# **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

# The Effect of Polar Fluctuation and Lattice Mismatch on Carrier Mobility at Oxide Interfaces

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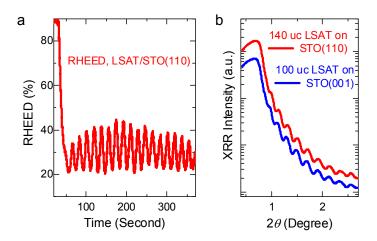


Figure S1 Oscillation and thickness in (001)- and (110)-orientated LSAT/STO films. (a) *In-situ* RHEED oscillations for (110)-orientated LSAT/STO interface. (b) XRR for 100 uc (001) and 140 uc (110) orientated LSAT/STO films. The thickness can be calculated to be 38 nm. Hence, one RHEED oscillation is about 0.38 nm for LSAT/STO (001), and 0.27 nm for LSAT/STO (110) films.

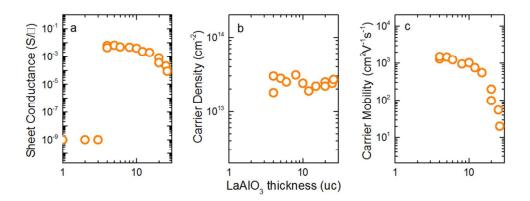


Figure S2 (a) Sheet conductance, (b) carrier density, and (c) carrier mobility of (001) LAO/STO interfaces are shown as a function of LAO thickness at 2 K.

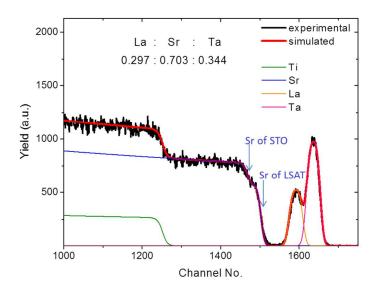


Figure S3 Chemical composition for LSAT/STO (001) sample. By fitting experimental RBS data of 100 uc LSAT/STO (001) sample, the chemical ratio of La: Sr: Ta can be obtained as  $0.297\pm0.015$ :  $0.703\pm0.035:0.344\pm0.017$ , which is very close to the bulk value with 0.3:0.7:0.35. The Sr from STO and LSAT is denoted by arrows respectively.

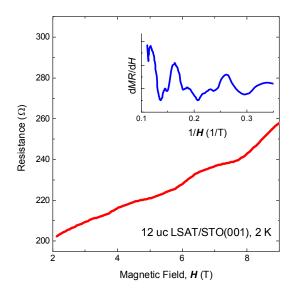


Figure S4 Shubnikov-de Haas conductance oscillations for annealed 12 uc LSAT/STO (001) interface.

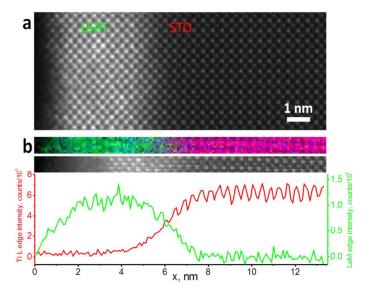


Figure S5 HAADF STEM and EELS studies of the films. (a) HAADF STEM image of the LSAT/STO thin film. (b) an EELS spectrum image acquired from a similar region of the film. From the top in (b): composite chemical map, where La M edge is represented by green, Ti L – red, and O K – blue color, respectively; simultaneously acquired HAADF signal; line profiles of La and Ti edges across the interface. Note that the top of the LSAT film is not crystalline due to rapid beam-induced amorphization.

#### NOTE S1

#### **Experimental Methods:**

Sample Growth. Pulsed laser deposition (PLD) with *in-situ* reflection high-energy electron diffraction (RHEED) was used to fabricate the samples. The STO substrates were treated with HF and annealed to obtain atomically-flat surfaces, and the single crystal LSAT is used for PLD target. The growth parameters for crystalline interface samples were as follows: 1.8 J/cm² for laser energy, 800 °C for the deposition temperature, and 2×10<sup>-3</sup> Torr for oxygen partial pressure. The *ex-situ* annealing was performed at 600 °C in 1 bar oxygen for 1 hour.

Surface, Interface, and Crystal Structure. The surfaces of the samples were examined by atomic force microscopy (AFM) using Agilent 5500. The interface and crystal structure of the samples were characterized by X-Ray Reflectivity (XRR), X-Ray Diffraction (XRD), and Reciprocal Space Mapping (RSM) using  $CuK\alpha_1$  radiation ( $\lambda$  = 1.5406 Å, Bruker D8 Discover).

**Electrical Measurements.** The sheet resistance, carrier densities and carrier mobility are measured by Van der Pauw method on a 9 T Physical Property Measurement System (PPMS, Quantum Design).

#### NOTE S2

#### Calculation of LSAT (001) Polarization:

For the i<sup>th</sup> LSAT layer, the electric diploe moment  $\boldsymbol{p}_i$  can be characterized by

$$\mathbf{p}_{\mu,i} = 0.65(\mathbf{P}_0V) + 0.35(-\mathbf{P}_0V) = 0.3\mathbf{P}_0V$$
;

$$\sigma^2_{\mathrm{p,i}} = 0.65[(\textbf{\textit{P}}_0 \textbf{\textit{V}})^2 - \textbf{\textit{p}}^2_{\mathrm{\mu,i}}] + 0.35[(-\textbf{\textit{P}}_0 \textbf{\textit{V}})^2 - \textbf{\textit{p}}^2_{\mathrm{\mu,i}}] = 0.91(\textbf{\textit{P}}_0 \textbf{\textit{V}})^2 \,,$$

where  $\boldsymbol{p}_{\mu,i}$  is the mean value of  $\boldsymbol{p}_i$ , and  $\sigma^2_{p,i}$  is the variance of  $\boldsymbol{p}_i$ .

If there are t layers of LSAT, the total diploe moment p can be characterized by

$$p_{\mu} = t p_{\mu,i} = 0.3t P_0 V$$
;

$$\sigma_{p}^{2} = t \sigma_{p,i}^{2} = 0.91 t (\mathbf{P}_{0} V)^{2}$$
,

where  ${\pmb p}_\mu$  is the mean value of  ${\pmb p}$ , and  $\sigma^2_{\ p}$  is the variance of  ${\pmb p}$ .

For t layers of LSAT, the total volume is tV. Hence, the polarization P is p/(tV).

So, P can be characterized by

$$P_{\rm u} = p_{\rm u}/(tV) = 0.3P_0$$
;

$$\sigma_{P}^{2} = (\sigma_{p}/tV)^{2} = 0.91 P_{0}^{2}/t$$
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