



“ MATERIALI E INNOVAZIONE: UNA NUOVA SFIDA

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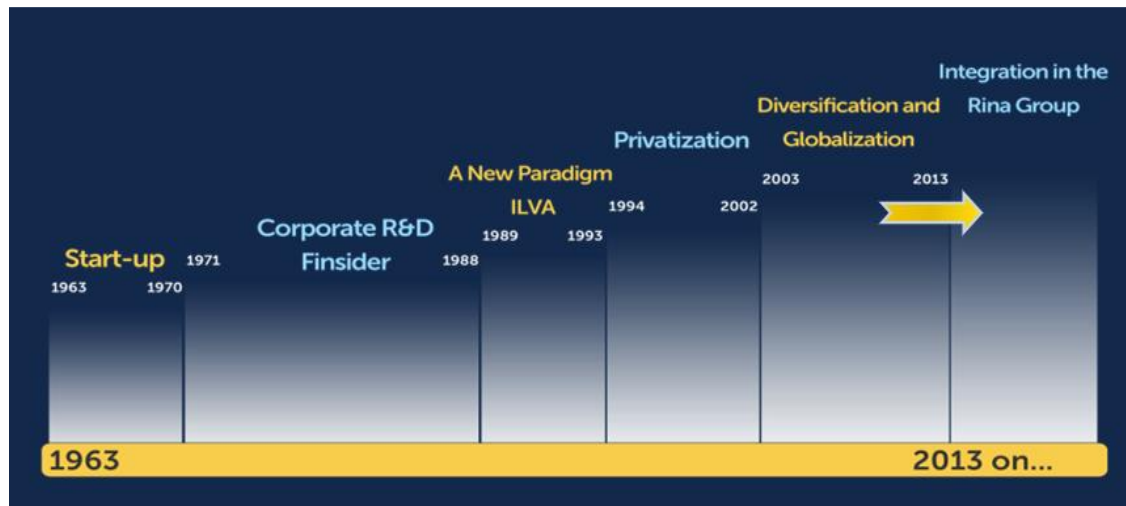
RINA - Centro Sviluppo Materiali



RINA-CSM was founded in 1963 by Italy's major steel manufacturers and end-users with the mission of developing steel technologies and applications.

It is a fully private innovation centre with extensive experiences for the development and application of innovative processes and materials. Since 2014 RINA - CSM is 100% part of RINA.

The industrial sectors of main interest to the RINA-CSM are Energy and Environment, Iron and steel, Oil and gas, Aerospace, Defense, Mechanics and transport.



RINA - CSM at a glance



- More than 200 people full time devoted to R&D; 75% degree
- 22-25 MEuro annual turnover, 80 % coming from industrial projects
- More than 25 labs and pilot plants
- 10% of revenues are re-invested in internal R&D projects and equipment



- Headquarters in **Rome**
- Terni Unit **inside Acciai Speciali Terni**: Stainless Steel and Electrical Steel
- Dalmine Unit, **inside TENARIS**: Seamless pipe and Combustion testing
- Lamezia Terme unit: **Renewables**
- Napoli Unit: **Smart Factory Solutions**
- Perdasdefogu site: **Full scale tests** (burst tests, bending.....)

RINA today



4,000
colleagues



200
offices



70
countries



Our people



More than **90 nationalities**

70%+
educated to
degree level

43
average age

MATERIALS AND INNOVATION: A NEW CHALLENGE



MATERIALS FOR:

- Hydrogen (transport, storage and distribution: qualification, standardization and certification)
- Additive Manufacturing (mechanical and efficient applications)
- Low wettability coatings (photovoltaic panels)
- Decarbonization
- Safe By Design and Sustainable by Design Concepts

Hydrogen: Strengths and Use

- Carbon Free
- Energy Vector
- Versatility
- Storability



H₂ for Grid Balance

Solutions for
innovative utilities
and sector coupling

Power-to-X

Island H₂



H₂ for Transport

Solutions for **Mobility**

H₂ for Marine

H₂ for Rail & Truck

H₂ for Urban transport

H₂ for Material
Handling



**H₂ for
commercial use**

Fuel Cells for
business continuity
and heating

H₂ for Power Supply

H₂ per residential
and commercial
heating



**H₂ for
Industrial use**

Green transition in
Industrial
Processes

H₂ for Feedstock

H₂ for High
Temperature
processes

Challenges in Hydrogen Storage as gas or liquid

Gaseous H₂ Storage (VERY HIGH PRESSURE):

The volumetric density of storage could be increased by further **increasing the pressure of H₂** in tank. However, the thickness of the walls (and therefore the mass) of the tank is related to P that the same must endure and increases with this.

