

## Supplementary Information for

# **Patterning Oxide Nanopillars at the Atomic Scale by Phase Transformation**

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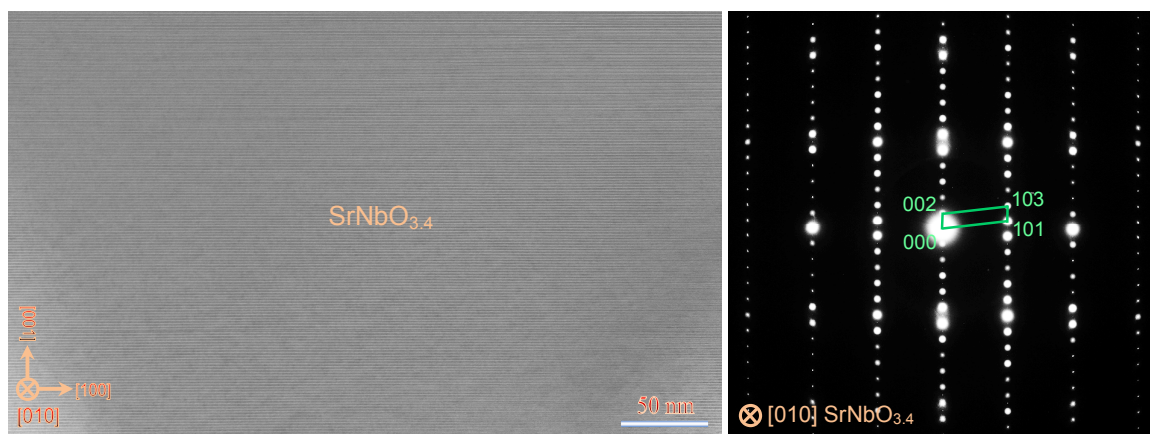
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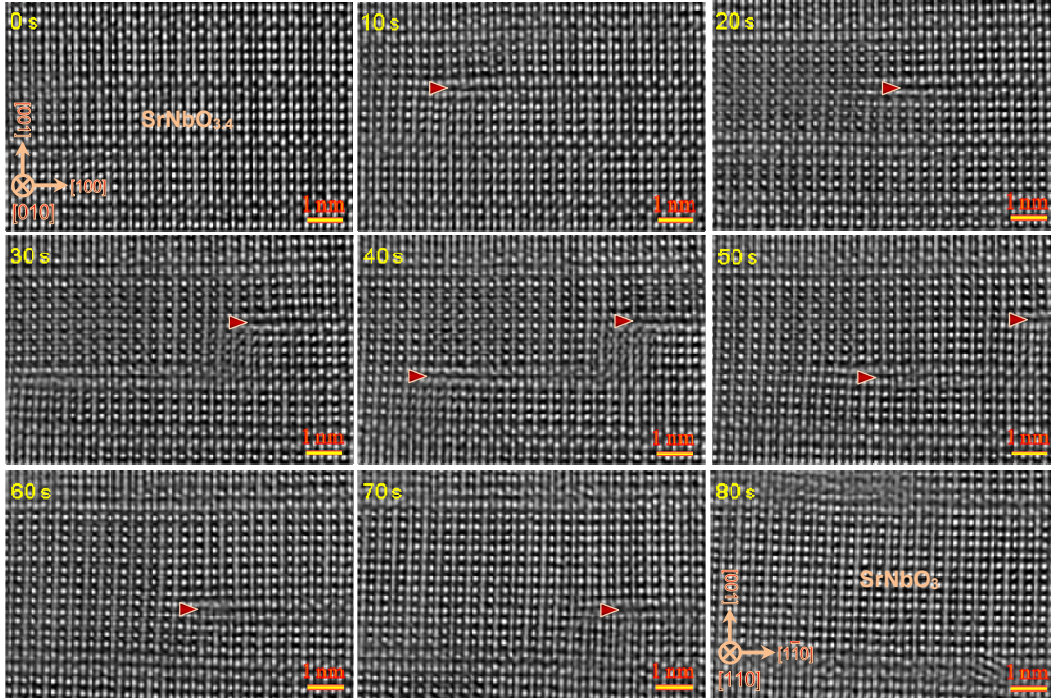
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**Figure S1**



**Figure S1.** Bright-field TEM image and selected area electron diffraction pattern of  $\text{SrNbO}_{3.4}$ . The bright-field TEM image shows crystal structure and morphology of a  $\text{SrNbO}_{3.4}$  single crystal. The electron beam is along  $[010]$  direction. The homogeneous image contrast indicates that there is no secondary phase in this single crystal.

Figure S2



**Figure S2.** In-situ high-resolution TEM imaging of the phase transformation of  $\text{SrNbO}_{3.4}$ . A Series of HRTEM images as a function of the elapsed time during electron irradiation. The  $\text{SrNbO}_{3.4}$  phase transforms partially into the  $\text{SrNbO}_3$  phase induced by the electron irradiation. The layered structure of the  $\text{SrNbO}_{3.4}$  is visible along the  $[010]$  zone axis at the initial stage (0 s). After irradiation for 80 s, the  $\text{SrNbO}_{3.4}$  phase is completely transformed into the  $\text{SrNbO}_3$  phase. The arrows indicate the region where the phase transformation initiates. The whole phase transformation process can also be viewed in the Supplementary Movie, which is created by a successive recording of the HRTEM images.