

**Fig. 1** a) Monoclinic unit cell of  $\beta$ -Ga<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> with the (100) and (-201) planes highlighted in blue and red, respectively. b) The planar mismatch between  $\beta$ -Ga<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and MgO. The (100) plane of both crystals is indicated by a black line.



Fig. 2 In situ RHEED images of  $\beta$ -Ga<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> deposited on an MgO(100) substrate a) before growth and b) after growth. c) AFM of the  $\beta$ -Ga<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> film with RMS roughness of 0.25 nm.



Fig. 3 XRD patterns of  $\beta$ -Ga<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> grown on c-plane Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (blue) and MgO (100) (orange). Asterisks indicate substrate peaks.



Fig. 4 Bandgap determination of  $\beta$ -Ga<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> grown on c-plane Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and MgO (100) using the Tauc method.