Name of the organization

ENEA (Italian National Agency for New Technologies, Energy and Sustainable Economic Development)

Name of the infrastructure / laboratory

CR Casaccia /Nanoparticled, nanostructured and high surface materials laboratory (NANO Lab)

Address and country of the infrastructure / laboratory

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Main field of activity of the infrastructure / laboratory

Hydrogen storage

Short description of the infrastructure / laboratory

The technology of High Energy Ball Milling (HEBM) devoted to synthesize and processing new materials, consists in treating solid state powder reagents so that repeated energy transfer events from the milling media (generally balls) to the milled powder occur. Mechanical energy release induces several physico-chemical transformations on the milled substrate: powder compounding (metal-ceramic composite mixtures can be obtained), Mechanical Alloying of metallic mixtures and even chemical synthesis of products starting from reagents can be obtained (Mechanosynthesis). Remarkable in this field is the possibility to synthesize systems of complex oxides. Due to the non equilibrium conditions of the powder treatment, materials produced by these processing technology (nanostructured and nanoparticled) exibit peculiar characteristics none otherwise obtainable. HEBM is an enabling technology whose characteristics can lead to a sensible improvement in the whole hydrogen cycle system.

Main research area(s) of the infrastructure / laboratory

The following techniques are ruotinerely use as processing characterization tools: high temperature reactive atmosphere powder X-ray diffraction, SEM, thermal analysis (TG, DTA, DSC), light scattering (1nm-6um particle diameter range), surface area analyser (BET), thermal programmed desorbtion/reaction (TPD/TPR). The following technical items can be investigted in the field of: Thermochemical Hydrogen Production, Hydrogen storage, Hydrogen purification from Steam Reforming and/or other gases (CH4, CO,....) storage and purification, PEMFC, MCFC, SOFC

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