

Engineering Ferroelectric $\text{Hf}_{0.5}\text{Zr}_{0.5}\text{O}_2$ Thin Films by Epitaxial Stress

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4 ABSTRACT: The critical impact of epitaxial stress on the stabilization of the ferroelectric
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7 orthorhombic phase of hafnia is proved. Epitaxial bilayers of $\text{Hf}_{0.5}\text{Zr}_{0.5}\text{O}_2$ (HZO) and
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10 $\text{La}_{0.67}\text{Sr}_{0.33}\text{MnO}_3$ (LSMO) electrodes were grown on a set of single crystalline oxide
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14 (001)-oriented (cubic or pseudocubic setting) substrates with lattice parameter in the
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17 3.71 – 4.21 Å range. The lattice strain of the LSMO electrode, determined by the lattice
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20 mismatch with the substrate, is critical in the stabilization of the orthorhombic phase of
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23 HZO. On LSMO electrodes tensile strained most of the HZO film is orthorhombic,
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27 whereas the monoclinic phase is favored when LSMO is relaxed or compressively
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30 strained. Therefore, the HZO films on TbScO_3 and GdScO_3 substrates present
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34 substantially enhanced ferroelectric polarization in comparison to films on other
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38 substrates, including the commonly used SrTiO_3 . The capability of having epitaxial
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42 doped HfO_2 films with controlled phase and polarization is of major interest for a better
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46 understanding of the ferroelectric properties and paves the way for fabrication of
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49 ferroelectric devices based on nanometric HfO_2 films.
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1. INTRODUCTION

The recent demonstration of ferroelectricity in nanometric thin films of a metastable orthorhombic phase of doped HfO_2 ¹ opens promising opportunities for memory devices²⁻⁴ and energy applications.^{2,5-7} The metastable phase of HfO_2 is usually crystallized by annealing thin film heterostructures of amorphous hafnia sandwiched between top and bottom electrodes, typically TiN ^{2,8-9} or TaN .¹⁰ The resulting films are polycrystalline and contain paraelectric tetragonal and monoclinic phases besides the ferroelectric orthorhombic phase.^{1,2,11-12} The ferroelectric phase has been also grown epitaxially on a few substrates, including yttria-stabilized zirconia,¹³⁻¹⁶ LaAlO_3 ,¹⁷ SrTiO_3 ,¹⁸⁻²¹ and buffered Si .²² The research on epitaxial stabilization is just emerging in comparison with that on polycrystalline doped HfO_2 films.^{2,5,8,10-12,23} However, epitaxial HfO_2 films are of huge interest as their properties can be better controlled than those of polycrystalline samples. Besides the single crystal orientation in epitaxial films, the control of the epitaxial stress can permit engineering of the microstructure and the resulting ferroelectric properties of the films. The relevance of epitaxial stress on the

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10 it can favor the stabilization of a metastable phase that is in competition with other
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22 produce important effects on the polarization of ferroelectric oxides.³⁰⁻³¹ The most
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39 Aiming to investigate the effects of epitaxial stress, epitaxial $\text{Hf}_{0.5}\text{Zr}_{0.5}\text{O}_2$ (HZO) films
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42 were grown on a set of single crystalline oxide substrates presenting a wide range of
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45 lattice parameters (**Figure 1a**). $\text{La}_{0.67}\text{Sr}_{0.33}\text{MnO}_3$ (LSMO) epitaxial electrodes and HZO
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49 films were sequentially deposited in a single process. The lattice parameter of LSMO is
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4 epitaxial template on which HZO grows. It is found that the substrate determines the
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10 of orthorhombic and monoclinic phases in the HZO film. Therefore, the substrate
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13 determines the amount of orthorhombic phase, and substrate selection permits tuning of
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16 the ferroelectric polarization of the film. The remnant polarization P_r ranges from less
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19 than $5 \mu\text{C}/\text{cm}^2$ for films on LSAT ($a_s = 3.868 \text{ \AA}$) and substrates with smaller lattice
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22 parameter to around $25 \mu\text{C}/\text{cm}^2$ for films on TbScO_3 ($a_s = 3.96 \text{ \AA}$) and GdScO_3 ($a_s =$
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25 3.97 \AA). The results demonstrate that tensile strained LSMO electrodes favor the
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28 epitaxial stabilization of the metastable orthorhombic phase and enhancement of the
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31 ferroelectric polarization. Therefore, epitaxial stress engineering can be successfully
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34 applied to HfO_2 , allowing control of the ferroelectric properties and making possible
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37 increased polarization. This control, which does not require varying thickness or
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2. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Figure 1b shows X-ray diffraction (XRD) θ - 2θ symmetric scans of the HZO/LSMO/substrate samples. The position of the LSMO 002 reflection, in the $2\theta = 44$ - 49° range, depends strongly on the substrate. The corresponding LSMO out-of-plane (oop) lattice parameters are presented in **Figure 1c** as a function of the lattice mismatch with the substrate. The in-plane (ip) lattice parameters, determined from reciprocal space maps (RSM) around asymmetrical reflections (**Figure S1**), are also shown. Increasing lattice mismatch from around -2% to 2% (see the zoom in **Figure 1d**), reduces the LSMO oop parameter monotonously from ~ 4.00 Å (on LaAlO_3) to ~ 3.80 Å (on TbScO_3), whereas the corresponding ip parameter increases to ~ 3.79 Å to ~ 3.95 Å. The RSMs in **Figure S1** confirm that LSMO films, 25 nm thick, are elastically strained in the -2 to +2% lattice mismatch range. In the films on substrates having larger negative or positive lattice mismatch, the LSMO relaxes plastically and the oop and ip parameters approach the bulk value, almost matching it on the greatly mismatched (<-

