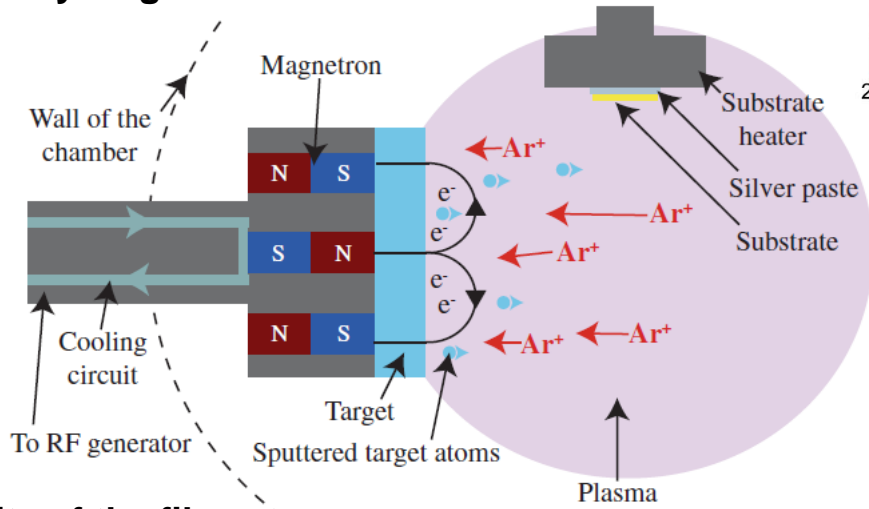
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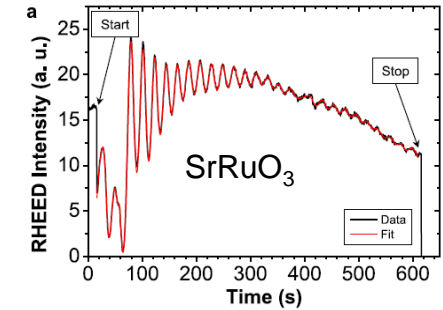
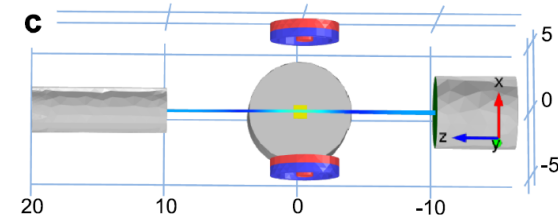
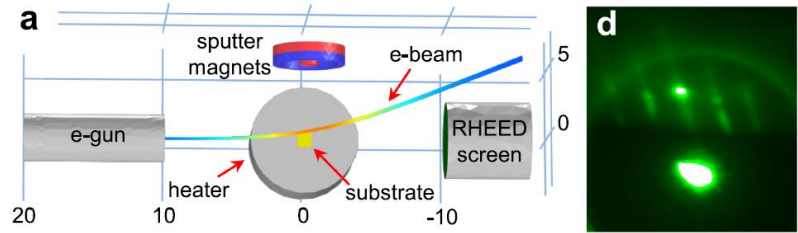
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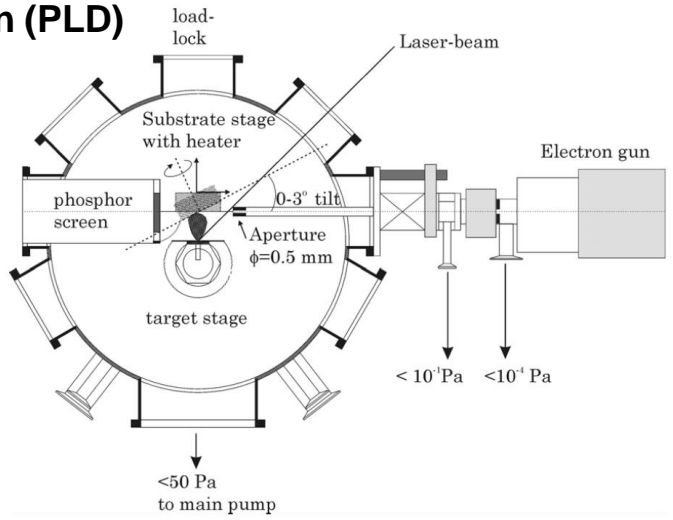
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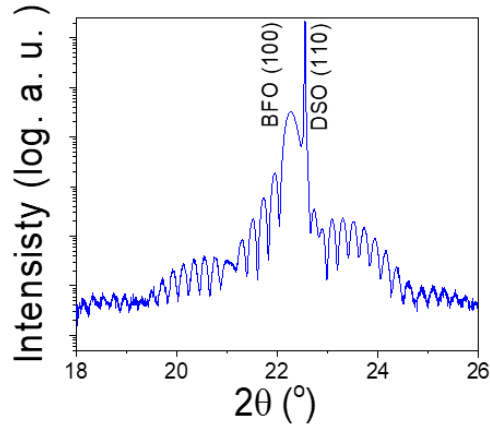
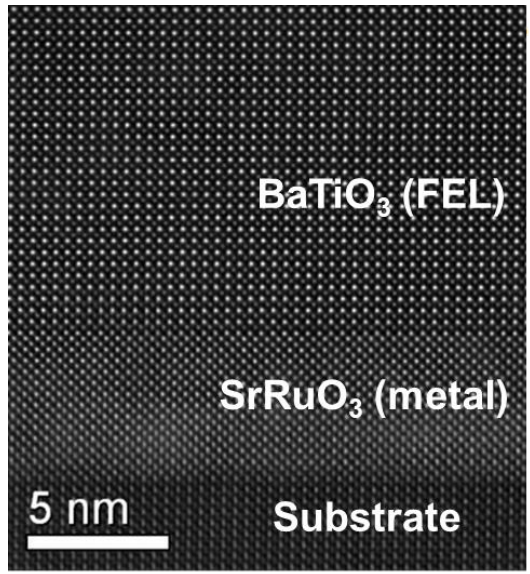
Growth techniques

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Pulsed laser deposition (PLD)



- + “Easy” to operate
- + Stoichiometric deposition (248 nm)
- + in situ monitoring
- Small area only



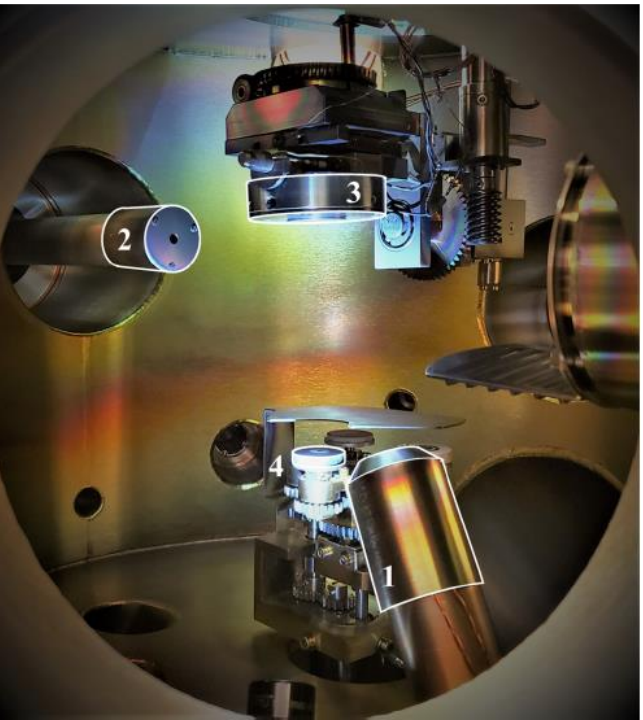
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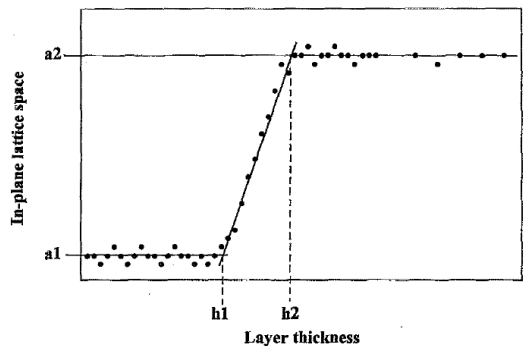
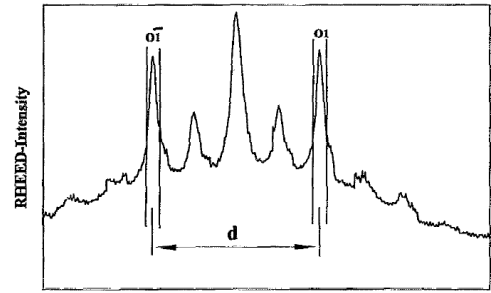
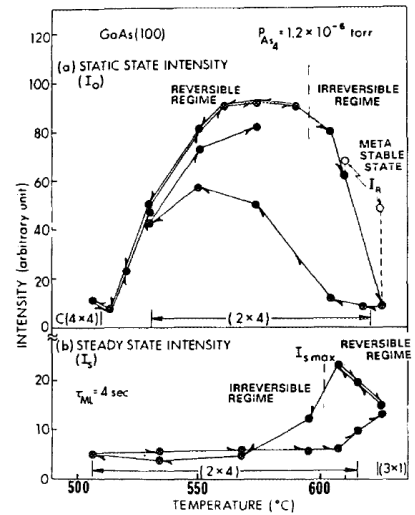
Differential pumping, beam enclosing, screen geometry
Now compatible with high pressure oxide thin films processes



In plane lattice parameter determination

$$d = 2\lambda_e L / a_{\parallel}$$

Surface reconstruction and absolute temperature measurement



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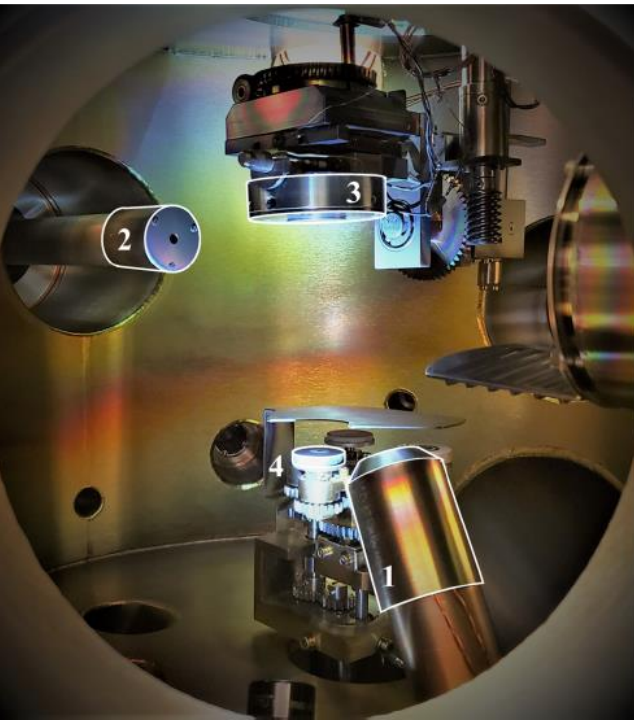
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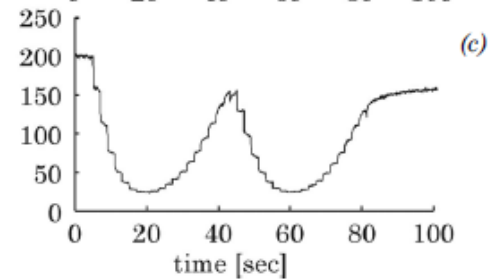
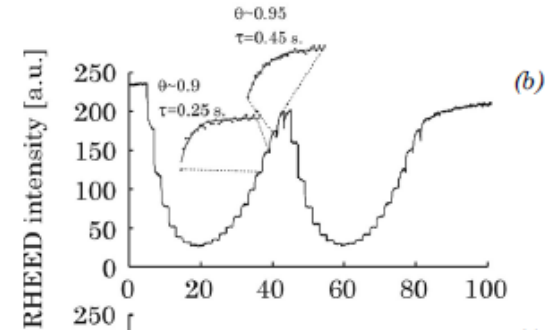
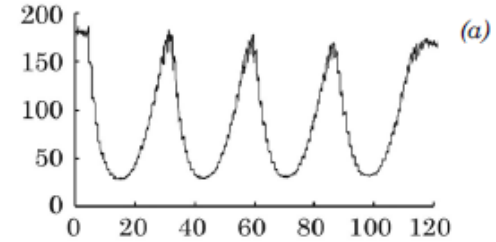
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Growth modes.
Surface diffusion probe

