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GENERAL PROPERTIES AND HISTORICAL OVERVIEW



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LOTOTSKYY**



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JENSEN**



**VOLODYMYR
YARTYS**

NEW INTERMETALLIC AND COMPLEX HYDRIDES OF Mg



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ISAAC JACOB



VOLODYMYR YARTYS

NANOMATERIALS



PETRA DE JONGH



LUCA PASQUINI



ETSUO AKIBA

KINETICS



MARCELLO BARICCO

COMPOSITES WITH CARBON



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HEAT STORAGE



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HUMPHRIES**



**VERONICA
SOFIANOS**



**RENE
ALBERT**

REACTIVE BALL MILLING



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LATROCHE**



FERMIN CUEVAS



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ROMAN DENYS



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Mg-H SYSTEM AT HIGH PRESSURES: THEORETICAL AND EXPERIMENTAL STUDY



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BOURGEOIS**



**JEAL-CLAUDE
CRIVELLO**



**JEAN MARC
JOUBERT**



**VLADIMIR
ANTONOV**



**MIKHAIL
KUZOVNIKOV**

CATALYSIS



MIN ZHU



HUI WANG



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HYDROGEN STORAGE SYSTEMS



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MAGNESIUM HYDRIDE AS A POWDER



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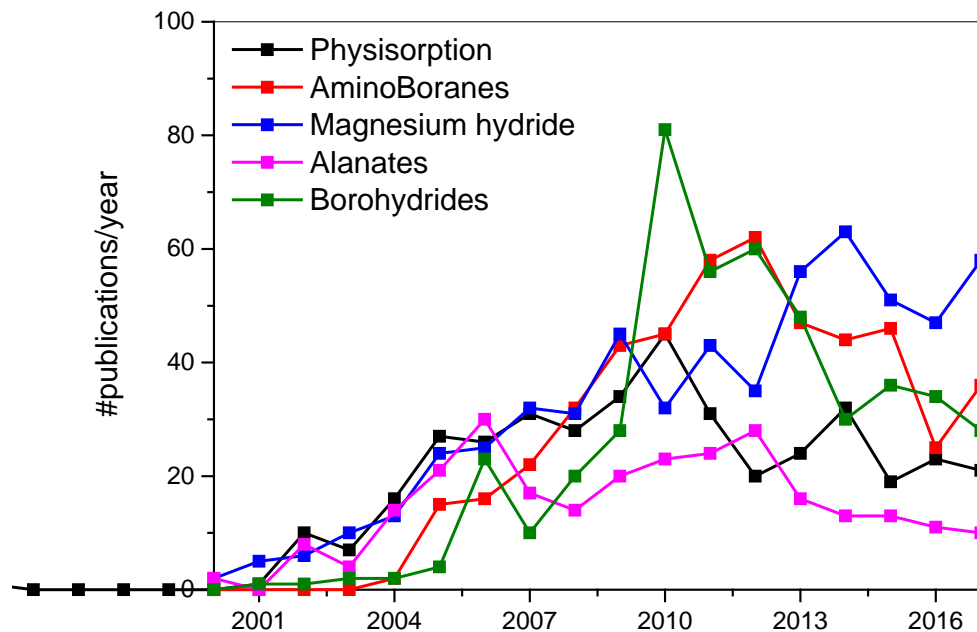


ALASTAIR STUART



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Number of articles published during the last years 2000-2017 having “hydrogen storage” and the “name” of the respective compound. Source: SCOPUS



**GREAT INTEREST WORLDWIDE
(Magnesium+Hydride) most publications
in 2000-2017**


TWO EARLIER PUBLISHED REVIEWS BASED ON THE WORK OF IEA TASK32

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Review of magnesium hydride-based materials: development and optimisation

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Abstract Magnesium hydride has been studied extensively for applications as a hydrogen storage material owing to the favourable cost and high gravimetric and volumetric hydrogen densities. However, its high enthalpy of decomposition necessitates high working temperatures for hydrogen desorption while the slow rates for some processes such as hydrogen diffusion through the bulk create challenges for large-scale implementation. The present paper reviews fundamentals of the Mg–H system and looks at the recent advances in the optimisation of magnesium hydride as a hydrogen storage material through the use of catalytic additives, incorporation of defects and an understanding of the rate-limiting processes during absorption and desorption.

1 Introduction

Magnesium hydride (MgH₂) continues to be investigated as a potential hydrogen storage material due to the moderately high gravimetric and volumetric hydrogen density of $\rho_m = 7.6$ wt% H and $\rho_v = 110$ g H/l. In addition, this light metal is cheap and virtually limitless, i.e. occurs to an extent of 0.13 wt% in sea water and 2.76 wt% in the earth crust.


However, there are practical impediments to large-scale implementation of MgH₂-based hydrogen storage systems as the Mg–H system has unfavourable thermodynamics and slow kinetics for H₂ uptake and release. The thermodynamics dictates that relatively high temperatures must be

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Mg-based compounds for hydrogen and energy storage

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Abstract Magnesium-based alloys attract significant interest as cost-efficient hydrogen storage materials allowing the combination of high gravimetric storage capacity of hydrogen with fast rates of hydrogen uptake and release and pronounced destabilization of the metal–hydrogen bonding in comparison with binary Mg–H systems. In this review, various groups of magnesium compounds are considered, including (1) RE–Mg–Ni hydrides (RE = La, Pr, Nd); (2) Mg alloys with *p*-elements (X = Si, Ge, Sn, and Al); and (3) magnesium alloys with

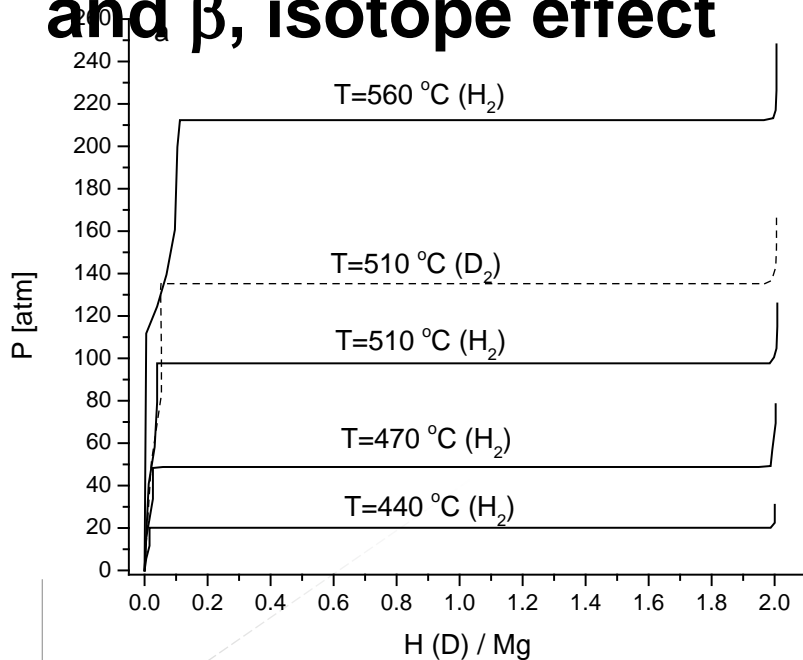
d-elements (Ti, Fe, Co, Ni, Cu, Zn, Pd). The hydrogenation–disproportionation–desorption–recombination process in the Mg-based alloys (LaMg₁₂, LaMg₁₁Ni) and unusually high-pressure hydrides synthesized at pressures exceeding 100 MPa (MgNi₂H₃) and stabilized by Ni–H bonding are also discussed. The paper reviews interrelations between the properties of the Mg-based hydrides and *p*–*T* conditions of the metal–hydrogen interactions, chemical composition of the initial alloys, their crystal structures, and microstructural state.