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3 4.1%) YAlO_3 and (>8%) MgO substrates. Therefore, it is proven that the strain state of
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11 The LSMO electrodes act as a template for the subsequent growth of HZO, and thus
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13 their lattice strain, that depends on the substrate, can be relevant to the epitaxy of HZO.
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17 The XRD θ - 2θ scans in **Figure 1b** show orthorhombic (o) HZO(111) at $2\theta \sim 30^\circ$ and/or
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19 monoclinic (m) HZO(002) at $2\theta \sim 34^\circ$ diffraction peaks. The m-HZO peak can include
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21 contribution of 200, 020 and 002 reflections. The peaks are broad due to the nanometric
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23 thickness of the layers (~ 9.5 nm). The amount of each phase depends on the substrate.
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(**Figure S2**). The XRD 2θ - χ frames of all samples, presented in **Figure 2a**, reflect the
impact of the substrate on the HZO phases. It is noticed that the o-HZO 111 is a bright
circular spot, whereas the m-HZO 002 reflection is generally elongated along χ ,
signaling higher mosaicity (excluding the film on LaAlO_3 , which m-HZO 002 reflection is
a bright spot). To map the formation of orthorhombic and monoclinic phases as a

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3 function of the substrate, the intensity at each 2θ was integrated from $\chi = -10^\circ$ to $\chi =$
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7 $+10^\circ$ for each frame (**Figure 2b**). The intensity is plotted in a logarithmic color scale and
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34 orthorhombic phase films only are obtained on DyScO₃, TbScO₃, and GdScO₃. **Figure**
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38 **2b** indicates that the orthorhombic phase is favored on substrates with large lattice
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20 positive strain around 1.5%, and its energy was smaller than that of (111)-oriented
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16 heteroepitaxy can happen in largely mismatched film-substrate systems by coincidence
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19 of m lattice planes of the film on n planes of the substrate.³⁶ This mechanism is often
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22 observed in heteroepitaxy of semiconductors³⁶ and oxides³⁷. The change in symmetry
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25 usually causes formation of crystal variants, like in the case of o-HZO(111) films on
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28 LSMO(001) surfaces. Related examples are epitaxial growth of spinel $\text{NiFe}_2\text{O}_4(111)$
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38 XRD pole figures around asymmetrical o-HZO -111 and m-HZO -111 reflections in
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44 films, are epitaxial (see ϕ -scans in **Figure S4**). The sample on GdScO_3 shows 4 sets of
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47 three high intensity o-HZO -111 spots, indicating the existence of four crystal variants
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21 relationship of this phase is sketched in **Figure 3d**.