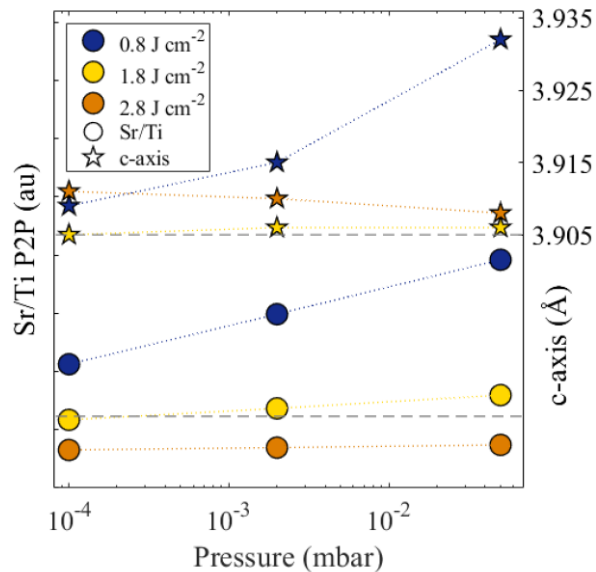
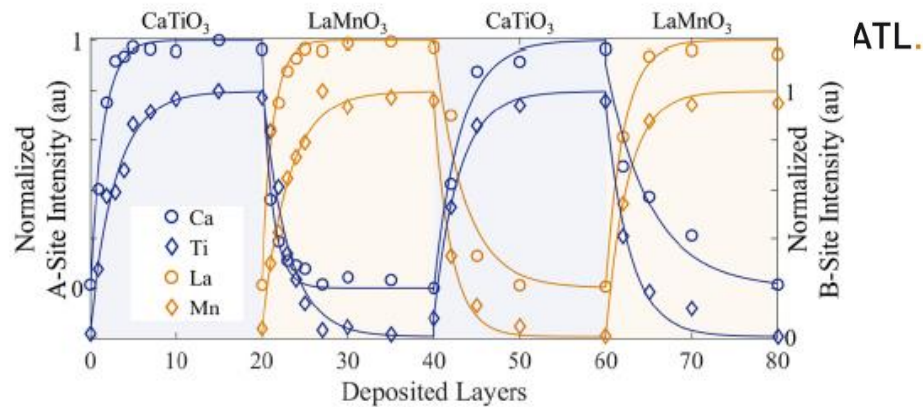
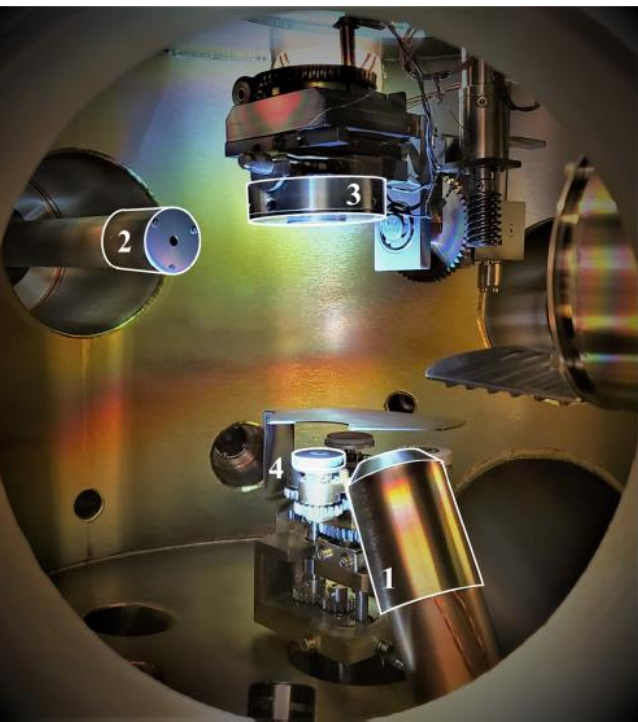


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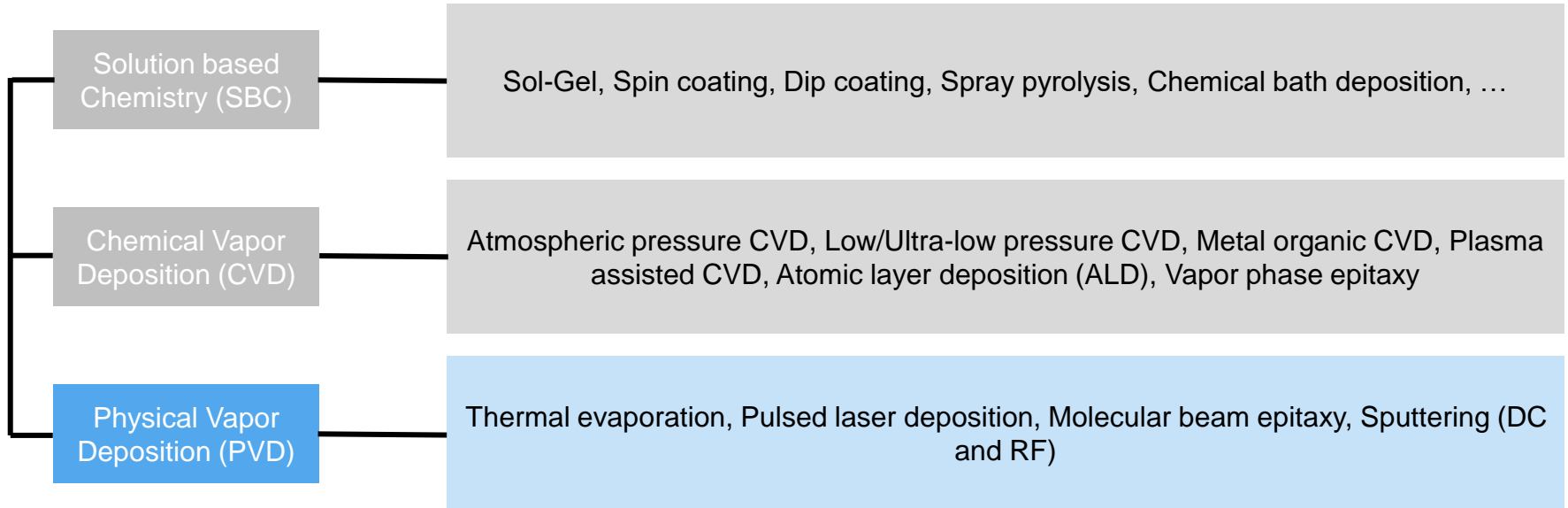
Pulsed laser deposition (PLD)

Electron beam irradiation, Auger electron emission,
characteristic of the atomic element.



Growth techniques

We need an incident flux,
high temperature, not just PVD

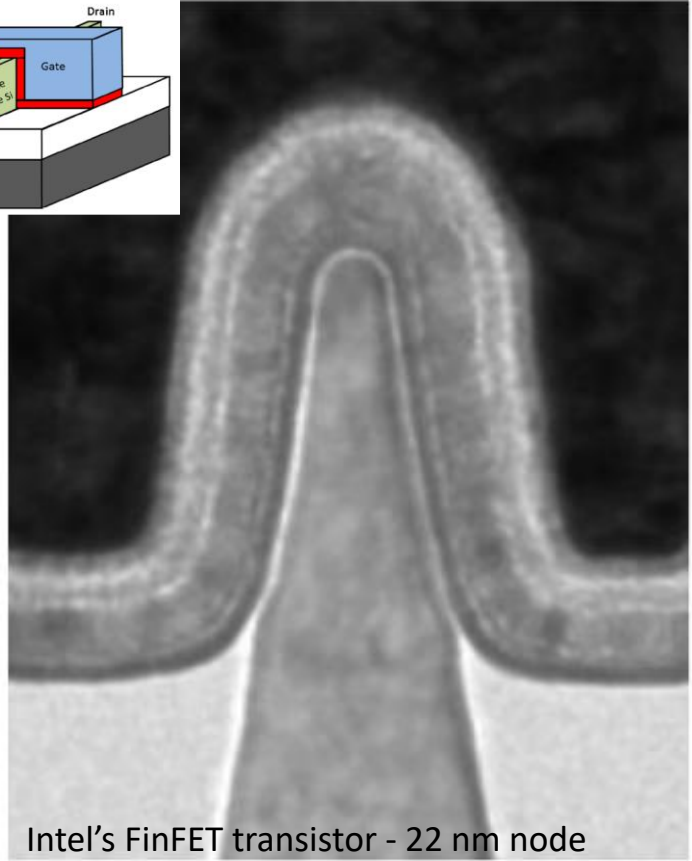
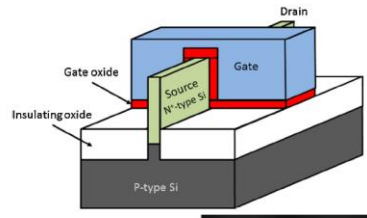
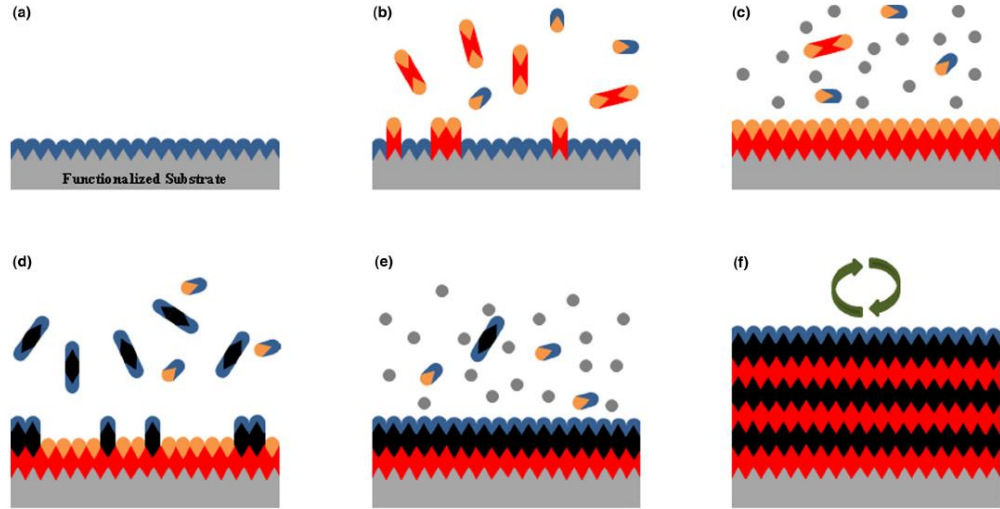


