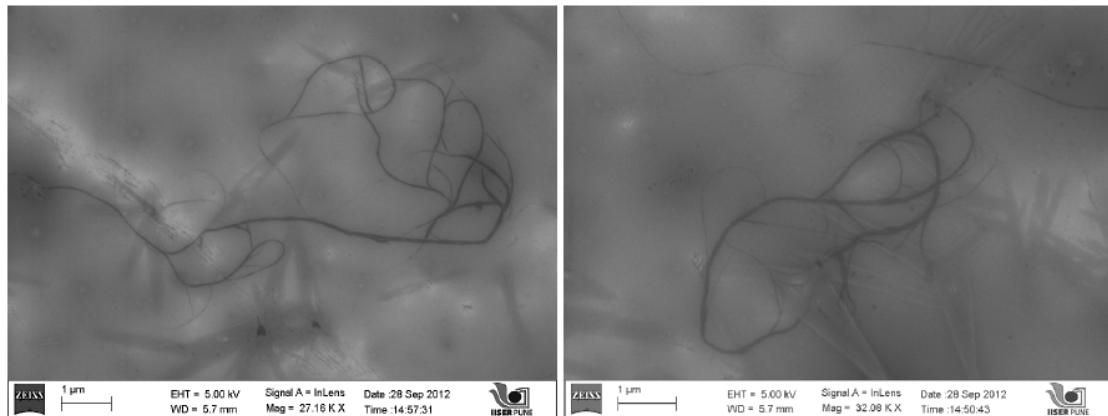


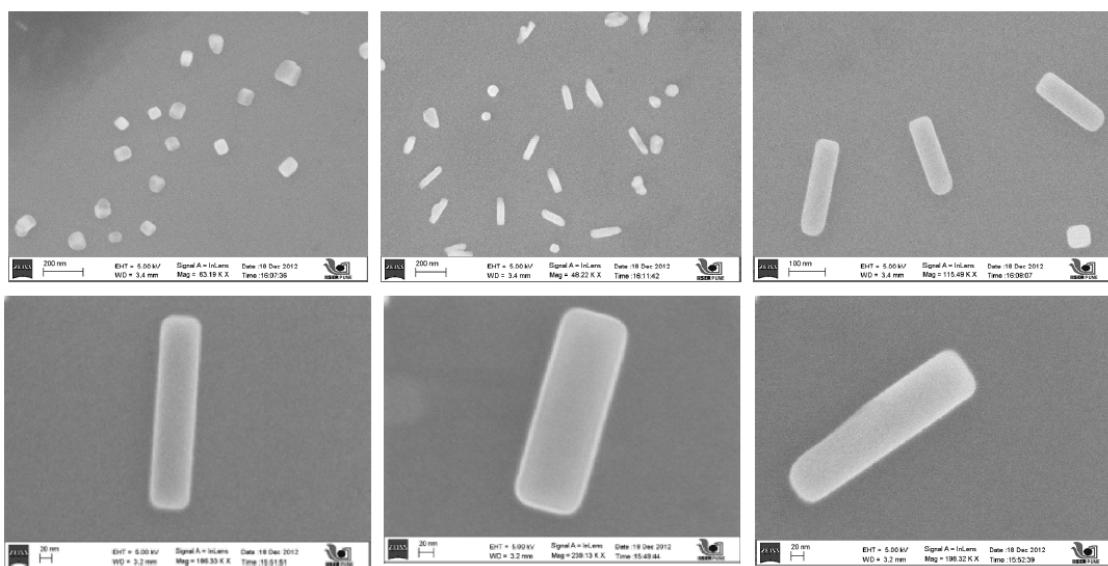
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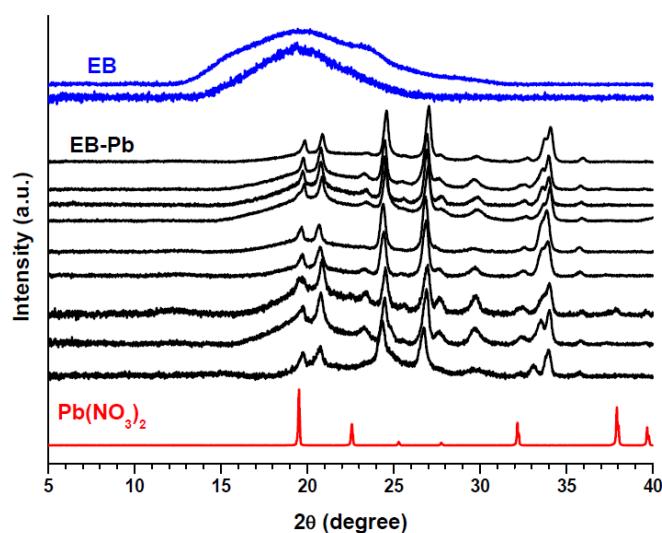
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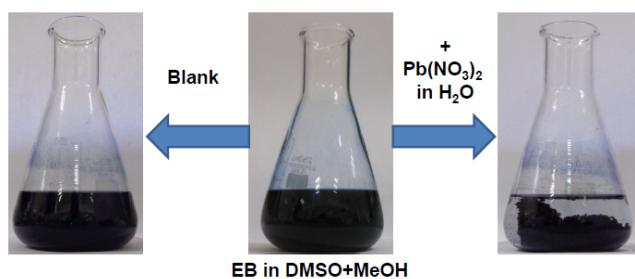
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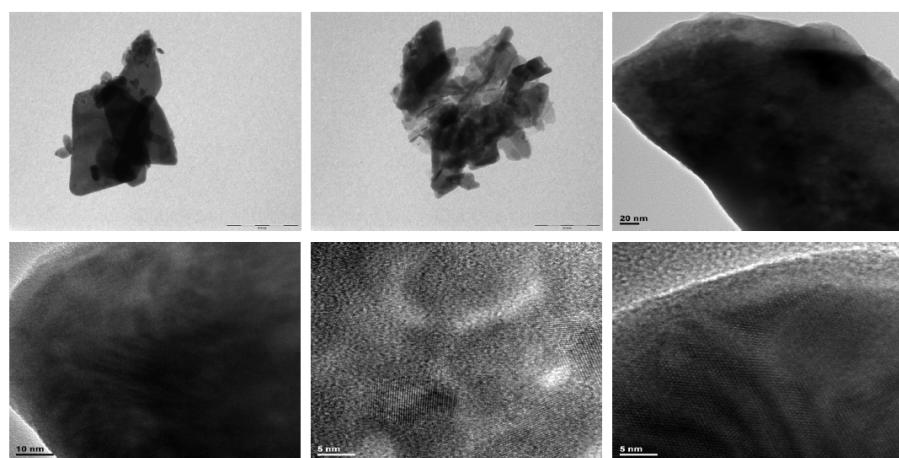
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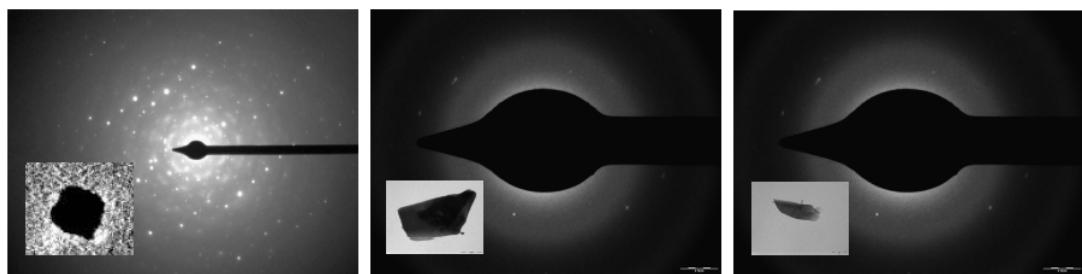
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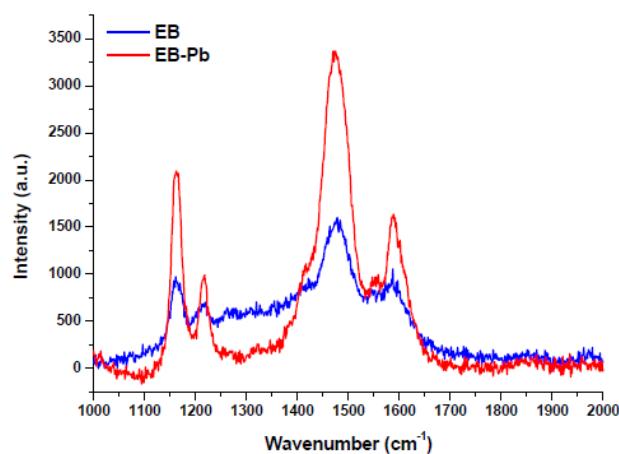
