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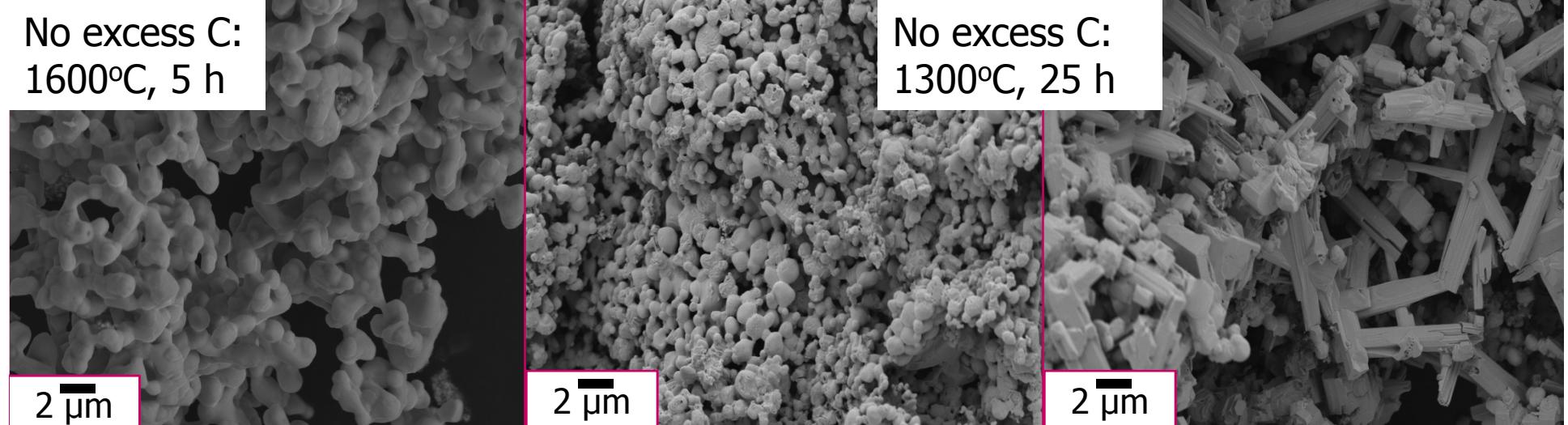
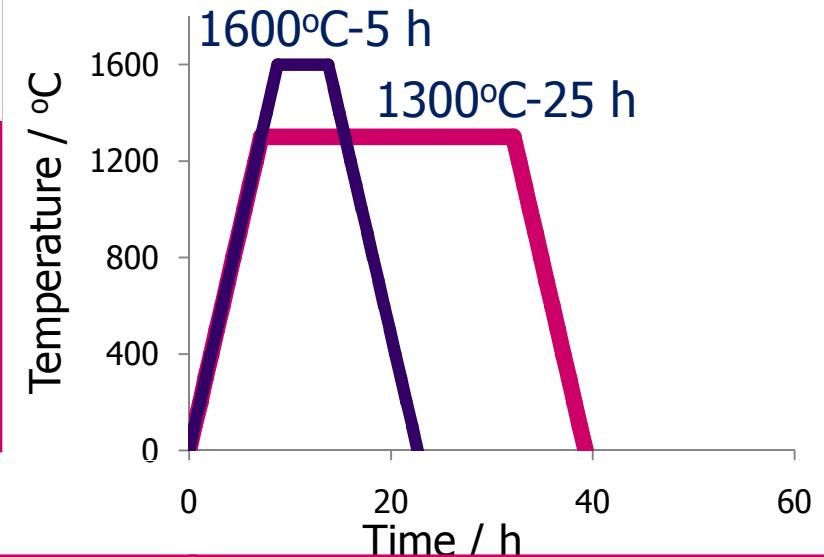
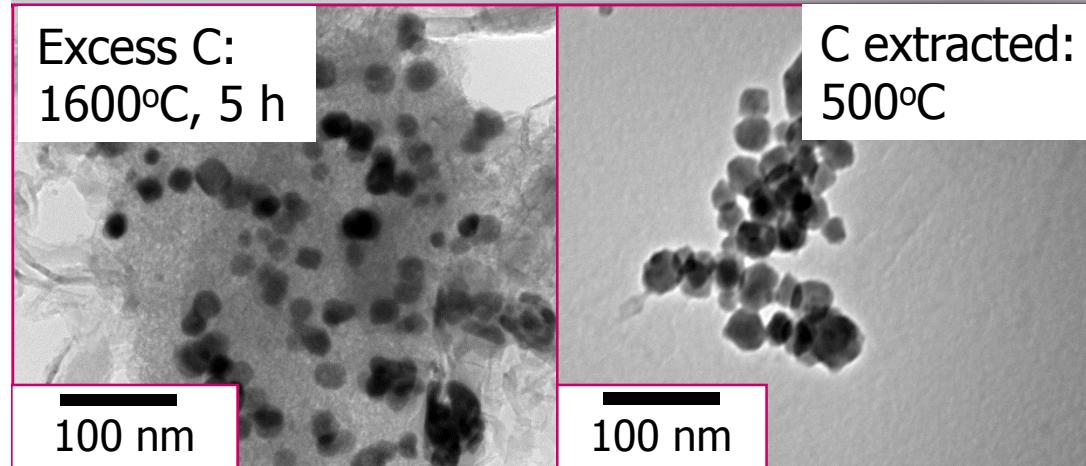
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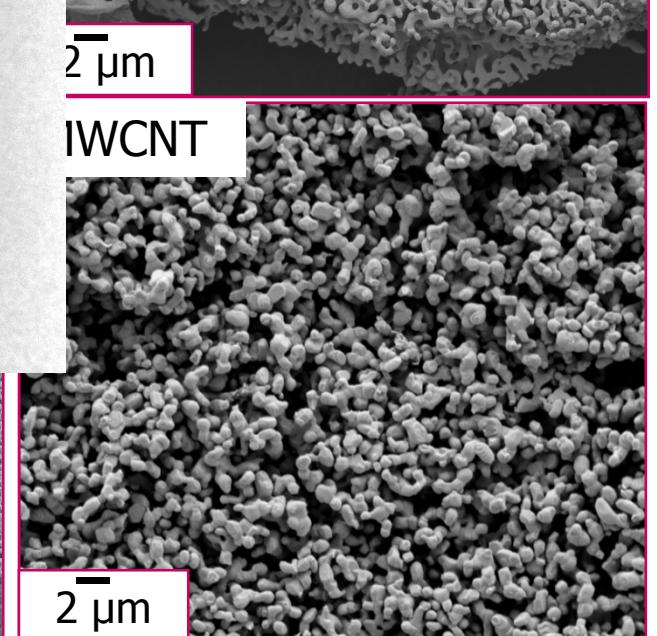
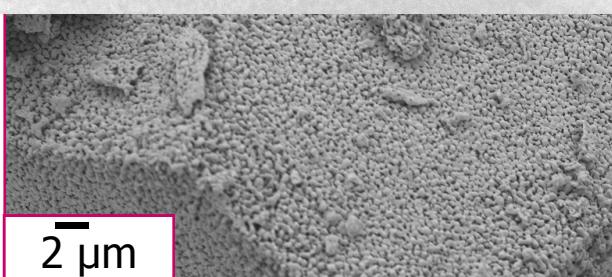
