Supporting information

Intergrowth between the Oxynitride Perovskite ${\rm SrTaO_2N}$ and a Ruddlesden-Popper Phase ${\rm Sr_2TaO_3N}$

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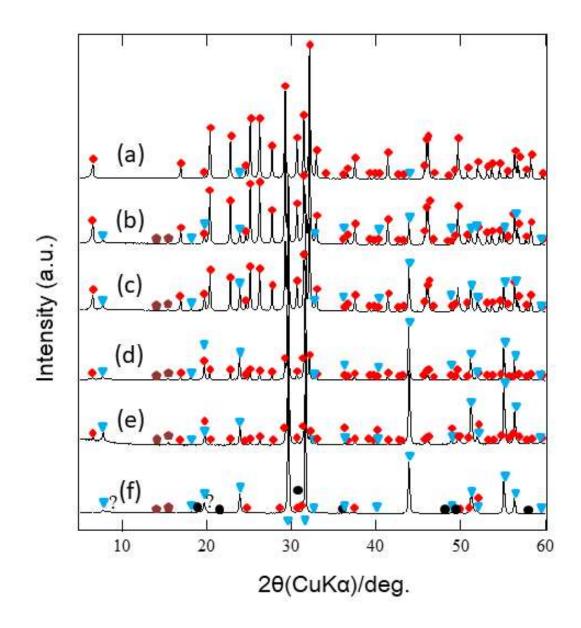


Fig. S1 Powder X-ray diffraction patterns for oxide precursors (a) prepared with x = 1.0, (b) x = 1.05, (c) x = 1.1, (d) x = 1.2, (e) x = 1.25 and (f) x = 1.3. Red squares, blue triangles, black circles and brown pentagons indicate diffraction peaks attributed to Sr₂Ta₂O₇, Sr₅Ta₄O₁₅, Sr_{1.4}Ta_{0.6}O_{2.7} and Sr(OH)₂(H₂O)₈, respectively. Weak diffraction peaks marked by question marks are not assigned. Sr/Ta atomic ratios determined by XRF were (a) 0.98(2), (b) 1.03(2), (c) 1.08(2), (d) 1.17(3), (e) 1.22(2) and (f) 1.27(3), respectively.

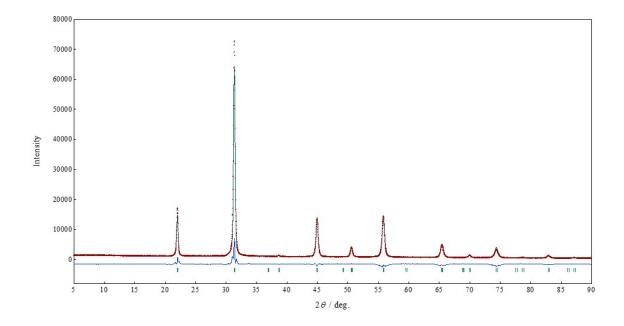


Fig. S2 Observed (red) and calculated (green)XRD patterns for $SrTaO_2N$. Their difference plot is shown in blue. Green ticks show the peak positions expected for $SrTaO_2N$ in the *I*4/*mcm* space group.

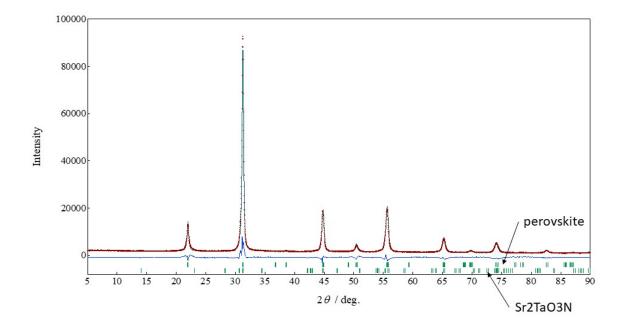


Fig. S3 Observed (red) and calculated (green)XRD patterns for Sr_{1.2}TaO₂N. Their difference plot is shown in blue. Green ticks above and below show the peak positions expected for SrTaO₂N perovskite in the *I*4/*mcm* space group and Sr₂TaO₃N RP phase in the *I*4/*mmm* space group, respectively.

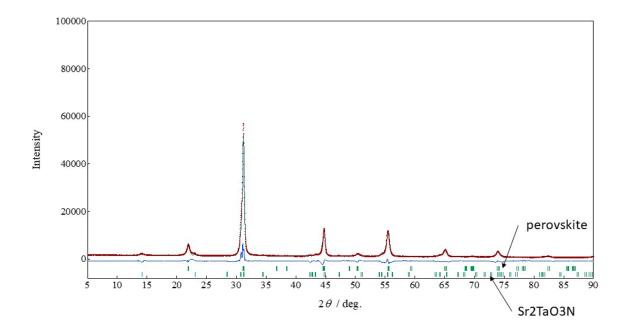


Fig. S4 Observed (red) and calculated (green)XRD patterns for Sr_{1.4}TaO₂N. Their difference plot is shown in blue. Green ticks above and below show the peak positions expected for SrTaO₂N perovskite in the *I*4/*mcm* space group and Sr₂TaO₃N RP phase in the *I*4/*mmm* space group, respectively.

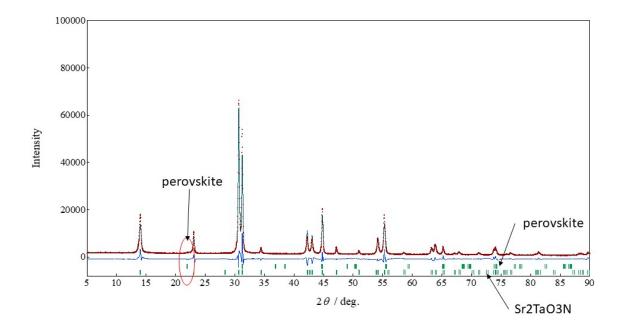


Fig. S5 Observed (red) and calculated (green)XRD patterns for Sr_2TaO_3N . Their difference plot is shown in blue. Green ticks above and below show the peak positions expected for $SrTaO_2N$ perovskite in the *I*4/*mcm* space group and Sr_2TaO_3N RP phase in the *I*4/*mmm* space group, respectively. Presence of perovskite is not so apparent even from the diffraction circled in red.

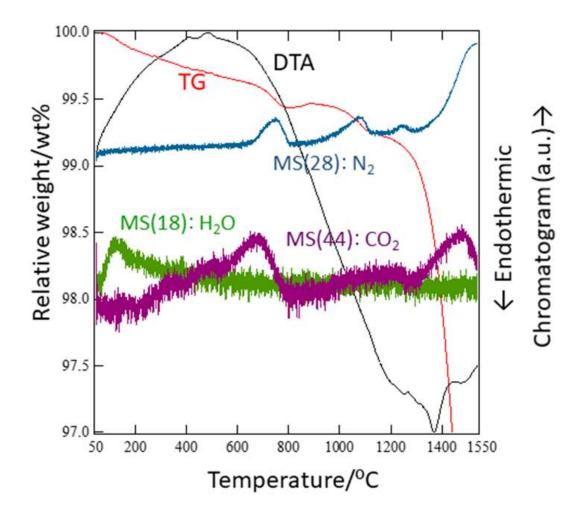


Fig. S6 TG-DTA-MS data acquired from Sr_2TaO_3N in a helium atmosphere.