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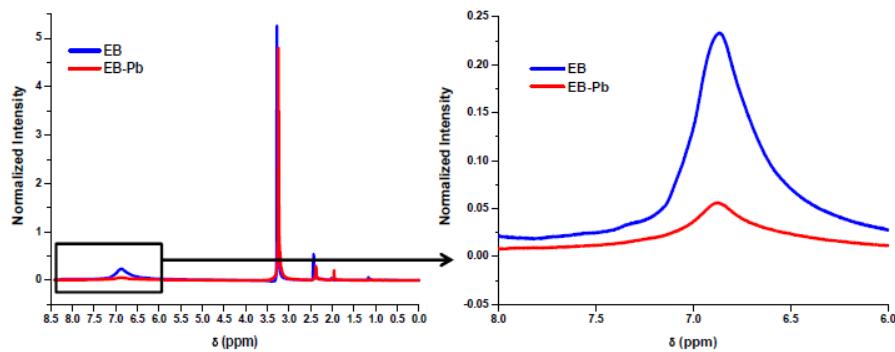
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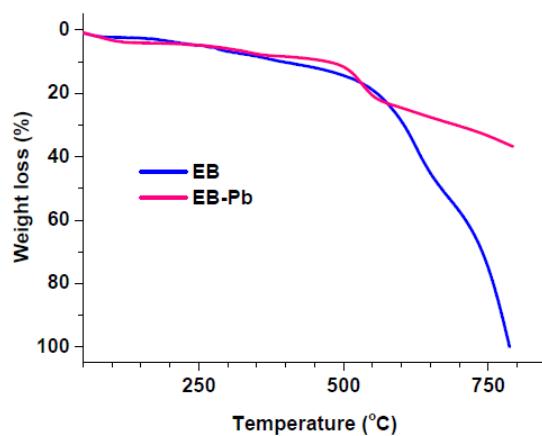
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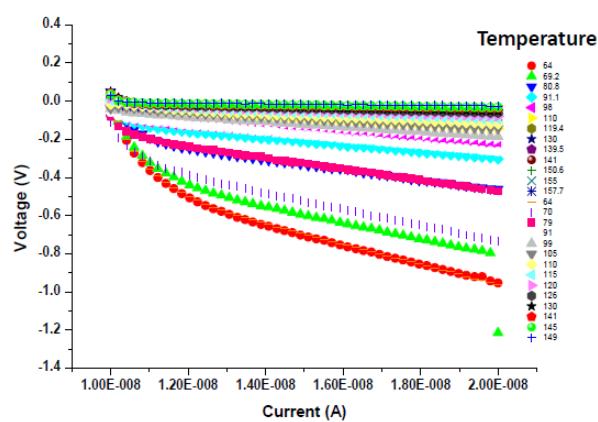
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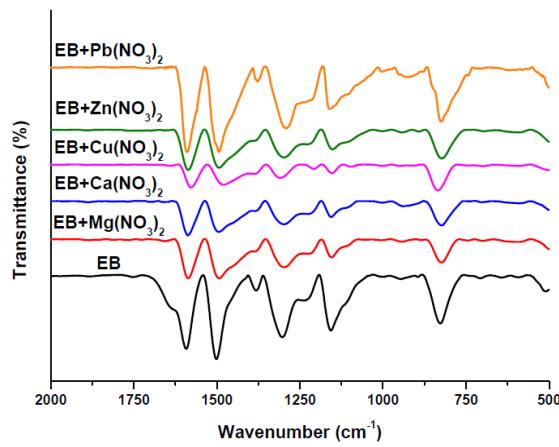
**Figure S8.** Left:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of EB (blue) and EB-Pb (red). Right: zoomed-in section of the left marked zone (black).



