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view transmission electron microscope image of a vertically aligned nanocomposite LaFeO<sub>3</sub>:CoFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (65:35 molar ratio) film with CoFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> nanopillars embedded in a LaFeO<sub>3</sub> matrix. The schematic drawings show the most commonly investigated architectures of nanocomposites. (Top) 1–3-type nanocomposites with pillars or nanofibers aligned in a matrix. (Middle) 0–3-type nanocomposites with nanoparticles dispersed in a matrix. (Bottom) 2–2-type nanolaminates or heterostructured thin films or superlattices. Aiping Chen took the plan-view transmission electron microscope image, and Chris Sheehan drew the schematic drawings of the composites. See the technical theme that begins on page **719**.

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