> 120 REFERENCES IN SCOPUS (2016-2018)

Mg-H and Mg-D systems

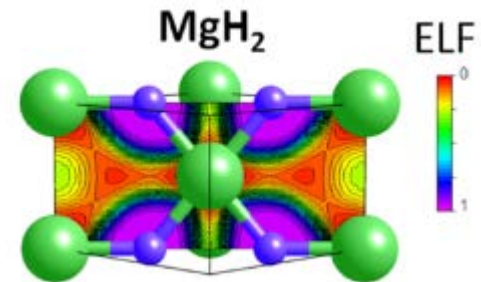
SYNTHESIS: DIRECT – 200 bar H₂ + 570 °C – 60 % (1951)
PYROLYSIS OF ETHYL MAGNESIUM HALIDE (1912)

Flat plateaux; No hysteresis;
Small homogeneity ranges of α
and β , isotope effect



Stampfer J.F. et al. in 1960:
J Amer Chem Soc **82** (1960) 3504

$\Delta H_{des} = 75 \text{ kJ/molH}_2$
 $\Delta S_{des} = 135 \text{ J/molH}_2/\text{K}$
MgH₂ 1 bar @ 277 °C
10 bar @ 370 °C



Strong covalent contribution
to Mg-H bonding

J.C. Crivello, Appl. Phys. A: Materials Science and Processing
122 (2) (2016) : 97, pp. 1-20

Mg ALLOYS

ABUNDANCE
Mg: LOW DENSITY
AFFORDABLE PRICE
HIGH H CAPACITY, 7.6 wt.%H

H STORAGE

BATTERY ELECTRODE ALLOYS

HEAT STORAGE

**EFFECT OF MAGNESIUM ON THE STRUCTURE,
THERMODYNAMICS AND KINETICS
OF THE METAL-HYDROGEN INTERACTIONS**

TOPICS OF REVIEW PAPER

- HISTORICAL OVERVIEW
- NANOSTRUCTURED MgH_2
- MA @ RBM. MECHANOCHEMISTRY of Mg in H_2
- CATALYSIS OF DE/HYDRIDING
- DESTABILISATION of MgH_2
- Mg-H SYSTEM AT HIGH PRESSURES. THEORY AND EXPERIMENTS
- NEW TERNARY Mg CONTAINING H STORAGE MATERIALS
- NON DIRECT THERMAL DESORPTION
- CYCLING of MgH_2
- MAGNESIUM COMPOUNDS FOR THERMAL ENERGY STORAGE
- SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT
- SUMMARY, OUTLOOK AND FUTURE PROSPECTS

EFFECT OF MAGNESIUM ON STRUCTURE AND BONDING IN MULTICOMPONENT HYDRIDES

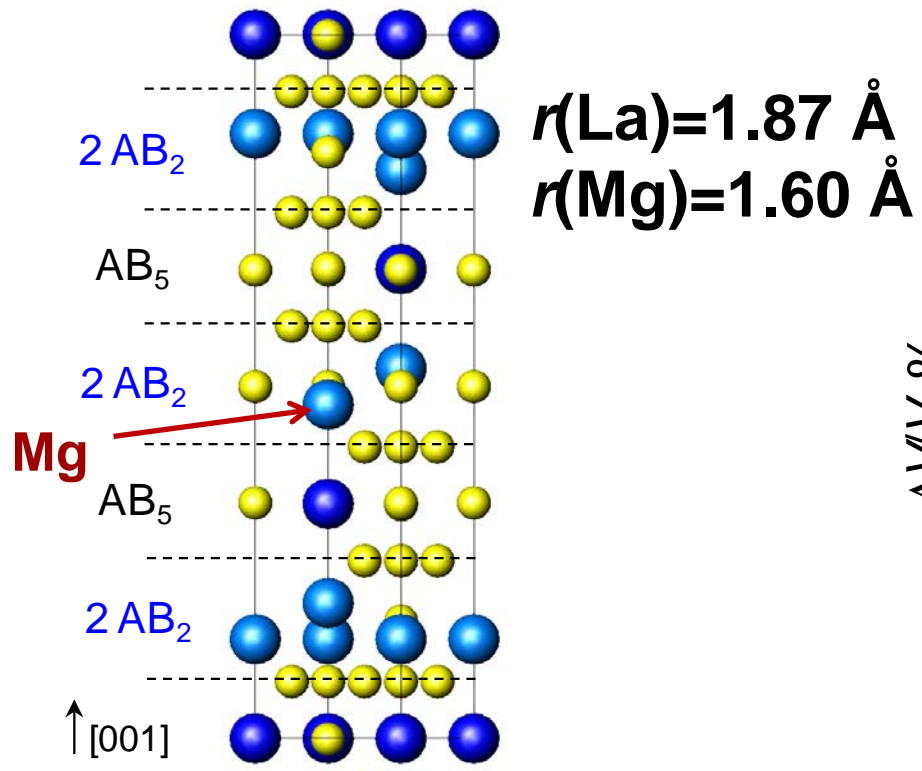
(a) Mg substitution of Rare Earth metals;

(a) Mg as an individual component of ternary intermetallics;

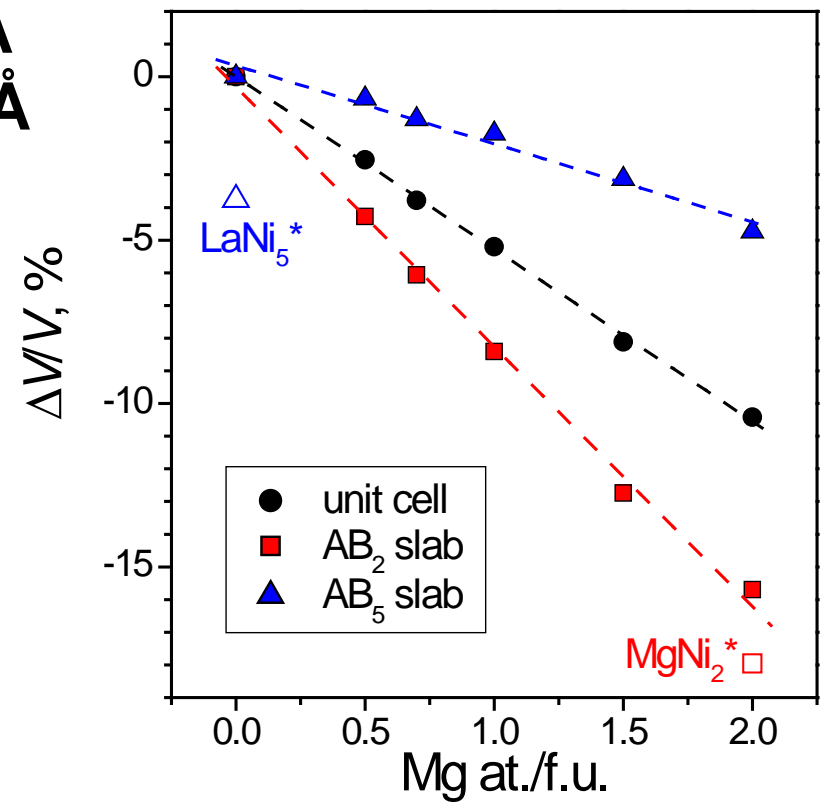
(a) Mg forms Mg^{2+} ions while transition metals Ni, Co, Fe form complex anions $[\text{NiH}_4]^{4-}$, $[\text{CoH}_5]^{4-}$ and $[\text{FeH}_6]^{4-}$