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24 Topographic atomic force microscopy (AFM) images of HZO/LSMO bilayers on
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27 NdScO₃, DyScO₃, LSAT, and LaAlO₃ are shown in **Figures 4 (a-d)**, respectively. The
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4 Scanning transmission electron microscopy (STEM) has been used for structural
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16 electrode, ii) SrTiO_3 , with larger lattice parameter $a_s = 3.905 \text{ \AA}$, which has been already
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22 parameter ($a_s = 3.97 \text{ \AA}$). The corresponding cross-sectional high-angle annular dark
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25 field (HAADF) images are presented in **Figures 5a-c**, respectively. The low
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34 show a clear contrast between the HZO film, LSMO electrode, and substrate. In order to
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37 properly identify the phases, their orientation and epitaxy, HAADF images are compared
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27 indices refer to the cubic or pseudocubic unit cells. For the m-phase, the epitaxial
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30 relationship is $[010]_m\text{-HZO}(001)//[1-10]\text{LSMO}(001)//[1-10]\text{Substrate}(001)$. These results
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34 demonstrate the huge impact of the substrate lattice parameter in the formation of
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37 monoclinic or orthorhombic HZO phase.
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42 Ferroelectric polarization loops of the HZO films deposited on the different substrates
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45 are shown in **Figure 6a**. Detailed information about the ferroelectric measurement is
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48 presented in **Figure S6**. In agreement with the critical role of the substrate on the
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4 LaAlO₃ and NdGaO₃, have low ferroelectric polarization of about 4 $\mu\text{C}/\text{cm}^2$. HZO films
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27 parameter around 3.96 Å. It should be noted that the HZO films do not grow directly on
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38 polarization against the ip parameter of the LSMO electrode shows very low polarization
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23 scandate substrates) also have the largest polarization. Thus, the role of epitaxial stress
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27 is unraveled: 1) it conditions the epitaxial stabilization of the orthorhombic phase, and 2)
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31 the amount of this phase determines the ferroelectric polarization. The impact is critical
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35 and films on scandate substrates present greatly enhanced ferroelectric properties.
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43 3. CONCLUSIONS

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47 In conclusion, the role of epitaxial stress on the stabilization of the metastable
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50 orthorhombic phase of HZO has been unraveled. LSMO bottom electrodes are
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4 films can be integrated in capacitor heterostructures with a broad range of epitaxial
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7 stress by selection of the substrate. The amount of stabilized orthorhombic phase is
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10 enhanced on substrates with pseudocubic lattice parameter larger than around 3.87 Å.
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14 The orthorhombic HZO phase becomes strongly favored with respect to the monoclinic
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17 HZO phase for increasing substrate lattice parameters, as long as the fully strained
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20 state of the LSMO is maintained. TbScO₃ and GdScO₃ are the optimal substrates to
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23 stabilize the orthorhombic HZO phase, with negligible amount of paraelectric phase and
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26 much higher polarization than that of films on SrTiO₃ or LSAT substrates. Epitaxial
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47 EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

