#### **Supporting Information**

# Growth mechanism for the controlled synthesis of MgH<sub>2</sub>/Mg crystals via a vapor-solid process

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# Figure S1

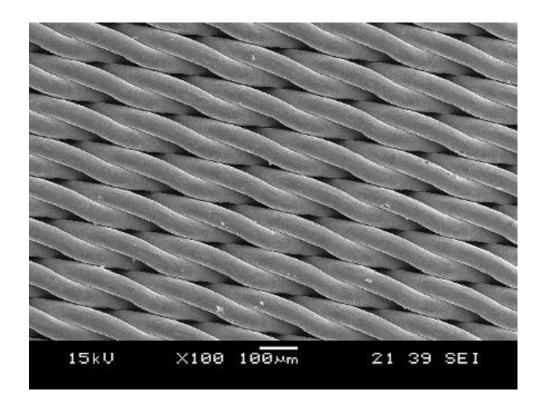


Figure S1. The enlarged image of the mesh (SUS316) used to collect the products in this study.

Figure S2 - (1). 1 MPa product image

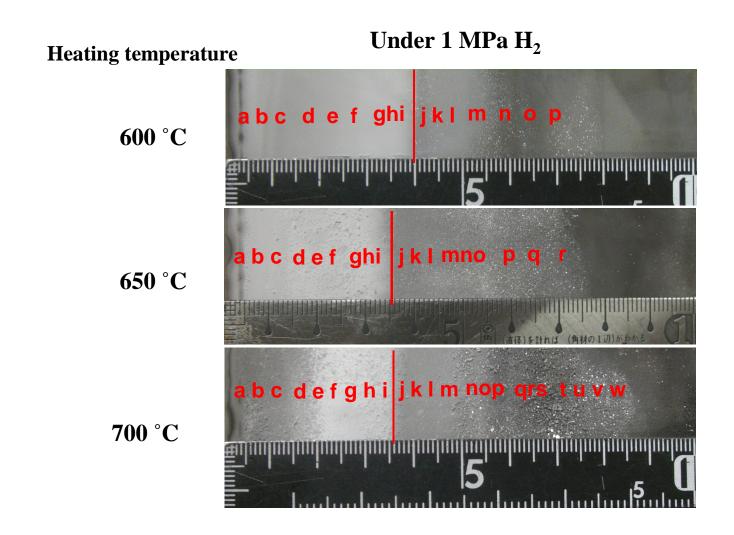


Figure S2 – (1). The images of the product obtained at 1 MPa  $H_2$  with evaporation temperatures of 600, 650, and 700 °C. The abc... numbers are for SEM observation.

Figure S2 - (2). 1 MPa temperature distribution

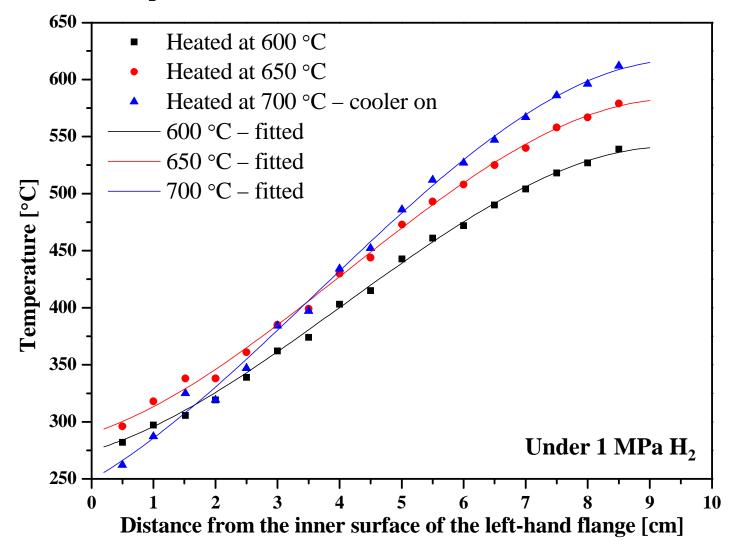
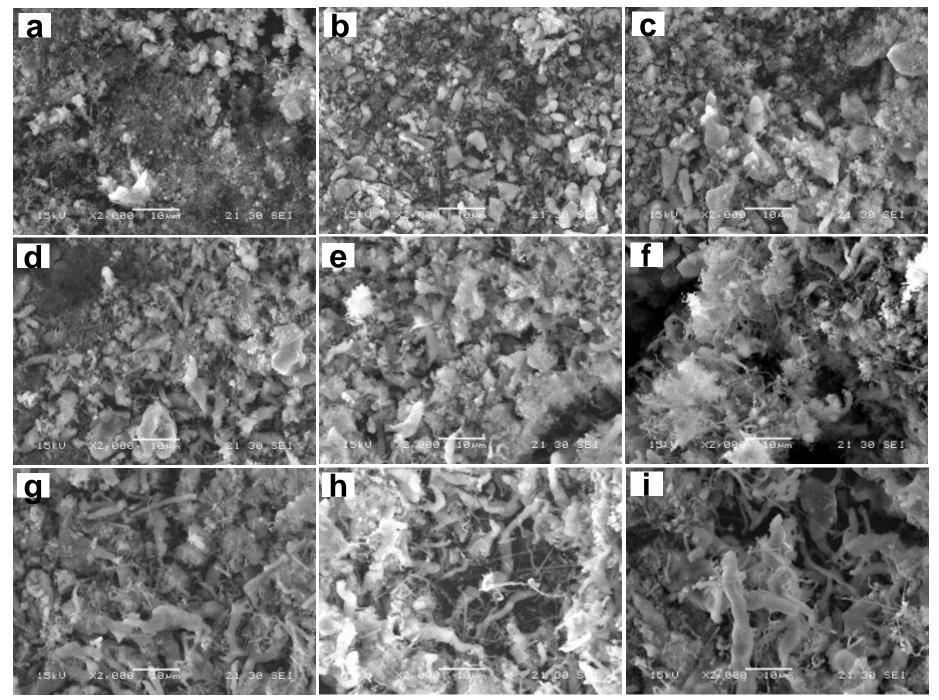


