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nanostructurés pour le stockage et la conversion de l'hydrogène»

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Abstract :

Hydrogen storage in a simple and efficient manner with an acceptable volume and weight for on-board applications remains a major challenge. Several scientific and technological barriers hinder the development of a viable solution. One of the promising approaches consists of developing new porous materials based on metals or alloys. These materials could exploit hydrogen adsorption and

absorption mechanisms to achieve higher storage capacities. Our major objective in this study is to synthesize and characterize new nanostructured intermetallic compounds based on Mg, Zn, and Co by a sonochemical route by varying the molar fractions of Mg and Co in order to evaluate their impact on the materials obtained. Physicochemical characterization was carried out to evaluate the structural, optical, and thermal properties of these samples. X-ray diffraction (XRD) confirmed the presence of different crystalline phases, such as MgO, ZnO, Co₃O₄, and the Mg-Zn binary phase. Raman spectroscopy and Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR) identified the vibrational modes and provided information about the functional groups and chemical bands present in the samples. The scanning electron microscope (SEM) revealed the octahedral morphology of the prepared materials with different average sizes. Photoluminescence (PL) spectroscopy analysis revealed green, blue, and ultraviolet emissions, with green emission being the most frequent. Finally, heat capacity and thermal diffusivity measurements were used to study the thermal properties of the samples. The second objective of this thesis was to evaluate the efficiency of hydrogen storage in the prepared materials. The obtained results reveal that the studied sample has a reasonable hydrogen storage efficiency, especially the prepared material containing a high mole fraction of cobalt (samples 3), with a storage capacity of 1.5 wt. %. The study results confirm that these materials can be used as potential candidates for solid hydrogen storage.