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Recent advances in catalyst-modified Mg-based hydrogen storage materials

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Abstract:

The storage of hydrogen in a compact, safe and cost-effective manner can be one of the key enabling technologies to power a more sustainable society. Magnesium hydride (MgH₂) has attracted strong research interest as a hydrogen carrier because of its high gravimetric and volumetric hydrogen densities. However, the practical use of MgH₂ for hydrogen storage has been limited due to high operation temperatures and sluggish kinetics. Catalysis is of crucial importance for the enhancement of hydrogen cycling kinetics of Mg/MgH₂ and considerable work has been focused on designing, fabricating

and optimizing catalysts. This review covers the recent advances in catalyzed Mg-based hydrogen storage materials. The fundamental properties and the syntheses of MgH_2 as a hydrogen carrier are first briefly reviewed. After that, the general catalysis mechanisms and the catalysts developed for hydrogen storage in MgH_2 are summarized in detail. Finally, the challenges and future research focus are discussed. Literature studies indicate that transition metals, rare-earth metals and their compounds are quite effective in catalyzing hydrogen storage in Mg/MgH_2 . Most metal-containing compounds were converted *in situ* to elemental metal or their magnesium alloys, and their particle sizes and dispersion affect their catalytic activity. The *in-situ* construction of catalyzed ultrasmall Mg/MgH_2 nanostructures (< 10 nm in size) is believed to be the future research focus. These important insights will help with the design and development of high-performance catalysts for hydrogen storage in Mg/MgH_2 .

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1. Introduction

As an ideal energy carrier, hydrogen in the energy system can help to realize carbon neutrality because of its abundance, highest fuel energy density (142 MJ/kg), being environmentally friendly and renewable in nature [1-5]. However, the fact that hydrogen is a gaseous fuel at ambient condition with an extremely low volumetric density and highly flammable nature makes its safe, efficient and economical storage a huge challenge [6-9]. Traditionally, hydrogen can be stored and transported as

compressed gas or cryogenic liquid [10,11]. The problems encountered with compressed hydrogen storage are low volumetric hydrogen density ($\sim 40 \text{ g H}_2 \text{ L}^{-1}$ at 700 bar), high energy consumption for compression ($\sim 13\text{--}18\%$ of the lower heating value is needed when hydrogen is compressed to 700 bar), and high safety risks. Liquid hydrogen storage has issues such as high consumption of primary energy (the energy required for liquefaction being about 40-50% of the total hydrogen energy content when taking hydrogen loss by boiling off into account), extremely low temperatures and high evaporation rates. In comparison, storing hydrogen in metal hydrides can avoid these limitations by chemically bonding hydrogen with metals to form compounds under moderate temperatures and pressures, enabling better safety and higher volumetric energy density [12,13].

Metal hydrides are usually formed through the reactions of metals and alloys with hydrogen. The typical hydrogen storage materials are intermetallic hydrides with high atomic weight [14-18]. Their hydrogen capacities are usually limited to $\sim 2 \text{ wt\% H}_2$, which are largely lower than the ultimate target (6.5 wt%) set by the United States Department of Energy for an on-board storage system [19]. Regarding gravimetric hydrogen density, the light metal hydrides are believed to be a better choice [12,20-23]. Among them, magnesium hydride, MgH_2 , has aroused extensive interest because of several important features, including high hydrogen capacity (7.6 wt%), abundance (eighth most abundant element in the Earth's crust), low cost ($\$ 3/\text{kg}$ for Mg) and good reversibility [24-32]. However, the practical use of MgH_2 has been heavily limited by high operation temperatures and sluggish kinetics. For example, Mg can be converted

completely into hydride after several hours at 400 °C while exposed to hydrogen at 30 bar [30,31].

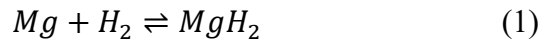
The Mg-H₂ reaction is a heterogeneous gas-solid reaction involving the adsorption and dissociation of dihydrogen molecules onto the metal surface, the penetration of hydrogen atoms through the metal surfaces, the diffusion of hydrogen atoms into the crystal lattice, and finally the formation of metal hydrides, along with different energy barriers [12,14,32]. The dissociation of H₂ molecules on Mg surface is of critical importance as the rate-limiting step for the initial stage of hydrogen absorption [10,31-36]. In contrast to transition metals, high energy is required for splitting H₂ molecules on Mg surface due to the lack of *d*-orbitals that can interact with the hydrogen antibonding orbital and therefore facilitate the dissociation of molecular hydrogen [37,38]. On the other hand, metallic Mg is very sensitive to air and oxygen and its surface is usually contaminated by MgO or Mg(OH)₂. Although this enables the potential of using Mg/MgH₂ for hydrogen purification [39], such oxide/hydroxide layer further inhibits hydrogen dissociation and blocks hydrogen diffusion from the surface to bulk [10].

To tailor hydrogen storage behaviors of Mg/MgH₂, considerable theoretical and experimental studies have been conducted [40-52], and several effective strategies have been proposed and attempted, including mechanical modification (e.g., ball milling, high-pressure torsion, ion irradiation, fast forging, and equal-channel angular pressing), alloying, nano-structuring, compositing with other metal/complex hydrides, and catalysis [52-70]. Among them, the addition of catalysts or catalytic additives has been

proven to be the simplest and effective in lowering the activation energy barrier and enhancing the hydrogen cycling kinetics of Mg/MgH₂. In this work, the recent advances in catalyzed Mg-based hydrogen storage materials are summarized and discussed. The review starts with a brief account of the basic physical and chemical properties and development of MgH₂ as a hydrogen carrier. The general catalysis mechanisms for hydrogen storage in MgH₂ are then illustrated. Subsequently, the catalysts developed in recent years are summarized. Finally, we discuss the challenges and future research. We hope that this review will help to guide the design and development of novel high-performance catalysts for hydrogen storage in Mg/MgH₂.

2. Fundamental properties of MgH₂ as a hydrogen store

Metallic Mg can reversibly store 7.6 wt% H₂ in mass and 110 g H₂ L⁻¹ in volume according to the following reaction.



The desorption enthalpy and entropy changes for bulk MgH₂ were determined to be approximately 76 kJ mol⁻¹ H₂ and 130 J K⁻¹ mol⁻¹ H₂ [71], which gives rise to an operating temperature of ca. 311 °C at 1 bar of equilibrium hydrogen pressure according to the van't Hoff equation as shown below [72].

$$\ln P = \frac{\Delta H}{RT} - \frac{\Delta S}{R} \quad (2)$$

Here, ΔH and ΔS are the enthalpy and entropy changes of the dehydrogenation reaction, respectively. T is absolute temperature and R is the gas constant. The desorption activation energy was measured to be ~160 kJ mol⁻¹ for bulk MgH₂ [73,74].

As a well-industrialized product, Mg is very abundant and of low cost. Mg element

is around 2.5% of earth's crust, and also highly abundant in sea water. Metallic Mg crystallizes in a hexagonal close-packed (h.c.p.) structure, and hydrogenation typically leads to a tetragonal TiO_2 rutile-type structure (α - MgH_2), as shown in Fig. 1a and b [31,75]. This hydride will transform into metastable γ - MgH_2 with an orthorhombic α - PbO_2 -type structure (Fig. 1c) when subject to pressures exceeding 0.39 GPa [76]. The orthorhombic structure goes back to the tetragonal phase at temperatures above 300 °C [77]. When the applied pressure reached 3.9 GPa, β - MgH_2 cubic modified CaF_2 structure was observed [78,79]. The formation of δ - MgH_2 (orthorhombic $Pbc2_1$ structure) at 6.73 GPa and ε - MgH_2 (cotunnite-type $Pnma$ structure) at 10.26 GPa were also predicated using density-functional total-energy calculations [80].

MgH_2 was first synthesized by Jolibois et al. through the pyrolysis of ethyl magnesium iodide in vacuum at ~175 °C in 1912 [81]. Wiberg et al. prepared MgH_2 with 68% purity from its elemental form in 1951 [82]. Dymova et al. increased the purity of MgH_2 to 97-98% in 1961 [83,84]. In 1984, Bogdanović proposed a two-step process to prepare MgH_2 using homogenous catalysis, including (i) the transformation of metallic Mg to a soluble form; and (ii) the reaction of this solution with gaseous H_2 with the presence of catalysts [85]. In 1995, Chen and Williams successfully synthesized MgH_2 by ball milling Mg powders for 47.5 h in 420 kPa H_2 at room temperature [86]. Recently, MgH_2 (97% pure) was fabricated by hydriding the pre-milled commercial Mg powders (Macklin, purity 98%, 20–100 mesh) at 380 °C under 50 bar of hydrogen [87].

The hydriding process of Mg involves a number of steps, including physisorption,

dissociation, chemisorption, the diffusion of hydrogen into subsurface sites and bulk lattice sites, and finally the nucleation and growth of the hydride phase [75,88]. The overall hydriding kinetics is controlled by the slowest step in the entire process. In general, the physisorption of H_2 is not rate-limiting because of the low energy barrier ($<10 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} H_2$) [89,90]. The chemisorption of H_2 requires a large energy of 432 kJ mol^{-1} to split H_2 molecules at the surface of Mg [34,35]. Once hydrogen atom is chemisorbed onto the surface, it will diffuse into the bulk to form Mg-H bond followed by nucleation and growth of MgH_2 phase. The diffusion coefficient of hydrogen in Mg was measured to be in the order of $10^{-13} \text{ m}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$, three orders of magnitude higher than the diffusion in MgH_2 ($10^{-16} \text{ m}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$) [32,91]. As a result, the hydriding kinetics is related to three factors, (i) the dissociation of H_2 at the Mg surface, (ii) H penetration from the surface into the bulk, and (iii) H diffusion through MgH_2 already formed into the bulk. Correspondingly, there are also three main steps in dehydrogenation of MgH_2 , including (i) dissociation of Mg-H bond, (ii) recombination of H atoms at the surface to form H_2 molecules, (iii) H atom or vacancy diffusion. Recently, several theoretical calculations identified that dissociation of Mg-H bond (also known as surface H desorption) was the most sluggish step at the initial stage because the H vacancy formed by dehydrogenation in the first layer requires high energy [92-101]. In these aspects, catalysis is believed to be of crucial importance for the enhancement of hydrogen cycling kinetics.

3. Catalytic mechanisms for hydrogen storage in MgH_2

Storing hydrogen in Mg suffers from slow hydriding and dehydriding kinetics. One of

critical factors is the lack of *d*-orbital electrons that can interact with the hydrogen antibonding (σ^*) orbital and thus facilitate the dissociation of dihydrogen [37,38]. As a result, catalyst is necessary to enable fast and effective dissociation of H₂ molecules [93,94,102], which is a typical heterogeneous catalysis process, and therefore an optimal interaction between the catalyst and Mg is very crucial. As shown in Fig. 2 [93], an effective heterogeneous catalytic process includes the adsorption and dissociation of H₂ molecules into H atoms at the surface of catalysts, which then diffuse into Mg. According to the Sabatier principle, the optimal catalysts should bind atoms and molecules with an intermediate strength: neither too strong nor too weak [103]. Transition metals, including Ti, Zr, V, Mn, Cr, Ni, Co, Nb, Fe and their compounds are typical heterogeneous catalysts for hydrogen storage in Mg. In particular, multivalent Ti has been demonstrated to facilitate the electron transfer between Mg²⁺ and H⁻ to promote hydrogen sorption in Mg [104]. The incompletely filled *d*-orbitals of transition metals can interact with the σ -bonding orbital of H₂ upon dissociation. This interaction is stabilized by back-donation of electrons from a filled *d*-orbital to the σ^* -antibonding orbital of hydrogen, which facilitates the dissociation of H₂ molecules into H atoms [105-107]. Moreover, hydrogen diffusion and hydride formation were observed to occur simultaneously at the interface between catalysts and Mg by working as a nucleation site favoring the hydride formation [108-111]. This was confirmed by the fact that the nucleation of Mg in MgH₂ changed from continues to site saturated with the presence of VB₂ [112].

Moreover, “hydrogen pump” mechanism was proposed for the composite-based

catalysts. For example, when $\text{CeH}_{2.73}/\text{CeO}_2$ was used to catalyze Mg-based hydrides, spontaneous hydrogen release was observed at the $\text{CeH}_{2.73}/\text{CeO}_2$ interface, viz., the boundary “hydrogen pump” effect, due to the significant reduction in the formation energy of V_H (hydrogen vacancy) in the $\text{CeH}_{2.73}/\text{CeO}_2$ boundary region [113]. Ouyang et al. fabricated a $\text{CeH}_{2.73}$ - MgH_2 -Ni nanocomposite by hydrogenating $\text{Mg}_{80}\text{Ce}_{18}\text{Ni}_2$ and observed the presence of numerous Ni nanoparticles, high-density interfaces between $\text{CeH}_{2.73}$ and MgH_2 , and grain boundaries in nanocrystalline MgH_2 [114]. These interfaces and boundaries function as H diffusion channels and nucleation sites of hydrides. In addition, the *in situ* formed Ni and $\text{CeH}_{2.73}/\text{CeH}_2$ phases are of better homogeneity and finer sizes, thus displaying much higher catalytic activity for the hydriding/dehydriding reaction of Mg. Similar mechanism was also demonstrated for the Ni- or Co-containing Mg/ MgH_2 systems because of the *in-situ* formation of $\text{Mg}_2\text{Ni}/\text{Mg}_2\text{NiH}_4$ and $\text{Mg}_2\text{Co}/\text{Mg}_2\text{CoH}_5$ during initial hydrogen desorption and absorption, respectively [115-121]. Recently, Lu et al. revealed a combined hydrogen spillover and hydrogen pump effect through *in-situ* observation of the hydrogenation/dehydrogenation of core-shell nanostructured Mg@Pt composites with high resolution transmission electron microscopy (HRTEM) [122]. Their results revealed that in the early stage, Pt on Mg particles showed a “spillover” effect to improve the hydrogen absorption kinetics. After that, it transformed into H-stabilized Mg_3Pt , followed by the formation of MgH_2 . The H-stabilized Mg_3Pt acted as a “hydrogen pump” for the dehydrogenation of MgH_2 and then transformed into Pt after desorption. Such mechanism is of very importance in improving the dehydriding

kinetics and reducing the onset dehydrogenation temperature of the hydrogenated Mg@Pt composite.

Traditional and extended kinetic models have been used to understand the catalytic mechanisms for hydrogen storage in MgH_2 , including Johnson-Mehl-Avrami-Kolmogorov (JMAK) model [123], extended JMAK model [124], Jander diffusion model [125] and Ginstling-Brounshtein model [14]. Pan et al. demonstrated that the dehydrogenation behaviors of MgH_2 can be fitted well with the diffusion-controlled nucleation and growth model [126]. After adding 5 wt% TiO_2 nanoparticles supported on 3D macroporous structure, the hydrogenation kinetic model of Mg transformed from two-dimensional diffusion to three-dimensional diffusion [127].

According to above discussion, it is believed that a proper catalyst facilitates not only the adsorption and dissociation of H_2 molecules at its surface but also the hydrogen diffusion and the hydride formation upon hydrogen uptake.

4. Catalysts for hydrogen storage in MgH_2

Catalysts are very effective to improve hydrogen storage kinetics of MgH_2 . Considerable effort has been devoted to searching for a proper catalyst, including metals, alloys, metal oxides, metal halides, MXenes, metal sulfides, metal hydrides, and carbon materials, as summarized in Fig. 3. The improved hydrogen storage properties of Mg/ MgH_2 by various catalysts and catalytic additives are shown in Tables 1-8.

4.1 Metals and Alloys

Most *d*- and *f*-block metals, including transition metals and rare earth metals, have

demonstrated catalytic effect in the dissociation of H_2 molecules and are thus the most frequently used catalysts for hydrogen storage in MgH_2 [128]. After decades of development, Ni, Ti, Nb, V and Fe have been proven to be particularly effective in catalyzing hydrogen storage in Mg/MgH_2 , as indicated in Table 1 [128-162].

Over 20 years ago, Zaluska et al. studied Pd, Fe, V, Zr, Ti, Mn and their combinations as catalysts to improve hydrogen sorption properties of nano-crystalline Mg [30]. They found that a small amount of Pd and Fe could offset the negative effects of surface oxidation and thus eliminated the activation. Liang et al. reported the effects of Ti, V, Mn, Fe and Ni in hydrogen sorption of MgH_2 [108]. Their results indicate that Ti was the most effective for hydrogen absorption while V was the best for hydrogen desorption. Shang et al. ball milled MgH_2 with 8 mol% Al, Ti, Fe, Ni, Cu or Nb to improve its hydrogen storage properties [129]. When dehydrogenation operated at 300 °C under vacuum, the MgH_2+Ni mixture showed the highest hydrogen desorption and the most rapid kinetics, followed by MgH_2 with Al, Fe, Nb, Ti and Cu. Similarly, Yu et al. observed the lowest hydrogen desorption activation energy (72 kJ/mol) and the lowest onset desorption temperatures (130 °C) for the MgH_2 -10 wt% Ni composite, compared with samples modified with Fe, Co, Cu and Zn [130]. Cui et al. fabricated a core-shell like structure by coating transition metals (Ti, Nb, V, Co, Mo, and Ni) on Mg cores [131]. In their case, the Mg-Ni system displayed the best hydrogenation performance again. However, the dehydrogenation performance typically depends on the electronegativities of transition metals, ranking from Ti to Mo as $Mg-Ti > Mg-Nb > Mg-Ni > Mg-V > Mg-Co > Mg-Mo$. Note Ni is a special case, which is possibly due to

the *in-situ* formation of ultrafine Mg₂Ni nanoparticle with high hydrogen affinity. Emami et al. investigated the effects of 21 elements (e.g. Ni, Nb, Co, Fe, V, Zr etc.) on Mg prepared by high-pressure torsion and reported that Ni and V were quite effective [132].

Zhang et al. revealed that particle size and dispersion of Ni instead of the initial morphology was decisive for the hydrogen desorption of MgH₂ [133]. Doping 5 at% nano-sized Ni catalyst enabled the hydrogen absorption kinetics 16 times higher than that of pure Mg [134]. The introduction of porous nickel nanofibers composed of 50 nm-sized nanocrystals successfully reduced the desorption temperature of MgH₂ to 143 °C [135]. More importantly, highly dispersed Ni single atom catalyst (SAC) prepared by a quasi-solid-state template method enabled fast dehydrogenation kinetics (300 °C, 5 min, 5.4 wt%), low activation energy ($87.2 \pm 5.4 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$) and high cycling stability (10 cycles, 97%) for hydrogen storage in MgH₂ [136]. *ab initio* molecular dynamics simulations revealed that the electronic properties of the transition metal SACs played an essential role in determining the dehydrogenation performance of MgH₂/SACs [137]. Moreover, the good (de)hydrogenation kinetics and superior cycling stability at 200 °C (without degradation within 600 cycles) were observed for the Ni-coated (3 layers of Ni) Mg sheets prepared by cold spray coating [138].