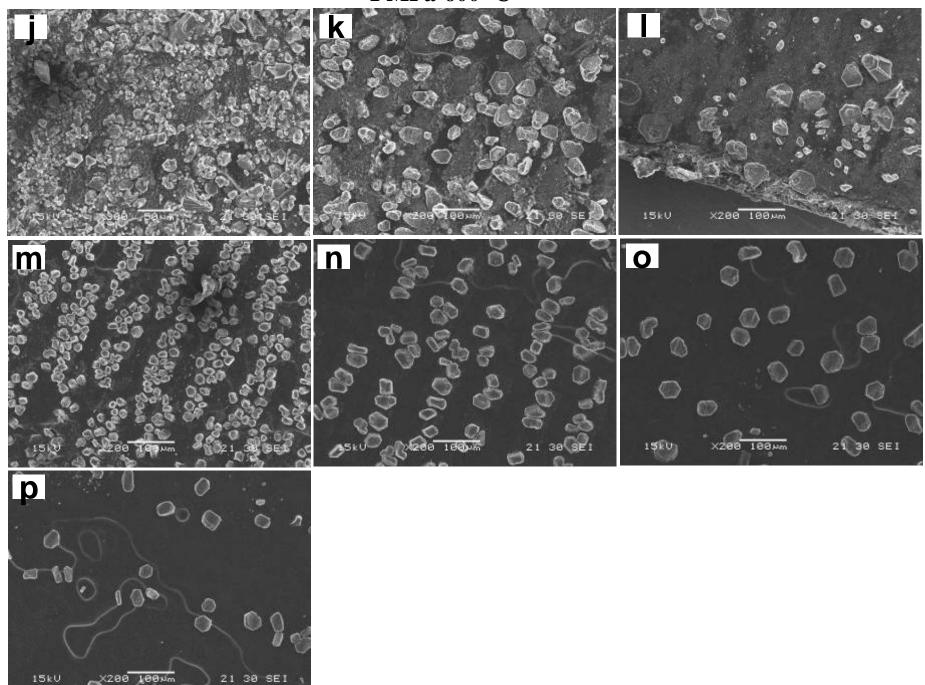
Figure S2 – (2). Temperature distribution on the mesh adhered along the tube wall under 1 MPa  $H_2$  pressure at different evaporation temperatures. To make sure that the lowest deposition temperature is below 300 °C, a cooler jacket was set around the flange with a evaporation temperature of 700 °C.