Growth techniques

the case of atomic layer deposition

ALD processes are conducted at moderate temperatures (<350C). compatible with backend of line for microelectronics

For Ferroelectric HfO₂ based compounds, precursors: Hf(diethylamino)₄ and H₂O



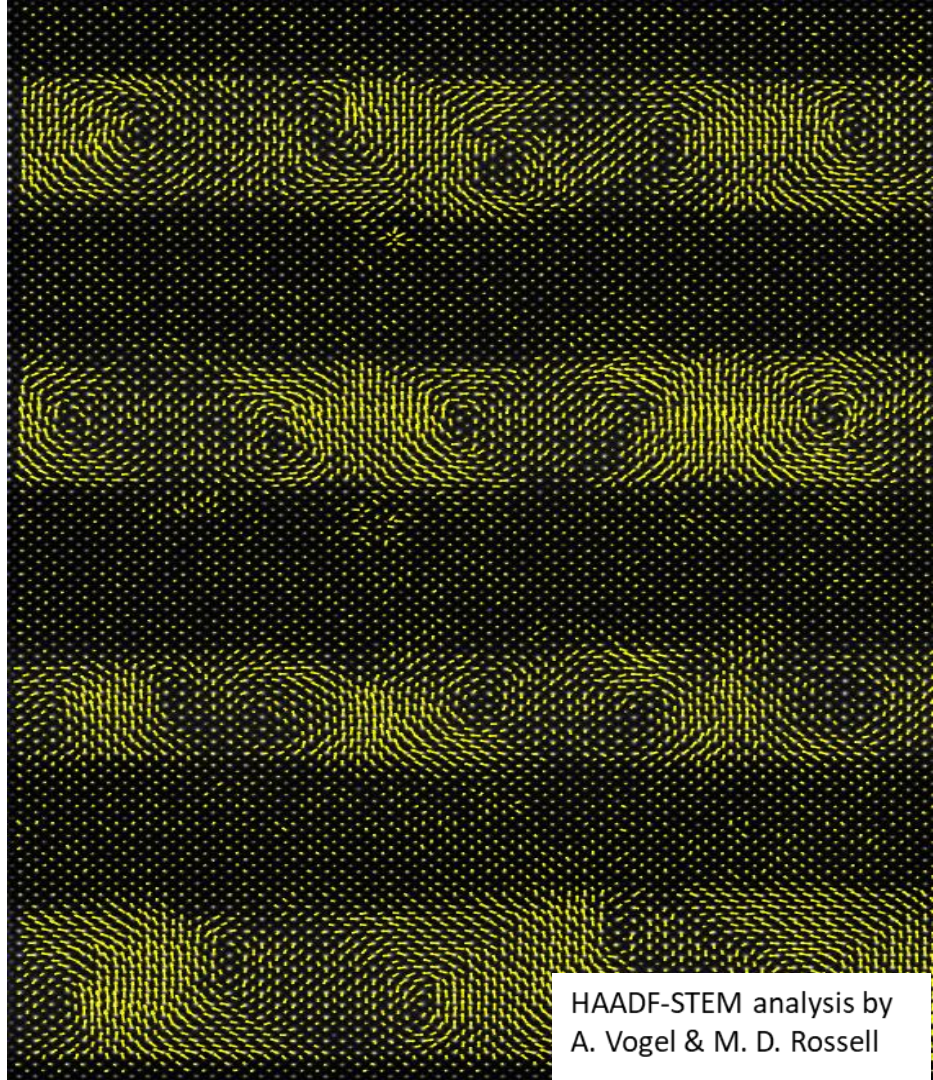
Growth techniques

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**Substrate lattice
and surface
morphology is
important**

**OMBE, RF
sputtering and
PLD bring the
control parameter
to achieve layer
by layer growth**

**How do we
characterize an
epitaxial deposition?**



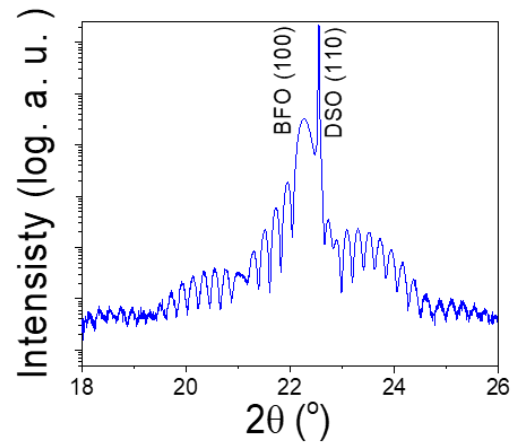
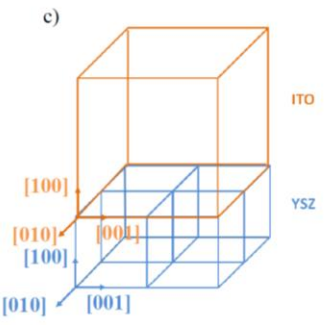
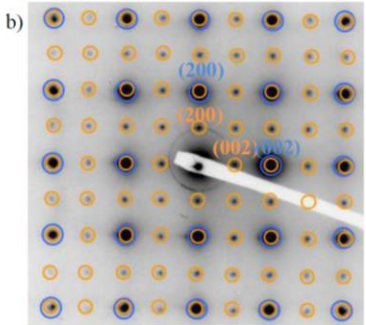
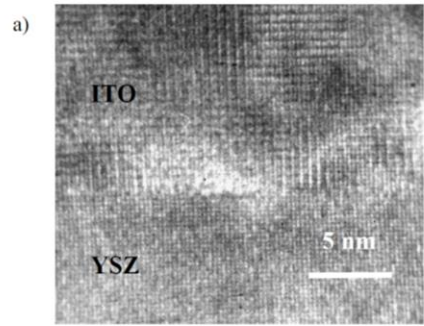
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Structural characterization

X-ray diffraction experiments

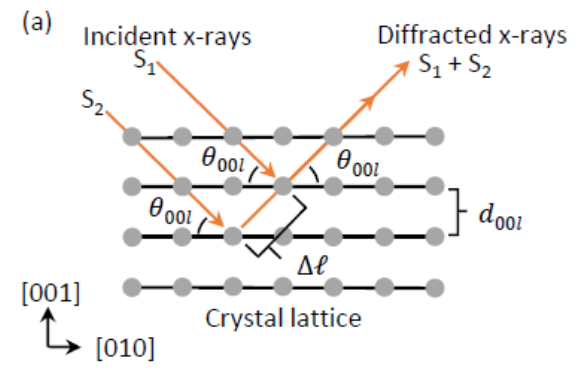
- Identification of the material, phase
- Strain state
- Epitaxial relationship

Investigation of the reciprocal space



Bragg's law

$$2d \sin \theta = n\lambda; n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

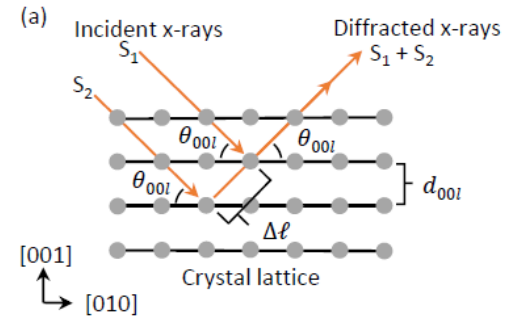
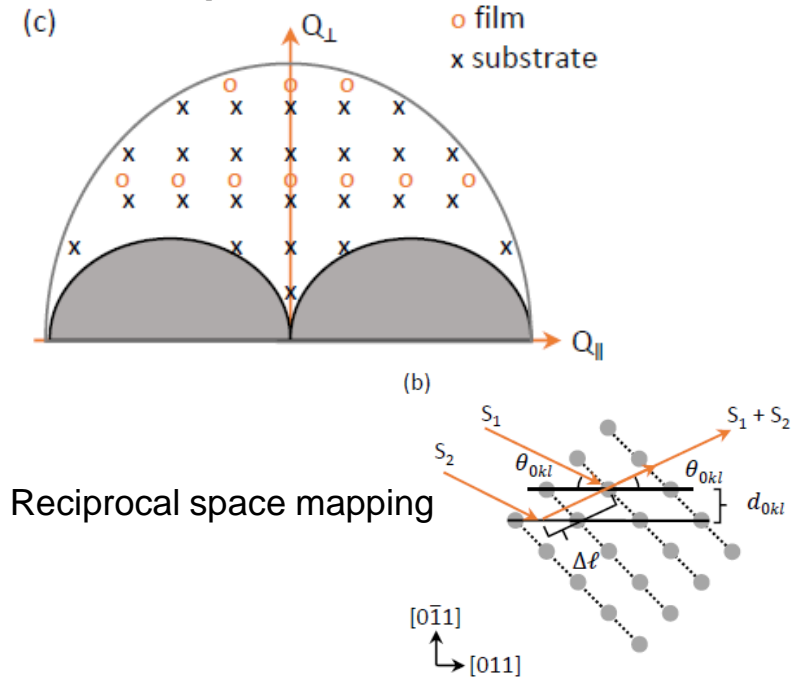


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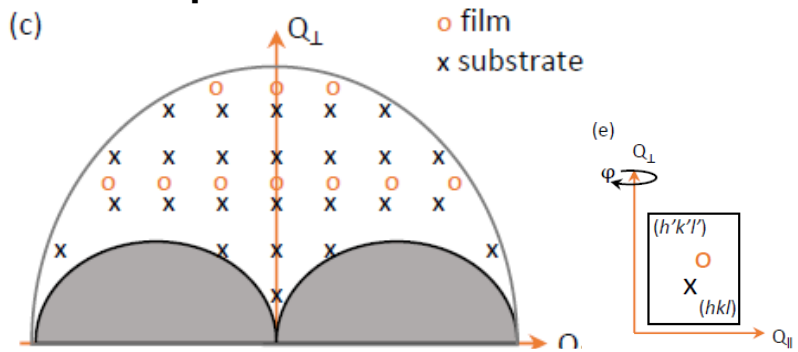


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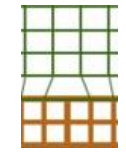
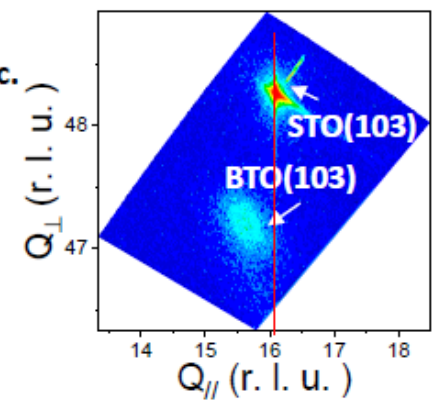
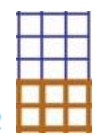
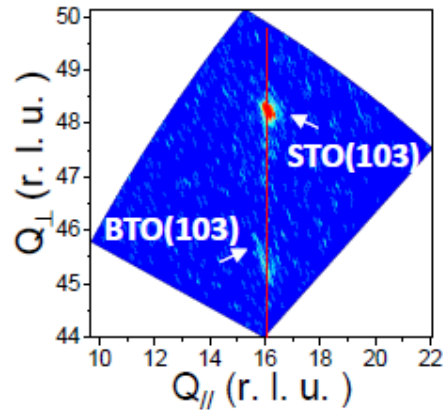
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X-ray diffraction experiments