In the MgH₂-Ti system, TiH_{2-x} and TiH₂ were always formed *in situ* as the catalytic species upon ball milling and during hydrogenation/dehydrogenation [139-141]. Through fabricating a Mg-Ti nanocomposite using a co-precipitation technique with MgCl₂, TiCl₄, and lithium naphthalide (LiNp) as raw materials, Liu et al achieved 6.2

wt% of hydrogen uptake within 2 h at room temperature [142]. Using the high-pressure torsion (HPT) process, Edalati et al. obtained metastable Mg-Ti and Mg-Zr systems and reported that Ti and Zr can influence hydrogenation through phase transformation and cluster formation, resulting in fast room-temperature hydrogenation in Mg-Zr [143,144]. Mg-Nb and Mg-V nanocomposites prepared by a hydrogen plasma-metal reaction (HPMR) technique displayed remarkably improved hydrogen storage properties [145,146]. The Mg-7.5 wt% Nb nanocomposite rapidly absorbed 4.0 wt% H₂ within 10 min at 200 °C and 5.6 wt% H₂ within 60 min. The hydrogenated product released 4.0 wt% H₂ at 300 °C within 60 min. Recently, it was found that the addition of 5 wt% two-dimensional layered Fe nanosheets with a thickness of about 30 nm reduced the onset desorption temperature to 182.1 °C and absorption temperature to 75 °C [147]. At 200 °C, hydrogen absorption amounted to 6 wt% H₂ in 10 min. In addition to transition metals, rare earth metals are also very effective in catalyzing hydrogen storage in MgH₂. Zou et al. reported superior antioxidation with the presence of Nd, Gd, and Er [148]. In particular, the Er-containing Mg delivered 7.37 wt% of hydrogen capacity, which is higher than pure Mg (6.24 wt% due to oxidation).

Benefiting from synergy, binary and multielement alloys have attracted intense interests. Zhang et al. synthesized ZrMn₂ nanoparticles through a wet-chemical method, which enabled MgH₂ to release hydrogen from ~182 °C and reach 6.7 wt% H₂ in 5 min at 300 °C [149]. Here, ZrMn₂ nanoparticles facilitated the breaking of the Mg-H bonding and served as a “hydrogen pump” upon (de)hydrogenation. During hydrogenation, the dissociated H atoms entered ZrMn₂ to form Zr₄Mn₈H_{10.99} and then

reached Mg through $\text{Zr}_4\text{Mn}_8\text{H}_{10.99}$ with a low energy barrier to form MgH_2 . Upon dehydrogenation, $\text{Zr}_4\text{Mn}_8\text{H}_{10.99}$ decomposed to ZrMn_2 at a lower temperature than that of MgH_2 . More encouragingly, Chen et al. obtained a highly effective alloy catalyst composed of Mo and Ni for MgH_2 [150]. Due to the synergy between Mo and Ni, MoNi alloy nanoparticles showed excellent catalytic effect, which promotes the breakage of Mg-H bonds and the dissociation of H_2 , thus significantly improving the hydrogen cycling kinetics of Mg/MgH₂. MoNi-catalyzed Mg/MgH₂ system absorbed and released 6.7 wt% H_2 within 60 s and 10 min at 300 °C, respectively. A similar absorption performance was observed for nano-FeCo-catalyzed MgH_2 [151]. A series of ANi_5 (A= Ce, Nd, Pr, Sm, and Y) were also evaluated for their catalytic activity [152]. At 300 °C, the reversible hydrogen capacities were measured to be 6.16, 5.7, 6.21, 6.38 and 6.5 wt% for CeNi_5 , NdNi_5 , PrNi_5 , SmNi_5 and YNi_5 , respectively, with much better kinetic performance in comparison with pure MgH_2 .

El-Eskandarany et al. reported that MgH_2 -5 wt% $\text{Zr}_{70}\text{Ni}_{20}\text{Pd}_{10}$ metallic glass completed dehydrogenation/rehydrogenation at 200 °C/100 °C within 3.8 min/1.18 min, respectively, with 6 wt% of H capacity and excellent stability (no degradation within 100 hydrogen cycles) [153]. The improved kinetics was attributed to a remarkable grain refinement that facilitates fast hydrogen diffusion along grain boundaries. Zhang et al. reported an excellent dehydrogenation kinetics for the 20 wt% $\text{Ti}_{0.16}\text{Cr}_{0.24}\text{V}_{0.6}$ -containing nanocrystalline Mg that desorbed 5.67 wt% H_2 in 20 min at 270 °C under 0.01 MPa H_2 , while it was only 0.10 wt% H_2 for pure Mg under identical conditions [154,155]. The addition of $\text{NiMn}_{9.3}\text{Al}_{4.0}\text{Co}_{14.1}\text{Fe}_{3.6}$ reduced the initial dehydrogenation

temperature to 180 °C [156]. Similarly, the hydrogenated BCC $\text{Ti}_{0.4}\text{Cr}_{0.15}\text{Mn}_{0.15}\text{V}_{0.32}$ lowered the desorption temperature of MgH_2 due to the fine dispersion of micro-/nano-BCC particles within the MgH_2 phase after ball milling [157]. Studies revealed that the hydrogenation kinetics was controlled by a 3D growth of the hydride phase and the H diffusion through the hydride phase, while the dehydrogenation kinetics was governed by the bulk/surface nucleation and 2D growth of the Mg phase with a constant velocity of the Mg/ MgH_2 interface [158]. Further *in operando* study confirmed a cooperative effect between MgH_2 and the TiVCr additive [159]. Wan et al. reported the effect of FeCoNiCrMn high entropy alloy (HEA) on the hydrogen storage properties of Mg/ MgH_2 system [160]. The MgH_2 –5 wt% HEA composite released 5.6 wt% of H_2 at 280 °C within 10 min, and absorbed 5.5 wt% H_2 within 0.5 min at 150 °C.

For metal and alloy catalysts, however, high strength and good ductility make their uniform and dispersive distribution a huge challenge, which is one of the critical factors for their catalytic activity. Although hydrogenation can overcome this difficulty to some degree, it is an open question to fabricate nano-sized metal and alloy catalyst, which should be a focus of future research.

4.2 Metal oxides

From the aspect of dispersibility, metal oxides can be a better choice. Metal oxides, in particular transition metal oxides, have been extensively studied for their catalytic activity for hydrogen storage in MgH_2 . In comparison with elemental metals, oxides are much more brittle and thus easier to disperse upon ball milling with MgH_2 . Moreover, high-valent metal oxides readily react with MgH_2 , which gives rise to the *in-*

situ formation of actual catalytic species. A wide variety of metal oxides, including binary oxides and complex oxides have been studied, which are summarized in Table 2 [163-223].

In 2001, metal oxides as catalysts to improve hydrogen sorption in nanocrystalline MgH_2 were reported by Oelerich and coworkers [163]. They compared the catalytic effects of TiO_2 , V_2O_5 , Cr_2O_3 , Mn_2O_3 , Fe_3O_4 , and CuO and revealed that the Fe_3O_4 -containing-composite delivered the fastest desorption kinetics followed by V_2O_5 , Mn_2O_3 , Cr_2O_3 and TiO_2 . Moreover, only 0.2 mol% of the catalyst was sufficient to provide a fast sorption kinetics. In comparison with CeO_2 and Al_2O_3 , the Cr_2O_3 -modified Mg showed the highest hydriding/dehydriding rates [164]. Holding at 300 °C for 60 min, the Mg+10 wt% Cr_2O_3 absorbed 5.87 wt% H_2 under 11 bar H_2 and desorbed 4.44 wt% H_2 under 0.5 bar H_2 . Li et al. observed similar phenomenon [165]. Jung et al. found a temperature sensitivity of the catalytic activity of Al_2O_3 , Cr_2O_3 , V_2O_5 for hydrogen absorption by Mg [166]. V_2O_5 showed the fastest kinetics and hydrogen absorption capacities amounted to 3.2 and 2.25 wt% at 250 and 200 °C, respectively. The latest results indicated 2.1 wt% and 3.8 wt% of hydrogen uptake by 5 wt% V_2O_5 -containing Mg at room temperature under 30 bar H_2 within 30 and 180 min, respectively [167]. All these results are closely related to the *in-situ* formation of low-oxidation V or metallic V during ball milling and/or dehydrogenation process, which play critical roles in improving the de/re-hydrogenation kinetics of MgH_2/Mg [167,168].

TiO_2 and Nb_2O_5 were also widely studied for their catalytic activity. As early as 1987, Khrussanova and coworkers improved absorption and desorption of Mg through the

addition of TiO_2 which facilitates the nucleation of MgH_2 [169]. Wang et al. reported a remarkable hydrogenation performance of Mg, including rapid kinetics, low working temperature and excellent oxidation-resistance with the addition of rutile TiO_2 [170]. By comparison, Aguey-Zinsou demonstrated a much faster hydrogenation kinetics for nanosized TiO_2 with respect to micro-sized counterparts [171]. Recently, considerable work has been devoted to developing different nanostructured TiO_2 catalysts, including 0D quantum dots, 1D nanotubes, 2D nanosheets and 3D ordered microporous networks [127,172-175]. For instance, the 2.5-4.0 nm TiO_2 quantum dots-catalyzed MgH_2 started releasing hydrogen at 260 °C and absorbed ~6.10 wt% in 77 s at 280 °C [172]. Improved rehydrogenation kinetics was found even at lower temperatures by absorbing ~5.0 wt% H_2 in 30 min at 100 °C. Jardim et al. studied hydrogen sorption kinetics of MgH_2 ball milled with TiO_2 1D nanotubes and nanorods [174]. The nanorods showed much better catalytic activity. At 350 °C, the modified sample absorbed 5.5 wt% H_2 after 10 min and re-desorbed all hydrogen in 5 min. Moreover, TiO_2 nanosheets with high-surface-energy {001} facets (TiO_2 NS) showed excellent catalysis [175]. The onset temperature of $\text{MgH}_2 + 5$ wt% TiO_2 NS for the release of hydrogen was ~180 °C and the corresponding peak temperature was 220 °C. Ma et al. found that the anatase TiO_2 with high percentage {001} facets has much better catalytic effect than that with low percentage {001} facets [176]. In addition, oxygen vacancy-rich 2D TiO_2 nanosheets reduced the onset hydrogen desorption temperature of MgH_2 to 180 °C (295 °C for pristine MgH_2) [177]. As for nanoparticles, Zhang et al. reported that 10 wt% nanocrystalline TiO_2 with ~10 nm in size reduced the onset desorption temperature

to 205 °C, 95 °C lower than that of pristine MgH₂ [123]. The dehydrogenated sample absorbed 6.6 wt% H₂ in 10 min at 140 °C. Superior (de)hydrogenation performance of MgH₂ catalyzed by 3D flower-like TiO₂@C nanostructures was also obtained as the 5 wt% doped sample released 6.0 wt% H₂ at 250 °C within 8 min [178]. With a graphene-like TiO₂(B) nanosheet, the dehydrogenated MgH₂ could quickly absorbed 5.32 and 5.5 wt% H₂ at 50 and 60 °C, respectively [179]. With the assistance of microwave, MgH₂ with 25 wt% TiO₂ completed dehydrogenation at 220 °C and 4.25 wt% H₂ was recharged within 10 h at 25 °C under 1 bar H₂ [180]. In general, when ball milling TiO₂ with MgH₂, Ti⁴⁺ was readily reduced to Ti³⁺/Ti²⁺ and even metallic Ti⁰ [181]. The multivalent Ti was believed to act as the intermediates and provide catalytic active sites for the electron transfer between Mg²⁺ and H[•] during the (de)hydrogenation process, which promoted H₂ dissociation and recombination on Ti surfaces, and thus led to the significantly enhanced kinetics [172].

Nb₂O₅ is also highly effective in catalyzing hydrogen cycling by Mg/MgH₂. In 2004, MgH₂-0.5 mol% Nb₂O₅ was reported to release 6.0 wt% of H within 500 s at 250 °C under vacuum [182]. Hanada et al. observed 5.0 wt% H₂ uptake at 150 °C for 1 mol% Nb₂O₅-MgH₂ in 30 s [183,184]. At ~20 °C, hydrogen uptake still amounted to 4.5 wt%, largely superior to reported other metal oxides [185]. Friedrichs et al. reported a significant improvement when using nanometric Nb₂O₅ instead of its micrometric form [186]. This phenomenon was further confirmed by Fátay and coworkers [187]. By combining cold rolling and reactive ball milling, El-Eskandarany et al. fabricated MgH₂-10 wt% Nb₂O₅ nanocomposite, which absorbed/desorbed ~6.1 wt% H₂ and maintained

6 wt% H₂ after 230 continuous cycles at 225 °C [188]. Shinzato et al. fabricated five types of Nb₂O₅ by different heat treatment processes, and characterized their catalytic effects on the hydrogen absorption/desorption reactions of Mg [189]. It was concluded that Nb₂O₅ with lower stability of the crystal structure and smaller particle size showed better catalysis for both hydrogen desorption and absorption. Wang et al. achieved full hydrogenation of the dehydrogenated MgH₂ at 70 °C under 50 bar H₂ by adding unique N-containing Nb₂O₅ [87]. The *in-situ* formed NbN_{0.9}O_{0.1} was believed to play the critical catalytic role because of the joint action of N and Nb. Furthermore, they obtained N-doped Nb₂O₅ nanorods with 10-20 nm in diameter through graphene-guided growth, which enabled 5.5 wt% H₂ desorption at 175 °C and full hydrogenation at 25 °C under 50 bar H₂ (Fig. 4) [190]. This is largely superior to the previously reported catalyst-modified MgH₂ systems.

Other transition metal oxides, including ZrO₂ and Y₂O₃, were also studied for their catalytic efficacy. In 2012, Zeng et al. observed ~110 °C reduction in hydrogen desorption temperature of MgH₂ from 350 °C to 240 °C after being milled with 20 ZrO₂ balls for 20 h, in comparison with ball milling using steel balls [191]. More interestingly, the completely dehydrogenated sample was able to absorb ~3.5 wt% H₂ at room temperature under 10 bar H₂ within 5 hours. Chen et al. found an effective grain size reduction of Mg when it was ball milled with ZrO₂ nanoparticles [192]. Through a single-pot solvothermal process, Zhang et al. prepared a hierarchical nanostructured ZrO₂ composed of primary particles of ~4 nm in diameter, which enabled MgH₂ to release H₂ from 163 °C and Mg to absorb 4 wt% H₂ within 12 s at 100 °C under 50 bar

H₂ [193]. The unique hierarchical structure facilitated uniform distributions of *in situ* formed multivalent Zr-based species (Zr⁴⁺, Zr^{1.64+}, Zr⁰), which allowed superior catalytic activity for hydrogen storage in MgH₂. This was further confirmed by Pukazhselvan et al [194].

In addition to transition metal oxides, the efficacy of rare earth oxides in catalyzing hydrogen storage of MgH₂ was also evaluated. Gupta et al. demonstrated the catalytic effect of La₂O₃, in the range 0.5–2.0 mol%, on the hydrogen storage properties of MgH₂ [195]. The desorption rates of samples with 1 and 2 mol% La₂O₃ were measured to be about 0.010 wt% H₂ s⁻¹ at 300 °C under 0.3 bar H₂, better than for sample with 0.5 mol% La₂O₃. LaH₃ was identified after hydrogenation/dehydrogenation cycles. Sadhasivam et al. observed a much lower desorption onset temperature for mischmetal oxide-modified MgH₂ than that for mischmetal-containing sample [196]. The presence of 2 wt% CeO₂ with a particle size of ~10–15 nm led to 50 °C decrease in desorption temperature [197]. More importantly, CeH_{2.73} was formed during milling MgH₂ with CeO₂ in Ar due to reactive hydrogen diffusion and fast hydrogen desorption was observed even after air exposure [198]. Similar phenomena were also reported by Mustafa et al [199] and Lin et al [113]. In contrast, Pukazhselvan et al. suggested that CeO₂ was partially transformed to CeO_{1.96} and hcp Ce₂O₃ phases when mechanically milled with MgH₂ and eventually was converted to Ce₂O₃ upon dehydrogenation at 300 °C [200].

Recent research focus has shifted to complex oxides when considering the synergistic catalytic effect of different metallic elements. Interests in complex oxides as catalysts

for hydrogen storage in MgH_2 originated from the observation of the *in-situ* formation of ternary Mg-Nb-O phases upon hydrogen cycling of $\text{MgH}_2/\text{Nb}_2\text{O}_5$ system, which was believed to be responsible for the reaction kinetic improvement [201-204]. Dolci et al. demonstrated that $\text{Mg}_3\text{Nb}_6\text{O}_{11}$ was active in the absorption and desorption of molecular H_2 [205,206]. The presence of MgNb_2O_6 , $\text{Mg}_4\text{Nb}_2\text{O}_9$ and $\text{Mg}_3\text{Nb}_6\text{O}_{11}$ all significantly accelerated the hydrogen absorption and desorption processes of MgH_2 because the ternary Mg-Nb oxide facilitated H_2 transport into the solid structure of Mg [207]. Based on these observations, a series of complex oxides, including MnFe_2O_4 , CoFe_2O_4 , ZnFe_2O_4 , LaFeO_3 , $\text{TiVO}_{3.5}$, TiNb_2O_7 , Co_2NiO , $\text{SrFe}_{12}\text{O}_{19}$, SrTiO_3 , MnV_2O_6 , VnbO_5 , MgNiO_2 , $\text{BaFe}_{12}\text{O}_{19}$, CoTiO_3 , NiV_2O_6 , NiTiO_3 , NiMoO_4 and CoMoO_4 have been studied [113,200,206-223]. In comparison with MgFe_2O_4 and ZnFe_2O_4 , CoFe_2O_4 showed the best catalytic performance [208]. The onset desorption temperature of $\text{MgH}_2 + 7 \text{ mol\% CoFe}_2\text{O}_4$ was measured to be 160°C , which is 200°C lower than of the as-received MgH_2 [209]. The nanoflake-like MgNiO_2 -doped MgH_2 could even absorb 6.1 wt\% H_2 within 10 min at 200°C [214]. The presence of $10 \text{ wt\% TiVO}_{3.5}$ reduced the dehydrogenation onset temperature of MgH_2 by 70°C and the dehydrogenated sample absorbed 3.9 wt\% H_2 in 5 s at 100°C [216]. The addition of $7 \text{ wt\% TiNb}_2\text{O}_7$ reduced the dehydrogenation onset temperature from 300 to 177°C , and hydrogen uptake was detected at room temperature under 50 bar hydrogen [217]. In particular, 2D nanoflake-shape TiNb_2O_7 enabled 96% of capacity retention after 30 cycles [218]. Using nano-silica as a catalyst, the desorption kinetics of MgH_2 was also improved [224].