Figure S2 – (3). 1 MPa SEM images

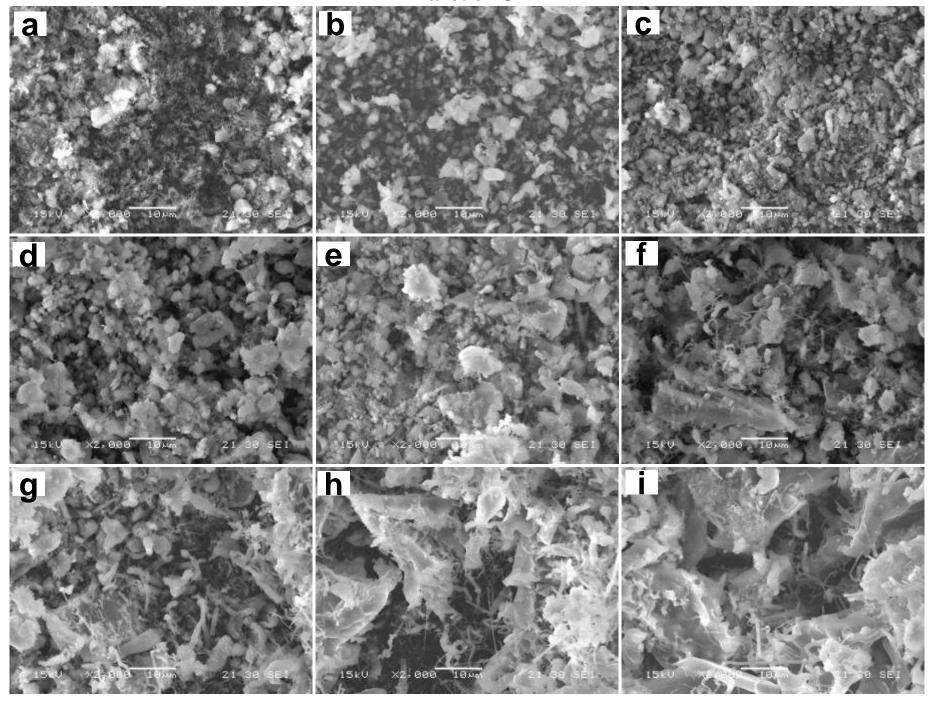
1 MPa-600 °C



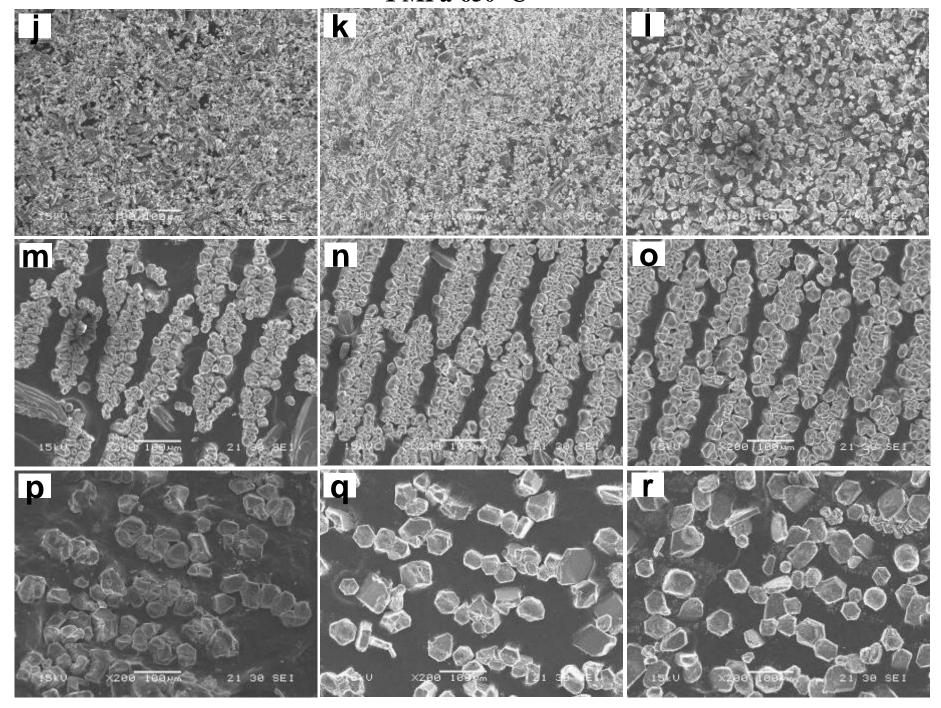
1 MPa-600 °C



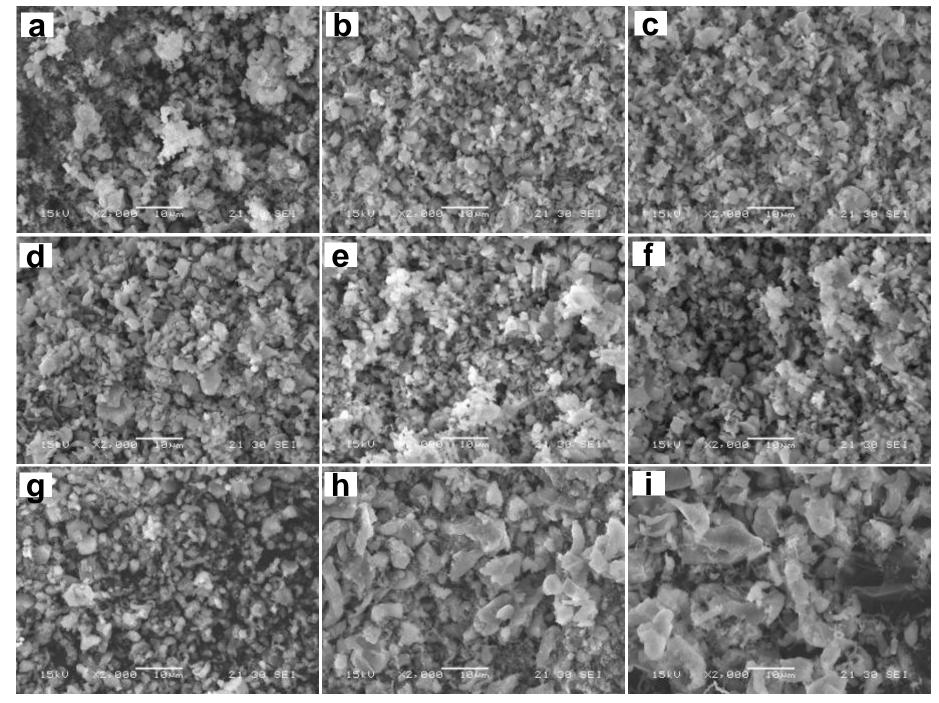
1 MPa-650 °C



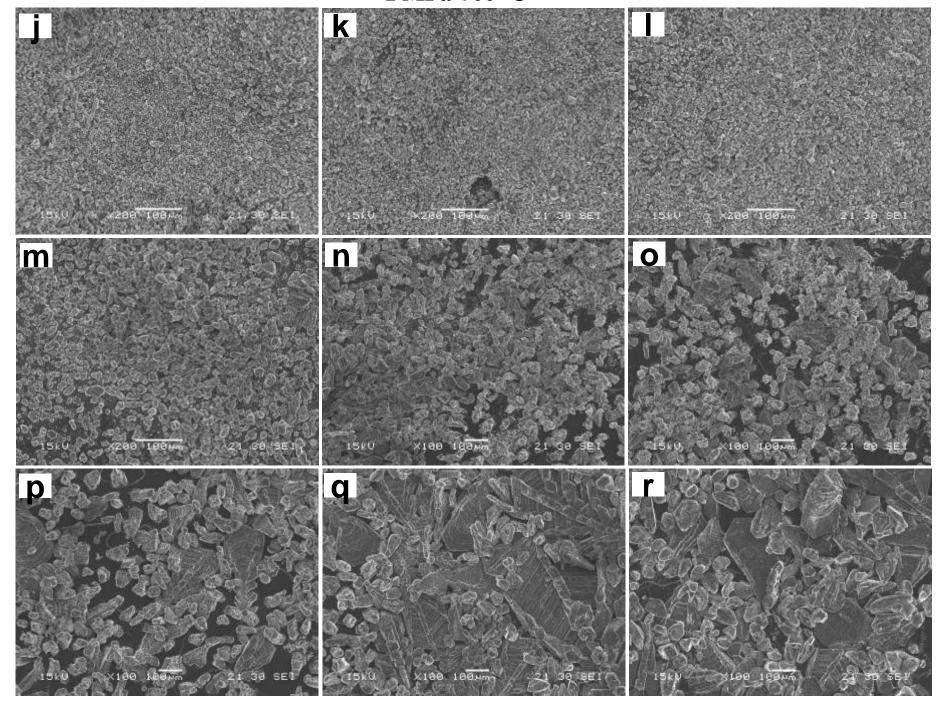