- Identification of the material, phase
- Strain state
- Epitaxial relationship



In-plane lattice parameter

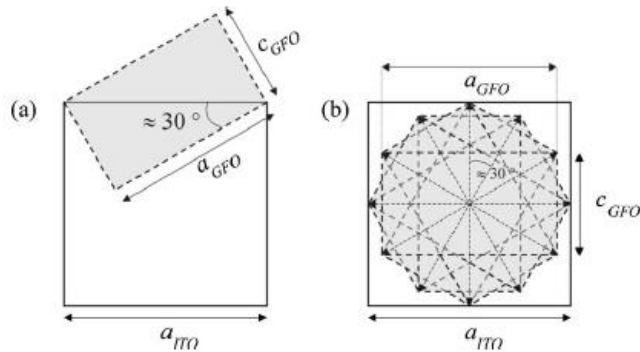
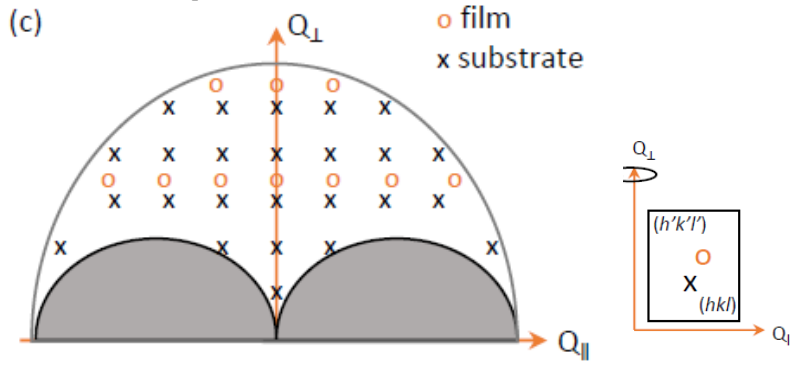


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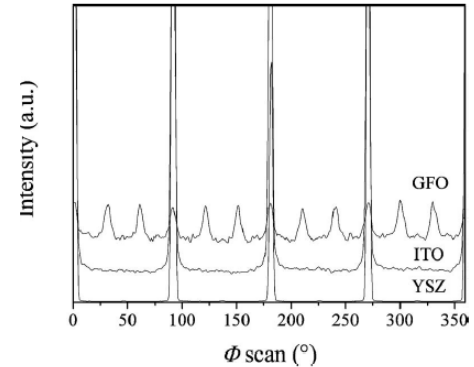
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Advice to young scientists ;)

- Never start a conversation like this:

“We are finishing a paper on [...] and would like to include **a thickness dependence** that supports our amazing interpretation. How can you help?”

- When talking to **a thin film grower**

- * (Good **growth**, takes time)

- * The results from **growth** may or may not agree with your **theory** or your interpretation of it. Be ready for that!

- * That's OK because (good **experiment** and its comparison with **theory**) will allow you to learn about your problem



Thin films epitaxy

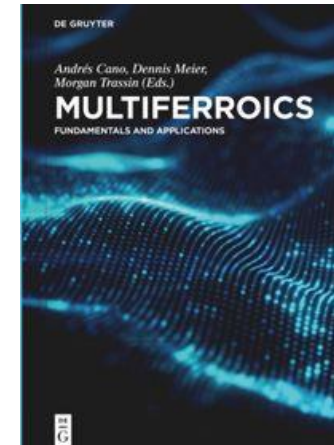
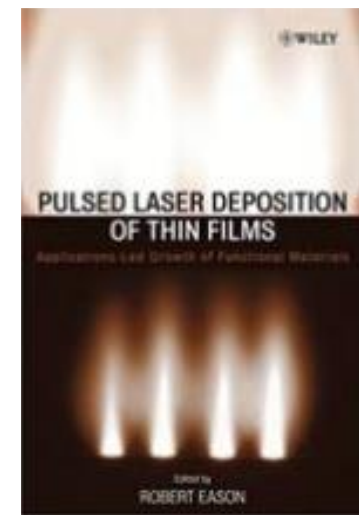
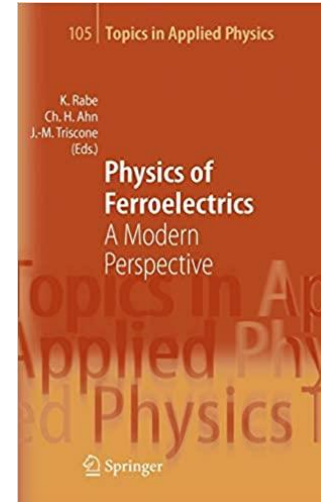
- Brief definitions
- Epitaxial strain as a control parameter
- Materials, substrates

Growth process

- Growth modes and growth mechanisms
- In situ monitoring of 2D growth
- Growth techniques
- Structural characterization

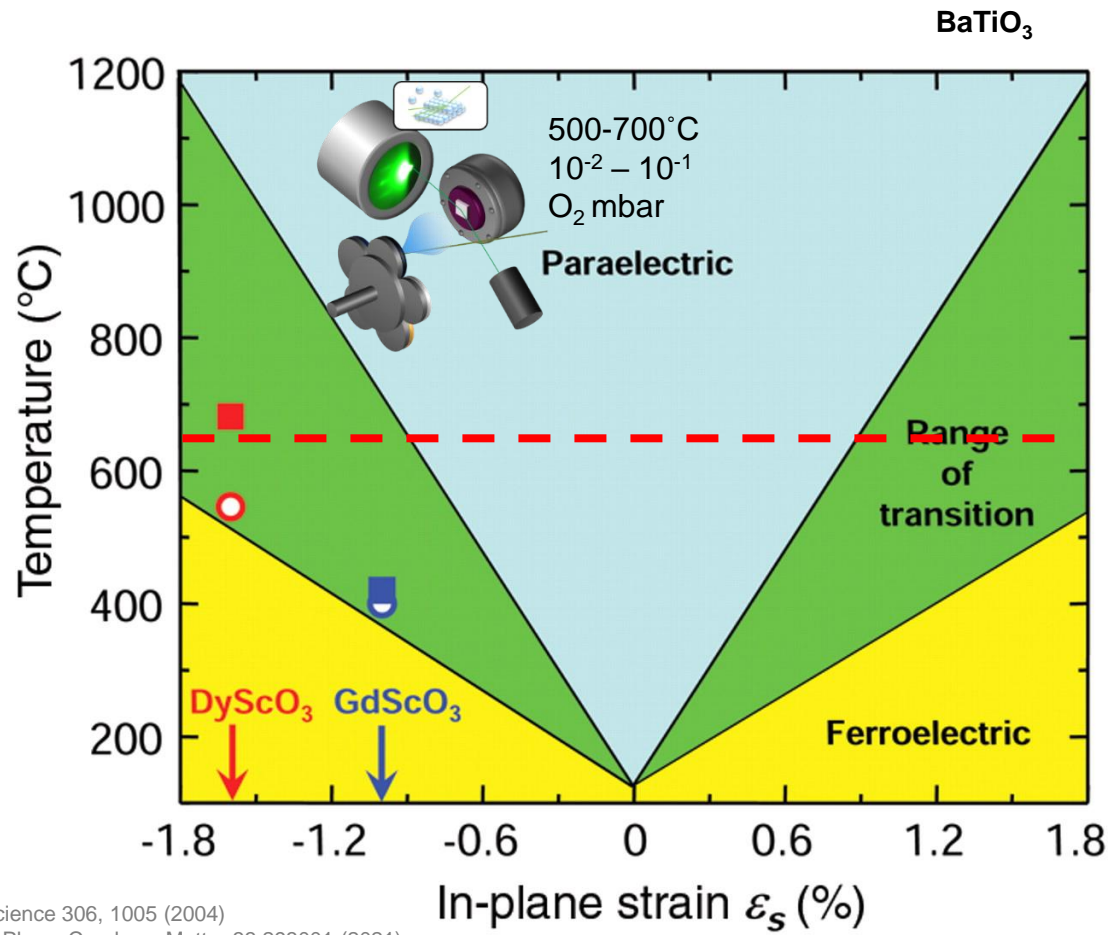
The case of ferroelectrics

- In-situ diagnostic tools
- Monitoring of ferroelectricity during the epitaxial growth interface contributions

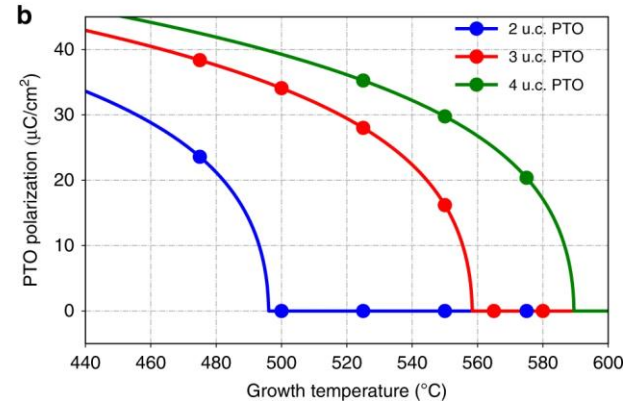
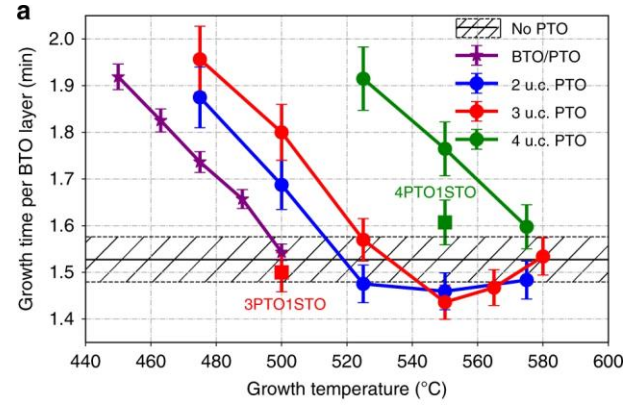


Growth techniques

Growth of ferroelectric in the polar phase



Process ↔ Ferroelectricity



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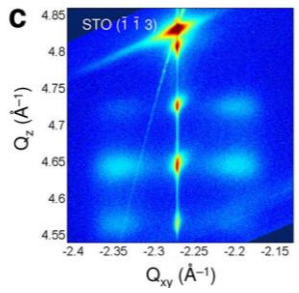
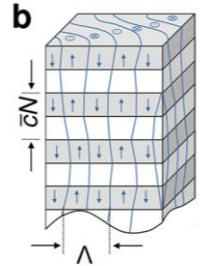
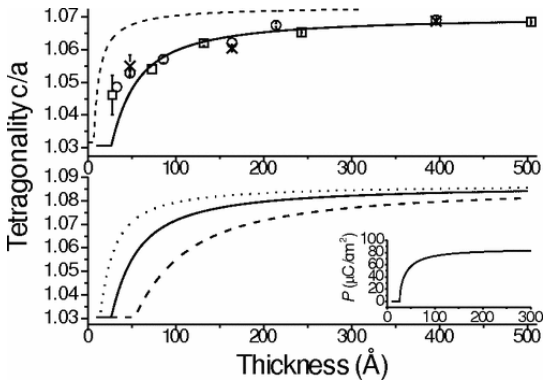
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In-situ monitoring techniques for ferroelectricity X-ray diffraction