Overall, metal oxides can be effective catalysts for hydrogen storage in Mg/MgH₂. During ball milling and initial (de)hydrogenation, the high-valent metal ions are readily reduced to the low-valent species or even zero-valent metal. The interconversion among multivalent metal ions acts as a carrier for electron transfer, which catalyzes hydrogen cycling by Mg. Moreover, the interfaces between the *in situ* formed Mg alloys and their hydride phases function as a “hydrogen pump” and make the hydrogen release easier. All these are responsible for the enhanced performance. However, the formation of inert MgO by-product decreases the practical hydrogen storage capacity of the whole catalyst-modified composites. It is therefore necessary to balance the hydrogen storage capacity and the high catalytic activity of the oxides in MgH₂.

4.3 Metal halides

Similar to oxides, a wide range of metal halides, particularly chlorides and fluorides have been studied for their catalytic activity in hydrogen storage of Mg/MgH₂ [225-250]. Table 3 lists their catalytic effects on hydrogen storage properties of Mg/MgH₂. By comparing the performance of MgH₂ containing NbCl₅, CaF₂ or Nb₂O₅ additives, Bhat et al. found that the addition of NbCl₅ and CaF₂ improved the sorption capacity to 5.2 and 5.6 wt% within 50 min at 300 °C, respectively, in contrast to 80 min required in the case of Nb₂O₅ [225]. Ismail reported that the onset dehydrogenation temperature of 10 wt.% FeCl₃-doped MgH₂ sample was reduced by about 90 °C [226]. For Ti-based halides, Ma et al. reported superior catalytic effect for TiF₃ over TiCl₃ in improving the hydrogen sorption kinetics of MgH₂ [227]. Such phenomenon was also confirmed by Malka and coworkers who further compared the catalytic effects of ZrF₄, NbF₅, TaF₅,

FeF_2 , FeF_3 , TiCl_3 and VCl_3 [228-231]. This was primarily attributed to that the presence of F anions weakened the Mg-H bond and led to the formation of MgF_2 [232]. Moreover, group IV and V metal halides delivered higher catalytic activity with respect to other halides [228-231]. Ball milling TiF_4 with MgH_2 induced a conversion of TiF_4 to TiH_2 and MgF_2 , which reduced the onset desorption temperature of MgH_2 to 200 °C [233]. Similarly, due to the formation of Mg_2Ni and MgF_2 on Mg particles, the NiF_2 -modified Mg absorbed 3.26 wt% of H_2 at 100 °C in 2 h [234]. The H_2 absorption for SrF_2 -containing Mg was found to be 6.0 wt% in 5 min at 290 °C [235]. The onset desorption temperature of MgH_2 modified with CsF was measured to be 249 °C, 106 °C lower than that of ball-milled MgH_2 without any additives measured under identical conditions [236]. MgF_2 was also used as a catalyst to improve the hydrogen storage properties of MgH_2 [237]. In addition, ZrCl_4 , VCl_3 , HfCl_4 and PdCl_2 have been widely investigated [238-241]. The results showed that the dehydrogenation peak temperature of ZrCl_4 -doped MgH_2 system was 257 °C, reduced by 100 °C with respect to the ball-milled MgH_2 [238]. This was attributed to the grain refinement of the ZrCl_4 -doped system and the reduction of Zr^{4+} to Zr^{3+} and Zr^0 . For the MgH_2 - HfCl_4 composites, the reduction in particle sizes and the *in-situ* generation of MgCl_2 and Hf-containing species during milling led to the synergistic catalytic effects [240]. Various phases, including β - MgH_2 , Mg_6Pd , MgCl_2 and $\text{PdH}_{0.778}$ were identified in the PdCl_2 -modified MgH_2 composites, which were believed to be the catalytic species for the improved performance [241].

Ternary metal fluorides have also attracted considerable attention as catalysts for hydrogen storage by Mg/ MgH_2 , such as K_2TiF_6 , K_2NiF_6 , K_2ZrF_6 , K_2NbF_7 , K_2SiF_6 and

Na₃AlF₆ [242-247]. Inspired by Liu's report [248], Mustafa et al. studied the influence of K₂TiF₆ additive on the hydrogen sorption properties of MgH₂ in 2014 [242]. The addition of 10 wt% K₂TiF₆ to MgH₂ enabled an onset desorption temperature of 245 °C, about 105 °C and 205 °C lower than the as-milled and as-received MgH₂, respectively. It was reasonable to conclude that the K₂TiF₆ additive played a catalytic role through the formation of active species of KH, TiH₂, MgF₂ and Ti during the ball milling or heating process. Similar phenomenon was also observed for K₂NiF₆, K₂ZrF₆, K₂NbF₆, K₂SiF₆ and Na₃AlF₆ [244-247]. K₂NbF₇ was converted to MgF₂, KH and Nb; K₂SiF₆ to KH, MgF₂ and Mg₂Si; and Na₃AlF₆ to NaMgF₃, NaF and AlF₃. These were believed to be active in reducing the onset temperature of hydrogen desorption to 255~290 °C.

The same as oxides, metal halides are also particularly effective in catalyzing hydrogen storage in Mg/MgH₂ due to the *in-situ* formation of catalytic species and their dispersive distribution. However, the strong affinity between Mg²⁺ and halide anions resulted in the generation of the inert by-products, i.e., MgCl₂, which induced the unacceptable reduction in the practical hydrogen storage capacity. As a result, how to alleviate this adverse effect requires further investigation.

4.4 MXenes

MXenes as a new family of 2D transition metal (e.g., Ti, V, Nb, etc.) carbides, carbonitrides and nitrides have attracted considerable attention as catalysts because of their high surface areas, good electronic and thermal conductivity behaviors [250-260]. For catalyzed hydrogen storage in Mg/MgH₂ by MXenes, the reported results are summarized in Table 4. In 2016, Liu et al. conducted the first attempt to evaluate the

catalytic effect of 2D Ti_3C_2 on the reversible hydrogen storage behaviors of MgH_2 [253]. The 5 wt% Ti_3C_2 -containing MgH_2 released 6.2 wt% H_2 within 1 min at 300 °C and absorbed 6.1 wt% H_2 within 30 s at 150 °C, exhibiting largely enhanced (de)hydrogenation kinetics. The enhanced kinetics was attributed to the unique layered structure and Ti species, which remarkably facilitated the dissociation and recombination of hydrogen on the surface of Ti. Shen et al. fabricated a novel solid-solution MXene $(\text{Ti}_{0.5}\text{V}_{0.5})_3\text{C}_2$ by exfoliating a solid-solution MAX phase $(\text{Ti}_{0.5}\text{V}_{0.5})_3\text{AlC}_2$ and studied its catalytic effect on the hydrogen storage of Mg [254]. The 10 wt% $(\text{Ti}_{0.5}\text{V}_{0.5})_3\text{C}_2$ -containing MgH_2 released approximately 5.0 wt% H_2 within 20 min at 250 °C and the dehydrogenated sample rapidly absorbed 4.8 wt% H_2 within 5 s at 120 °C. XPS results revealed that during ball milling, $(\text{Ti}_{0.5}\text{V}_{0.5})_3\text{C}_2$ reacted with MgH_2 and was converted to metallic Ti and V, which behaved as catalysts in the subsequent thermal dehydrogenation because their chemical states remained unchanged. Following these reports, Wu et al. demonstrated that the presence of 6 wt% multilayer Ti_3C_2 decreased the initial desorption temperature of MgH_2 to 142 °C with a capacity of 6.56 wt% [255]. The introduction of 5 wt% Ti_2C decreased the onset desorption temperature by 37 °C [256]. Theoretical calculations revealed that the catalytic effects of 2D Ti_2C on MgH_2 included two factors: electron transfer and *in situ* formed TiH_2 [257]. Wang et al. synthesized a novel solid-solution NbTiC MXene that enabled 195 °C of initial desorption temperature [258]. Similar catalytic efficacy was also attained by introducing $\text{Nb}_4\text{C}_3\text{T}_x$ or V_2C [259,260]. The post-activated MgH_2 -5 wt% $\text{Nb}_4\text{C}_3\text{T}_x$ composite started releasing hydrogen at ~150 °C, representing a ~146 °C reduction in

the onset temperature [259]. The onset desorption temperature of MgH_2 doped with V_2C was reduced by 128°C to 190°C [260]. As an effective catalyst, V_2C elongated the bond length of Mg-H from 1.71 \AA for pure MgH_2 to 2.14 \AA for MgH_2 doped with V_2C , therefore destabilizing MgH_2 .

4.5 Metal sulfides

Transition metal sulfides have also shown remarkable catalytic effect on the hydrogen cycling of MgH_2 , as seen in Table 4 [261-270]. In 2013, Jia et al. compared the catalytic effect of MoS_2 and MoO_2 and found that MoS_2 presented a much better catalytic effect than MoO_2 on improving the hydrogen cycling kinetic of MgH_2 [261]. The enhanced kinetics was attributed to the presence of MgS/Mo or MgO/Mo that catalyzed the hydrogen absorption/desorption behavior. After that, Wang et al. studied the (de)hydrogenation kinetics of the $\text{MgH}_2\text{-WS}_2$ composites [262]. The co-catalytic effect between the new phases W and MgS formed during ball milling resulted in 58°C reduction in the onset dehydrogenation temperature of MgH_2 . With the addition of Fe_3S_4 , the dehydrogenation temperature of MgH_2 was reduced by 90°C [263]. The $\text{MgH}_2\text{-16.7 wt\% FeS}_2$ composite absorbed 3.71 wt\% H_2 at 150°C , which is 3.59 times higher than that of the as-milled pure MgH_2 [264]. The synergistic effects of the *in situ* formed Fe active species and MgS enhanced the hydrogen storage properties of MgH_2 . With a solvothermal method, Xie et al. fabricated flower-like NiS particles and evaluated its catalytic activity for hydrogen storage in Mg nanoparticles [265]. After ball milling with Mg nanoparticles, the NiS was converted into Ni, MgS and Mg_2Ni , which enabled the quick uptake of 3.5 wt\% H_2 within 10 min at 150°C and the release

of 3.1 wt% H₂ within 10 min at 300 °C. The MgH₂-5 wt% NiS₂ composite absorbed more than 5.1 wt% H₂ within 1 h at 100 °C [266]. Here, the doped NiS₂ was transformed into MgS and Mg₂NiH₄ during the heating process, which led to the catalytic effects. Further comparison on TiS₂, NbS₂, MoS₂, MnS, CoS₂ and CuS revealed the best (de)hydrogenation kinetics for MgH₂-TiS₂ because its onset dehydrogenation temperature was measured to be about 204 °C, lowered by about 126 °C than that of MgH₂ [267]. By using CoS-nanoboxes as multifunctional scaffolds, Ma et al. achieved the dual-tailoring of thermodynamics and kinetics of hydrogen storage in MgH₂, thanks to the “nano-sizing effect” of nanoconfined Mg/MgH₂ crystals, the catalyzing effect of MgS and the multifunctional role of the CoS-nanobox scaffold [268]. Lately, Fu et al. demonstrated the catalytic effect of a carbon-supported transition metal compound, FeCoS@C, on hydrogen storage of Mg [270]. Their results shown in Fig. 5 indicated that MgH₂-FeCoS@C rapidly absorbed 6.78 wt% H₂ within 60 s at 300 °C. The *in-situ* formed Mg₂Co, α-Fe and Co₃Fe₇ acted as “hydrogen channels” to accelerate hydrogen transfer, and MgS with excellent catalytic effect contributed a strong and stable catalytic effect. In addition, the carbon skeleton obtained by the carbonization of MOF not only served as a dispersant for the multiphase catalytic system, but also provided more active sites for the catalysts. It is therefore believed that the multiphase and multiscale catalytic systems are particularly favorable for improving the hydrogen storage performance of MgH₂.

4.6 Metal hydrides

Taking consideration of the practical hydrogen capacity, metal hydrides should be more

preferable as catalysts for hydrogen storage in Mg/MgH₂ [271-287]. The hydrogen storage properties of metal hydride-modified Mg/MgH₂ systems are shown in Table 5. In 2009, Lu et al. prepared a nanostructured MgH₂-0.1TiH₂ system by ultrahigh-energy high-pressure mechanical milling and obtained the lowest dehydrogenation onset temperature (~110 °C) for MgH₂ based on TGA analysis [271]. More importantly, there was only little loss in hydrogen storage capacity after 80 cycles. The nanosize coupled with the addition of TiH₂ contributed to the improvement in the kinetics of (de)hydrogenation. This stimulated considerable studies on TiH₂-catalyzed MgH₂ [140,272-275]. Jangir et al. revealed that as a hydrogen saturated catalyst, TiH₂ provided abundant active sites for H₂ adsorption and dissociation [273]. Hao and Sholl found that epitaxial contact between MgH₂ and TiH₂ was formed with favorable interface energies by using first-principles density functional theory calculations [274]. The strain induced by TiH₂ (111) on MgH₂ and Mg in these interfaces reduced the enthalpy for H₂ release from MgH₂. However, Cuevas et al. demonstrated experimentally that the presence of TiH₂ did not modify the thermodynamics of the Mg/MgH₂ system [275]. Through the high-pressure torsion (HPT) method, Kitabayashi and coworkers fabricated metastable hydrides in the MgH₂-TiH₂ system with low hydrogen binding energy, therefore favoring low-temperature hydrogen storage [276]. The MgH₂-TiH₂ composite nanoparticles prepared by reactive gas-phase condensation of Mg-Ti vapors under He/H₂ atmosphere even achieved reversible hydrogen sorption below 150 °C [277]. It was believed that TiH₂ acted as a catalyst promoting the generation and diffusion of H vacancies in MgH₂ [278]. Co-catalysis effect was

obtained by ball-milling MgH_2 and TiH_2 anchored on graphene [279].

Recently, Rizo-Acosta et al. systematically compared the catalytic effects of early transition metals (ETM) hydrides (ScH_2 , YH_3 , TiH_2 , ZrH_2 , VH and NbH) on the hydrogenation properties of Mg [280]. Their results demonstrated that on desorption, ETM hydrides could catalyze the recombination of hydrogen atoms, and on absorption, the formation of coherent interfaces between ETM hydrides and MgH_2 favored the nucleation of the latter. The best hydrogen cycling properties were found for the MgH_2 –5 wt% TiH_2 nanocomposite with a reversible capacity of 4.8 wt% H_2 after 20 cycles. This was mainly attributed to the lattice mismatch between Mg and TiH_2 that limited Mg grain growth and facilitated the fast absorption kinetics of the MgH_2 – TiH_2 nanocomposite on cycling. For ScH_2 catalyzed MgH_2 , the optimal catalyst content was ca. 12 mol% to achieve the lowest activation energy [281]. Luo et al. reported hydrogen storage properties of nano-structured $0.65\text{MgH}_2/0.35\text{ScH}_2$ which was produced by hydriding $\text{Mg}_{0.65}\text{Sc}_{0.35}$ [282]. $\text{Mg}_{0.65}\text{Sc}_{0.35}$ showed ca. 6.4 wt% H_2 uptake in the first cycle at 150 °C and 4.3 wt% H_2 of reversible capacity in the following (de)hydrogenation cycles. Similarly, NdH_2 – Mg – Mg_2Ni nanocomposite formed by hydriding $\text{Nd}_{4.3}\text{Mg}_{87.0}\text{Ni}_{8.7}$ alloy also delivered fast hydrogen storage kinetics because of the abundant grain boundaries and “hydrogen pump” effect of NbH_2 [283]. Chen et al. observed that ZrH_2 -doped MgH_2 composite started to release H_2 at 203 °C, and the dehydrided sample quickly absorbed 5.90 wt% H_2 at 65 °C [284]. Mechanistic investigations revealed that H atoms preferentially accumulated around ZrH_2 because of the lower hydrogen dissociation energy on the surfaces of ZrH_2 (1.421 eV) than that

of pure Mg (2.301 eV). Moreover, the large lattice disorder zone between ZrH_2 and Mg phases enabled H atoms to diffuse easily into the lattice of Mg nearby, therefore facilitating the formation of MgH_2 . Lately, Zhang et al. studied the hydrogen storage behaviors of nano- VH_x -modified MgH_2 and found that hydrogen release commenced from 182 °C and the release of hydrogen amounted to 6.3 wt% H_2 within 10 min at 230 °C [286]. The dehydrogenated product rapidly absorbed 5.2 wt% H_2 within 3 min at 50 °C under 50 bar H_2 and even 4.3 wt% H_2 within 30 min at 25 °C under 10 bar H_2 . Upon hydrogen cycling, the reversible transformation between V and V-H species was observed, indicating that the homogeneously distributed V-based species worked as a hydrogen pump and nucleation sites for MgH_2 and Mg, respectively, thus enhancing hydrogenation/dehydrogenation kinetics.

4.7 Other compounds

Metal nitrides, carbides, borides and metal-organic frameworks (MOFs) have also been employed to improve hydrogen storage performance of MgH_2 [235,287-307]. The reported results are summarized in Table 5. In 2014, Wang et al. synthesized TiN decorated graphene (TiN@rGO) and found that 10 wt% TiN@rGO doped MgH_2 started to release hydrogen at ~167 °C, and up to 6.0 wt% H_2 was discharged within 18 min when isothermally heated to 300 °C [287]. NbN nanoparticles (~20 nm) also exhibited superior catalytic effect on (de)hydrogenation kinetics. Approximately 6.0 wt% H_2 was liberated from the MgH_2+5NbN sample within 12 min at 275 °C and the dehydrogenated sample absorbed 6.0 wt% H_2 within 16 min at 150 °C. In particular, the high chemical stability of TiN and NbN ensured a stable catalytic effect upon

cycling.

Similarly, metal carbides have also attracted attention. Shin et al. observed considerable catalytic effects of TiC on the (de)hydrogenation of MgH₂ [288]. 50 nm TiC-modified MgH₂ desorbed about 6.2 wt% H₂ within 20 min and absorbed more than 90% of hydrogen capacity within 5 min at 300 °C. Such phenomenon was further confirmed by Tian and Shang [289]. With respect to Ni₃N, NiO and Ni₂P, MgH₂-Ni₃C system featured the lowest activation energy for hydrogen desorption [290]. Tian et al. indicated that Ti₃C₂ showed the highest catalytic effect on dehydrogenation of MgH₂, followed by Ni₃C, NbC, Mo₂C and Cr₃C₂ [291]. The 10 wt% Ta₂C-doped Mg took about 5 min to reach full hydrogenation at 300 °C, and a full dehydrogenation was realized within 15 min at 350 °C [292]. The MgH₂-7 wt% Ti₃AlC₂ sample liberated ~6.9 wt% H₂ starting from 205 °C, and the dehydrogenated sample absorbed 5.8 wt% H₂ within 60 s at 150 °C [293]. The improved hydrogen absorption–desorption kinetics was attributed to the catalytic effect of metal carbides and their role in inhibiting crystal growth [235,290,292,294].