1 MPa-650 °C



1 MPa-700 °C



1 MPa-700 °C



# 1 MPa-700 °C

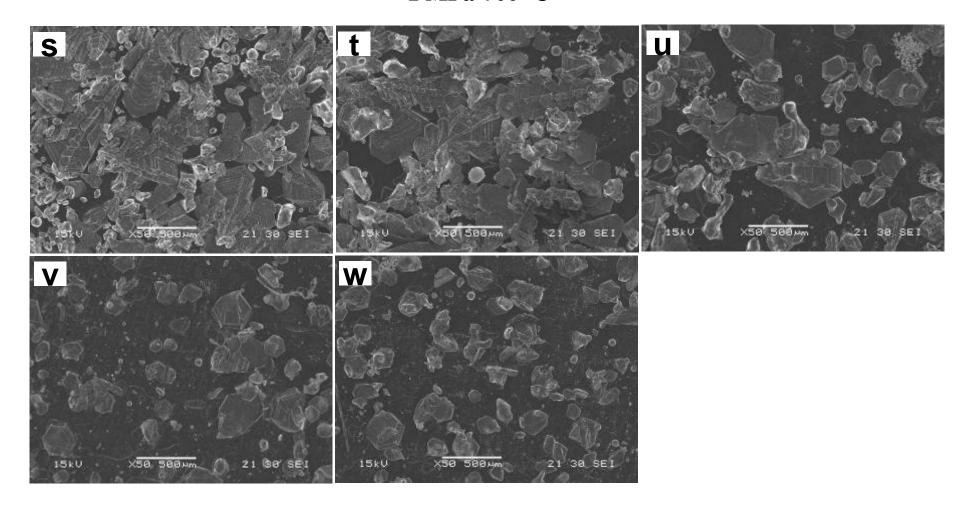


Figure S3 – (1). 2 MPa product image

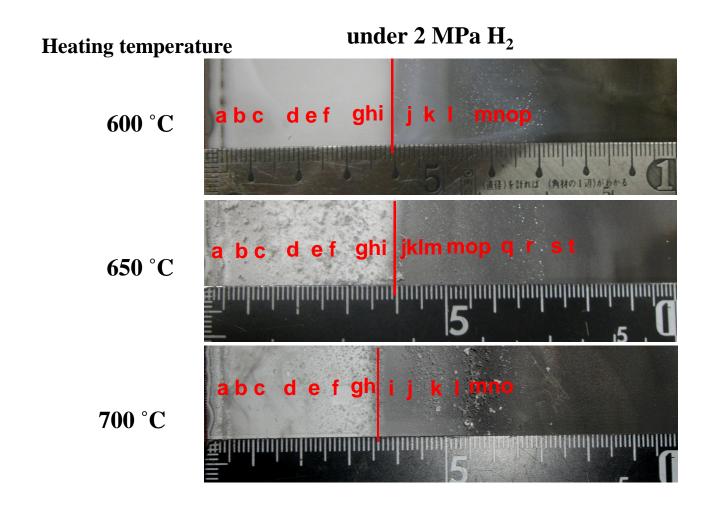


Figure S3 – (1). The images of the product obtained at 2 