



Fig. 6. Piezoresponse force microscopy measurement showing that the as-grown epitaxial BMO/STO(111) heterostructure has the polarization oriented downward (bright contrast). (a) surface topography, and (b) PFM image. The regions/grains that do not show a response (grey contrast) are either oriented in-plane, or represent the minor MO phase. (c) Out-of-plane PFM hysteresis loop obtained from one of the grains, showing the significant imprint of polarization.

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