Metal borides were also employed to improve the hydrogen storage performance of MgH₂. For example, TiB₂ could decrease the dissociation temperature of MgH₂ by about 50 °C [295]. This was further confirmed by the result that the peak desorption temperature of MgH₂-5wt%TiB₂/GNSs was lowered to 319 °C [296]. They also observed that the MgH₂-10 wt% NiB mixture desorbed 6.0 wt% H₂ within 10 min at 300 °C [297]. The presence of 10 wt% CoB/CNTs lowered the initial dehydrogenation temperature of MgH₂ by 166 °C, and the isothermal dehydrogenation rate was increased

by 572 times [298]. Recently, the catalytic efficacy of FeB and CoFeB was also evaluated [299,300]. The results indicated that the MgH₂-10 wt% CoFeB/CNTs composite started to release H₂ at 177 °C and a dehydriding rate of 29.7 wt% H₂ h⁻¹ was achieved at 300 °C [300]. The *in-situ* formation of Co₃MgC, Fe, CoFe and B due to the introduction of CoFeB/CNTs provided active and nucleation sites for the (de)-hydrogenation reactions of MgH₂. Meanwhile, CNTs also facilitated hydrogen diffusion and improved the thermal conductivity. All of these improved the (de)hydrogenation performance and cyclic stability of MgH₂. La-Ni-B composites showed much higher structural and catalytic stability than Ni-B during hydrogen cycling of MgH₂ at high temperatures [301]. MgH₂ with 5 wt% 2La-3Ni-B liberated about 6.0 wt% H₂ within 5 min at 300 °C.

Metal organic frameworks (MOFs) have also attracted wide attention because they can not only directly store hydrogen as sorbents by physisorption but also nanoconfine metal hydrides as scaffolds and function as catalysts or catalytic precursors for catalyzing hydrogen storage [302-307]. Wang et al. demonstrated the catalytic effects of ZIF-8(Zn), ZIF-67(Co) and MOF-74(Mg) on hydrogen storage properties of Mg [304]. The Mg/ZIF-67(Co) composite exhibited the best (de)hydrogenation kinetics with a good cyclability within 100 cycles. The excellent cyclic stability primarily resulted from the core-shell structure of the Mg/ZIF-67 nanocomposite. Ma et al. fabricated three kinds of MOFs with Co(II), Fe(II) and Ni(II) as metal ions and trimasic acid (TMA) as the organic linker and evaluated their catalytic activity for hydrogen storage in Mg/MgH₂ [305,306]. The TMA-Ni MOF-modified MgH₂ delivered the lowest

absorption activation energy (51.2 kJ/mol H₂). The onset desorption temperature was reduced by 167.8 °C with respect to that of the pure MgH₂ at 10 °C/min of heating rate [306].

4.8 Composite catalysts

Composite catalysts have been studied and developed by combining two or more kinds of catalysts to improve activity (Table 6) [115,308-328]. The enhanced efficacy is mainly attributed to the synergistic effect of different catalytic species. As early as 1999, Zaluska et al. demonstrated that the addition of 4 wt% (Mn +Zr) was especially effective, enabling ~7 wt% of hydrogen absorption at 190 °C under 10 bar H₂ [30]. Chen et al. performed first-principles calculations to understand the interaction between a H atom and transition metal-doped Mg (0001) surface, including Sc, Ti, V, Cr, Mn, Fe, Co, Ni, Cu, Zn, Y, Zr, Nb, Mo, Tc, Ru, Rh, Pd, Ag, Cd, Au and Pt [308]. Their results suggested that all these transition metal atoms preferred to replace Mg atoms in the second layer rather than those in the outermost layer of the Mg surface. Co-doping with Ti well stabilized Co, Ni, Pd, Ag, Pt and Au within the first layers, and Ni and Co entered into the first layer of Mg surface when co-doped with Ti, V and Nb, consequently favoring the hydrogenation of Mg. Compared with Ni alone, the Ni-TiO₂ combination offered much better catalytic activity for hydrogen storage in MgH₂, thanks to the synergistic effect of reversible transformation of Mg₂Ni/Mg₂NiH₄ that acts as a “hydrogen pump” and the multi-valent Ti compounds (Ti^{4+/3+/2+}) that promote the electron transfer [115].

Although doping with nano-Y₂O₃ has only limited effect [309], the Y₂O₃-YH₂

composite showed higher catalytic efficacy for hydrogen storage in MgH_2 , especially with dehydrogenation rate dramatically increasing by 3 times [310]. Liu et al. synthesized an intersected Y_2O_3 – NiO hybrid spherical hollow structure, which enabled ca. 6.6 wt% H_2 release at 275 °C within 60 min and 5.9 wt% H_2 uptake at 150 °C within 150 min [311]. About 5.2 wt% H_2 was desorbed after 50 cycles at a moderate cycling condition. The *in-situ* formation of Al_3Ti , MgF_2 and Al enabled 100 °C reduction in the peak temperature from 329 °C to 228 °C for hydrogen desorption of the MgH_2 -10 wt% ($\text{Mg}(\text{AlH}_4)_2$ -0.5 TiF_4) system [312]. In the MgH_2 – PrF_3 –Al–Ni system, $\text{Pr}_3\text{Al}_{11}$, MgF_2 , PrH_3 and Mg_2NiH_4 nanoparticles were *in situ* formed and enhanced hydrogen desorption kinetics [313]. The $\text{Mg}+\text{Mg}_2\text{Ni}+\text{YH}_2$ nanocomposite absorbed maximum ~5.2 wt% H_2 at 40th cycle and 4.3 wt% H_2 after 620th cycle [314]. The improvement was ascribed to the relatively high interface energy of YH_2/Mg , the low diffusion energy barrier for H at YH_2/Mg interface and the high affinity between YH_2 and H. It was believed that minimizing the separation between Mg/MgH_2 matrix and YH_2 nanocatalysts was of crucial importance to maintain the high capacity of the $\text{Mg}+\text{Mg}_2\text{Ni}+\text{YH}_2$ nanocomposite.

A series of MXene-based composites have been prepared as catalysts to improve hydrogen cycling in Mg/MgH_2 . Gao et al. prepared a sandwich-like $\text{Ti}_3\text{C}_2/\text{TiO}_2(\text{A})$ -C through a facile gas–solid method [315]. The peak desorption temperature of MgH_2 -5 wt% $\text{Ti}_3\text{C}_2/\text{TiO}_2(\text{A})$ -C was measured to be 308 °C, much lower than that of MgH_2 -5 wt% Ti_3C_2 (340 °C) and MgH_2 -5 wt% $\text{TiO}_2(\text{A})$ -C (356 °C). Similarly, Lu et al. reported that the hydrogen absorption and desorption kinetics of Mg/MgH_2 can be significantly

improved due to the synergy between Nb₂CT_x MXene and ZrO₂ [316]. Several Ni-Ti₃C₂ composite catalysts were also demonstrated by different groups [317,318]. Gao et al. synthesized a composite of layered Ti₃C₂T_x with nano-Ni particles, which adopted an interconnected and interlaced structure [317]. This unique structure displayed superior catalytic activity for MgH₂ because MgH₂-5 wt% Ni₃₀/FL-Ti₃C₂T_x released approximately 5.83 wt% H₂ within 30 min at 250 °C and absorbed 5 wt% H₂ within ~28 min at 100 °C, as shown in Fig. 6. Ni nanoparticles self-assembled onto the surface of Ti₃C₂ nanosheets enabled the MgH₂ + Ni@Ti-MX composite to absorb 5.4 wt% H₂ in 25 s at 125 °C and to release 5.2 wt% H₂ in 15 min at 250 °C [318]. The largely improved hydrogen storage kinetics was further confirmed by Gao et al. and Peng et al [319,320]. The combination of V₂C/Ti₃C₂ MXenes initiated hydrogen desorption of MgH₂ at around 180 °C with 5.1 wt% H₂ desorbed within 60 min at 225 °C. Under 60 bar H₂, the dehydrided MgH₂-V₂C/Ti₃C₂ absorbed 5.1 wt% H₂ within 20 s at 40 °C [321]. Also, the N-Nb₂O₅@Nb₂C-doped MgH₂ composite could absorb hydrogen at room temperature [322]. Lately, Wang et al. reported that Ti₃C₂-supported PrF₃ nanoparticles (PrF₃/Ti₃C₂) prepared by a hydrothermal method exhibited superior catalytic activity toward hydrogen storage by MgH₂ [323]. The onset temperature of dehydrogenation was reduced to 180 °C after adding 5 wt% PrF₃/Ti₃C₂, corresponding to a reduction of 107 °C compared with pristine MgH₂. About 7.0 wt% H₂ was rapidly desorbed within 3 min at 260 °C and 6.6 wt% H₂ was absorbed within 36 s at 200 °C for MgH₂-5 wt% PrF₃/Ti₃C₂. The synergistic effects between Ti-species and PrF₃ and the favorable electron transfer among multivalent Ti-species (Ti⁰, Ti²⁺, and Ti³⁺) are

responsible for the markedly enhanced hydrogen storage properties of MgH_2 .

MOFs-based composite catalysts have also been developed recently. By using ball milling, Ma et al. prepared TMA-Ni MOF and TMA-Fe-MOF co-doped MgH_2 , which benefited from the synergy between nano α -Fe and $\text{Mg}_2\text{NiH}_4/\text{Mg}_2\text{Ni}$ generated during the (de)hydrogenation of MgH_2 [324]. The hydriding activation energy of the MgH_2 -TM MOF was reduced to $45.3 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} \text{ H}_2$. A bi-metal Ni-Co-MOF-74 was mixed with MgH_2 as a catalyst, which provided more active sites and improved the hydrogen sorption properties of the composite [325]. At 280°C , the Ni-Co-MOF-containing MgH_2 released 4.7 wt% H_2 within 30 min and absorbed 6.3 wt% in 2 min at 200°C . Zhang et al. synthesized a MOF-supported Nb_2O_5 composite catalyst ($\text{Nb}_2\text{O}_5@\text{MOF}$), which reduced the onset desorption temperature of MgH_2 from 347°C to 185.3°C [326]. The fully dehydrogenated composite absorbed hydrogen starting from 25°C and picked up 6.5 wt% hydrogen within 6 min at 175°C . Here, MOF acted as a matrix to enable the homogeneous dispersion of Nb_2O_5 nanoparticles, thus creating more active sites for catalysis.

4.9 Carbon-based catalysts

4.9.1 Various carbon materials

With high specific surface areas, abundant reactive sites and superior heat conductivity, carbon-based materials are also a good choice to increase the electron transfer and improve the hydrogen cycling kinetics [329-356]. The corresponding results are listed in Table 7. In 2002, Imamura and coworkers fabricated Mg/G nano-composites by mechanical grinding of Mg and graphite with organic additives (benzene, cyclohexane

or tetrahydrofuran), which led to not only a decrease in the onset decomposition temperature of MgH_2 , but also the formation of additional hydrogen uptake sites [329]. In contrast, the results by Shang and Guo showed that graphite had little influence on the desorption properties of MgH_2 but largely facilitated the absorption process [330]. The dehydrogenated sample reabsorbed 5 wt% of H within 30 min at 250 °C. Improvement in hydrogen cycling properties was also achieved through adding graphite [331]. Interestingly, the rehydrogenated MgH_2 /graphite composite exhibited 35 °C reduction in the desorption temperature compared with that of the as-prepared composite [332]. Wu et al. observed much superior catalytic effect for single-walled carbon nanotubes (SWNTs) as an additive in improving the hydrogen absorption performance of Mg to other carbon materials, including activated carbon, carbon black, fullerene and graphite [333]. The 5 wt% SWNTs-modified Mg absorbed 6.0 wt% H_2 within 60 min at 150 °C [334]. Lillo-Ródenas et al. studied hydrogen storage performance of MgH_2 with different carbon materials, including graphite, activated carbon, multi-walled carbon nanotubes (MWCNTs), carbon nanofibres (CNFs) and activated carbon fibres (ACFs) [335]. They concluded that the presence of carbon materials prevented MgH_2 particle growth which, in turn, enhanced its dehydrogenation. Singh et al. demonstrated ~65 °C decrease in the desorption temperature of MgH_2 mixed with 2 wt% twisted carbon nanofibers [336]. The nanodiamond-containing MgH_2 composite exhibited more than 100 °C decrease in the decomposition temperature compared with the ball-milled pure MgH_2 [337]. The formation of high density of defects (dislocations and grain boundaries) owing to the incorporation of carbon into

the MgH₂ particles was supposed to be the most possible reason for the decrease in dehydrogenation temperature.

Fuster et al. revealed that the catalytic effect of carbon was independent of its morphology and was more pronounced when the additive was incorporated from the beginning of milling, as well as with a higher weight proportion [338,339]. Lototsky et al. further confirmed that the hydrogenation behaviour strongly depended on the nature and amount of carbon additive [340]. Based on the time-resolved studies, they believed that carbon acted as a carrier of the activated hydrogen through spill-over and proposed that high energy reactive ball milling destroyed the original carbon structure to form stacked graphene layers, which encapsulated MgH₂ nanoparticles and prevented the grain growth, therefore favoring hydrogen cycling. After mixing with helical carbon nanofibers, nano Mg took up ~5.25 wt% H₂ within 10 min [341]. With a large quantity of exposed carbon edges, helical form of graphene nanofibres (HGNF) dramatically improved hydrogen desorption from MgH₂ at lower temperatures compared with graphene [342]. Their theoretical calculations suggested that graphene edges with high electronegativity and reactivity, in both the zigzag and armchair geometry, facilitated the electron transfer from Mg to carbon and weakened Mg-H bonds in MgH₂. Furthermore, mixing with 10 wt% rGO shortened the incubation period because ball milling established Mg-C interactions through electron-transfer from Mg to π^* of C, which changed the hybridization of C from sp² to sp³, consequently weakening the Mg-H bond and enhancing hydrogen release from MgH₂ [343].

The 5 wt% activated carbon-modified Mg absorbed about 6.5 wt% H₂ within 7 min

at 300 °C [344]. After milling with highly crumpled graphene nanosheets for 20 h, MgH₂ released 6.1 wt% H₂ at 300 °C within 40 min and absorbed 6.6 wt% H₂ within 1 min [345]. Even at 150 °C, it also absorbed 6.0 wt% H₂ within 180 min. The graphene nanosheets provided more edge sites and hydrogen diffusion channels and prevented the nanograins from sintering and agglomerating, thus improving (de)hydrogenation kinetics of MgH₂. Carbon could prevent Mg particles from coalescing into big bulk during heating for hydrogen release [346-348]. With 1500 W of microwave, the post 5 min-milled 10 wt% carbon fibers-containing MgH₂ released more than 90% of after only 10 s [349]. Improvement in (de)hydrogenation was also obtained by mixing MgH₂ with fluorographene nanosheets [350]. The highly curved surface of CNTs firmly adhering to MgH₂ particles helped to alter the charge distributions in MgH₂ and weaken the interaction between Mg and H atoms [351]. The addition of carbon nanotubes increased the number of grain boundaries and facilitated the nucleation, meaning that the dehydrogenation of MgH₂ powders possibly led to a “chain” of nucleation at elevated temperatures [352]. The addition of 5 wt% of carbon nanotubes to MgH₂ has also proven very important to the enhancement of hydrogen adsorption as well as its kinetics [353]. With microwave irradiation, the hydrogen absorption capacity and kinetics of the MgH₂–10 wt% carbon fibers (CFs) mixture increased after dehydriding [354]. The microwave irradiated sample released 5.8 wt% H₂ within 1 h at 330 °C, while the as-prepared MgH₂–10 wt% CFs mixture desorbed only 4.4 wt% H₂ even within 3 h. Recently, Chawla et al. achieved 7.45 wt% of dehydrogenation capacity for the MgH₂-5 wt% AC nanocomposite at 140 °C via TGA analysis [355]. Through co-

sintering 2-methylnaphthalene (CMN) with pure Mg followed by hydriding combustion synthesis, Zhou et al. prepared amorphous carbon-modified MgH_2 , which started releasing hydrogen from 287 °C, 90 °C lower than that of pure MgH_2 [356]. At 200 °C, the composite remarkably absorbed 4.54 wt% H_2 within 42 s while the absorption was only 0.71 wt % H for pure MgH_2 . In particular, hydrogenation was changed from a 3D diffusion process to a 1D diffusion process due to the formation of the amorphous carbon.

As a result, the improved performance of MgH_2 in the presence of carbon materials have been attributed to several factors, including: i) preventing surface oxidation; ii) acting as a channel/pathway for rapid hydrogen atom diffusion; iii) inhibiting growth of Mg particles and agglomeration of catalyst nanoparticles; iv) maintaining the material microstructure during phase transformation; v) promoting electron transfer and activating hydrogen dissociation/recombination.

4.9.2 Carbon-based composite materials

Carbon materials have also been widely used as supports to further enhance the catalytic activity of transition metals and their compounds. Considerable studies demonstrated the synergistic effect of metals and carbons (Table 8). In 2006, Kojima et al. reported excellent hydrogen cycling properties for the nano-Ni/ Al_2O_3 /C-catalyzed MgH_2 [357]. After that, the MgH_2 -Ni@C composites were systematically studied by several groups [118, 19,357-361]. The sequential-doping of Ni and graphene not only accelerated the refinement of MgH_2 grains and particles, but also significantly decreased its dehydrogenation temperature [358]. The carbon supported nano-Ni (Ni@C) obtained

by calcination of dimethylglyoxime dinickel chelate enabled hydrogen desorption at 187 °C, which was 113 °C lower than that of as-milled MgH₂, and the hydrogen desorption completed within only 500 s at 300 °C [270]. Meng et al. fabricated Ni nanoparticles *in-situ* encapsulated in carbon nanofibers using electrospinning and disclosed that the MgH₂-10 wt %Ni@C delivered 5.91 wt% H₂ in 500 s at 325 °C, as shown in Fig. 7 [360]. Uniformly dispersed Ni nanoparticles anchored on reduced graphene oxide (Ni@rGO) reduced the initial dehydrogenation temperature from 251 °C to 190 °C and enabled 5.0 wt% H₂ absorption in 20 min at 100 °C [361]. The *in-situ* formed Mg₂Ni/Mg₂NiH₄ exhibited better catalytic effect than Ni. Huang et al. observed 5.6 wt% H₂ release from the MgH₂ + 10 wt% Ni@C-MXene composite within 2 min at 300 °C, thanks to the synergistic nano-confinement and favorable hydrogen pump effect [118]. The MgH₂-Ni/hollow g-C₃N₄ tube composite released hydrogen from 252 °C with 98% of capacity retention after 10 cycles [362]. Nano Ni particles dispersed over mesoporous carbon material CMK-3 resulted in 170 °C decrease in the dehydrogenation onset temperature of MgH₂ [363]. MXene Ti₃C₂T_x supported Ni@C nanoflakes also enabled superior hydrogen desorption kinetics and excellent cycling stability due to the *in situ* formed Mg₂NiH₄, highly-dispersed Ti nanoparticles and FL-Ti₃C₂T_x nanosheets themselves [319]. More importantly, highly dispersed single atom Ni on nitrogen-doped carbon (Ni@N-C) reduced the desorption activation energy from 156.5 ± 3.2 kJ mol⁻¹ to 87.2 ± 5.4 kJ mol⁻¹ [136].