MPa  $H_2$  with evaporation temperatures of 600, 650, and 700 °C. The abc... numbers are for SEM observation.

Figure S3 - (2). 2 MPa temperature distribution

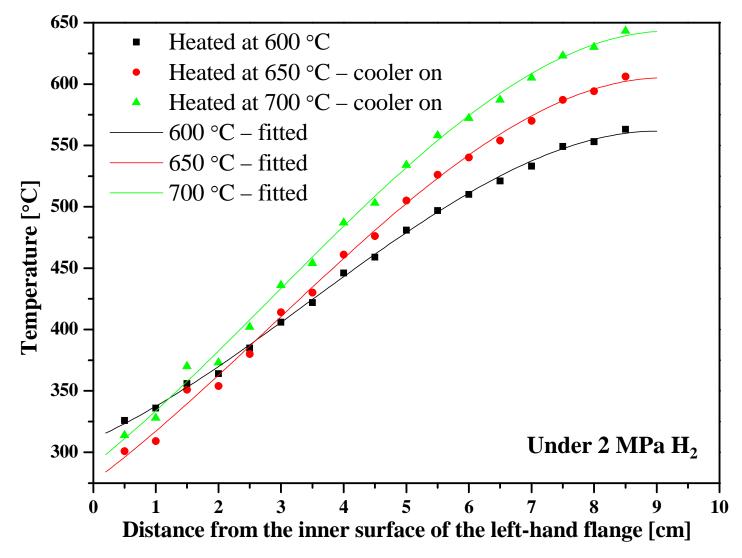
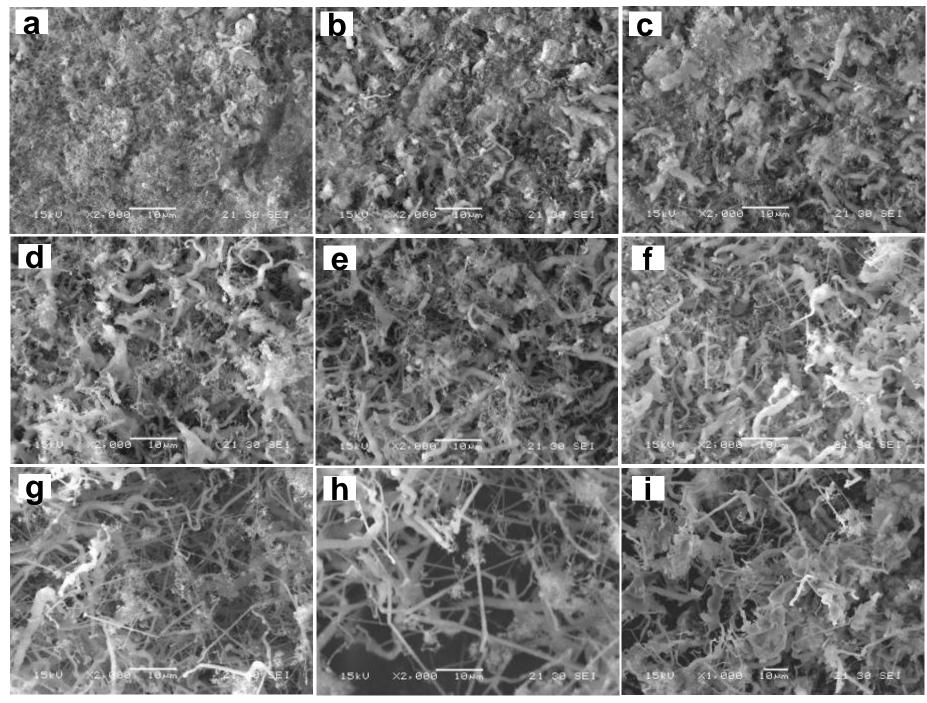