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52 **Thin films deposition:** Epitaxial bilayers formed by top HZO films and bottom LSMO
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3 (KrF excimer laser). A set of ten (001)-oriented cubic and (110)-oriented rhombohedral
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7 and orthorhombic substrates were used. For the sake of simplicity, pseudocubic cell is
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10 used here for the rhombohedral and orthorhombic substrates, being their orientation
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13 (001) in this setting. The lattice (cubic or pseudocubic) parameter of the used substrates
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16 is in the $a_s = 3.71 - 4.21 \text{ \AA}$ range (**Figure 1a**). The HZO films, 9.5 nm thick, were
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19 deposited at substrate temperature of 800 °C under dynamical oxygen pressure of 0.1
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22 mbar. Additional information on growth conditions of HZO and LSMO is reported
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31 **Structural characterization:** The crystal structure (crystal phases of HZO and lattice
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33 parameters of LSMO and HZO) was characterized by X-ray diffraction using Cu K α
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35 radiation. A Siemens D5000 diffractometer with point detector was used to measure
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38 symmetric 2θ scans. A Bruker D8, equipped with 2d detector Vantec 500, was used to
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47 **Supporting Information.** XRD reciprocal space maps around asymmetric LSMO
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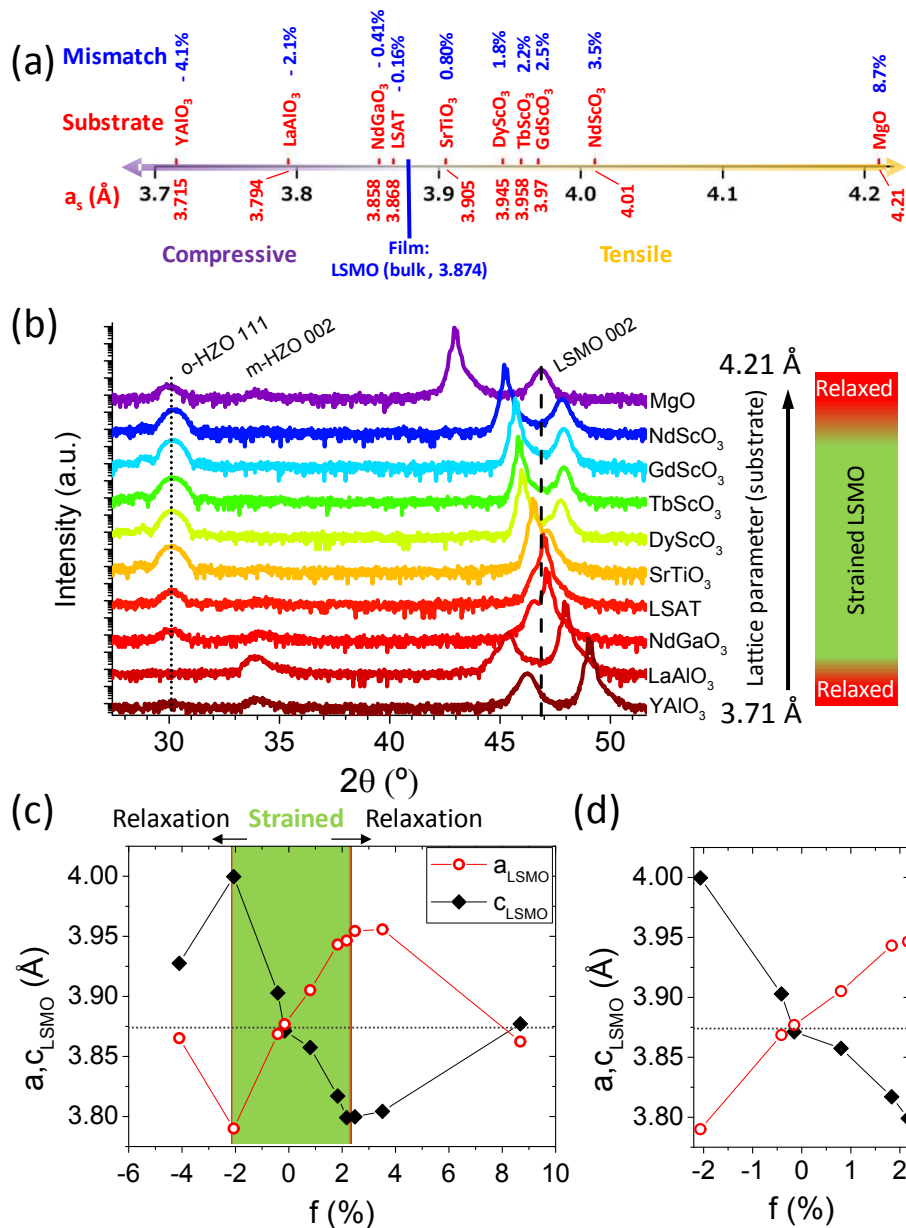


Figure 1. (a) Sketch showing the lattice mismatch between the LSMO electrode and the substrates used to deposit HZO/LSMO bilayers. The lattice mismatch (f) between LSMO and the substrates, defined as $f = 100 \times (a_s - a_{\text{LSMO}}) / a_{\text{LSMO}}$, where a_{LSMO} and a_s are the lattice parameters of bulk LSMO and the substrate, respectively. Pseudocubic cell is