Probing the functionality noninvasively, the ferroelectricity

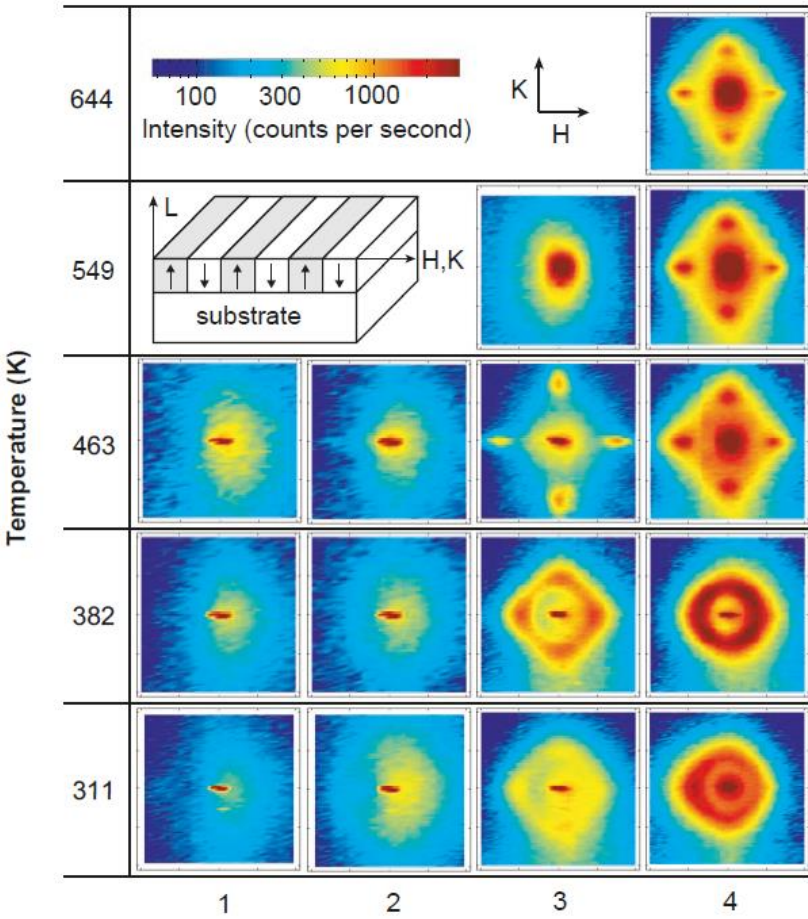
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Domain ordering

Domain formation

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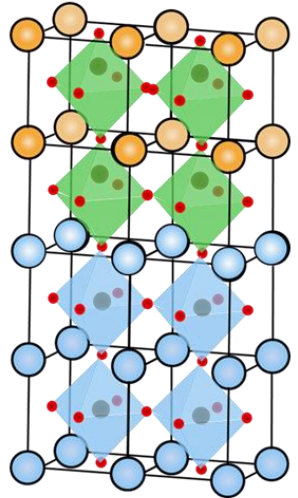
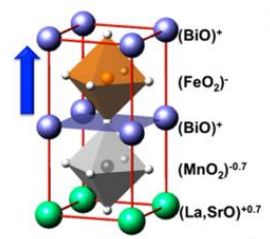


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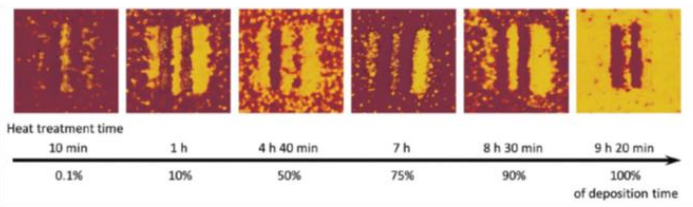
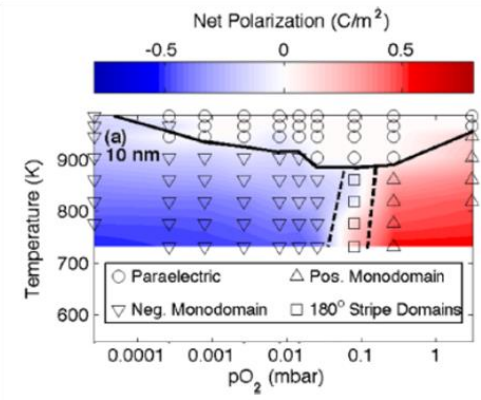
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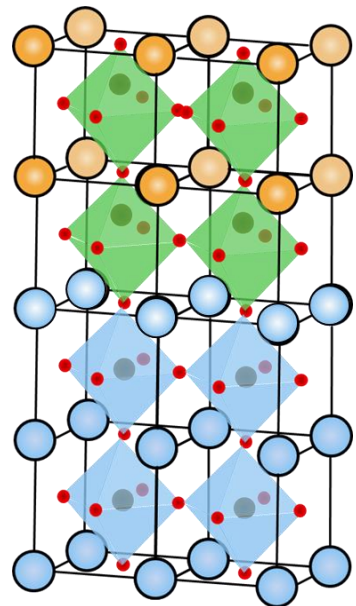
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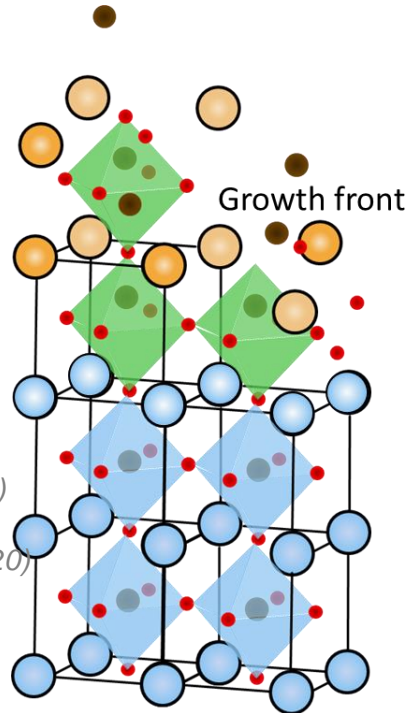
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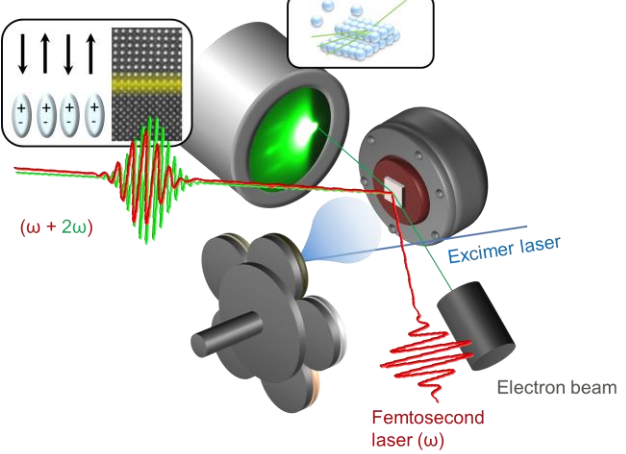
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During growth

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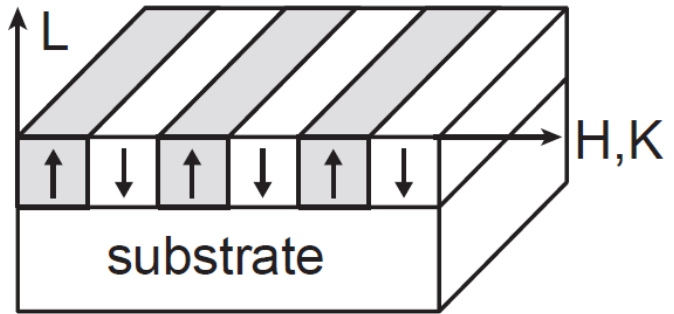
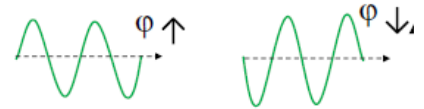
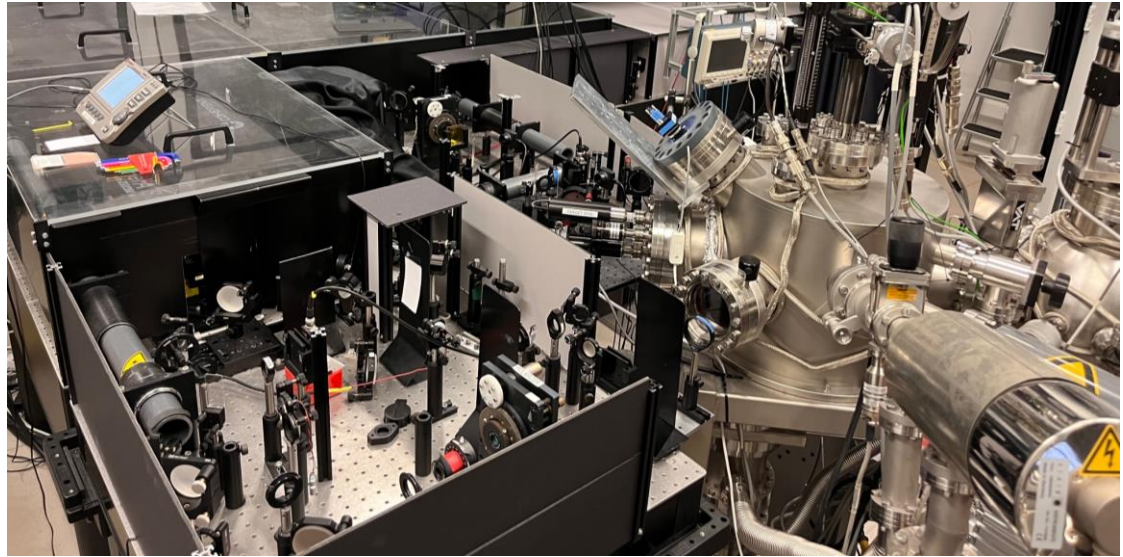


SHG checklist (courtesy of referee #2)



- data fitted considering point group symmetry
- temperature dependence (cooldown, heating up)
- sample orientation dependent
- substrate/ buffer / surface contribution?