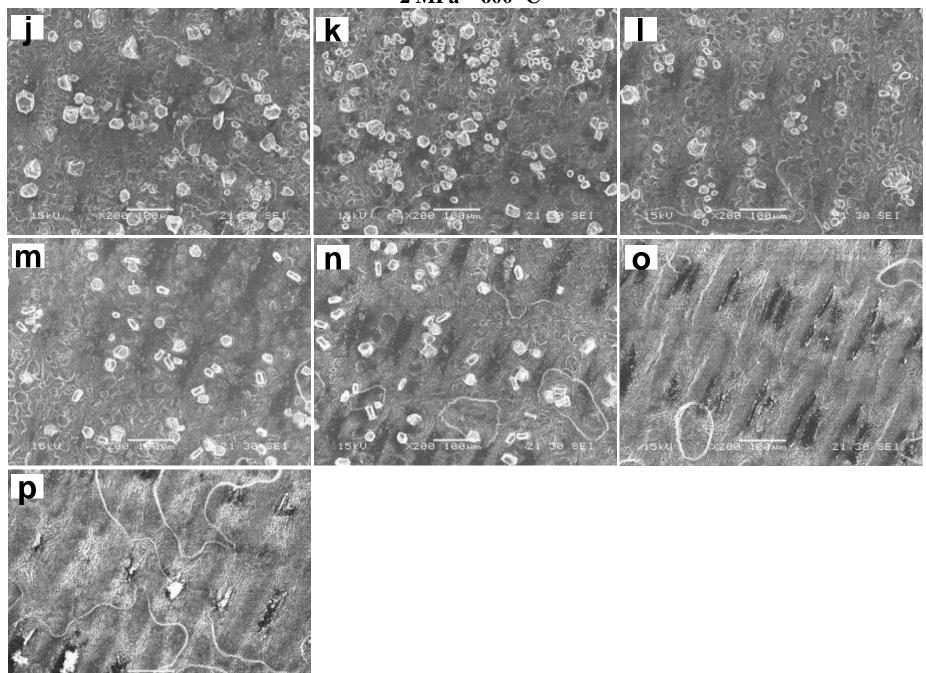
Figure S3 – (2). Temperature distribution on the mesh adhered along the tube wall under 2 MPa  $H_2$  pressure at different evaporation temperatures. To make sure that the lowest deposition temperature is below 300 °C, a cooler jacket was set around the flange with the evaporation temperature of 650 and 700 °C.