La 1.87 Å
Mg 1.60 Å

Effect of Mg \Rightarrow La substitution



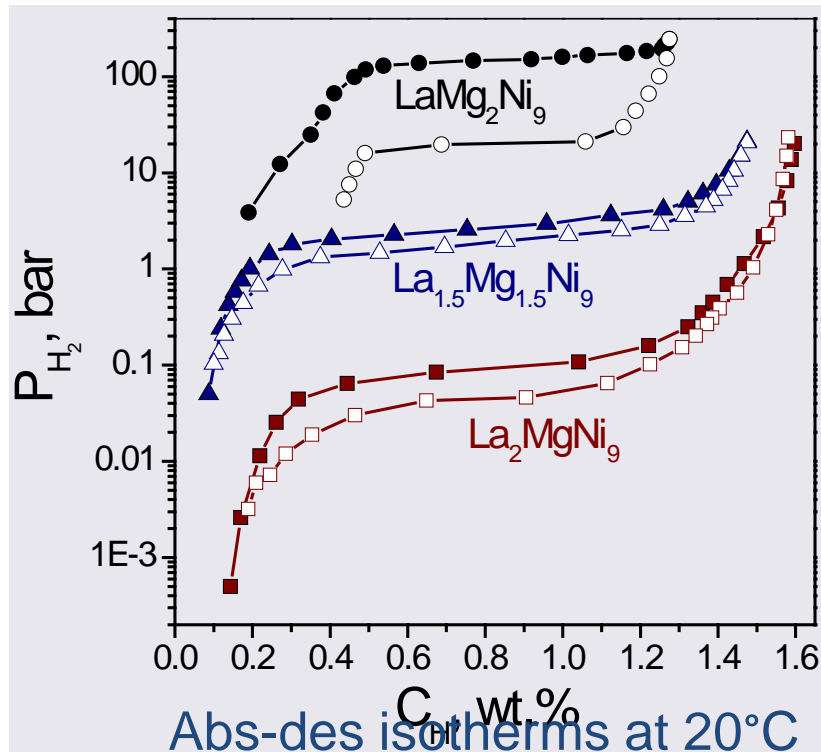
Volume of structure fragments in $\text{La}_{3-x}\text{Mg}_x\text{Ni}_9$ vs. LaNi_3



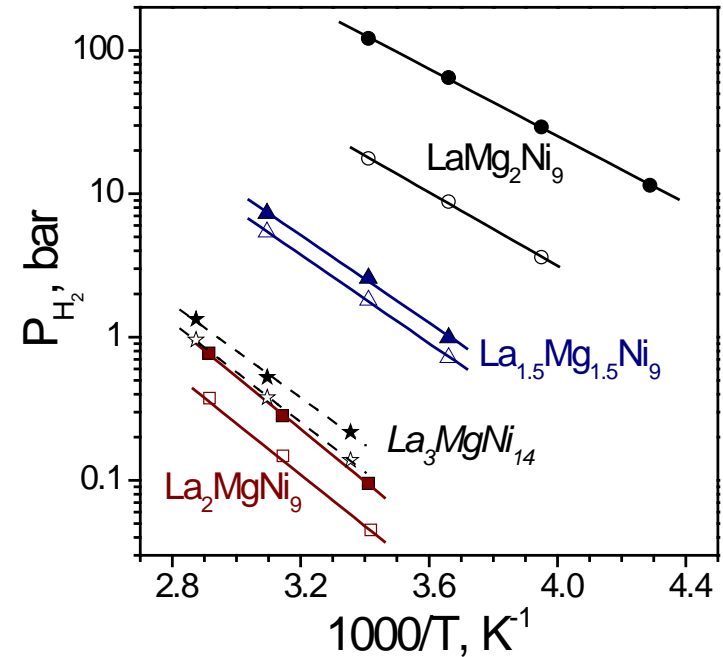
Mg substitutes La exclusively in the AB₂ layers. Significant shrinking of both AB₂ and AB₅ layers

Yartys, Denys, 2016

THERMODYNAMICS of $\text{La}_{3-x}\text{Mg}_x\text{Ni}_9\text{-H}_2$ SYSTEMS



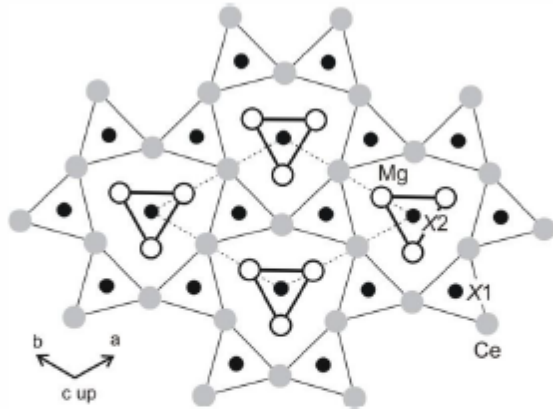
Van't Hoff plots



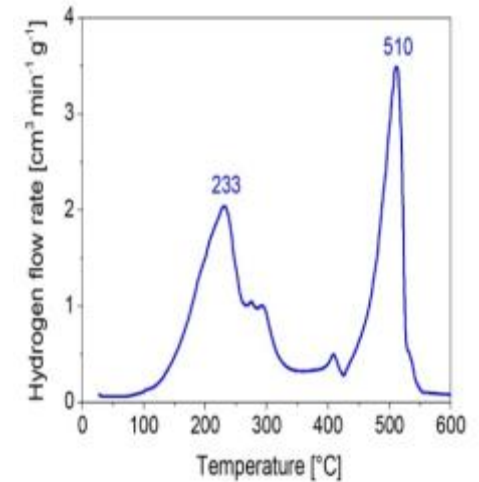
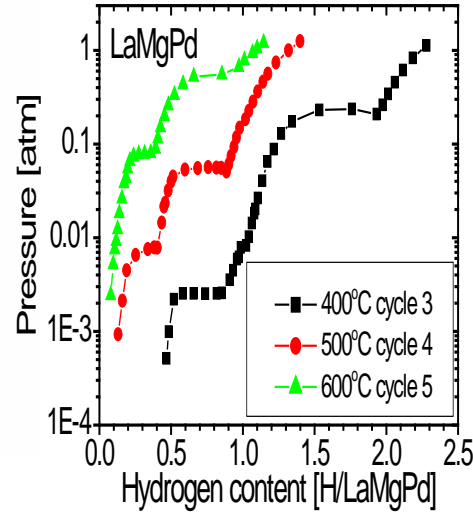
Yartys, Denys, 2016

**Dramatic change of H_2 pressures, from 0.05 to 150 bar
when Mg content changes from $x = 1$ to $x = 2$**

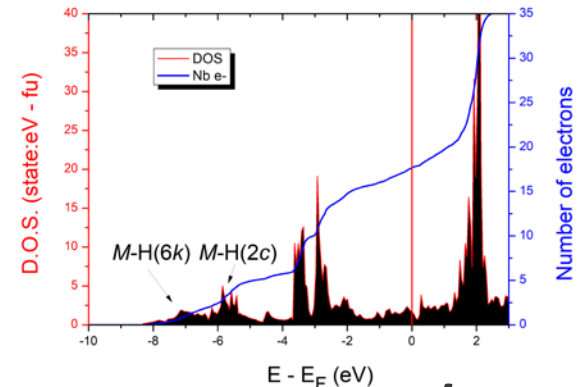
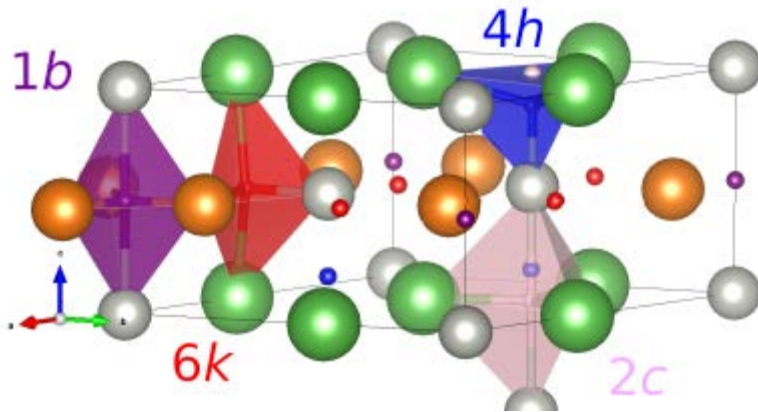
TERNARY Mg-CONTAINING INTERMETALLIC HYDRIDES: LaMgPdH_5