**Figure S9.** TGA plots for EB (blue) and EB-Pb (red).



**Figure S10.** I-V plots for the EB-Pb at various temperatures (both heating and cooling).



**Figure S11.** FTIR spectra of EB and the precipitates obtained upon reaction with various divalent nitrates.

**Table S1:** Elemental composition from XPS

Elements (%)	EB	EB-Pb
C	~85.8	~82.2
N	~13.8	~11.4
O	~0.4	~5.5
Pb	0	~0.9

**Table S2:** Elemental composition from EDX for the EB-Pb system

Elements	EB-Pb		Blank	
	Weight%	Atomic%	Weight%	Atomic%
C	18.44	15.75	10.58	10.58
N	4.62	3.85	----	----
O	2.35	1.39	----	----
Pb	26.74	27.32	----	----
Si	47.85	58.37	89.42	89.42

**Table S3:** Elemental composition from EDX for the so called EB-Mg system

Elements	EB-Mg		Blank	
	Weight%	Atomic%	Weight%	Atomic%
C	64.62	76.60	22.35	40.22
N	9.86	10.02	----	----
O	1.16	1.03	----	----
Mg	----	----	----	----
Si	24.37	12.35	77.65	59.78

**Table S4:** Elemental composition from EDX for the so called EB-Cu system

Elements	EB-Cu		Blank	
	Weight%	Atomic%	Weight%	Atomic%
C	63.33	71.10	13.90	27.40
N	19.77	19.03	----	----
O	6.58	5.54	----	----
Cu	2.33	0.50	----	----
Si	7.99	3.84	86.10	72.60