Figure S3 – (3). 2 MPa SEM images

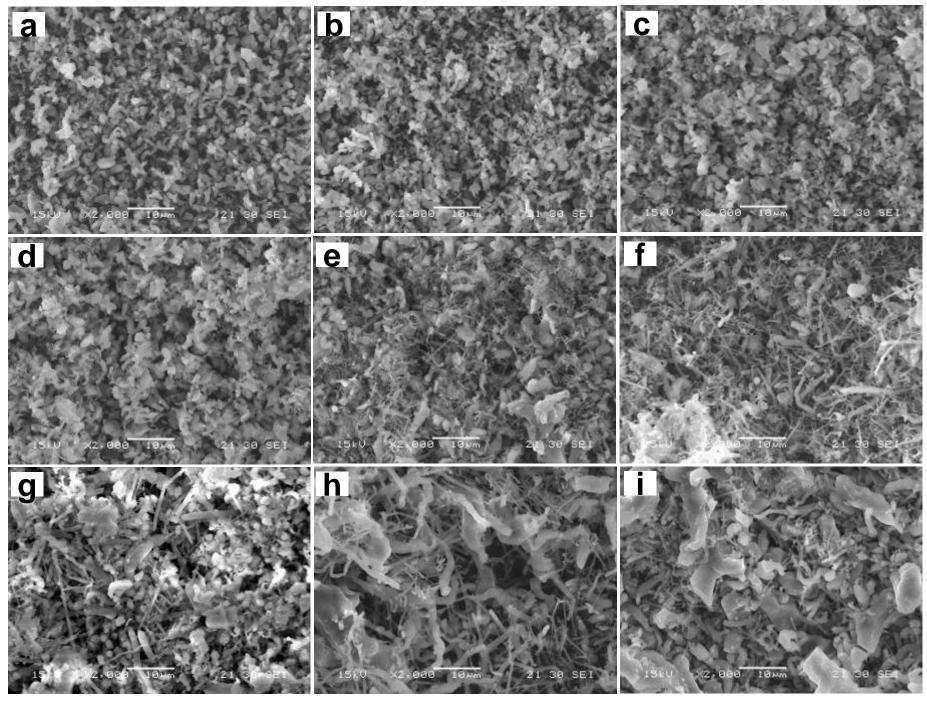
 $2 MPa - 600 \degree C$ 

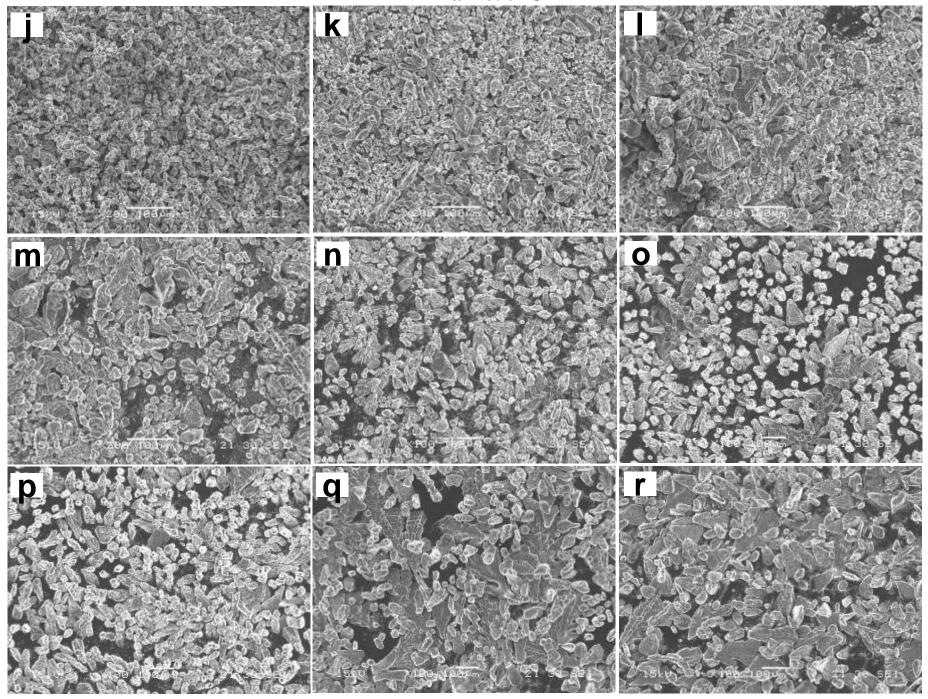


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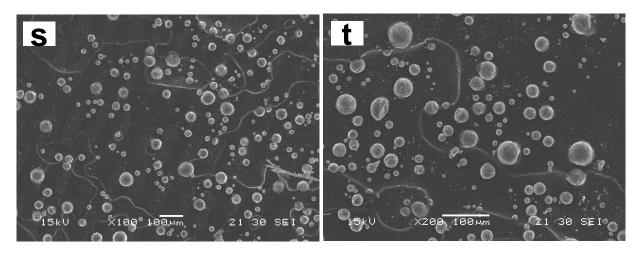


 $2 MPa - 650 \degree C$ 



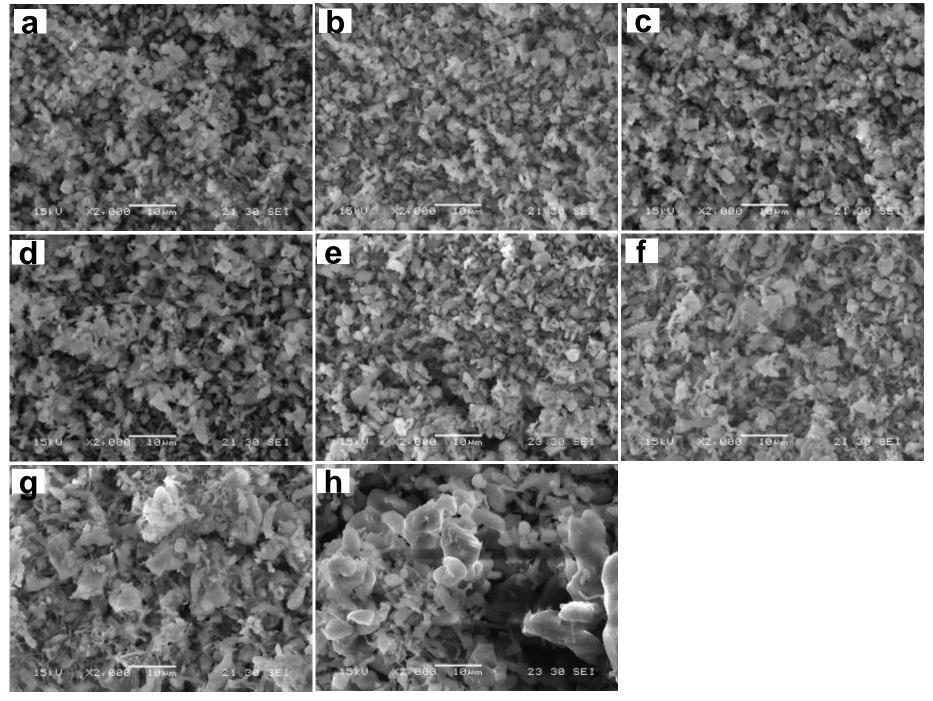


2 MPa – 650 °C



The spherical shapes can be found at a certain growth condition (heating time and evaporation temperature) at the high temperature side; with the growth time, these spheres will disappear to form hexagonal shapes or dendritic shapes.