ZrNiAl type

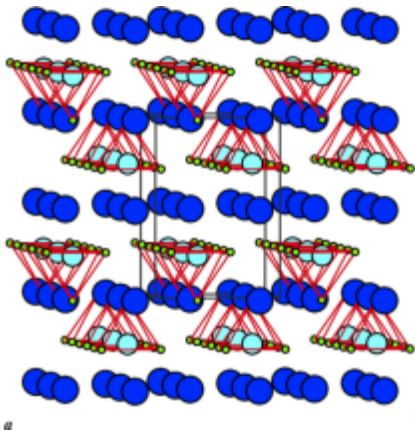


I. JACOB, Ben-Gurion University, MH2018

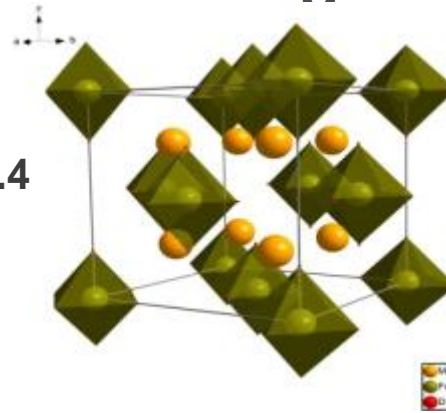


J.-C. CRIVELLO, ICMPE/CNRS, 2018

MIXED TRANSITION-METAL COMPLEX Mg-BASED HYDRIDES



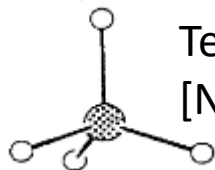
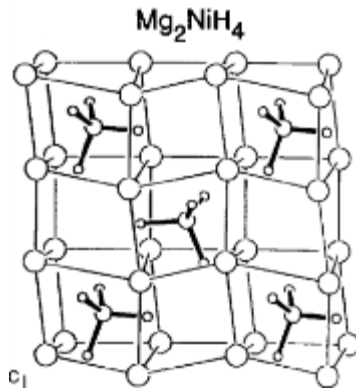
Mg_2CoH_5 type



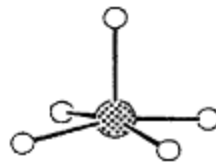
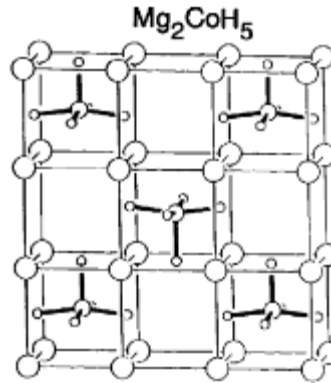
K_2PtCl_6 type

Yu. Verbovytsky, J. Zhang, F. Cuevas, V. Paul-Boncour, I. Zavalij. *JALCOM* **645** (2015) S408.

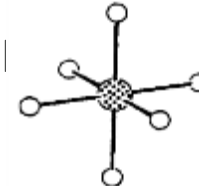
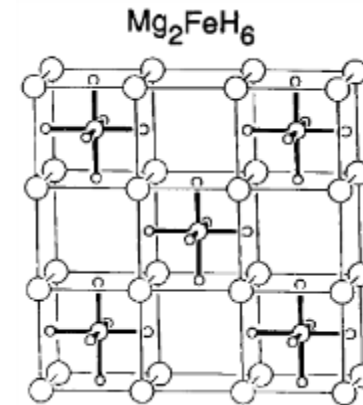
J. Barale, S. Deledda, E.M. Dematteis, M.H. Sørby, M. Baricco, B.C. Hauback, to be submitted.



Tetrahedral $[NiH_4]^{4-}$



Square pyramidal $[CoH_5]^{4-}$



Octahedral $[FeH_6]^{4-}$

EASY HYDROGENATION AND MgH_2 DECOMPOSITION

CATALYSIS

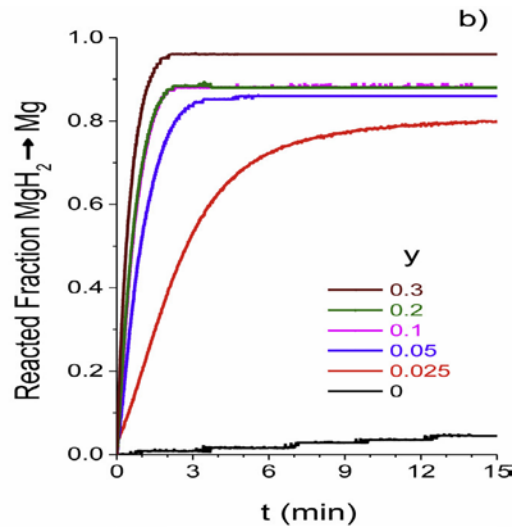
Catalytic effect is related to:

- (1) Type of additive having specific catalytic influence
- (2) Particle size and distribution of catalyst
- (3) Structural stability of catalyst during hydrogenation-dehydrogenation cycling

CATALYSERS: carbon materials, metals and intermetallics, transition-metal compounds (oxides, halides, hydrides, carbides, nitrides, and fluorides)

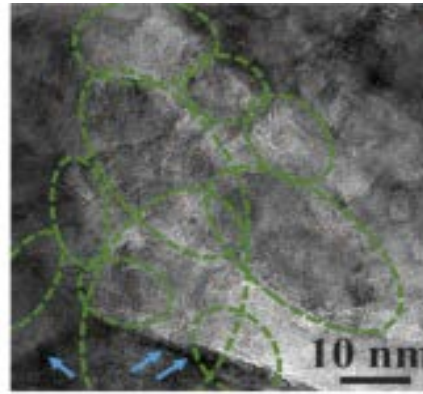
Mg-Ti, Mg-C and Mg-Ti-C

Mg-Ti



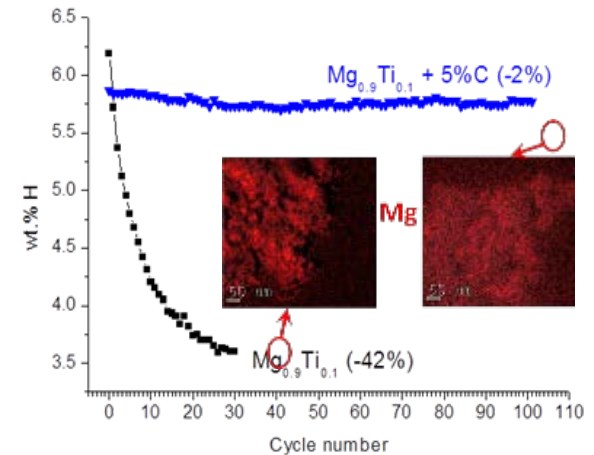
H desorption from
(1-y)MgH₂-TiH₂
nanocomposites @
573 K 30 % TiH₂
4 wt.% H
Cuevas, Latroche,
2018 (IJHE)

Mg-C



Effect of Mg with
MWCN. Anisotropic
chains of carbon.
high thermal
conductivity + fast H
diffusion.
Rabkin, IJHE, 2016
2017

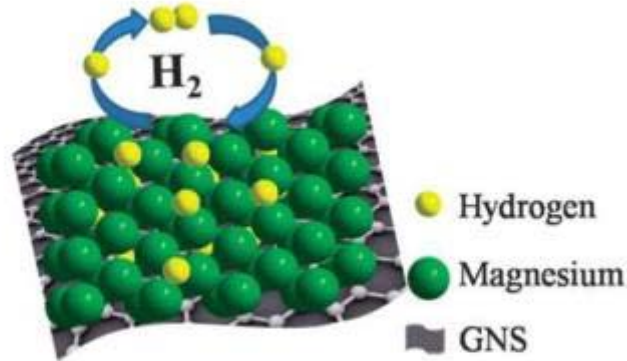
Mg-Ti-C



Mg₉₀Ti₁₀ + 5% C
Outstanding cycling
performance
6 wt.% H
Lototsky, Yartys
2018 (JMC A, 2018)