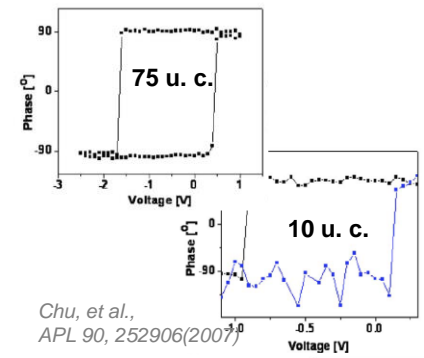
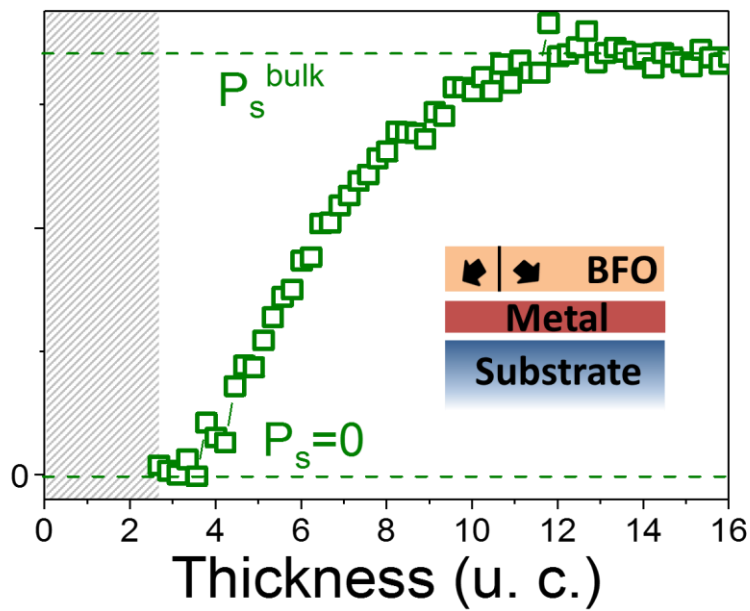
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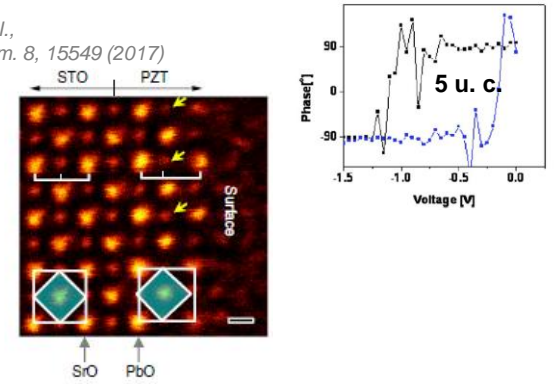
Real time monitoring of polarization during the growth

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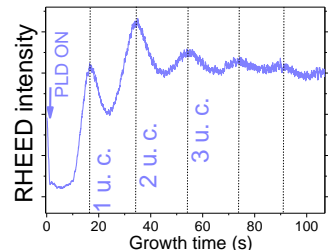
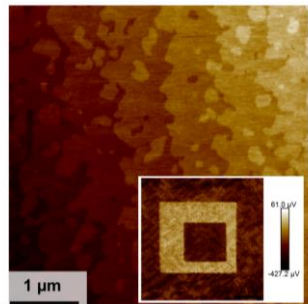


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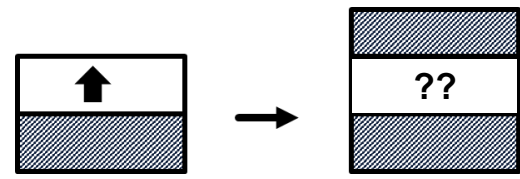


Direct access to

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- the T_c (strain dependent)
- the polarization dynamics and domain formation

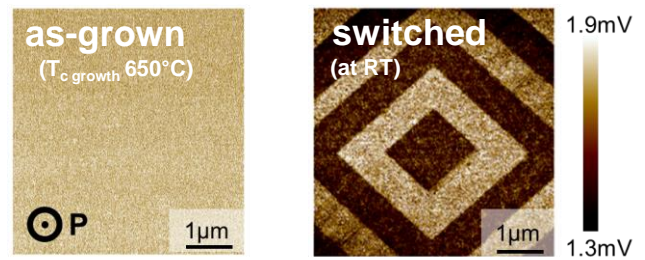
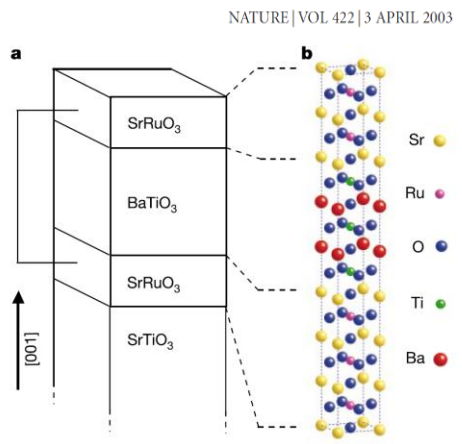
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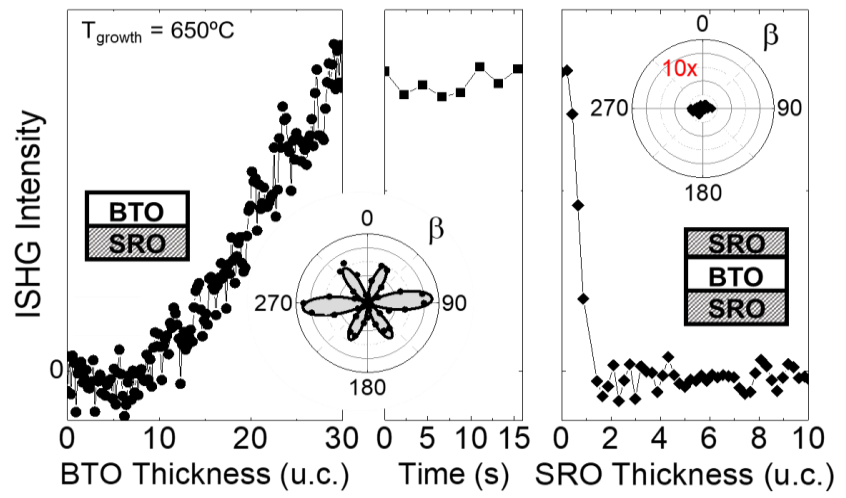


Critical thickness for ferroelectricity in perovskite ultrathin films

Javier Junquera & Philippe Ghosez



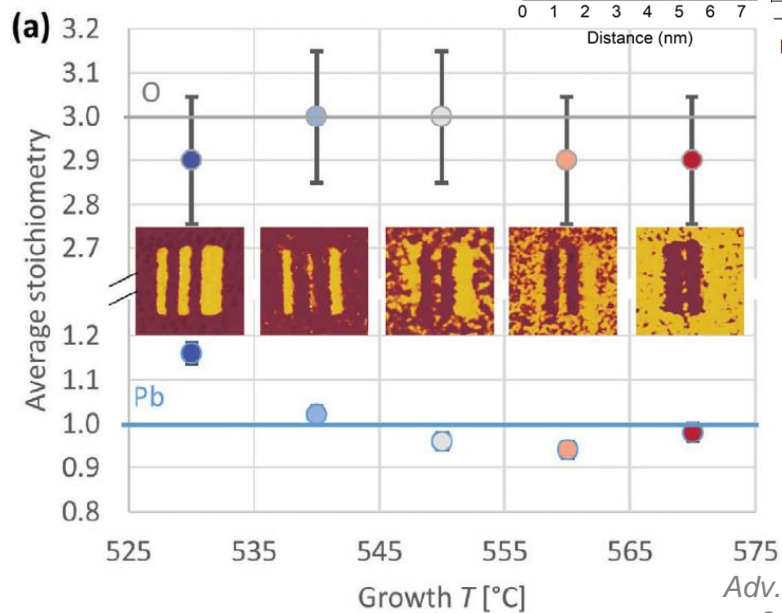
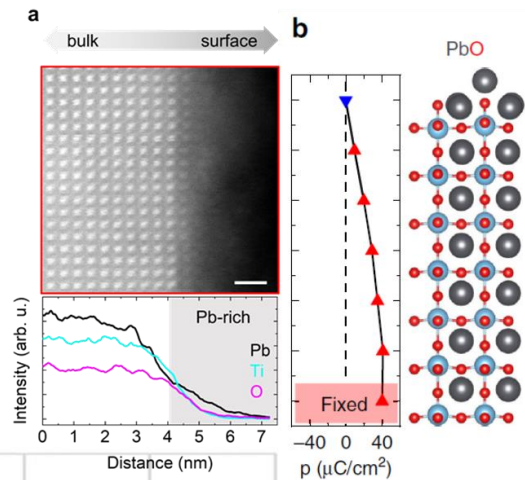
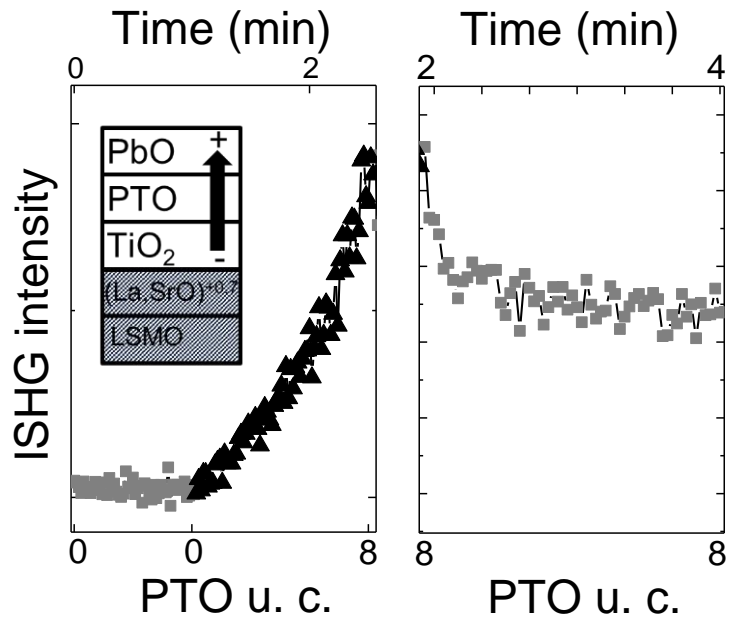
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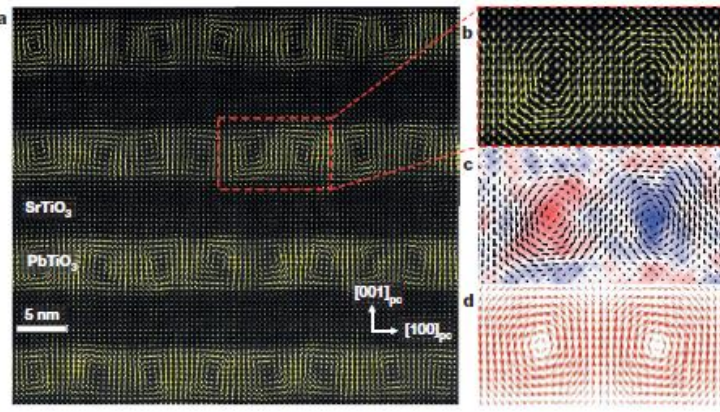
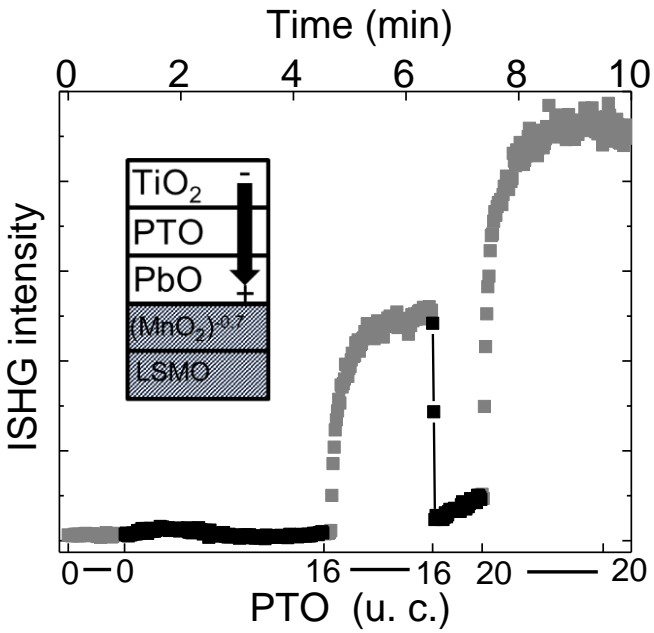
The growth of PbTiO_3