 $2~MPa-700~^{\circ}C$ 



2 MPa – 700 °C

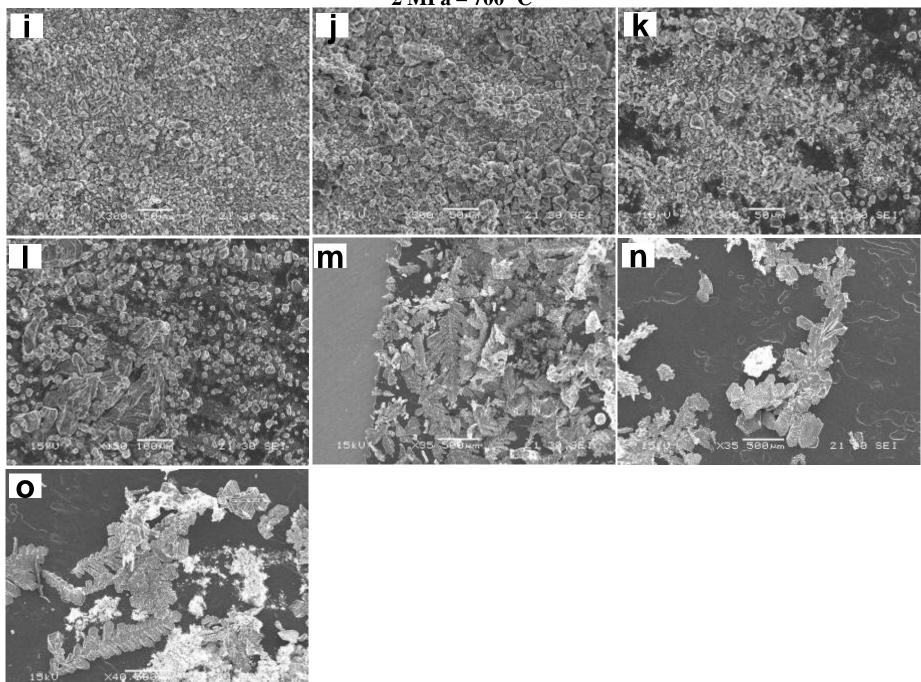
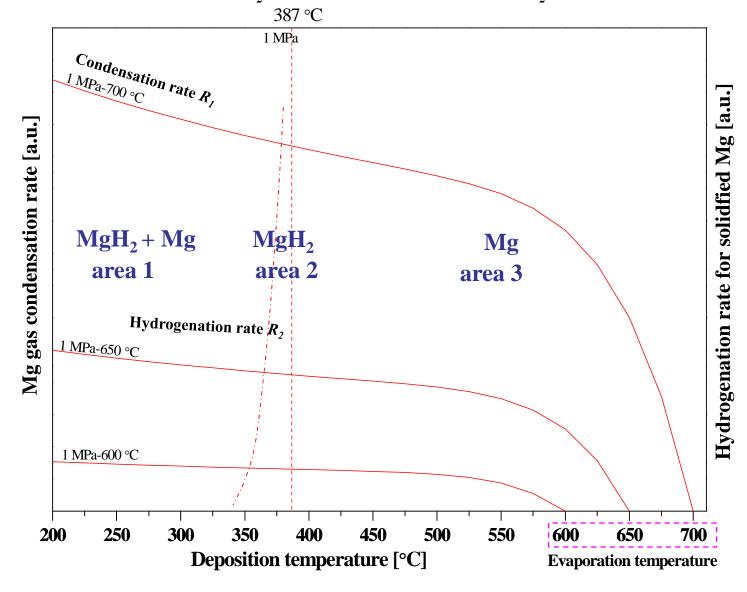


Figure S4. The calculated condensation rate for Mg gas as a function of deposition temperature under 1 and 2 MPa H<sub>2</sub> with evaporation temperatures of 600, 650, and 700 °C (the solid lines), respectively. The as-proposed hydrogenation rate for the solidified Mg as a function of deposition temperature under 1 and 2 MPa H<sub>2</sub> is plotted in the dash-dot lines; the hydrogenation rate curves were plotted based on the results of sample distribution obtained with a heating time of 4 hours.

From this figure, we can confirm that: (1) above the dissociation temperature at a certain  $H_2$  pressure, only Mg deposits are obtained; (2) below the dissociation temperature, when  $R_2 > R_1$  high-purity MgH<sub>2</sub> is produced, and when  $R_1 > R_2$  a mixture of MgH<sub>2</sub> and Mg is obtained; (3) a high H<sub>2</sub> pressure offers a larger high-purity MgH<sub>2</sub> production area; and (4) the composition of the products under other growth conditions can be predicted using this figure.

1 MPa

## MgH<sub>2</sub> dissociation temperature at 1 MPa H<sub>2</sub>



## MgH<sub>2</sub> dissociation temperature at 2 MPa H<sub>2</sub>