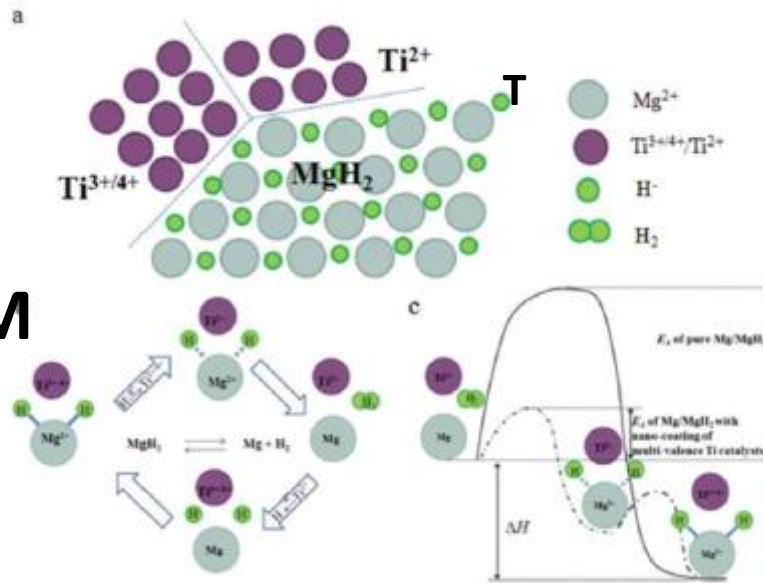
MECHANISM

CARBON



HYDROGEN
TRANSFER
TO Mg

TITANIUM



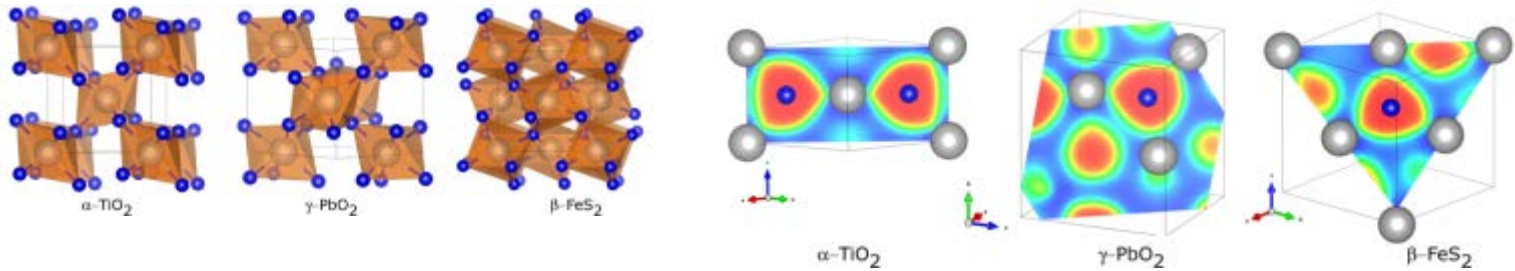
DECREASED
ACTIVATION
ENERGY OF
HYDROGEN
DESORPTION

MIN ZHU, HUI WANG, 2018

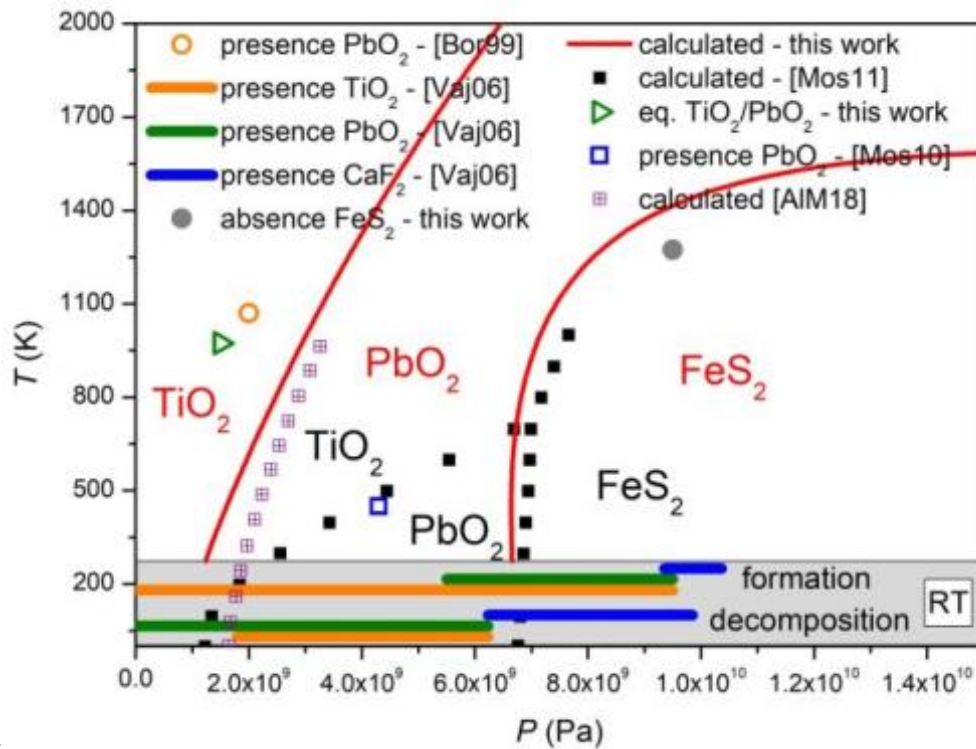


DESTABILISATION OF MgH_2

POLYMORPHIC MODIFICATIONS OF MgH₂

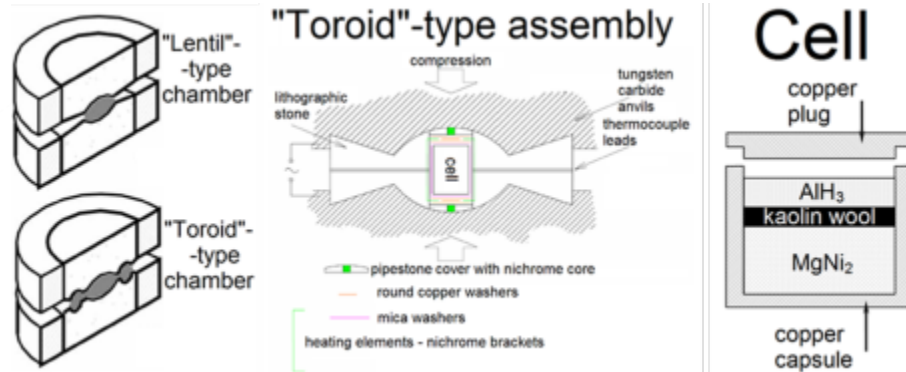
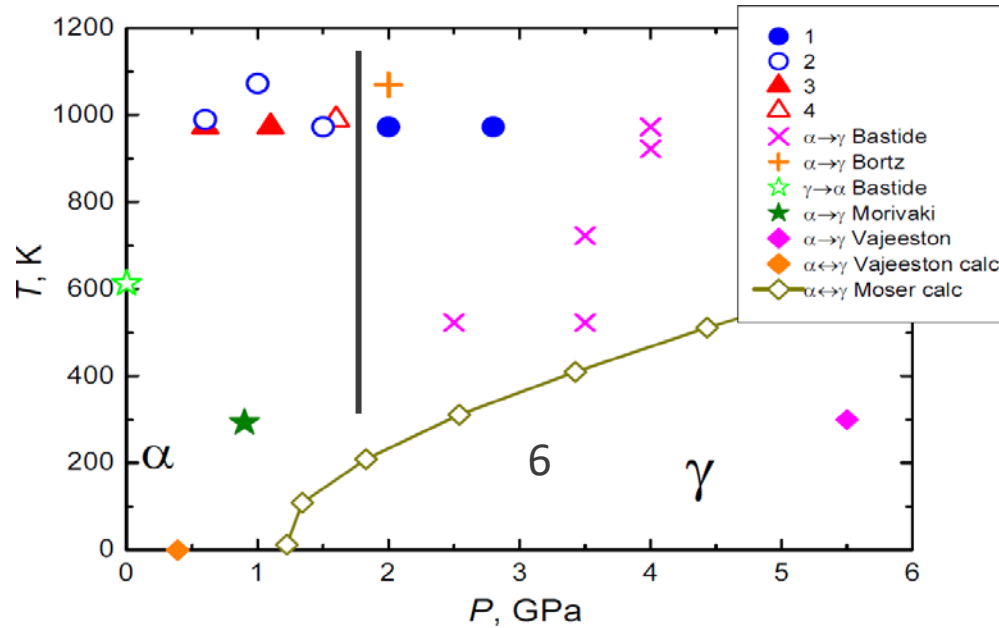