Similarly, enhanced catalytic activity was also observed for Co/carbon nanotubes [364], hierarchical Co@C nanoflowers [365], ZIF-67 derived Co@CNTs nanoparticles

[366], and multi-wall carbon nanotubes supported Pd (Pd/MWCNTs) [367]. Coupling effects were obtained for PdNi bimetallic nanoparticles supported by mesoporous carbon (Pd₃₀Ni₇₀/CMK-3) [368], multi-wall carbon nanotubes supported nano-nickel and TiF₃ (Ni/MWCNTs-TiF₃) [369], bimetallic NiCo on functional graphene (NiCo/rGO) [370], TiFe on carbon nanotubes [371], Fe–Ni catalyst modified three-dimensional graphene (Fe–Ni @3DG) [372], carbon-encapsulated iron-nickel nanoparticle (Fe_{0.64}Ni_{0.36}@C) [373], rGO supported NiCu (NiCu/rGO) [374], Zr_{0.4}Ti_{0.6}Co nanosheets and carbon nanotubes (Zr_{0.4}Ti_{0.6}Co/CNTs) [375], VTi/CNTs [376], YH₂-Co@C [377] and Co/Pd supported by few-walled carbon nanotubes (Co/Pd@B-CNTs) [378]. For instance, the MgH₂+10 wt%Fe–Ni@3DG composite absorbed 6.35 wt% H₂ within 100 s (300 °C, 50 atm H₂) and released 5.13 wt% H₂ within 500 s (300 °C, 0.5 atm H₂) [372]. MgH₂-5 wt% NiCu/rGO started to desorb hydrogen at 185 °C, which was 115 °C lower than that of as-milled MgH₂, and desorbed 5.8 wt% H₂ within 20 min at 300 °C [374]. MgH₂-Co/Pd@B-CNTs composite started releasing hydrogen at 198.9 °C, 132.4 °C lower than that of as-milled MgH₂, with a special “bidirectional catalyst” mechanism [378]. During hydrogenation, Pd played a dominant role in accelerating the preferential diffusion of H atoms at the Pd/Mg interface. However, for dehydrogenation, the transformation between Mg₂Co and Mg₂CoH₅ as well as a Mg–Pd alloy became the crucial factor, facilitating hydrogen release by decreasing the diffusion barrier.

Moreover, the catalytic activity of carbon materials supported metal oxides, including Nb₂O₅, TiO₂, TiO, NiO, Fe₃O₄, V₂O₃, ZrO₂, MnO, CuO, CoMoO₄ were also

studied [123,222,315,379-388]. In 2010, Milanese et al. fabricated ternary Mg–Nb₂O₅–graphitic C mixtures by high-energy ball milling which reversibly delivered up to 6.8 wt% H₂ at 350 °C [379]. Chuang et al. observed 5.81–4.88 wt% H₂ uptake under initial hydrogen pressure of 30 bar, and 5.14–4.01 wt% H₂ release within 600 s at 300 °C by Mg–Nb₂O₅-SWCNT and Mg–Nb₂O₅-MWCNT [380]. In particular, the Mg–Nb₂O₅-SWCNT sample absorbed hydrogen up to 1.71 wt% at 25 °C. Carbon remarkably improved the catalysis of ZrO₂ towards MgH₂. The onset desorption temperature of a MgH₂–ZrO₂/C composite was reduced to 208 °C, much lower than that of MgH₂–ZrO₂ (248 °C) and undoped MgH₂ (309 °C) [381]. ZrO₂/SWCNT-containing MgH₂ absorbed 4.5 wt% H₂ within 700 s at 25 °C, 1.5-fold higher than that of ZrO₂-doped MgH₂ under the same conditions [382]. Liu et al. synthesized graphene-supported TiO₂ nanoparticles via a solvothermal method with ethylene glycol as the solvent [383]. The MgH₂-70TiO₂@rGO-EG composite milled for 10 h desorbed 6.0 wt% H₂ within 6 min at 300 °C. Gao et al. observed that the dehydrogenated MgH₂-5 wt% Ti₃C₂/TiO₂(A)-C absorbed approximately 4 wt% H₂ within 800 s at 125 °C [315]. They suggested that the synergetic effects between the layered structure and multivalent titanium compounds (Ti⁴⁺, Ti³⁺, Ti²⁺, Ti⁰) were responsible for the improved performance. The hydrogen sorption behaviors of MgH₂ catalyzed by graphene sheet templated Fe₃O₄ nanoparticles (Fe₃O₄@GS) were reported by Bhatnagar et al [384]. MgH₂-Fe₃O₄@GS absorbed 6.2 wt% H₂ in 2.50 min at 290 °C under 15 atm H₂, while only 4.4 wt% H₂ and 5.5 wt% H₂ were uptaken by MgH₂:GS and MgH₂:Fe₃O₄, respectively. Additionally, MgH₂ catalyzed by Fe₃O₄@GS showed negligible degradation in the storage capacity

after 25 cycles.

By using MIL-47(V) as a precursor, Wang et al. synthesized vanadium oxide nanoparticles supported on cubic carbon nanoboxes (nano-V₂O₃@C) [385]. MgH₂-9 wt% nano-V₂O₃@C sample started releasing hydrogen at 215 °C, which was 60 °C lower than that of the additive-free MgH₂. Rehydrogenation was completed within 700 s at 150 °C under 50 bar H₂. The apparent activation energy of hydrogenation of MnO@C-doped MgH₂ was calculated to be 22.5 kJ mol⁻¹, lowered by 67.2% compared with undoped sample [386]. The onset desorption temperature of CuO@Gr-catalyzed MgH₂ was measured to be 229 °C, which is 121 °C and 12 °C lower than those of MgH₂ and MgH₂-CuO [387]. The graphene addition was critical for an excellent cyclability because the storage capacity remained ~6 wt% after 10 cycles without any substantial deterioration. MgH₂-10 wt% CoMoO₄/rGO started releasing hydrogen at around 204 °C, which was about 36 °C and 156 °C lower than that of MgH₂-10 wt%CoMoO₄ and pure MgH₂, respectively [222]. The fully dehydrogenated sample absorbed H₂ below 80 °C. The synergistic effect between the *in-situ* generated MgO, Co₇Mo₆ and Mo promoted the diffusion of H₂, thereby improving the MgH₂ hydrogen storage properties.

The multi-component catalysts of activated carbon supported nanosized Pd-VO_x (Pd-VO_x/AC) and Ni-VO_x (Ni-VO_x/AC) were also prepared and evaluated [389,390]. The MgH₂+Ni-VO_x/AC composites desorbed 6.5 wt% H₂ within 10 min at 300 °C under an initial hydrogen pressure of 1 kPa and absorbed 6.2 wt% H₂ within only 1 min at 150 °C under a hydrogen pressure of 20 bar [390]. Such superior hydrogen storage

properties were further confirmed by Lan et al. who reported that 10 wt% (Ni-V₂O₃)@C-containing MgH₂ could release 6.05 wt% H₂ at 275 °C in 10 min and absorb 5.50 wt% H₂ at 25 °C [391]. Here, V₂O₃ was partially converted into VO during milling with MgH₂, and Ni reacted with Mg to form Mg₂Ni after the first dehydrogenation. The *in situ* Mg₂Ni/Mg₂NiH₄ coating around Mg/MgH₂ acted as a “hydrogen pump” to drive hydrogen diffusion and dissociation, and the presence of C inhibited the agglomeration of Mg/MgH₂ particles. Similar results were also observed for Ni-CeO_x/GNS-catalyzed MgH₂ [392]. Moreover, MgH₂ co-catalyzed with NbF₅ and single-walled carbon nanotubes absorbed 5.2 wt% H₂ within 10 min even at 100 °C [393].

5. MgH₂ prototype tanks

In the past decades, hydrogen storage properties of the Mg/MgH₂ system have been improved remarkably by introducing suitable catalysts or catalytic additives, including the reduced (de)hydrogenation temperatures and enhanced reaction kinetics. This facilitates the exploration of prototype Mg/MgH₂ based hydrogen storage systems contained in various reactors/tanks. In 2007, de Rango et al. constructed a small stainless-steel cylindrical tank ($V = 260 \text{ cm}^3$) filled with 110 g of post-8 h milled MgH₂-5 at% V powders [394]. Starting at 280 °C, this unit absorbed 60 normal litres (NL) H₂, corresponding to 4.9 wt% of H₂ capacity. Following this, a variety of tanks have been developed, which contained several grams to 10 kg of MgH₂-based materials, with capacities varying from 2 NL to 7 normal cubic metres H₂, or 550 to 700 NL H₂ per kg of the hydrogen storage material (4.7 – 5.9 wt% H₂) [395-407]. Chaise et al. fabricated compacted disks with 68 mm in diameter and 9.5 mm in thickness by consolidating a

mixture MgH_2 -4 at% Ti-V-Cr and expanded natural graphite (ENG) under about 100 MPa [395]. The incorporation of ENG remarkably improved the radial thermal conductivity of the compacted MgH_2 disks, which largely facilitate heat dissipation during hydrogenation.

By designing a heat exchanger composed of a double-walled tube cooled down by forced air and copper fins alternately stacked with MgH_2 disks, the new cylindrical tank filled with 5 compacted disks was able to absorb 100 NL hydrogen within 25 min starting at 300 °C under 1 MPa H_2 . Based on this design, Garrier et al. developed a tank with about 2 L of internal volume (Fig. 8) [396]. The loading of the Ti-V-Cr-catalyzed MgH_2 amounted to 1.8 kg, which was compacted into disks with 5 wt% of ENG. This unit absorbed 1170 NL H_2 , corresponding to 270 Wh/kg of specific energy and 42 g/L of system volumetric density. To improve mechanical stability of MgH_2 -based pellets upon cycling, Al powders were introduced into Nb_2O_5 (5 wt%) and graphite (1 wt%) co-catalyzed MgH_2 as binders [397,398]. The best cycling behavior and mechanical stability were obtained for pellets with 5 wt% Al annealed at 450 °C in vacuum before cycling measurement [397]. Similarly, Capurso et al. designed a small reactor filled with ~10 g of catalyzed MgH_2 powders mixed with 5 wt% Al powders in the form of cylindrical pellets [398]. The heat flow was managed via an oil circulation system. Carbon paper was used to ensure good heat conductivity between the pellets and the inner wall of the reactor and between two adjacent pellets. Their results indicated that the use of pellets in a reactor instead of a powder bed facilitated the heat exchange and prevented local overheating and subsequent detrimental strong compaction of the

powders. A new MgH_2 tank concept was proposed by using Mg-Zn eutectic alloy as a heat exchanger [399]. A cylindrical tank with 10 kg of MgH_2 catalyzed by 4 at% Ti-V-Cr alloys was fabricated, which absorbed and released 7050 NL H_2 within 3 h. When integrating with a 1.2 kW PEMFC, a hydrogen flow of 13 NL/min was obtained. A much larger hydrogen storage system based on catalyzed MgH_2 was developed by McPhy Energy, which stored 8 kg H_2 in the standard configuration [400].

Moreover, an oil-free diaphragm pump was introduced to forcibly desorb hydrogen from a small pilot MgH_2 - TiH_2 based hydride reactor [401]. At a H_2 flow rate of $25 \text{ mL min}^{-1} \text{ g}^{-1}$, the reactor absorbed 2.9–5.2 wt% at 25–300 °C after 22 min. The hydrogenated reactor dehydrogenated at 250 °C at an average rate of $5 \text{ mL min}^{-1} \text{ g}^{-1}$ via a diaphragm pump, which successfully powered a small PEMFC with a measured conversion efficiency of 18%. El-Eskandarany et al. developed a simple hydrogen storage prototype system by incorporating various catalyst-modified MgH_2 composites into a metallic Ti tank, including $\text{MgH}_2/\text{TiMn}_2$, $\text{MgH}_2/\text{TiH}_2$, $\text{MgH}_2/\text{Nb}_2\text{O}_5/\text{Ni}$ and $\text{MgH}_2/\text{Zr}_2\text{Pd}$ [402–406]. The unit was able to power a commercial 40 W/4.5 A PEMFC, which successfully charged a battery of a cell phone. Lately, Nyamsi et al. built a 200 NL hydrogen storage tank by loading 300 g of MgH_2 - TiH_2 -C nanocomposite as hydrogen storage medium [407]. It delivered up to 185 NL H_2 in a temperature range from 150 °C (H_2 absorption) to 370 °C (H_2 desorption). All these sufficiently indicate the great potential of the catalyst-modified Mg-based materials for solid-state hydrogen storage.

6. Summary and perspectives

MgH₂ with 7.6 wt% H₂ in mass and 110 g H₂ L⁻¹ in volume offers a potential solution to hydrogen storage. The reaction between Mg and H₂ is a heterogeneous gas-solid reaction and large energy needed to split H₂ molecules at the surface of Mg (432 kJ mol⁻¹ H₂). As a result, a proper catalyst that facilitates not only the adsorption and dissociation of H₂ molecules at its surface but also the hydrogen diffusion and the hydride formation upon hydrogen uptake is necessary. Considerable work has proven Ni, Ti, Nb, Zr and V particularly effective toward catalyzing hydrogen storage in MgH₂. However, the high strength and good ductility of metals and alloys make it hard to achieve uniform and dispersive distribution. In this regard, metal oxides, halides, sulfides, hydrides, nitrides, carbides, borides and even MXenes have been studied since they are much more brittle and thus easier to disperse upon ball milling with MgH₂. For instance, N-doped Nb₂O₅ nanorods with 10-20 nm in diameter enabled 5.5 wt% of H₂ desorption from MgH₂ at 175 °C and full hydrogenation at 25 °C under 50 bar H₂. MgH₂ mixed with 2D nanoflake-shaped TiNb₂O₇ featured 96% of capacity retention after 30 cycles. Few-layered Ti₃C₂Tx supported nano-Ni particles with an interconnected and interlaced structure enabled the release of approximately 5.83 wt% H₂ within 30 min at 250 °C and the absorption of 5 wt% H₂ within ~28 min at 100 °C. Studies revealed that high-valent metal cations were readily reduced to low-valent and even zero-valent metals when they were ball milled with MgH₂. The multivalent metals functioned as the intermediate and catalytic active sites for the electron transfer between Mg²⁺ and H⁻ during the (de)hydrogenation process, consequently promoting the H₂ dissociation and recombination, and leading to the significantly enhanced kinetics. However, the strong

affinity between Mg^{2+} and O^{2-} or halide anions resulted in the generation of inert by-products, i.e., MgO or MgCl_2 , which largely decreased the practical hydrogen storage capacity of the catalyst-modified composites. Therefore, metal hydrides are more preferable as catalysts for hydrogen storage in Mg/MgH_2 . For example, $\text{MgH}_2\text{--TiH}_2$ displayed reversible hydrogen sorption below 150 °C. Using 0.9 MgH_2 + 0.1 TiH_2 + 5 wt% C nanocomposite, a hydrogen storage tank that delivered up to 185 NL H_2 in a temperature range from 150 °C (H_2 absorption) to 370 °C (H_2 desorption) has been successfully built, indicating the potential of the catalyzed Mg-based materials for practical solid-state hydrogen storage applications. Furthermore, carbon materials were employed as supports to further enhance the catalytic activity of transition metals and their compounds. MgH_2 -10 wt% ($\text{Ni-V}_2\text{O}_3$)@C released 6.05 wt% of H at 275 °C in 10 min and absorbed 5.50 wt% of H at 25 °C.

Although the reported catalysts and catalytic additives have significantly improved the hydrogen storage kinetics of Mg/MgH_2 system, their overall properties are still not good enough for practical mobile applications. More advanced and effective catalysts are desired to achieve simultaneously the high hydrogen capacity and the low operation temperature for hydrogen storage in MgH_2 . In this regard, we believe that the ultrahigh-loading single metal atom catalysts or metal cluster catalysts should be the future research focus, which not only largely increase the utilization efficiency of catalytic active species by increasing active sites and enhancing the homogeneous dispersibility, but also effectively suppress the side reactions that give rise to the formation of inert by-products. The development of the metal multicomponent nanocatalysts should be

another promising direction.

However, the catalysts do not alter the reaction thermodynamics. The high thermal stability of MgH_2 is still a big obstacle for practical applications because it gives rise to a quite low equilibrium pressure. Moreover, the hydrogenation of a large quantity of Mg remains challenging since it is difficult to effectively dissipate heat caused by the fast charging (3-5 min). To solve these problems, the simultaneous tailoring of thermodynamics and kinetics is much more important in the future. The *in-situ* construction of catalyzed Mg/MgH₂ nanostructures offer some hopes, but also present a number of new challenges. The most important is how to controllably fabricate ultrasmall Mg/MgH₂ nanostructures (<10 nm in size) decorated with homogeneously dispersed highly active catalysts. Novel external field-assisted strategies (i.e., microwave, photocatalysis, etc.) can also be explored to promote the hydrogen storage reaction of Mg/MgH₂ systems, since the external fields help with activating hydrogen storage reaction at lowered temperatures. We hope that future efforts will lead to breakthrough in improving the hydrogen cycling performance of MgH₂ and make it as a practical hydrogen carrier.

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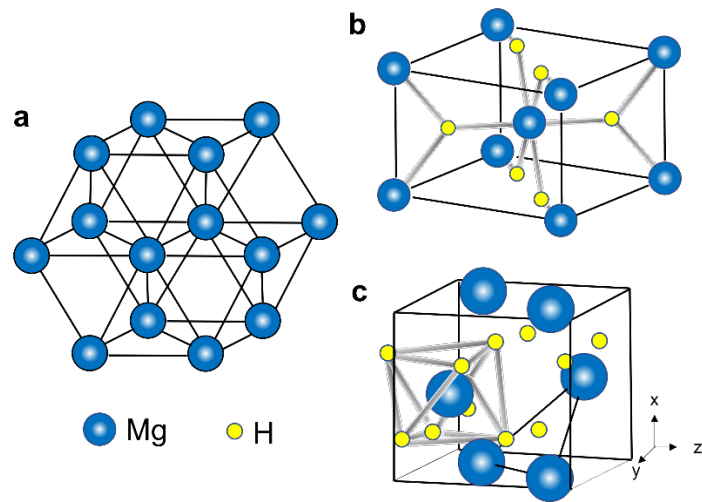


Fig. 1. (a) Mg with hexagonal close-packed (h.c.p.) structure [31], (b) α -MgH₂ with TiO₂ type structure (space group $P4_2/mnm$) and (c) γ -MgH₂ with PbO₂ type structure (space group Pbcn) [31,75]

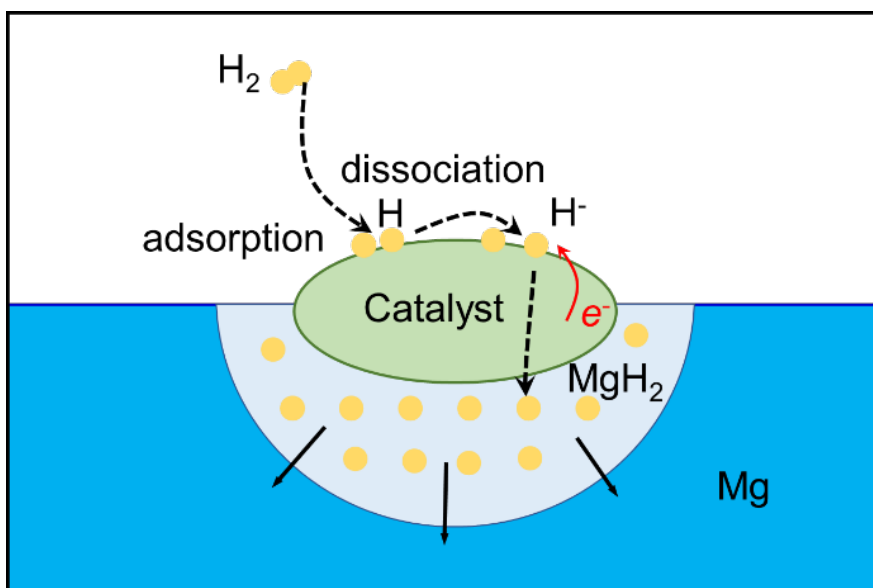


Fig. 2. Schematic drawing for the catalyzed hydrogenation of Mg [93].