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7 (b) XRD θ - 2θ symmetric scans of the HZO/LSMO bilayers. Scans are shifted vertically
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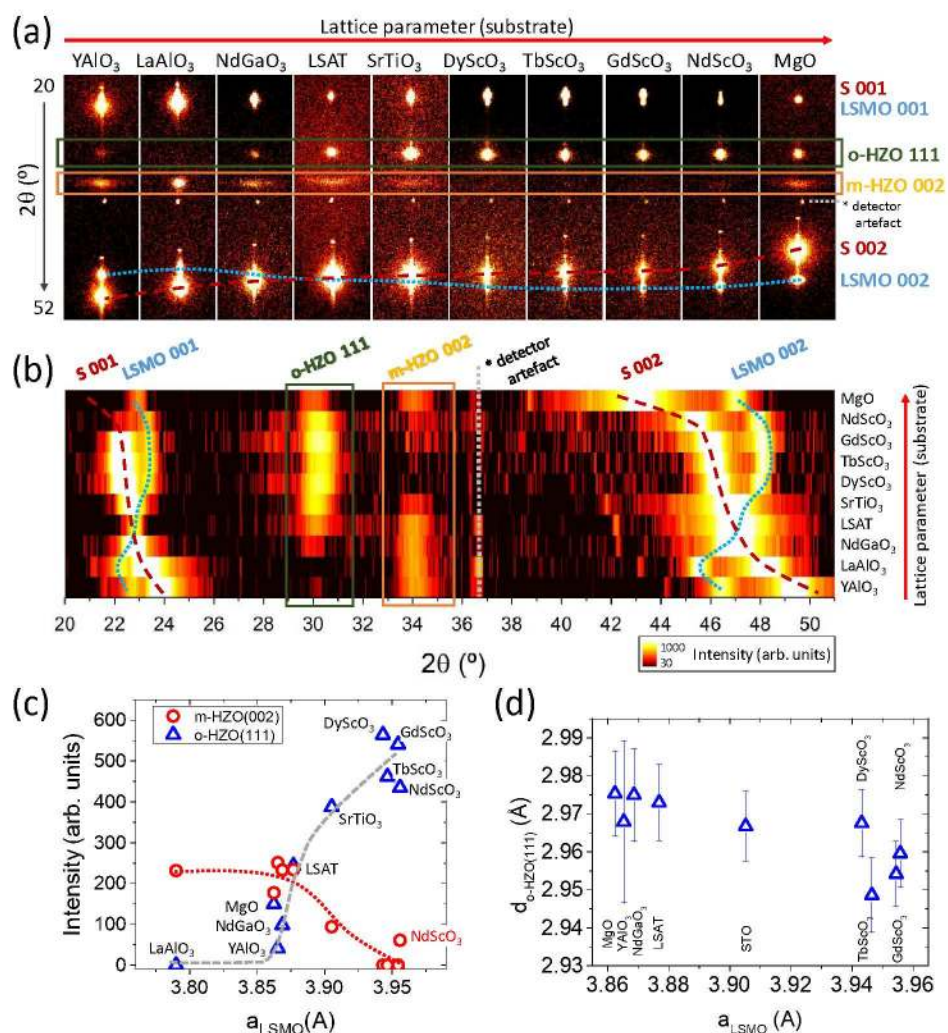


Figure 2. (a) XRD 2θ - χ frames of the HZO/LSMO bilayers. The 2θ and χ ranges are from 20° to 52° and from -8° to $+8^\circ$, respectively. (b) Mapping of the orthorhombic and monoclinic phases as a function of the substrate lattice parameter. The 2θ scans were integrated from $\chi = -10^\circ$ to $+10^\circ$ and the samples are ordered as the substrate lattice parameter increases. The change in the LSMO peaks position (marked with black dotted lines) on the used substrate (peaks position marked with red dashed lines) is

also visualized. (c) Intensity of the o-HZO(111) and m-HZO(002) peaks (calculated from gaussian fits) and (d) interplanar $d_{\text{o-HZO}(111)}$ spacing as a function of the ip lattice parameter of the LSMO electrode. The $d_{\text{o-HZO}(111)}$ spacing was determined by Gaussian fits of the 2θ peak position, and the error bar is set to 1σ of the fit.