Defect gradient formation affect the net polarization state



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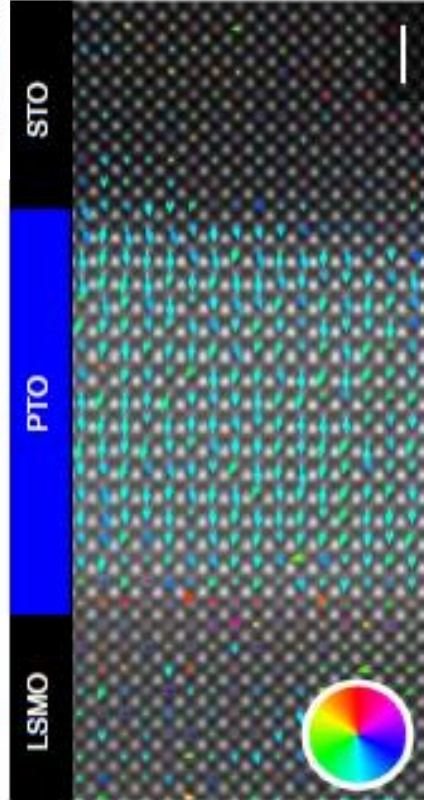
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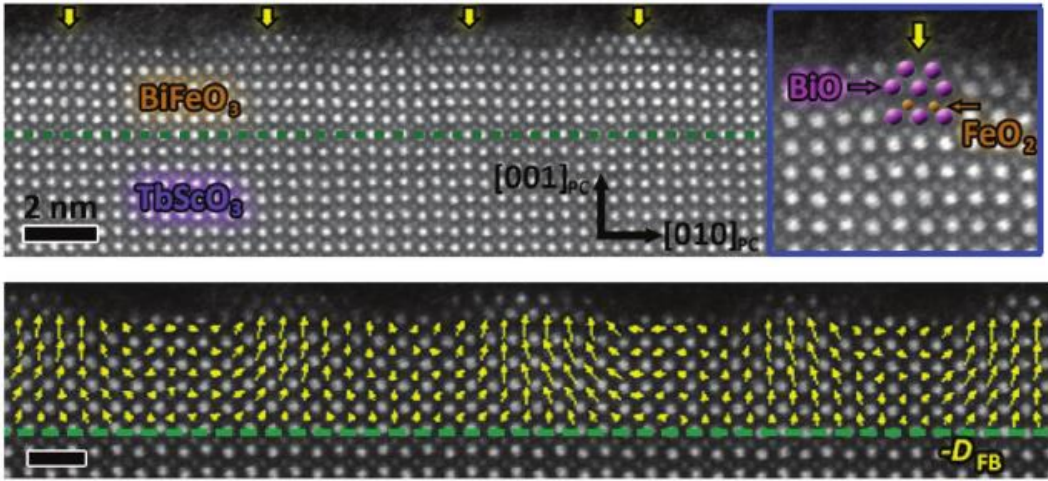
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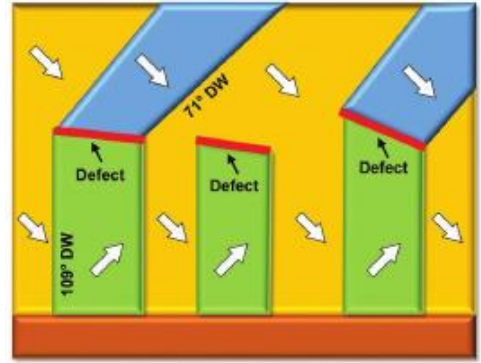
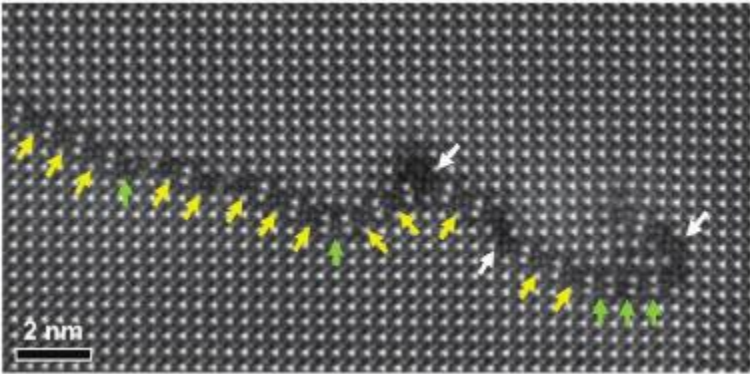
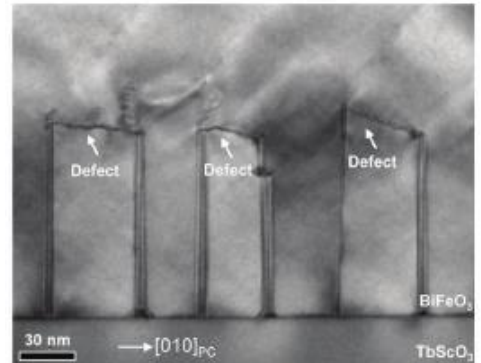
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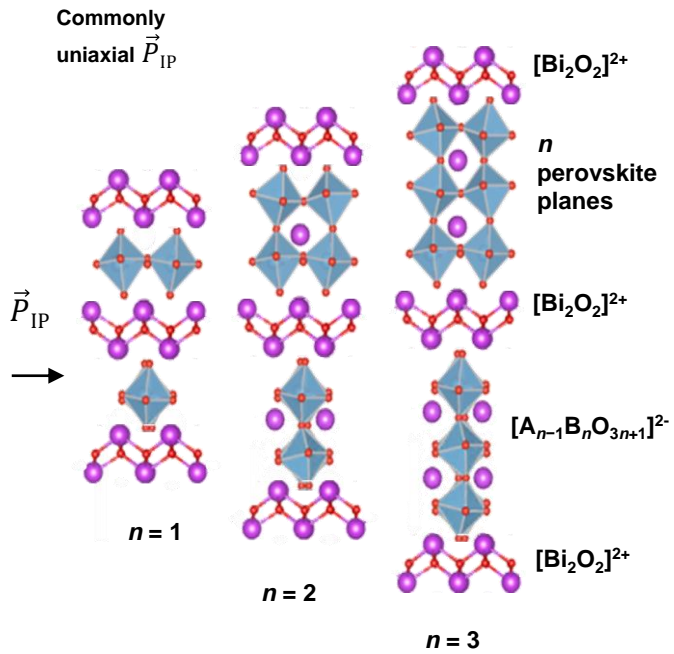
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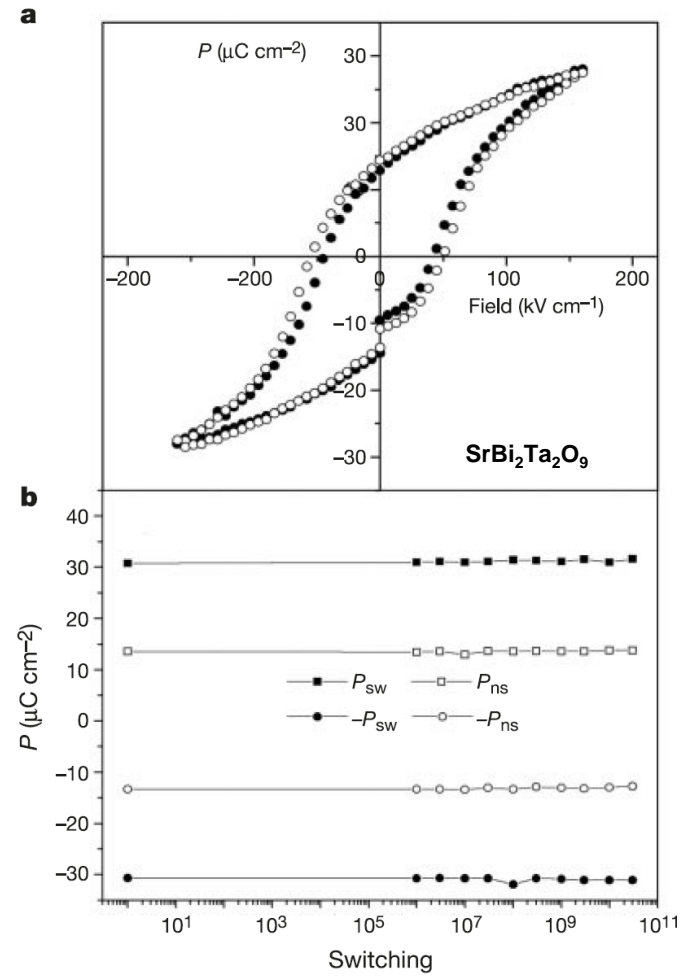
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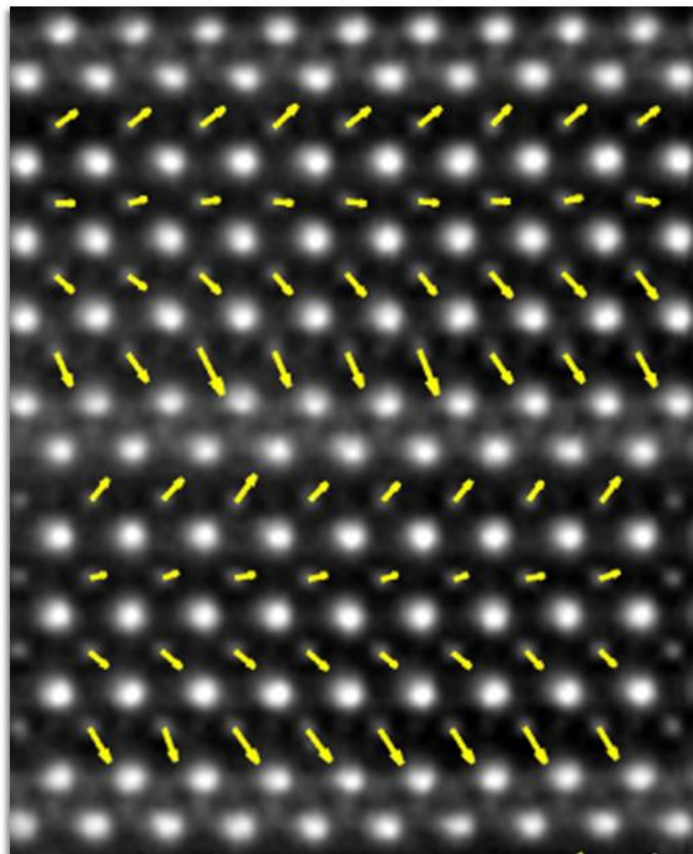
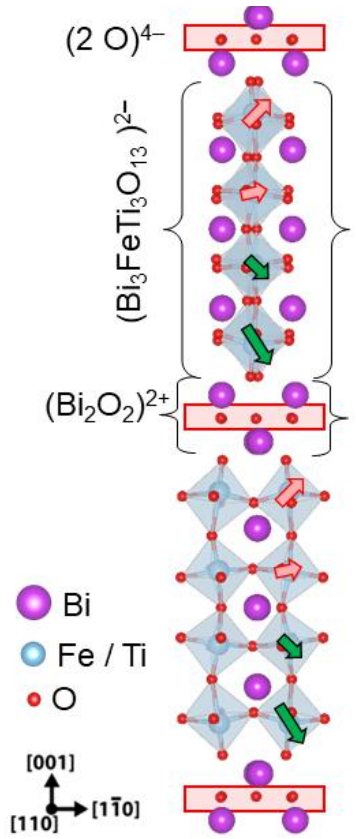
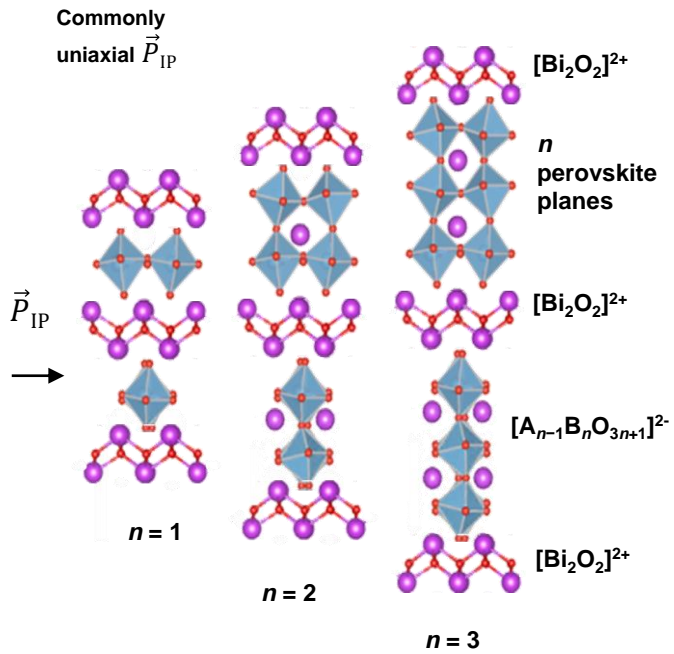
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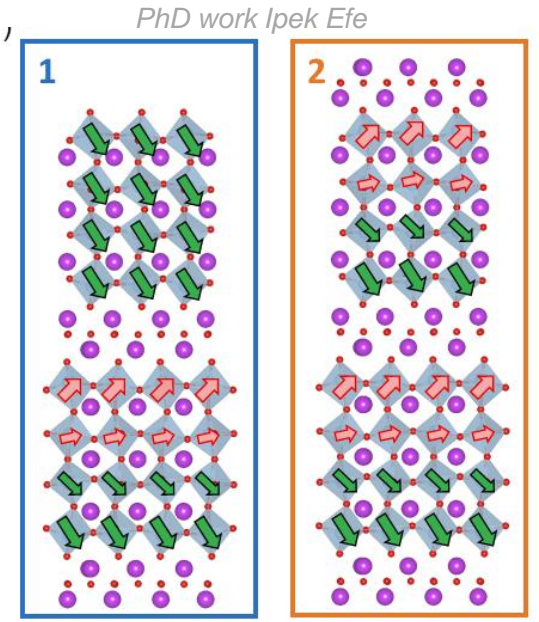
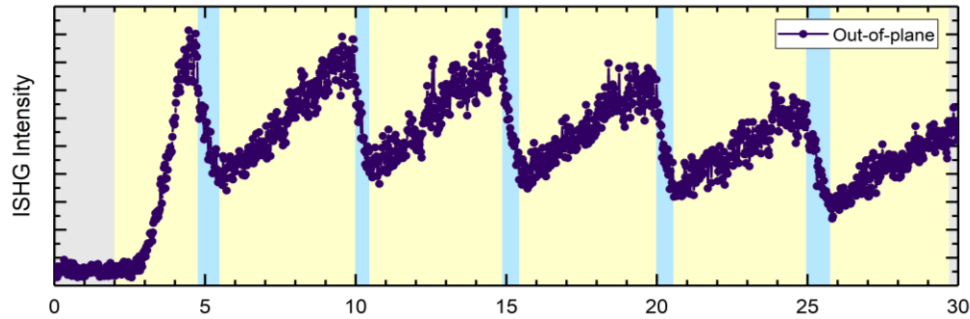
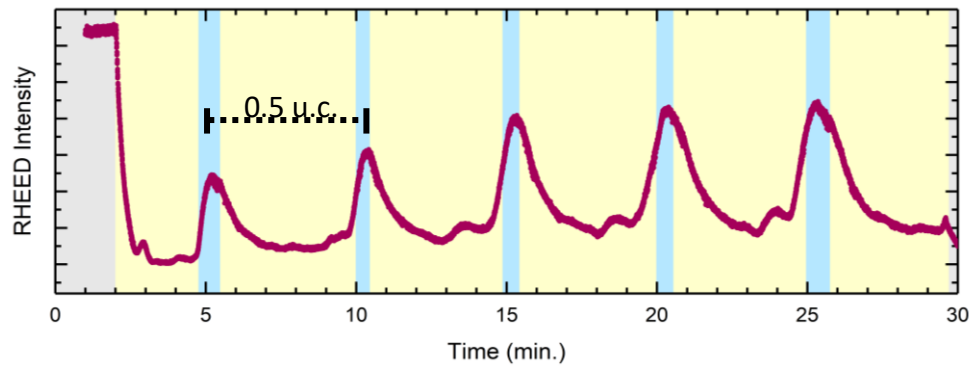
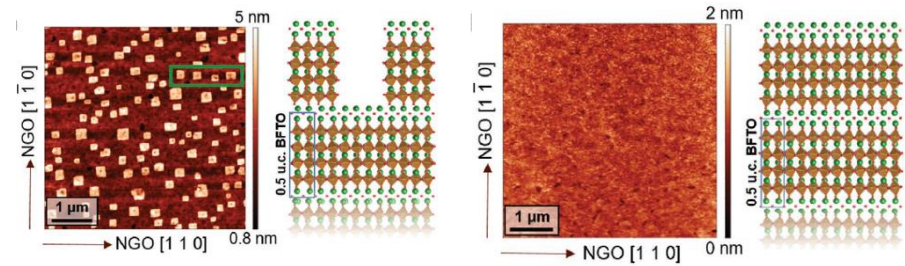
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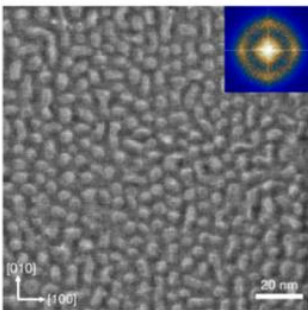
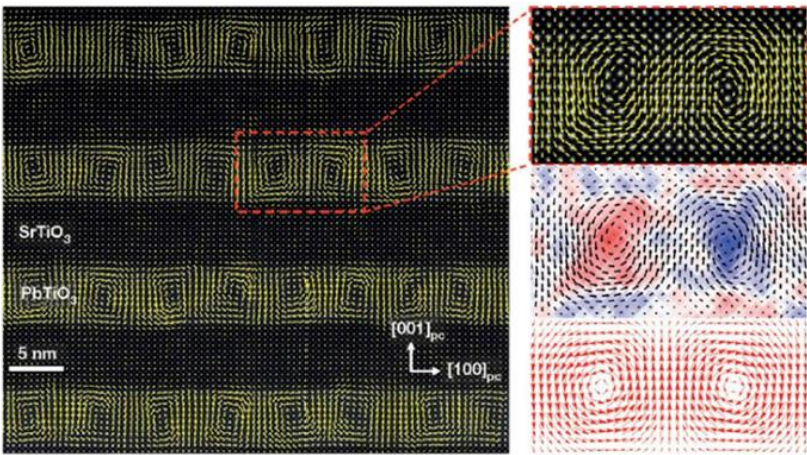
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Combination of structural and functional properties monitoring in real time