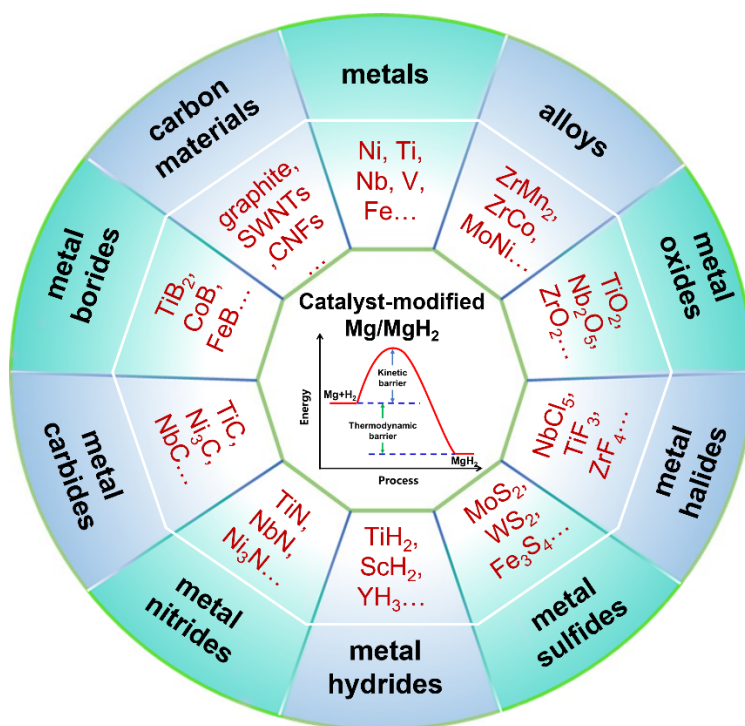


Fig. 3. The catalyst categories of Mg-based hydrogen storage systems.

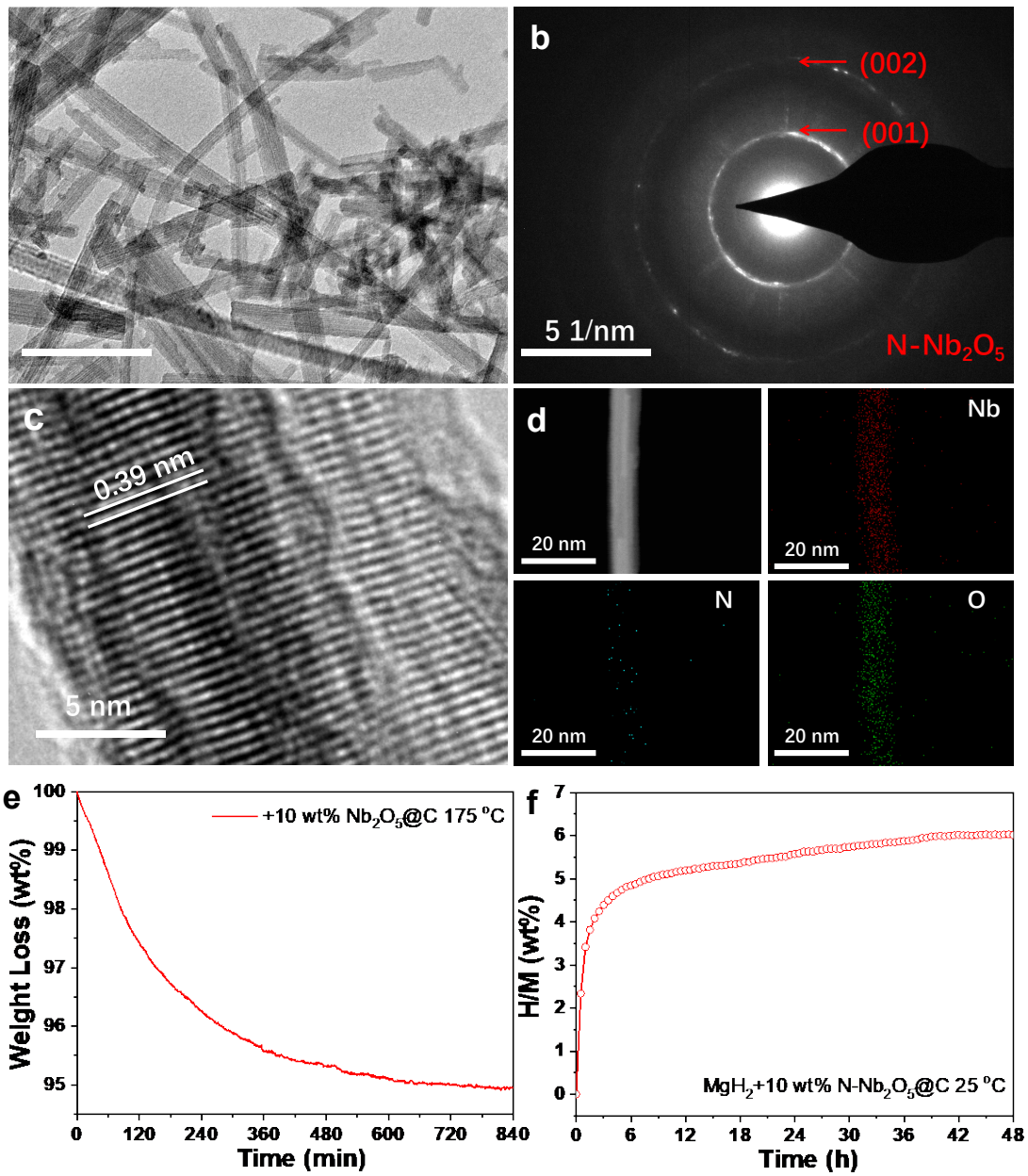


Fig. 4. (a) TEM image, (b) SAED pattern, (c) HRTEM image, and (d) EDS mapping of N-Nb₂O₅@C. Isothermal (e) dehydrogenation and (f) hydrogenation curves of MgH₂-10 wt% N-Nb₂O₅@C samples [190].

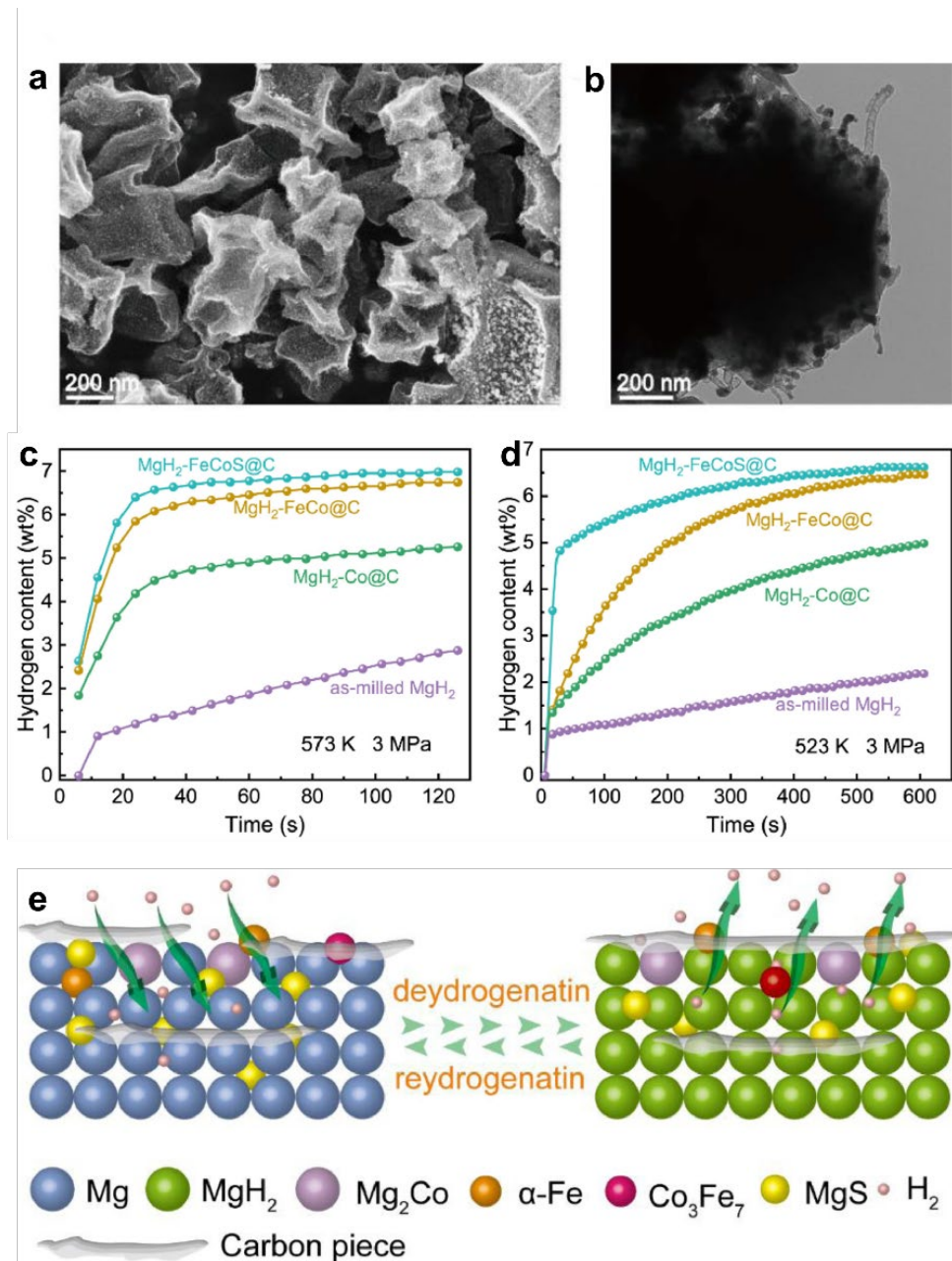


Fig. 5. (a) SEM and (b) TEM images of FeCoS@C. Isothermal absorption curves of the MgH₂ composites under 3.0 MPa H₂ at (c) 573 K and (d) 523 K. (e) Schematic diagram of the synergistic catalysis of hydrogen absorption and desorption by heterogeneous catalysts [270].

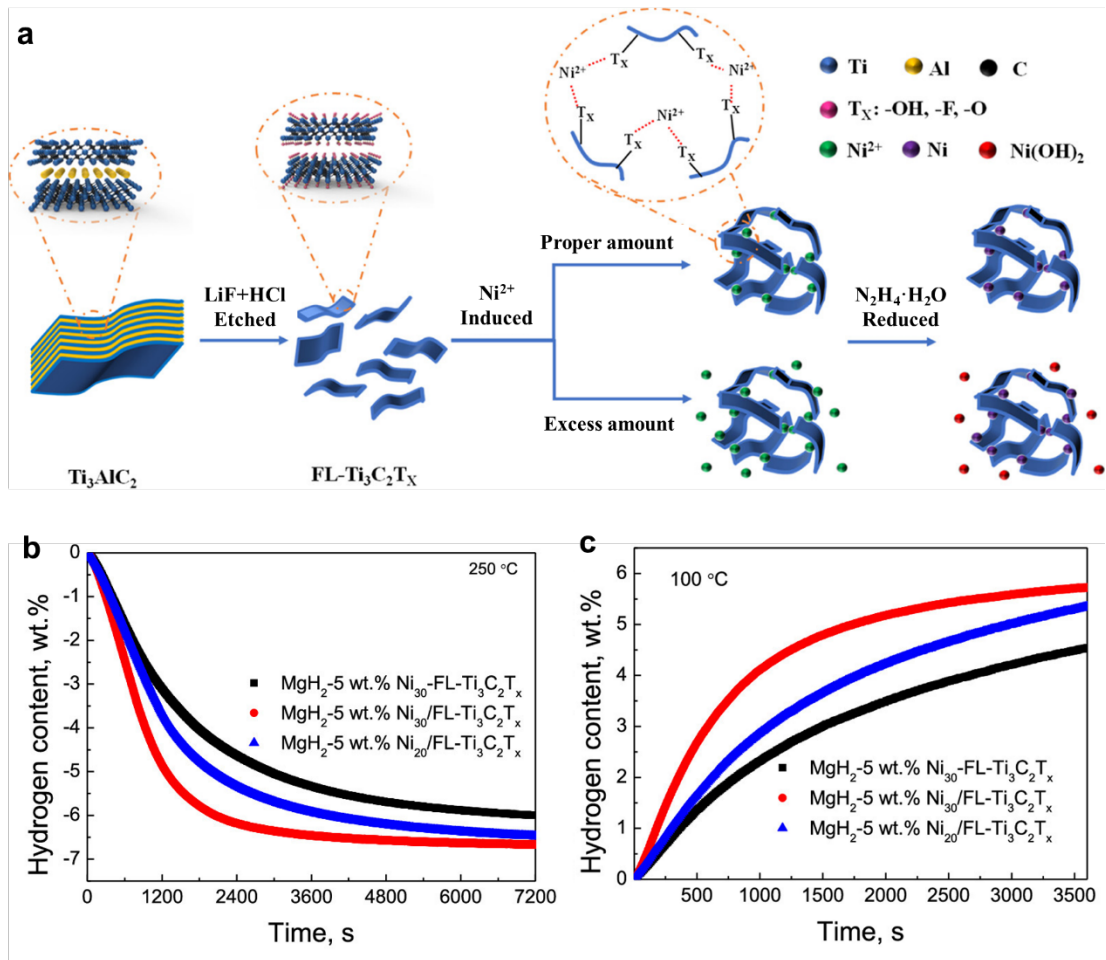


Fig. 6. (a) Schematic diagram for the preparation of Ni/FL-Ti₃C₂T_x. (b) Dehydrogenation and (c) hydrogenation curves of the three different catalyst-doped MgH₂ [317].

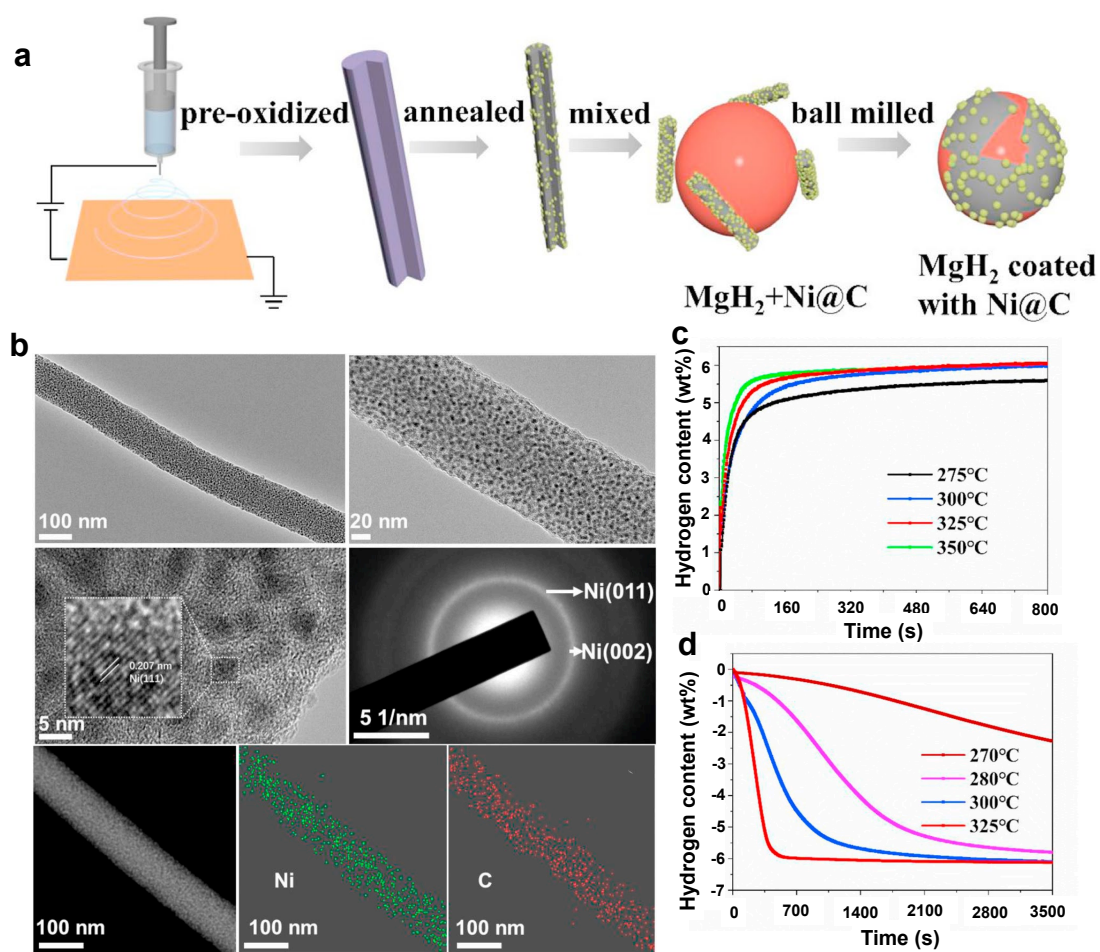


Fig. 7. (a) Schematic illustration for the formation of Ni@C and the synergistic catalytic effect on MgH₂. (b) Microstructures of the as-prepared Ni@C. (c) Hydrogen absorption and (d) desorption curves of MgH₂-10 wt %Ni@C at different temperatures [360].