Mg-H BONDING in MgH₂



*Bourgeois,
Crivello,
Joubert (2018)*

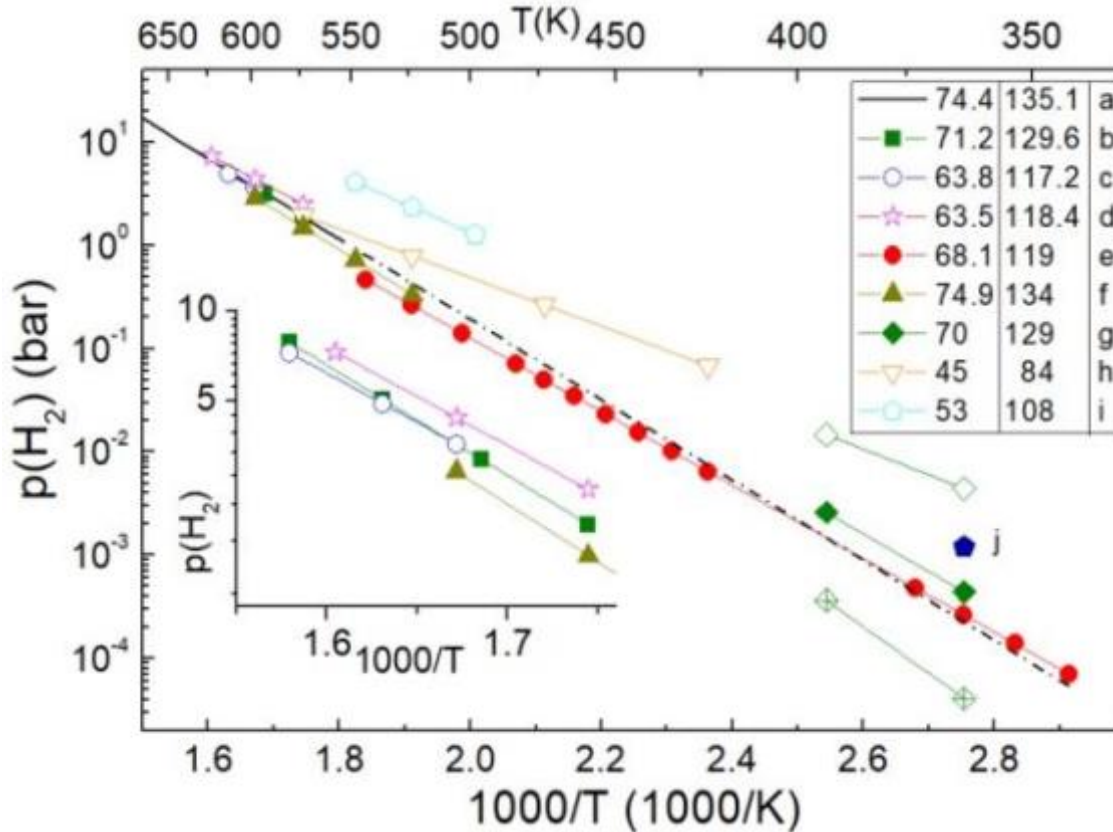
EXPERIMENTAL STUDIES OF Mg-H SYSTEM AT HIGH PRESSURES (600 kBar)



*Antonov,
Kuzivnikov
(2018)*

van 't Hoff plots calculated data for Mg-based nanomaterials

High ratio A/V between the total interface area (A) and volume (V) is a distinct feature



BULK Mg (a)

NANOMATERIALS:

Smallest size:

Thin film 2 nm (j)

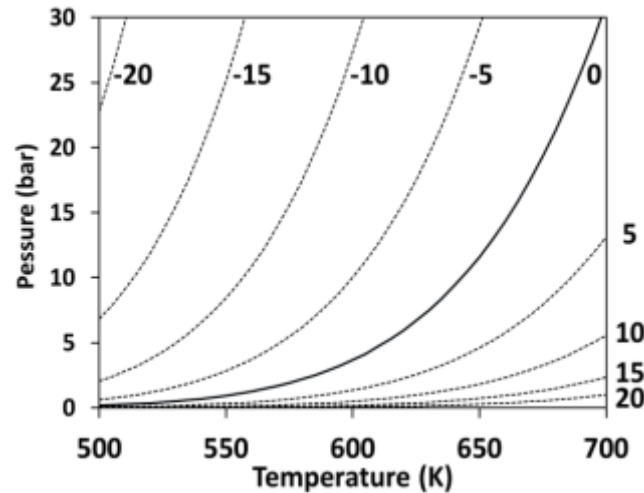
Nanocrystallites 2 nm (b)

Mg 3 nm NPs in carbon scaffolds (c)

L. Pasquini, P de Jongh, 2018

STRONG HYSTERESIS IN MANY CASES \rightarrow $p_{eq} = (p_{abs} \cdot p_{des})^{1/2}$
 p_{eq} shows only small changes compared to bulk Mg

Particles of less than 1.3 nm are required to have considerable shifts in the equilibrium temperature during decomposition of MgH_2

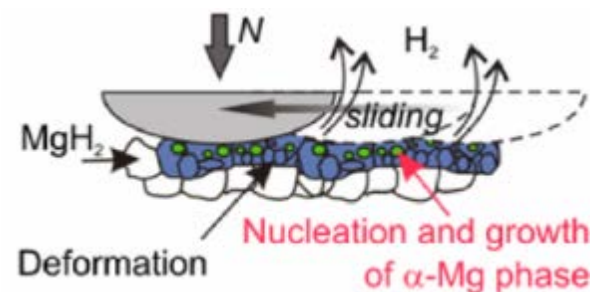
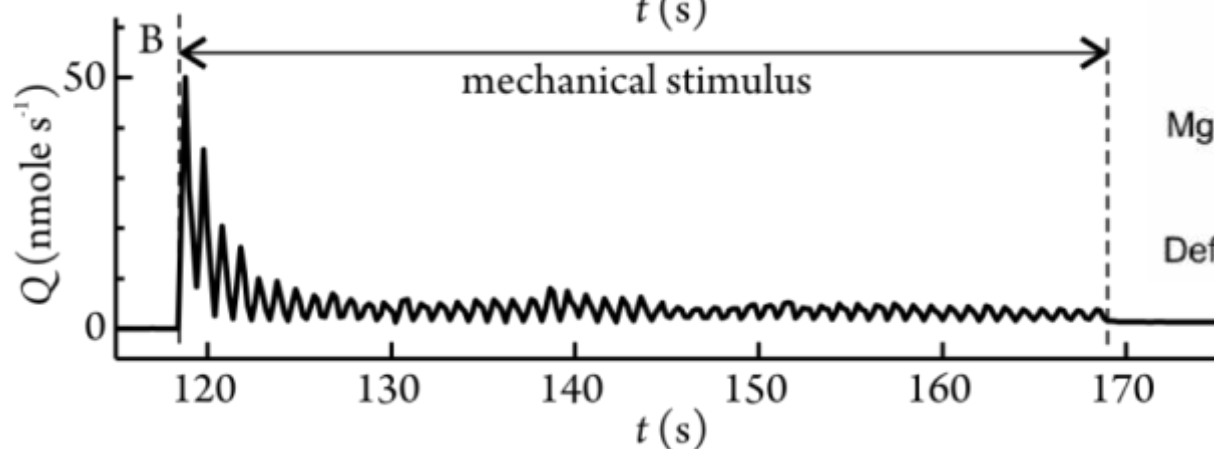
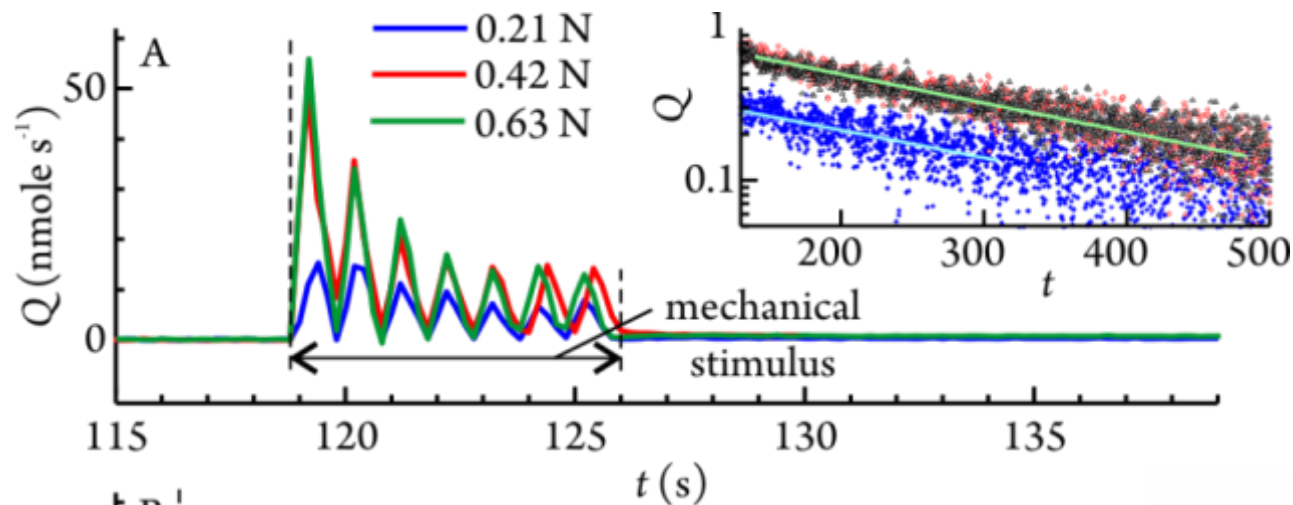


