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Growth and Characterization of $EuTiO_3$ films on $SrTiO_3$ (001) H. Q. WANG, School of Applied and Engineering Physics, and Cornell Center for Materials Research (CCMR), J. D. FERGUSON, Department of Materials Science and Engineering, and CCMR, A. R. WOLL, School of Applied and Engineering Physics, and Cornell High Energy Synchrotron Source, D. A. MULLER, School of Applied and Engineering Physics, and CCMR, J. D. BROCK, School of Applied and Engineering Physics, and CCMR, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, USA - Perovskite oxides display a variety of interesting physical properties, and their heteroepitaxial structures are of significant interest in oxide electronics. EuTiO₃ and $SrTiO_3$ are nearly perfectly lattice matched and have the same valence structure, and are therefore well suited as a model system for the study of perovskite interfaces. One outstanding question about such interfaces concerns the factors that determine and limit atomic and electronic abruptness. In this work, several monolayer thick EuTiO₃ films are grown on single-crystal SrTiO₃ (001) substrates using Pulsed Laser Deposition (PLD). The growth mechanisms are probed by the combination of synchrotron based in situ small angle x-ray scattering (SAXS) and in situ Reflection High Energy Electron Diffraction (RHEED). The atomic-scale interfacial properties are investigated by high resolution Scanning Transmission Electron Microscopy (STEM) and spatially resolved Electron Energy Loss Spectroscopy (EELS).

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