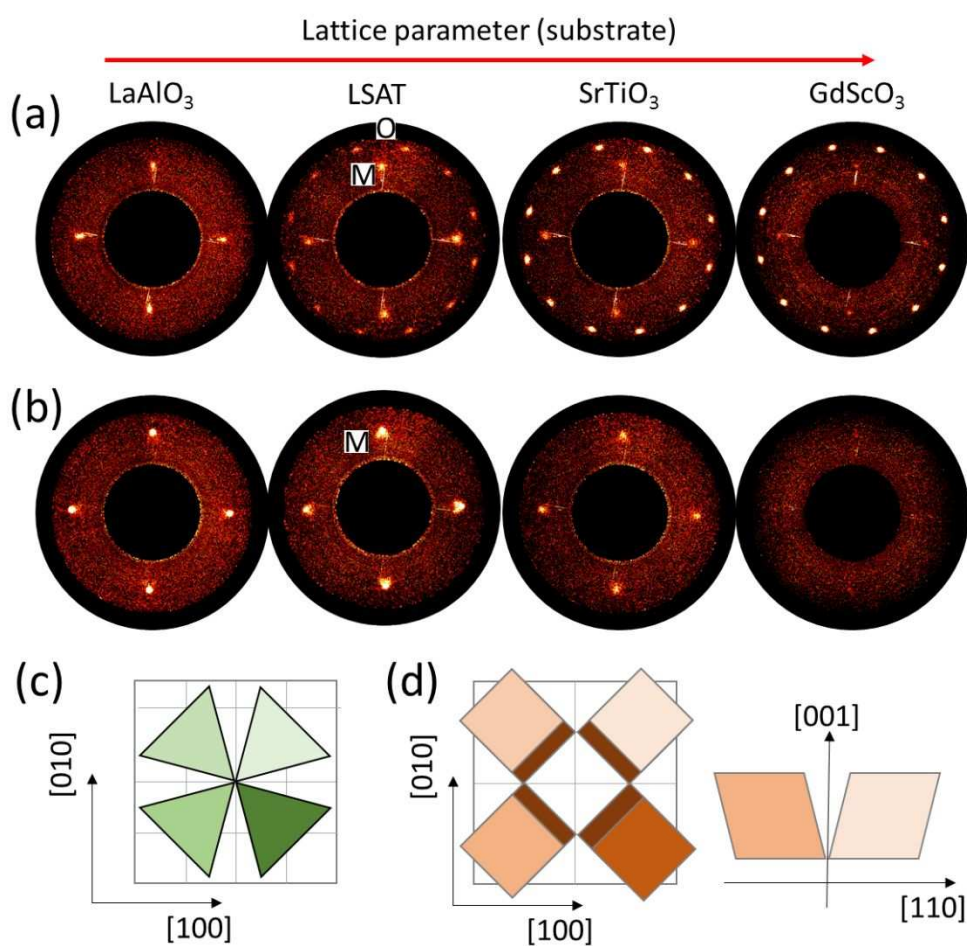
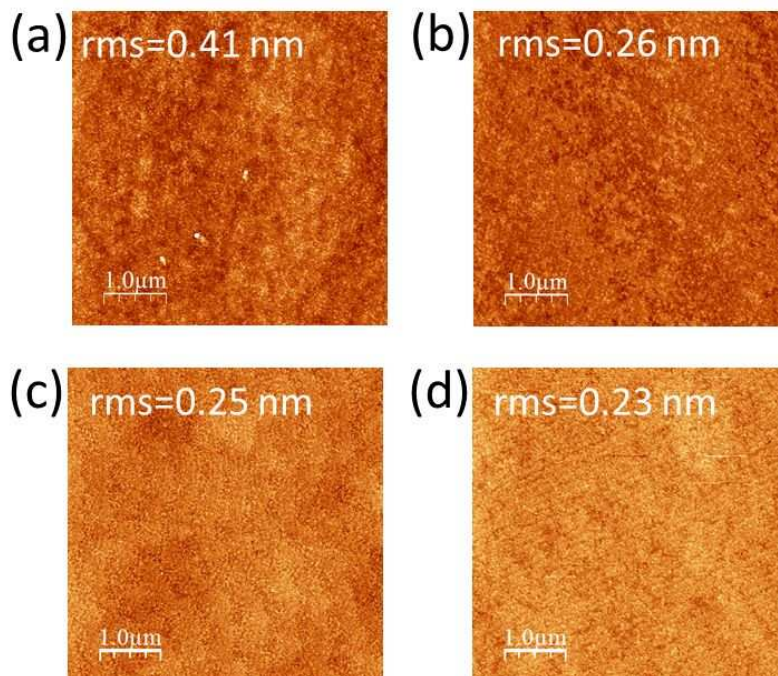


Figure 3. XRD pole figures of (a) o-HZO -111 (O) and m-HZO -111 (M), and (b) m-HZO -111 (M) reflections obtained for films on LaAlO₃, LSAT, SrTiO₃, and GdScO₃. The pole figures were measured in the range of χ from 35 to 80°. (c) Sketch of the epitaxial