Calculated driving forces for hydrogen absorption/desorption in Mg as a function of temperature and pressure.

Control over backpressure of hydrogen required during kinetics measurements,

M. Baricco, 2018

NON DIRECT THERMAL DESORPTION METHODS



Mechanical bias has been applied to drive tribochemical decomposition under mechanical micro-deformation of MgH_2 . **MgH_2 decomposition occurs by an instantaneous ($t \sim s$) non-thermal H-release at RT during mechanical treatment**

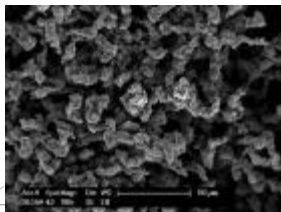
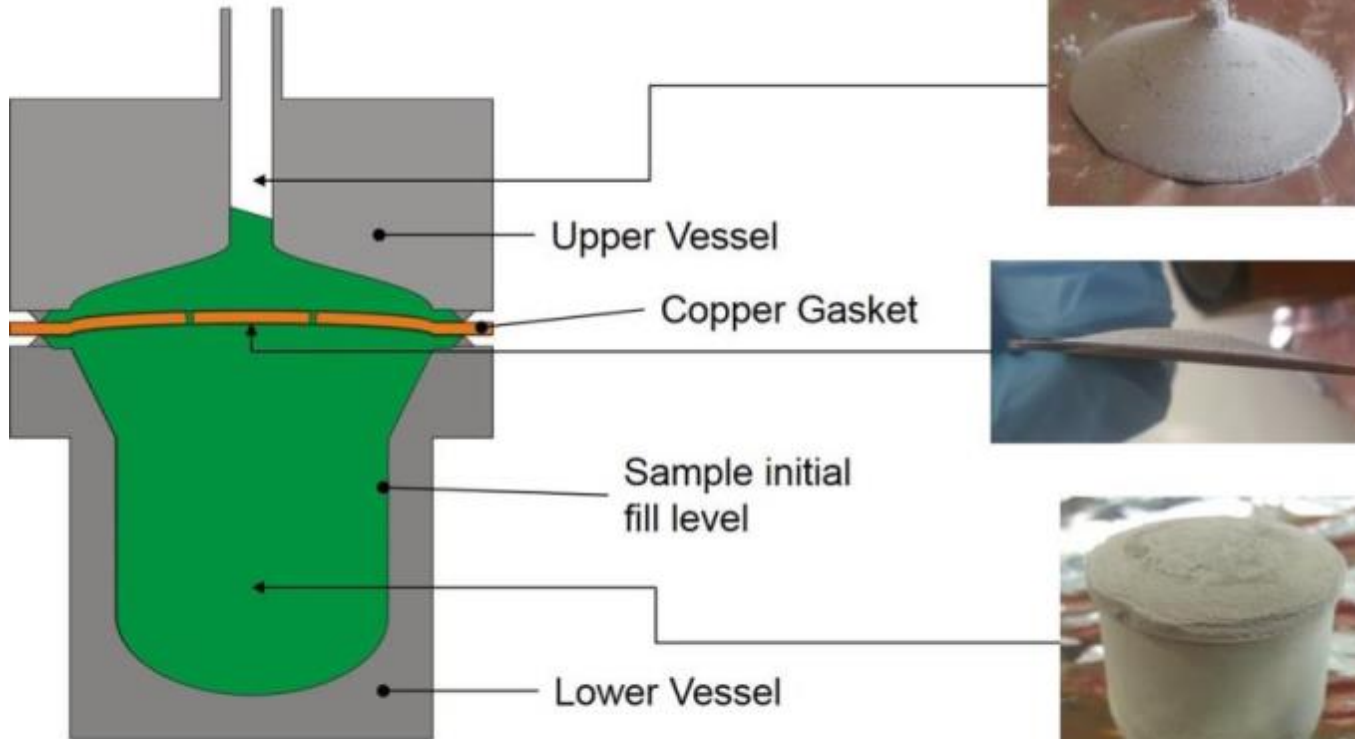
R. Nevshupa, **J.R. Ares**, J.F. Fernández, A. del Campo, E. Roman. Tribochemical Decomposition of Light Ionic Hydrides at Room Temperature, *J. Phys. Chem. Lett.* 6(14) (2015) 2780-2785.



IMPROVING CYCLE LIFE

MAGNESIUM HYDRIDE AS A POWDER: CYCLING PROPERTIES - GOAL: HIGH POROSITY GIVES BETTER KINETICS AND THERMAL PROPERTIES

Expanding structure places additional stresses on the walls of reactors and impede the material kinetics



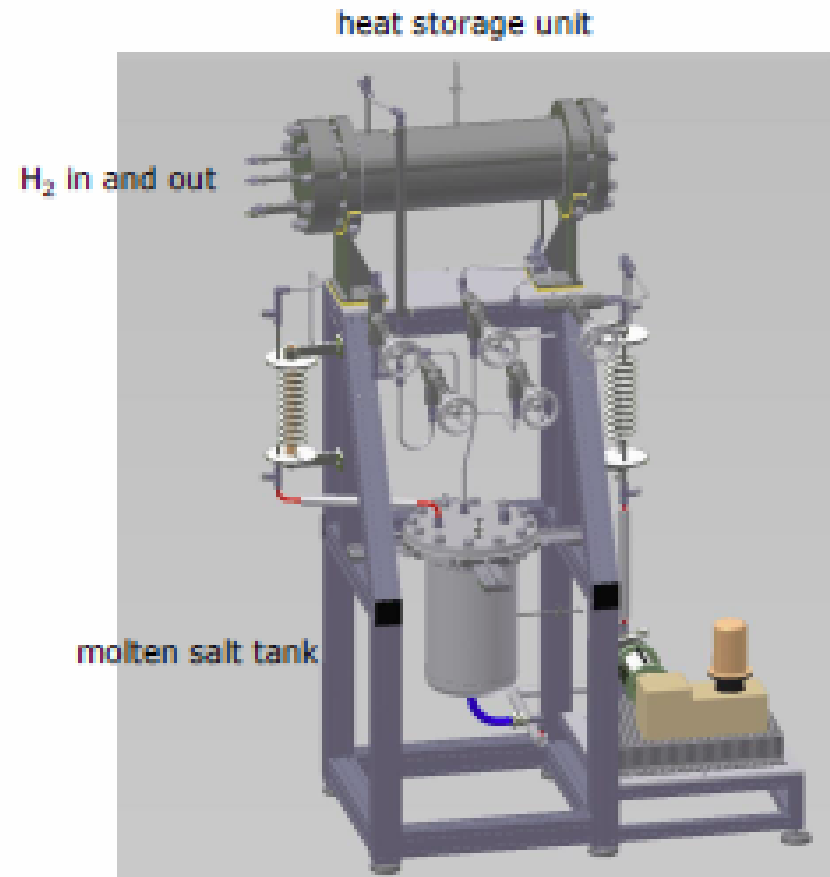
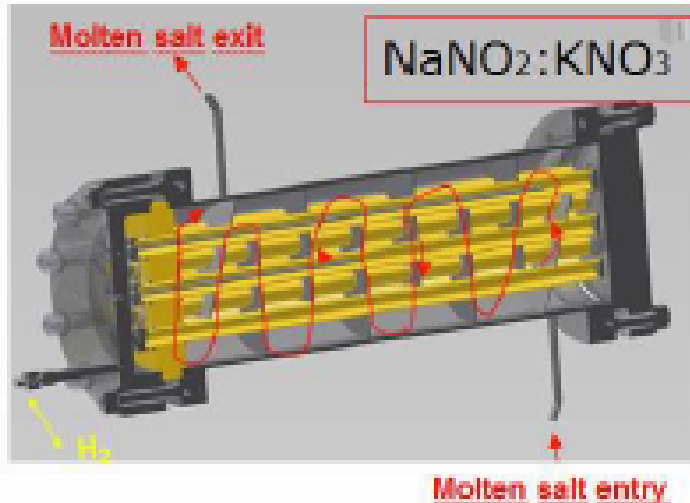
50 CYCLES @ 400 °C FORM A POROUS STRUCTURE