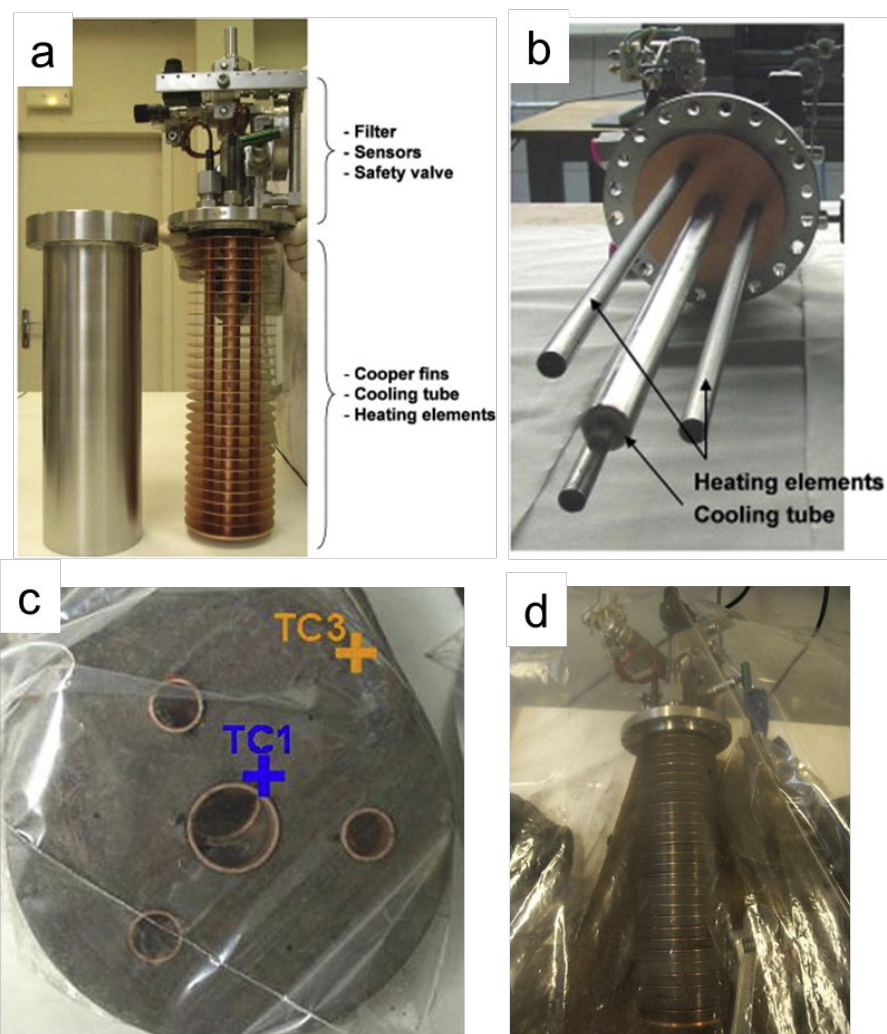


Fig. 8. Photos of a reactor with about 2 L of internal volume. (a) External stainless-steel container and stack of cooper fins connected to the vessel top. (b) Electrical heating elements and central cooling tube. (c) Photo of a drilled BM MgH_2 disk with the cooper rings. (d) Stack of 27 disks of $\text{MgH}_2 + 5\% \text{ ENG}$ and copper fins [396].

Table 1. Hydrogen storage properties of MgH₂ modified with metal and alloy catalysts.

Catalyst	Non-isothermal Deh		Isothermal Deh		Isothermal Reh		Capacity (wt%)/ Cycle	Real catalytic active species	Deh E _a (kJ/mol)	Deh ΔH (kJ/mol H ₂)	Ref.
	T _{Onset} / T _{Peak} (°C)	Capacity (wt%)	T(°C)/ t(min)	Capacity (wt%)	T(°C)/ t(min)	Capacity (wt%)					
Mn+Zr	-	-	-/-	-	190/10	~7	-	Mn+Zr			30
Ni									82		105
V	-	-	250/1000s	-	250/1000s	5.5		VH	62.3	-	108
Ti	-	-	250/1000-	-	250/1000s	5		TiH ₂	71.1	-	108
Ni/TiO ₂	-/232	-	265/7	6.5	100/10	5	-/-	Multivalent Ti/ Mg ₂ Ni	43.7 ± 1.5		115
nano-ZrMn ₂	181.9/250.8	6.7	300/5	6.7	100/3	4.3		ZrMn ₂	82.2		116
Ni	180/245.3	-	300/3	6.7	125/20	4.6	5.6/20	Mg ₂ Ni	83.9 ± 9.1	67.61	117
LiCo ₂	180/-	6.8	250/60	5.5	200/10	6.0	6.1/20	Mg ₂ Co/ Mg ₂ CoH ₅		83.4	121
Mg@Pt	287.5/373.8	6	350/20	6.5	225/2h	6	-	Pt/Mg ₃ Pt	152.8		122
Ni	-	-	300/15	7.7	300/15	7.7		Mg ₂ Ni	-	-	129
Ni	130/203	6.8	350/-	6.8	350/2	5.0	5.0/4	Mg ₂ Ni	72	75	130
Ni			250/5	6.0	225/5	5.75		Mg ₂ Ni	51.2		131
Ti			250/5	4.9	225/5	4.1		TiH ₂	30.9		131
NiGS ₄	225/-	6.74	270/1800s	5.78-	250/60s	6.2	6.2/10		93.2	76.5	133
Ni NF	143/244		300/30	6.16	-	--	-	Mg ₂ Ni	81.5		135
Ni@Pt	210/272	6.2	300/5	5.4	102/1000s	5.7	-		89.9	69.4	136
Ni	288/	-	200/11	6.1	150/5.1	6.1	6.1/600	Mg ₂ Ni	74		138
Ti NP	190	5.2	350/70	5.2					104		141
Ti	-/326.9	6.8	-/-	-	75/499s	6.6	-	Ti/γ-TiH ₂	50.2	75.8 ± 4.7	142
Nb	-	-	300/60	4	200/10	4	-		86.4	71	145
V	-	-	300/15	4	200/30	3.8	-	V	119.4	74.4	146
Fe NS	182.1/222.6	~6.8	300/12.8	6	200/10	6	5/50	Fe _{NS}	40.7 ± 1.0		147
Mg-Er	402.5/430	7.37	-/-	-	300/5	6	-	Er	78.7	69.9	148

ZrMn ₂	181.9/250.8	6.7	300/5	6.7	100/10	5.3	-	ZrMn ₂	82.2 ± 2.7		149
nano-FeCo	200/250.9	~7.0	300/9.5	6	300/1	6.7	6.4/10	Fe/Mg ₂ Co	65.3 ± 4.7		151
YNi ₅	-/287.3		300/10	5.92				YH ₃ /Mg ₂ NiH ₄ /			152
								Mg ₂ NiH _{0.3}			
Zr ₇₀ Ni ₂₀ Pd ₁₀	418/437		200/3.8	6	100/1.18	6	6.15/100		92		153
Ti _{0.16} Cr _{0.24} V _{0.6}	224/285	6.05	270/20	5.67	270/10	5.93	5.4/30		76.32	54.16	154
NiMn _{9.3} Al _{4.0} Co	180/267.	2	-/-	-	-/-	-	-		131.34		155
14.1Fe _{3.6}											
NdNi ₅	-/284.2		300/10	6.07							156
TiV _{1.1} Mn _{0.9}	362.3/368.3		300/7	6.2	300/2	6.2		BCC-			157
								TiV _{1.1} Mn _{0.9}			
			270/20	4.53	200/10	5.33					
Ti-Cr-V			285/20	5.28	270/30	6.04			86.46	70.6	160
			300/20	6.3	300/10	5.97					
Nanoscale Ni					300/5	5.3					161
Microscale Ni					300/55	5.3					161
Ti			350/5	3.1	300/7	2.7					162

Table 2. Hydrogen storage properties of MgH₂ modified with oxide catalysts.

Catalyst	Non-isothermal dehydrogenation		Isothermal dehydrogenation		Isothermal hydrogenation		Available capacity (wt%)/ Cycle	real catalytic active species	Deh E _a (kJ/mol)	Deh ΔH (kJ/mol H ₂)	Ref.
	T _{Onset} / T _{peak} (°C)	Capacity (wt%)	T(°C)/ t(min)	Capacity (wt%)	T(°C)/ t(min)	Capacity (wt%)					
N-Nb ₂ O ₅	170/	6.6	250/3 250/10	5 5.5	70/360 100/60	6.0 6.3	6.08/50	NbN _{0.9} O _{0.1}	98±3	76±1	87
NiMoO ₄	243.3/-	6.51	300/10	6.0	150/10	5.5	5.6/10	Mg ₂ Ni/Mo O/Mg ₂ NiH ₄	85.88 ±0.36		119
CoMoO ₄	277.6/-	6.49	300/60	3.3	150/10	4.9			108.08 ±2.57		119
Cr ₂ O ₃	-/	-	300/60	4.44	300/60	5.87	~4.3/5				164
Al ₂ O ₃	-/-				300/10	4.09		Al ₂ O ₃			
Cr ₂ O ₃	-/-	4.49	-/-	-	300/10	4.02	-	Cr ₂ O ₃			166
V ₂ O ₅	-/-		-/-	-	300/10	3.1	-	V/V ₂ O ₃			
V ₂ O ₅	175/248		300/10	6.4	30/1	6.7	6.0/20	V ⁰ /V ⁺³	56	75.5	167
TiO ₂			350/2	4.7	340/10	4					170
TiO ₂ quantum dots	260/-	~6.1	300/4.5	6	280/77s 100/30	~6.1 5	~5.89/80	multivalent Ti ^{0/2+/3+/4+}		78.56	172
1D nano-TiO ₂	250/380		350/5	6	350/10	5.5					174
TiO ₂	180.5/220. 4	-	260/3.2	6	100/10s	5.4	-		67.6		175
TiO ₂ nanosheets	220/315	6.89	275/60 300/700s	6 6.4	100/500s 200/44s	2.7 5.3	6.4/10	TiO ₂ {001} facet	76.1±1.6		176
Vacancy-rich 2D TiO ₂ nanosheet	200/220.2	4	300/10	2.43	200/12	2.65	2.67/100		106.7		177
fl-TiO ₂ @C	180.3/233. 0	~6.5	200/100 225/60 250/8	3 4.9 6	50/40 100/40 150/40	3.0 5 6.3		multi-valent Ti	67.1		178

TiO ₂ (B)	200/227.6	6.29	210/70	4	50/80	5.32			TiO ₂ (B)	75.3±1		179
			250/10	6.16	60/80	5.5		5.9/10				
			200/15	1.5								
TiO ₂ /TiCl ₃	175/	6.7	225/15	3					multivalent	75.1	75.2	181
			250/15	5					Ti ^{2+/3+/4+}			
			275/15	6.05								
Nb ₂ O ₅	-/-	7	250/500s	6	300/1	7		-				182
			300/7	6.5	140/10	6.6						
Nb ₂ O ₅	-/310	6.1	350/-	6.1	350/-	6.1		6.0/230	Nb ₂ O ₅			188
Mono-	247/283					1.7						
Amor-	242/273					2.2						
Pyro-	Nb ₂ O ₅ 242/253				45/30	3.7						189
Layered-	237/259					3.0						
Ortho-	232/262					2.7						
N-Nb ₂ O ₅ @C	170/206	6.2	175/840	5.5	25/48h	6		6.08/50	Ternary	81±2	74.8	190
			225/60	6.2	100/60	6.2			NbN _{0.9} O _{0.1}			
Nano-ZrO ₂			300/1000s	6.24	150/100s	6.73				13.05		192
nano-ZrO ₂	163/235	6.7	185/10	1.5	100/12s	4		~5.9/10	multivalent	86.4		193
			230/20	5.9	200/6s	5.9			Zr			
Mg _x Nb _{1-x} O	250/	6.5	265/100s	6.0	265/2	6			Mg _x Nb _{1-x} O			202
FeTiO ₃	200/316	5.8	-/-	-	250/7	5		-	Fe/TiFe(H _x)			214
MgNiO ₂	285/	6.2	280/60	2.6	200/10	6.1		10/5.1		108		215
			320/60	5.6								
TiNb ₂ O ₇	178/235	7.0	250/10	5.7	150/15	6.2		6.72/30	TiO/NbO ₂ /			218
									2D-TiNb ₂ O ₇			
									Ti ^{2+/3+/4+}			
NiTiO ₃	235/261.5	6.9							Mg ₂ Ni,	74±4		221
									Mg ₂ NiH ₄			
			250/60	2.81	125/60	3.89						
CoMoO ₄	250/377.5	6.4	275/40	6.4	150/60	4.94		10/5.66		43.26		222
			300/10	6.21	175/60	5.33				±1.06		

TiVO _{3.5}	197/230	6.8	200/10	5.0	100/5s	3.9	6.3/50	Metallic	62.4	223
			300/30	6.8	200/200s	6.5		Ti/V		
NiV ₂ O ₆	227/	5.75	250/75	4.5	75/50	2.2	50/5.17	Mg ₂ Ni	92.9±3.3	223
			300/75	5.2	150/50	5.59		V ₂ O ₅		

Table 3. Hydrogen storage properties of MgH₂ modified with halide catalysts.

Catalysts	Non-isothermal dehydrogenation		Isothermal dehydrogenation		Isothermal hydrogenation		Available capacity (wt%)/ Cycle	Real catalytic active species	Activation energy/ (kJ/mol)	Enthalpy change/ (kJ/mol H ₂)	Ref.
	T _{Onset} /	Capacity	T(°C)/	Capacity	T(°C)	Capacity					
	T _{Peak} (°C)	(wt%)	t(min)	(wt%)	/t(min)	(wt%)					
ZrF ₄	212/270	-	-/-	-	-/-	-	-	-	77	-	228
NbF ₅	213/262	-	-/-	-	-/-	-	-	-	83	-	
TaF ₅	223/270	-	-/-	-	-/-	-	-	-	97	-	
TiCl ₃	225/274	-	-/-	-	-/-	-	-	-	75	-	
VCl ₃	237/278	-	-/-	-	-/-	-	-	-	97	-	
ZrF ₄	-/-	-	325/2	6	325/2	6.3	-	-	-	76.4	230
NbF ₅	-/-	-	325/3	6	325/2	6.3	-	-	-	79.7	
TaF ₅	-/-	-	325/7	5.9	325/3	6.3	-	-	-	79.5	
TiCl ₃	-/-	-	325/6	6	325/2	6.2	-	-	-	79.1	
TiF ₄	150/~220	~6.7	-/	-	-/-	-	-	TiH ₂ /MgF ₂	70	-	233
NiF ₂		5.22			350/2 h	5.22	-	Mg ₂ Ni/ MgF ₂ /F ⁻	88.61	-	234
VF ₃		7.25			350/2 h	7.25	-	V/MgF ₂	95.56	-	
LaF ₃		6.6			350/2 h	6.6		La/MgF ₂	91.04		
CeF ₃		6.02			350/2 h	6.02		Ce/MgF ₂	95.51		
CsF	-/-	-	300/40	5.12	300/15	5.26	4.94/25	MgF ₂ /CsH	98.1	63.1	236
ZrCl ₄	-/257	~6	-/-	-	-/-	-	-	Zr ⁰ /Zr ⁴⁺	92	-	238
VCl ₃	250/275	~6	-/-	-	-/-	-	-	-	122	-	239
HfCl ₄	270/-	6.5	300/5	4.5	300/5	5.5	-	MgCl ₂ /Hf	-	77.5	240
PdCl ₂	-/-	-	350/14	4.47	300/-	6.14	9/5	-	180	57.378	241
			300/~10	4.75	-/-	-					
K ₂ TiF ₆	245/-	6.5	320/~10	5.37	-/-	-	-	KH/TiH ₂ / MgF ₂ /Ti	132	-	242
			350/~10	6.36	350/10	5.71					
K ₂ NiF ₆	260/-	6.1	280/60	1.4	-/-	-	-	KF/KH/	111	70.4	243

			300/~60	4.0	-/-	-	-	Mg ₂ Ni			
			320/~60	5.5	320/2	3.7	5.1/10				
			340/~60	5.8	-/-	-	-				
K ₂ ZrF ₆	250/-	6.6	300/60	4.1	-/-	-	3.9/10	KH/ZrH ₂	80	-	244
K ₂ NbF ₇	255/-	6.5	320/4.6	5.7	320/5.6	5.2	5.4/5	MgF ₂ /KH/Nb	96.2	-	245
K ₂ SiF ₆	282/-	~6.75	250/2	4.5	320/30	5.1	-	KH/MgF ₂ / Mg ₂ Si	114	-	246
Na ₃ AlF ₆	-/-	-	300/60	5.0	-/-	-	-	NaMgF ₃ / AlF ₃ /NaF	129	-	247
NbCl ₅	-	-	300/50	5.2			-		-	-	249
CaF ₂	-	-	300/50	5.8			-		-	-	

Table 4. Hydrogen storage properties of MgH₂ modified with Mxene and sulfide catalysts.

Catalyst	Non-isothermal Deh		Isothermal Deh		Isothermal Reh		Capacity (wt%)/ Cycle	Real catalytic active species	Deh E _a (kJ/mol)	Deh ΔH (kJ/mol H ₂)	Ref.
	T _{Onset} / T _{Peak} (°C)	Capacity (wt%)	T(°C)/ t(min)	Capacit y (wt%)	T(°C)/ t(min)	Capacity (wt%)					
Ti ₃ C ₂	185/-	7.2	250/10	5	50/2.5	3	6.4/10	Ti	98.9	-	253
(Ti _{0.5} V _{0.5}) ₃ C ₂	210/232.6	7.5	300/7	6	120/5s	4.8	6.5/10	Ti/V	77.3	-	254
ML-Ti ₃ C ₂	142/315.2	6.56	240/10	6.45	100/1	4.86	-	Multivalent Ti	99.11	-	255
Ti ₂ C	423/-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ti ²⁺ /Ti	157.9	59.5	256
NbTiC	195/230	6.8	250/30	5.8	50/15	4	6.5/10	NbTi nanocrystals	80 ± 3	-	258
Nb ₄ C ₃ T _x	250/230.6	~6.3-	250/385s	5.45	100/2000s	4.22	-	Nb/NbH _x	81.2	-	259
V ₂ C	190/314	~7	300/10	6.4	-	-	6.4/10	V ₂ C	126.3 ± 0.4	73.6 ± 0.2	260
MoS ₂	367.19/-	-	300/10	0.57	150/13	2.709	-/-	MgS/Mo	87.19±4.4 8	-	261
WS ₂	342/-	4.5	350/21	4.24	150/21	2.818	-/-	MgS/W	-	-	262
Fe ₃ S ₄	287/-	-	350/21	4.01	150/20	3.41	-/-	MgS/Fe	-	-	263
FeS ₂	296/289.99	1.24	300/23.3	1.24	150/23.3	3.71	-/-	MgS/Fe	68.94	-	264
NiS	-	-	350/10	5.0	150/10	3.5	5/5.0	MMgS/Mg ₂ Ni/ Mg ₂ NiH ₄	64.71	75.34	265
					200/5	4.0					
					400/5	5.4					
NiS ₂	210/-	6.4	300/10	4.7	100/60	5.1	6.4/20	MgS/ Mg ₂ NiH ₄	62.6	-	266
TiS ₂	204/-	6.1	300/10	5.9	150/10	5.3	-/-	TiH ₂ /MgS	50.8±5.5	-	
NbS ₂	213/-	6.1	360/20	5.6	150/10	5.3	-/-	NbH/MgS	54.2±2.9	-	
NiS ₂	225/-	6.1	360/20	5.5	150/10	5.5	-/-	-	66.1±5.4	-	267
MoS ₂	248/-	6	360/20	5.4	150/10	2.5	-/-	Mo/MgS	89.9±3.3	-	
MnS	263/-	6	360/20	5.4	150/10	1.3	-/-	Mn/MgS	93.7±7.3	-	
CoS ₂	272/-	6	360/20	5.4	150/10	0.7	-/-	Mg ₂ CoH ₅ /	106.6±4.0	-	

								MgS			
CuS	287/-	6	360/20	5.4	150/10	0.2	-/-	MgCu ₂ /MgS	123.7±8.6	-	
CoS-NBs	/302.7	2.5	300/16.7	1.67	175/120	1.26	-/-	-	120.8±3.2	68.1±1.4	268
MoS ₂	259/-	-	280/20	4.0	200/5	4.5	-/-	Mo	-	76.82±4.2	269
FeCoS@C	277/371	6.8	300/50	4.6	200/15	4.56	-/-	MgS/C	91.9	-	270
					300/1	6.78					

Table 5. Hydrogen storage properties of MgH₂ modified with hydrides and other catalysts.