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38 **Figure 4.** Topographic AFM images (5 μm x 5 μm) of HZO films on NdScO₃ (a), DyScO₃
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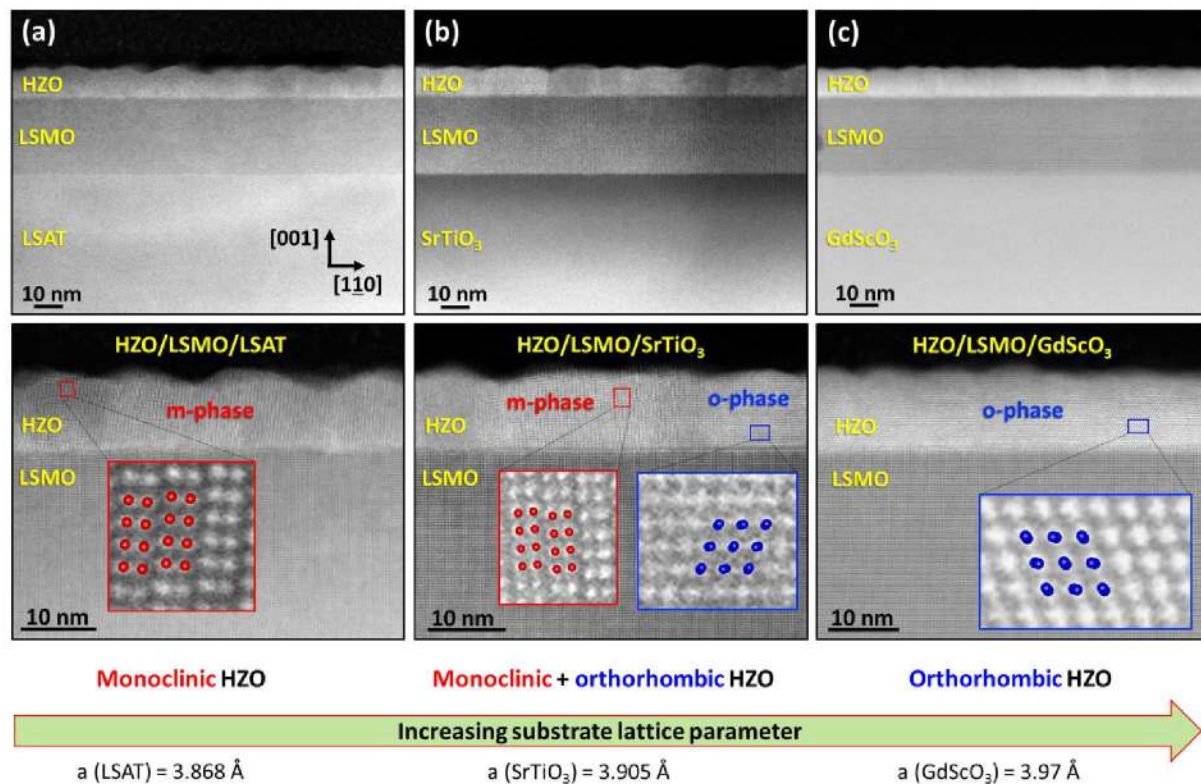
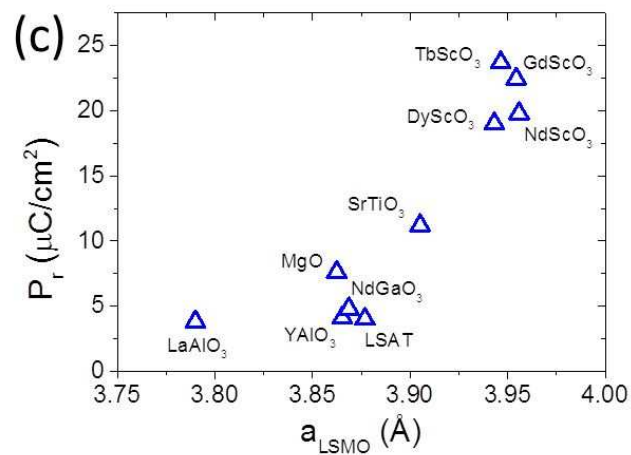
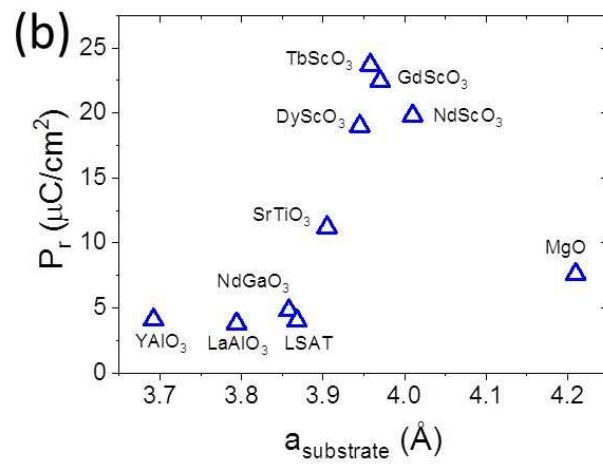
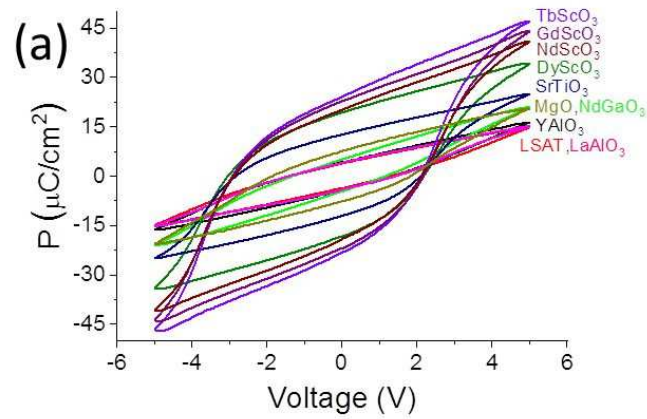
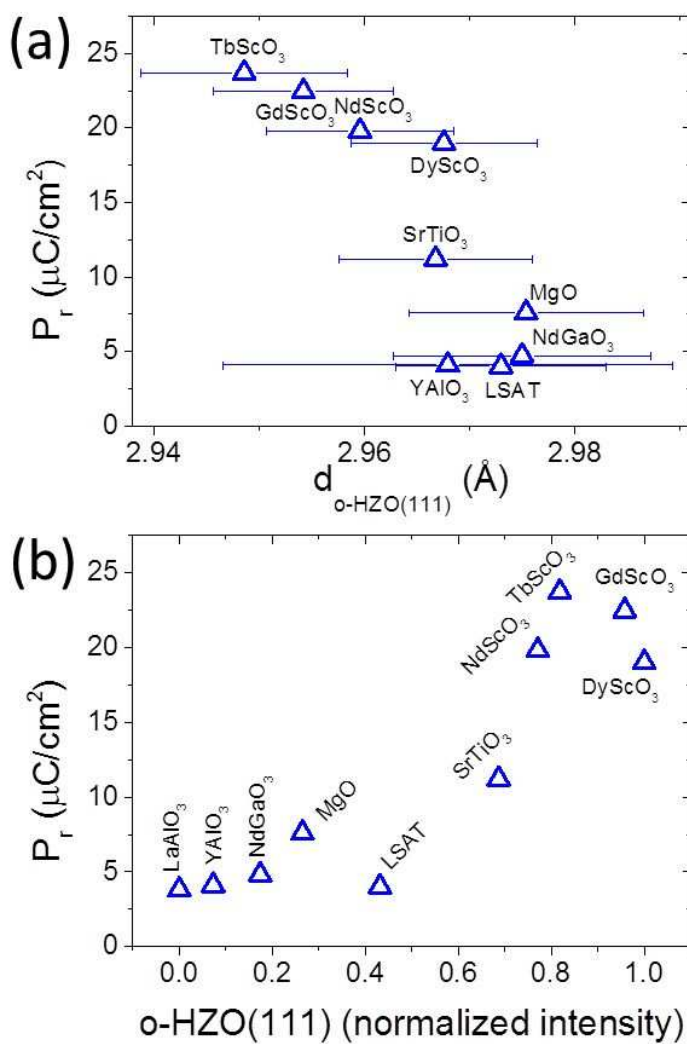


Figure 5. Cross-sectional HAADF STEM images of HZO/LSMO films on (a) LSAT, (b) SrTiO₃, and (c) GdScO₃ substrates. The images were acquired along the [110] zone axes of the substrates. Top panels are low magnification images showing the substrate, the LSMO and the HZO films. Bottom panels are higher magnification images of the HZO and LSMO films. The insets show atomic-resolution images of the HZO films. Red and blue circles depict the monoclinic (space group $P2_1/c$) and orthorhombic (space group $Pca2_1$) structures, respectively.



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