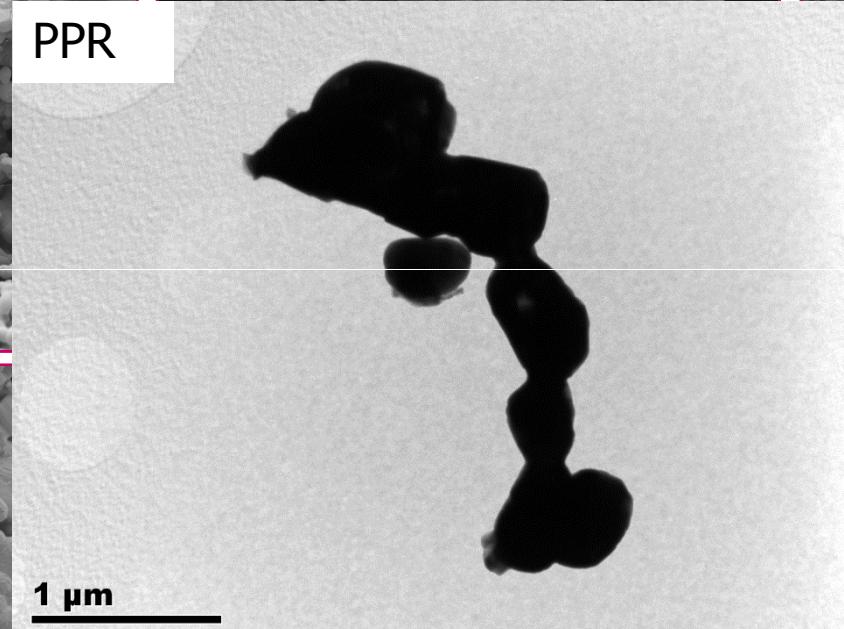
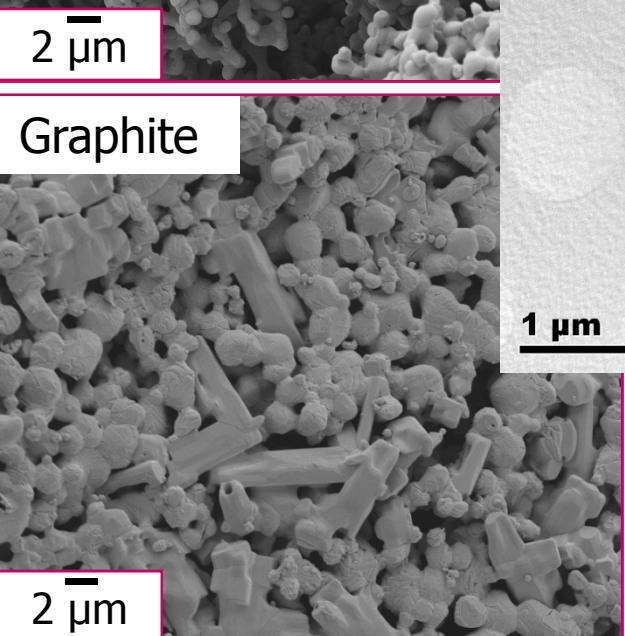
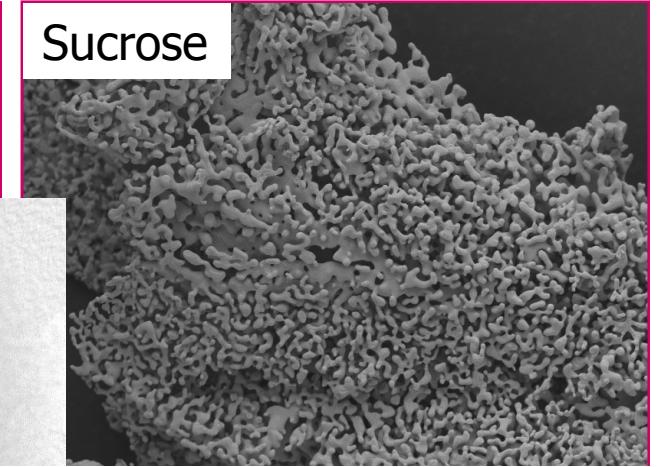
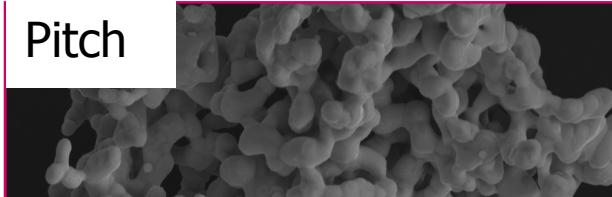
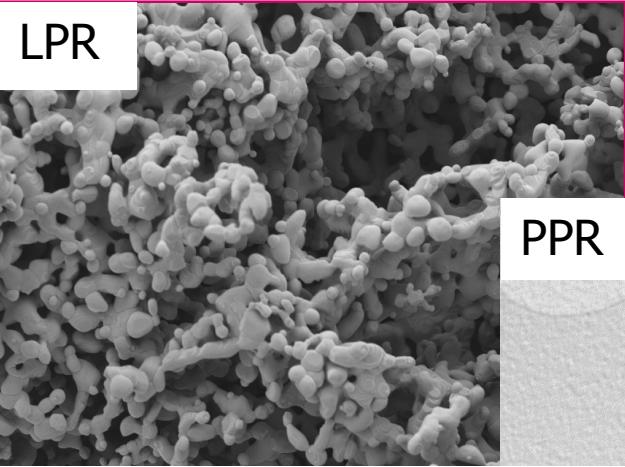
## HfB<sub>2</sub> precursor synthesis

- i. Carbon content
  - Excess carbon and stoichiometric carbon
- ii. Heat treatment for carbo/borothermal reduction reaction
  - 1300°C (with the help of AFRL) and 1600°C

## Heat treatment used and the resulting microstructure



# HfB<sub>2</sub> powder microstructure depending on the C sources



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