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Strain and electrostatics in complex heterostructures

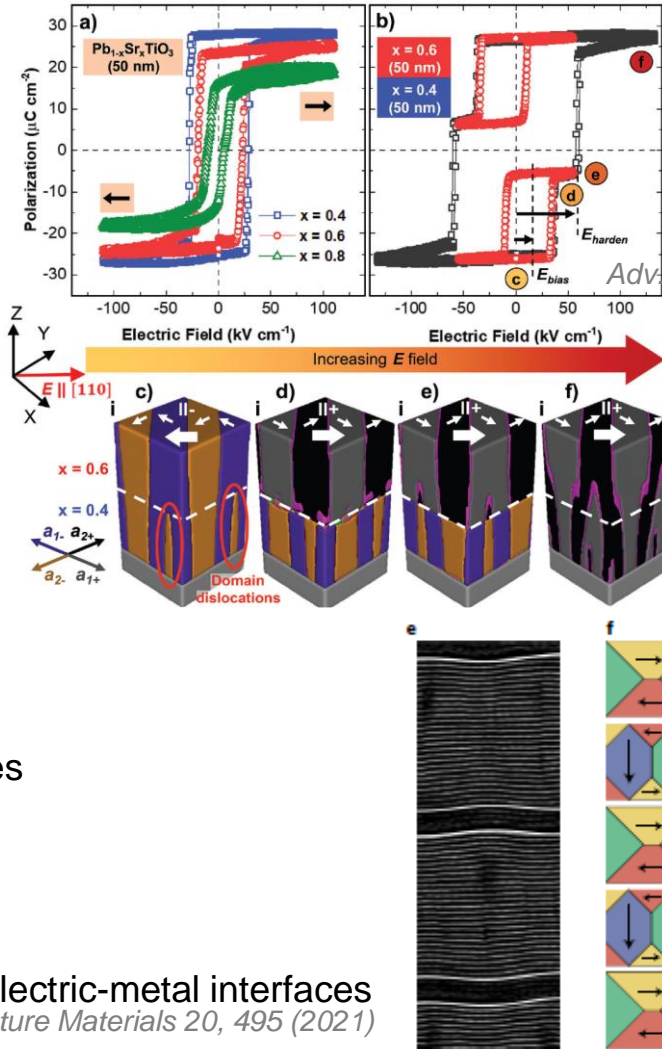


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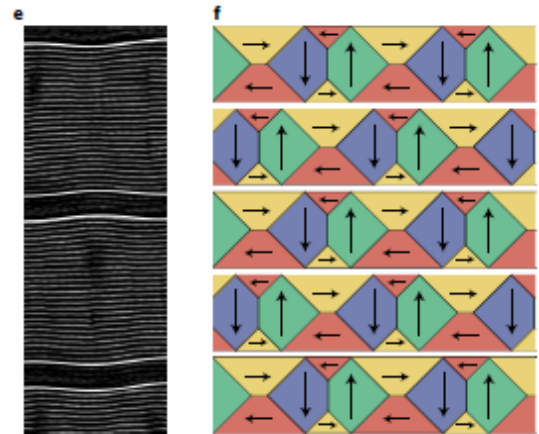
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What's next?

Epitaxy with simultaneous, structural, chemical and symmetry monitoring

- identification of optimal growth processes
- reproducibility of the depositions
- identification of phase transition in situ
- design of antiferroic properties

Epitaxy on non-crystalline substrates, VdW epitaxy and freestanding membranes for beyond «classical epitaxial design» capacity

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