Grant et al, 2018



THERMAL STORAGE

Demonstration of Heat Storage using Mg_2FeH_6 at $T = 500\text{ °C}$



Mg_2FeH_6 Parameters:

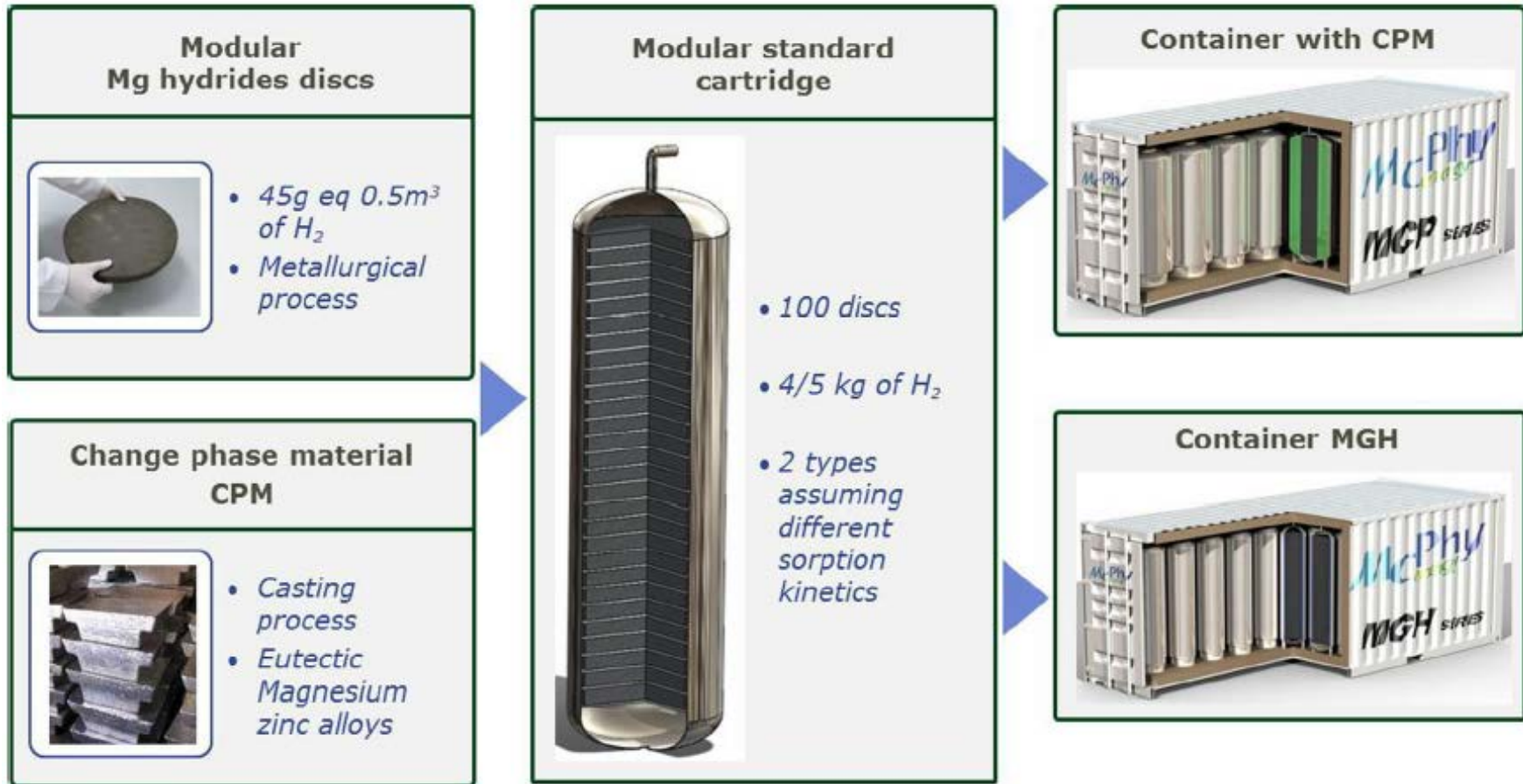
- * $V_{2Mg-Fe} = 4.5\text{ l}$
- * $\rho_{2Mg-Fe} = 1085\text{ g/l}$
- * $m_{2Mg-Fe} = 4830\text{ g}$
- * $x_{H_2, real} = 5\%$
- * $m_{H_2} = 254\text{ g}$
- * $m_{Mg_2FeH_6} = 5084\text{ g}$
- * $\Delta^RH = 77.2\text{ kJ/mol}_{H_2}$
- * $Q_{target} = 2.7\text{ kWh}$

R. Urbanczyk et al., *Int. J. Hydrogen Energy*, 2017, 42, 13818.



H STORAGE SYSTEMS

MgH₂ BASED H STORAGE @ McPhy

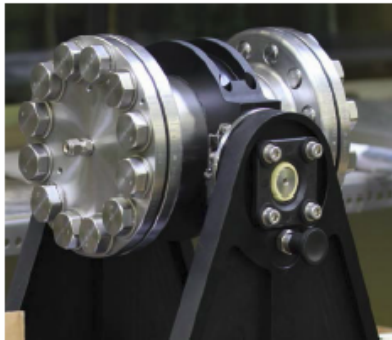


Michel Jehan, Daniel Fruchart, JALCOM 580 (2013) S343

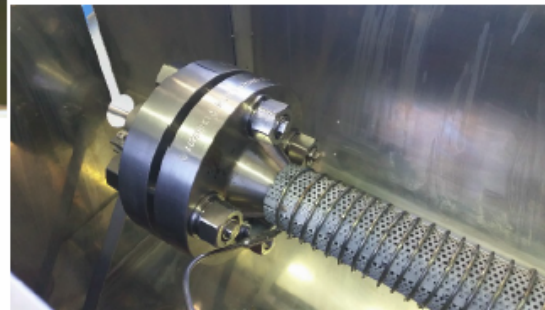
MgH₂ / LiBH₄ tank designs



- 1st generation high temperature tank: tube and shell design
- Due to filtering system, phase separation happened; temperature limitations



- 2nd generation: large diameter, designed for heat transfer studies



- 3rd generation: under testing; improved temperature homogeneity. To be coupled to SOFC.

- Highest gravimetric capacity : factor 5 x over room temperature hydrides
- Low pressure (below 50 bar), operational temperature: > 300 °C

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OUTLOOK

We review a field of magnesium-based materials, including alloys, compounds and composites. This is expected to bring new important developments resulting in important applications.

This review contains a broad variety of topics of fundamental and applied studies of magnesium based systems and a review of the frontiers of both experimental and theoretical research.

Currently, magnesium-based materials attract much attention in hydrogen storage, are used for storage of concentrated solar heat with high energy densities and in metal hydride batteries.

Furthermore, In future, novel types of magnesium batteries may replace the currently very successful lithium batteries. This clearly highlights the relevance of continuing research and developments within the area of magnesium based materials.

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