Catalyst	Non-isothermal Deh		Isothermal Deh		Isothermal Reh		Capacity (wt%)/ Cycle	Real catalytic active species	Deh E _a (kJ/mol)	Deh ΔH (kJ/mol H ₂)	Ref.
	T _{Onset} / T _{Peak} (°C)	Capacity (wt%)	T(°C)/ t(min)	Capacity (wt%)	T(°C)/ t(min)	Capacity (wt%)					
TiH ₂	280/335	6	316/100	6	315/200	6	-/-	Ti/TiH ₂	89.4	-	140
TiH ₂	180/-	6.20	240/20	4	240/1	5	6.2/80	TiH ₂	58.4	68	271
TiH ₂	160/250	5.1	-/-	-	300/4	4.6	-/-	Ti/TiH ₂	77.58	-	273
TiH ₂	230/-	5.5	250/7	5.5	175/6	5.5		TiH ₂	72	75.8±0.7-	275
TiH ₂	-/-	-	150/1000	1.75-2	150/1000	3.5		-	-	68.1±0.9	277
TiH ₂ @Gr	~204/-	~6.77	300/15	5.48	300/1.3	5.59	5.65/5 5.65/25	TiH ₂ @Gr	88.89±3.8 6	74.54	279
VH	-/-	-/-	300/15	6.1	300/15	5.2	3.5/20		-	-	280
TiH ₂			300/15	4.5	300/15	4.1	4.8/20				280
ScH ₂	288/390	5.8	-/-	-	-/-	-	-	TiH ₂	62±5	76±1	281
ScH ₂	250/310	4.3	290/5	3.0	290/5	3.2	4.3/55	ScH ₂	82±1	77±0.7	282
Nd ₄ Mg ₈₀ Ni ₈	-/-	-	-/-	-	-/-	-	4.77/38	NdH ₂ /Mg ₂ Ni	-	-	283
ZrH ₂	203/237.7	6.42	265/10	6.49	65/60	5.74	-/-	ZrH ₂	94.70±5	72	284
Zr	235/-	6	300/60	3	300/1	4.9	-/-	ZrH ₂	53±6	-	285
			350/30	5.7	200/1	4.0					
VH _x	182/230	6.8	230/10	6.3	150/1	5.8	-	V/VH _x	89.0	74	286
			210/30	5.6	50/30	4.9					
Nano-TiN	218/-	6									287
TiN-graphene	167/313	6.01	300/18	6	275/60	5.8			120		287
TiC	199/-	6	300/1700s	6.6			5/6	TiC			288
TiC	190/275	6			300/50	5			104		289
Ni ₃ C	180/310.7	6.5	275/20	3.3							
			300/20	6.2					97.8		290
			325/20	6.3							

			300/50	5.5	100/30	5					
Ni ₃ C	216/-	6	300/30	5.7	200/10	5.5			72.8	73.3	291
			360/10	5.7	300/3	5.8					
					360/3	6					
Nano-Ta ₂ C	257/-	6	350/15	6.0	300/5	5.8					292
			300/60	3.9	200/60	5.4					
TiC	245/328	6.7	300/2000s	6.3	300/3000s	6.01	10/5.81	Ti/TiH ₂	144.62		294
TiB ₂	350/400	3.5									295
			300/10	6.5							
TiB ₂ /GNS	210/319	6.5	270/40	6.3					90.8		296
			240/5h	6							
NiB	180/	6.1	300/10	6					59.7	76.3±3	297
Nano-CoB/CNTs	225/271	6.5	300/60	6.5	200/20s	5.67		Co ₃ MgC/CoB/ CNTs	89.1		298
FeB	235/289	6.5	300/30	4	150/10	3.3		Fe	100.6		299
FeB-CNTs	196/274	6.5	300/30	5.9	150/10	6.2	20/6.02	Fe	89.7		
CoFeB-CNTs	177/289.2	6.5	300/30	6.5	150/10	6.2	20/6.4	Fe/CoFe/B/ Co ₃ MgC	83.2±1.3		300
								MgNi ₃ B ₂ / LaBNI			301
LaNiB	200/-	6.6	300/20	6	250/20	6.6					
					300/5	6					
Co-MOF	362.7				300/3 h	3.5		Mg ₂ Co	73.9±2	78.2±3.4	305
Fe-MOF	341.6				300/3 h	3.5		Fe	66.8±3.3	77.8±3.4	
			325/3h	3.4	325/3 h	5.09		Mg ₂ Ni/			
Ni-MOF	224/272	3.4	300/3h	3	375/3 h	5.17	10/3.4	Mg ₂ NiH ₄	126.7	78.7	306

Table 6. Hydrogen storage properties of MgH₂ modified with composite catalysts.

Catalyst	Non-isothermal Deh		Isothermal Deh		Isothermal Reh		Capacity (wt%)/ Cycle	Real catalytic active species	Deh E _a (kJ/mol)	Deh ΔH (kJ/mol H ₂)	Ref.
	T _{Onset} / T _{Peak} (°C)	Capacity (wt%)	T(°C)/ t(min)	Capacity (wt%)	T(°C)/ t(min)	Capacity (wt%)					
Ni/TiO ₂	175/231	6.5	265/7 220//100	6.5 4.5	100/10 150/120s	5 5.62	7/6.0	Multivalent-Ti/ Mg ₂ Ni/ Mg ₂ NiH ₄	91.6±8.5		115
Y ₂ O ₃ /NiO	220/270	6.2	275/15m/60m 250/225	6/6.6 6.3	200/120s 150/50 150/150	6.1 4.2 5.9	50/5.2				311
Ni/Ti ₃ C ₂		6.75	250/2400 300/2400	5.87 6.73	100/240 200/50s 100/1200s	3 5.6 4.59		Y ₂ O ₃ /NiO	86±5		319
2D-Ni@Ti ₃ C ₂	175/221		250/15 300/200s	5.2 5.0	200/50s 75/60 125/25s	5.6 4 5.4	10/5.1	Multivalent-Ti Mg ₂ Ni/ Mg ₂ NiH ₄	91.64 73±3.5		318
V ₂ C/Ti ₃ C ₂	180/309.3	6	225/60 300/2	5.1 5.8	40/20	5.2		V ₂ AlC	79.7±1.9	76.2±0.4	321
Ni ₃₀ /FL- Ti ₃ C ₂ T _x	180/262.8	6.2	250/1800s	5.83	100/1700s	5	10/5.6	Multivalent-Ti			317
NbN/Nb ₂ O ₅	178/-	7.21	350/1	4.81	30/5h 90/1.95	5 5	100/5.30	NbN/Nb ₂ O ₅	78.1±5.1		323
Ni@C/Ti ₃ C ₂ T _x	205/-	6.43	300/5	6.28			50/6.25	Ti-C/T ⁰	74.7		320
Ti ₃ C ₂ /TiO ₂	250/308	6.1	250/1700s	5	125/800s	4		Multivalent-Ti	77.69		315
Ni/Y ₂ O ₃	280/302.3	6.3	275/5000s 300/5000s	4 6.3				Mg ₂ Ni			309
YH ₂ /Y ₂ O ₃		4.5	300/1800s	4.5	320/5	3		Mg ₂₄ Y ₅ /YH ₂ /YH ₃			310
Mg(AlH ₄) ₂ - TiF ₄	200/228	6.6	275/10 225/10	6.3 2			8/5.9	Al ₃ Ti/MgF ₂ /Al	73.2		312
PrF ₃ -Al-Ni			300/1200s	4.5				Pr ₃ Al ₁₁ /	109.1		313

ZrO ₂ @Nb ₂ CT _x	6.5	275/2400 250/3600s 240/900s 300/150s	4.3 4 5.69 6.24	25/1800s 150/150s	2.98 5.5	30/4.42 30/5.1	MgF ₂ /PrH ₃ / Mg ₂ NiH ₄ Zr ⁰ /ZrH _x /Zr ⁴⁺ Nb ⁴⁺ /Nb ²⁺ / NbC/Nb ⁰	60.0	68.64±0.6 7	316
Fe/Mg ₂ Ni	260/-	2.6		25/3h	1.36	15/2.6	Mg ₂ Ni	103.6		324
Nb ₂ O ₅ @MOF	181.9/-	6.2	250/6.3	6.2	150	4.9		75.57±4.16	79.07±4.1 9	326
			275/2.6	6.2	175	6.5				
Ni/ZrO ₂	255.1/365. 5	6.4	310/30	6.83	310/30	6.10		63.4	74.7	327
TiF ₃ /Cd	150/-	2.75	200/60	0.5	240/5	2.24	Cd/Mg ₃ Cd	107		328
			240/30	1.07						

Table 7. Hydrogen storage properties of MgH₂ modified with carbon catalysts.

Catalyst	Non-isothermal Deh		Isothermal Deh		Isothermal Reh		Capacity (wt%)/ Cycle	E _a (kJ/mol)	Ref.
	T _{Onset} / T _{Peak} (°C)	Capacity (wt%)	T(°C)/ t(min)	Capacity (wt%)	T(°C)/ t(min)	Capacity (wt%)			
graphene	330/375	5	375/400s	5					330
CNT	350/395	6.2	350/25	6.2	300/3	6.2			331
graphene	350/395	6.6	350/20	6.2	300/2	6.2			331
graphite	-/358								332
SWNTs/C ₆₀					300/2	6.7			
			350/10	5.9	200/120	6			333
					150/150	5.2			
SWNT			300/30	6.1	300/2	5.7			
	-/337	6.2	280/30	3.2	200/20	6.1		96	334
					150/20	6.0			
MWCNT	-/364		300/90	7					335
MWCNT	350/-	6.9			300/60	5.3			336
Graphite flakes	280/335	6.1	300/20	6.1	200/60	6.1	10/6.1		337
graphite			300/20	6	200/100	6			339
activated carbon	315/364	7.4						73.7	
graphite	280/341	7.28					10/6.9	61.6	340
HGNF	265/-	6.5			310/12	5.6			
graphene	310/-	6			310/12	4.8			341
rGO	-/-	-	320/300	5	-	-	-	-	342
			350/60	5					
Active carbon	-/350	6.7	300/120	6.5	200/120	6.5			
			330/30	6.5	300/7	6.7		76	343
GNS	307/334	6.6	300/60	6.2	150/180	6			
			300/120	6.5	200/40	6.3		76.2	345

					300/1	6.6			
Anthracite coal	250/344		350/10	4.6				76	347
Fluorographene nanosheets	-/336.6	6.5	300/60	5.9	300/5	6.0	10/6.5	156.2	350
Amorphous carbon	284/362	6.85	300/60	2.18	200/1	4.93	10/6.82	87.1	356
			400/60	5.75	300/30s	6.17			

Table 8. Hydrogen storage properties of MgH₂ modified with carbon-based composite catalysts

Catalysts	Non-isothermal Deh		Isothermal Deh		Isothermal Reh		Available capacity (wt%)/ Cycle	Real catalytic active species	Deh E _a (kJ/mol)	Deh ΔH (kJ/mol H ₂)	Ref.
	T _{Onset} /T _{Peak} (°C)	Capacity (wt%)	T(°C)/t(min)	Capacity (wt%)	T(°C)/t(min)	Capacity (wt%)					
Ni@C-Mxene	230/241.1	6.5	300/2	5.5	150.2	5	10/6	Ti ^{0/2+} /Ni/Mg ₂ Ni/	54.79±4.34	74.08±3.67	118
Ni/BC-3	/263.3	6.5	300/3.5	6.04	150/60	5.28	20/6.32	Mg ₂ Ni/	72.41±2.37		120
Ni/Ti ₃ C ₂	190/-	6.73	250/2400s	5.87	100/1200s	4.59	10/6.4	Ti ⁰ /Ti ²⁺ /Ti ³⁺ /Ti ⁴⁺	91.64		319
Ni/Al ₂ O ₃ /C		6.5	300/2400s	6.73	50/5.5 h	4.51					357
Ni/G	-/470.2		200/6 h	5.8	23/70 h	6.3-6.5			74		358
Ni@C	187/275	6.5	300/500s	6	275/800s	6.5	10/5.5	Ni/Mg ₂ Ni	66.5±1.8		359
			275/1200s	5.8	300/70s	6.22					
			280/3500s	5.79	300/80s	4.78					
Ni@C	230/-	6.8	300/3500s	6.12	350/80s	5.6	5.86/20	Ni	93.08		360
			325/700s	6.12	350/800s	6.12					
Ni@rGO	~180/259	6.5	300/15	6.1	100/10	3.7	8/6.5	Ni/Mg ₂ Ni	117.8±3.4	69.6±0.4	361
					100/20	5					
Ni/g-C ₃ N ₄	262/332	4.29	300	1.72	100/3500s	3.56		Mg ₂ NiH ₄ /	82.6		362
			350	5.04	150/3500s	5.25		Mg ₂ NiH _{0.3}			
Ni/CMK3	160/245	6.6	270/8000s	5.8	150/40	5.7	10/5.96	Ni/Mg ₂ Ni	43.4±2	74.7±0.5	363
			300/4000s	6.5	150/60	5.9					
			250/85	6.5	250/100s	6.5					
Co/CNTs	~250/323	6.5	257/1500	6.5	275/50	6.5	15/6.5	Mg ₂ CoH ₅	108±7		364
			300/700	6.5				Mg ₂ CoH ₁₁			
			250/60	3.72	250/120	4.5					
Co@C	201/292	6.06	270/60	5.48	300/10	5.96			115		365
			300/30	5.74	300/20	6.16					

			300/60	6.08							
			250/100	3.92	200/4	6.02					
Co@CNTs	268.7/303.3	6.89	280/50	6.26	250/2	6.15	10/6.26	Mg ₂ Co/ Mg ₂ CoH ₅	130.36		366
			300/16	6.48	300/1.5	6.89					
			325/10	6.89							
Pd/MWCNTs		6.75	200/30	0.24	200/400s	6.67		Mg-Pd alloy	78.6		367
			300/20	6.66	300/400s	6.75					
Pd-Ni/CMK-3	162/212	6.6	100/300	1.3	200/100	4.8		MgPd ₆ / Mg ₂ Ni	65.9±2.0	71.9±0.5	368
			300/8	6.6	70/350	4					
Ni/MWCNTs	201/-	5.68	250/30	4.31	100/100s	5.68		Mg ₂ NiH _{0.3} / Mg ₂ NiH ₄		78.43	369
Co/Pd@B-CNTs	202.3/256.2	6.68	225/50	3.78	50/100	1.91	10/6.35	Mg ₆ Pd/Mg ₂ Co/ Mg ₂ CoH ₅	97.94		378
			250/30	6.26	200/20s	6.49					
			275/10	6.34	250/10s	6.68					
			250/60	4.5	75/60	1.85					
TiFe/CNTs	210/-	6.6	275/30	6.1	100/60	3.6	10/6.6	TiFe/Fe	60.7±8.0	80.6±1.6	371
			300/10	6.6	125/60	4.5					
Fe-Ni@3DG	-/254.9	6.5	300/1000s	~5.2	300/100s	~7.1	7/6.5	Fe/Ni/Mg ₂ Ni	83.8	72.2	372
			300/20	2.78	100/20	4.2					
Fe _{0.64} Ni _{0.36} @C	250/343	5.18	310/20	4.35	150/20	5.18	5/5.13	Fe/Mg ₂ Ni/ Mg ₂ NiH ₄	86.9±4.6		373
			325/20	5.18							
NiCu/rGO	185/	~6.5	275/20	5.0	150/20	4.5	10/6.5				374
			300/20	5.8	200/100s	5					
Zr _{0.4} Ti _{0.6} Co/ CNTs	200/270.9	6.46	250/60	4.8	75/60	1.5	10/6.46	Zr _{0.4} Ti _{0.6} Co/ Zr _{0.4} Ti _{0.6} Co ₂	77±4.8		375
			275/35	6.46	100/60	3.1					
			300/10	6.1	125/60	4.1					
YH ₂ /Co@C	177/270.54	6.4	300/1700s	6.0	250/150s	6.4		YH ₂ /YH ₃	72.89		377
VTi-CNTs			300/10	6	150/30s/5m 200/30s/5m	4.2/5.1 5.2/5.8			75.6		376

Nb ₂ O ₅ /SWCNT	150/-	6.17	300/600s	5.14	300/600s	5.81			102.69	56.28	380
Nb ₂ O ₅ /MWCNT	225/-	5.29	300/600s	4.88	300/600s	4.01			141.46	98.23	
ZrO ₂ /C	208/226	6.57	265/10	6.48	100/10m/120m	4.01/5.09	10/6.3	Zr/ZrH _x	100.7		381
			235/70	5.38	200/10	6.23					
ZrO ₂ /SWCNT			300/1000s	6.24	150/100s	6.73					382
			240/1000s	3.73	25/100s/700s	1.06/4					
TiO ₂ @rGO	240/-	6	300/6	6.0	200/2	5.9	20/6	Ti ²⁺ /Ti ⁴⁺	86.7±8.0	73.4±0.9	383
Fe ₃ O ₄ @G	262/-	6.5			290/2.5	6.2	6.12/25	Fe/MgFeO	90.53	60.62	384
			275/15	5	50/160	3.21					
MnO@C	195/-	6.28	300/6	5	100/9	4	50/6	Mn ²⁺	94.6	78.5	386
			325/3	5	150/10	5.8					
NiO/C	195/-	6.5	300/10	6.21	125/60	5.13	6.4/20	Mg ₂ Ni/ Mg ₂ NiH ₄	84.64±2.59		388