

# Controlling phase selection, preferred orientation, and van der Waals or conventional epitaxy in molybdenum oxide films

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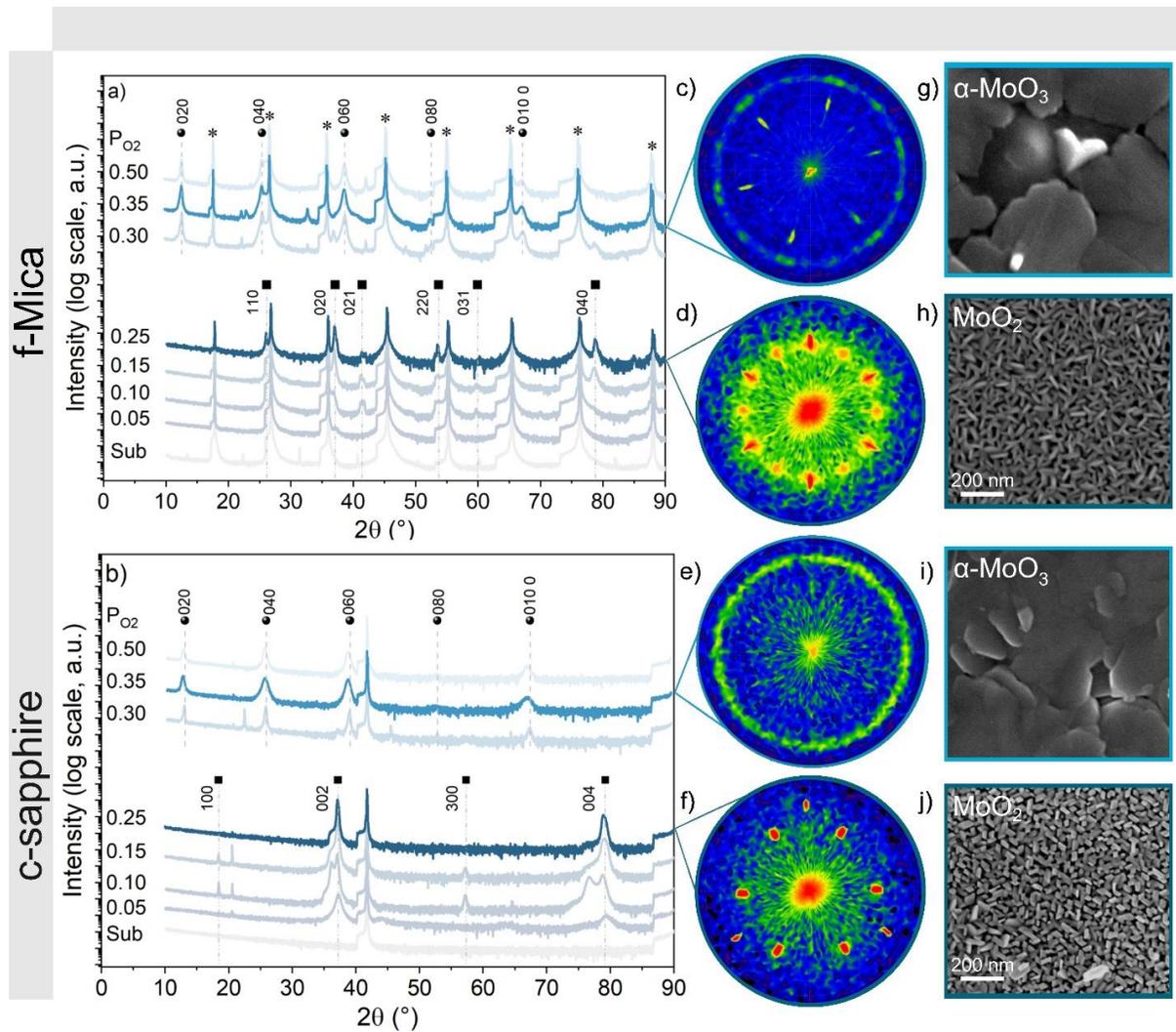


Fig.1. X  $\theta$ - $2\theta$  scans from MoO<sub>x</sub> films deposited at T<sub>s</sub> = 400 °C with 0.05 ≤ p<sub>O<sub>2</sub></sub> ≤ 0.5. Highlighted diffractograms show orthorhombic α-MoO<sub>3</sub> at p<sub>O<sub>2</sub></sub> = 0.35 and monoclinic MoO<sub>2</sub> at p<sub>O<sub>2</sub></sub> = 0.25, deposited on f-mica (a), and c-sapphire (b).

X-ray pole figure scans of orthorhombic α-MoO<sub>3</sub> {021} Bragg reflections at 2θ = 27.31°, deposited at p<sub>O<sub>2</sub></sub> = 0.35 on f-mica (c) and on c-sapphire (e).

X-ray pole figure scans for monoclinic MoO<sub>2</sub> {110} Bragg reflections at 2θ = 25.99°, deposited at p<sub>O<sub>2</sub></sub> = 0.25 on f-mica (d) and on c-sapphire (f).

SEM micrographs of orthorhombic α-MoO<sub>3</sub> films deposited at p<sub>O<sub>2</sub></sub> = 0.35 on f-mica (g) and c-sapphire (i), and monoclinic MoO<sub>2</sub> film deposited at p<sub>O<sub>2</sub></sub> = 0.25 on f-mica (h) and c-sapphire (j).