Liquid H₂ Storage (VERY LOW TEMPERATURE):

Liquid hydrogen storage systems show good volumetric storage efficiencies; however, special handling requirements, long-term storage losses from liquid boil-off, and **cryogenic liquefaction** energy requirements are penalties against their applicability.

As a gas

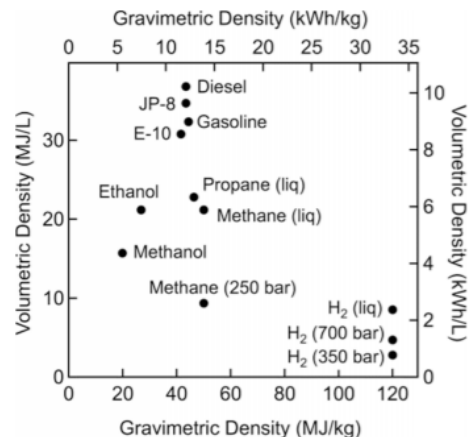
0.0852 kg/m³ at
atmospheric
pressure

As a
pressurised gas

42 kg/m³ of H₂
at 700 bars

In a liquid
form

70.5 kg/m³ at
-253°C at
atmospheric
pressure



Materials for Hydrogen storage

Which material for a high-performance hydrogen tank?

Material chosen for hydrogen tank must absolutely comply with these criteria:

- Damage, fatigue, ageing,
- Chemical compatibility,
- Resistance, stiffness, fragility,
- Thermal expansion, permeability

Possible materials for cryogenic applications

- Steels (too heavy)
- Titanium alloys (too expensive)
- Carbon fiber composite (non-recyclable, expensive but very light)
- Aluminium (resistant and less expensive but heavier than composite)

Strategies to increase H₂ density

H₂ has high gravimetric energy density and **very low volumetric density**

Liquefaction
70 Kg/m³
40% energy cost



Liquid at 20 K

Compression
40 Kg/m³
13% Energy cost



Compressed at 700 bar

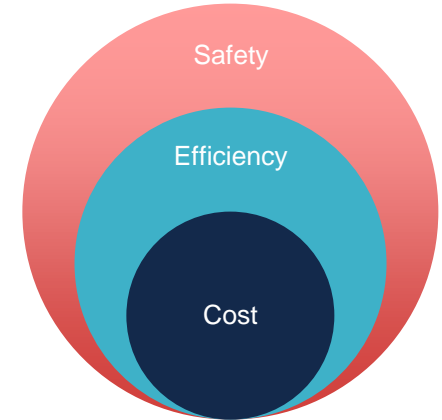
Ab/Absorption
≈70 Kg/m³
<1% Energy cost



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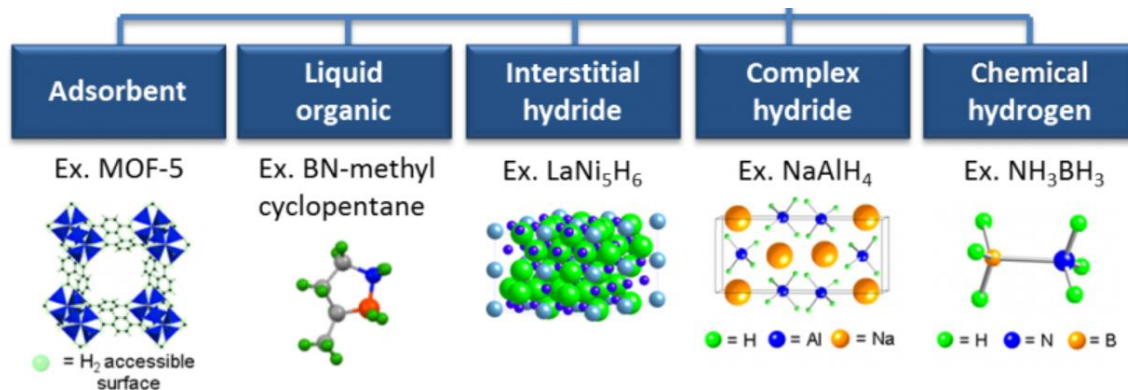
Adsorbed at 30 bar



Challenges in Hydrogen Storage as a solid

Solid H₂ Storage:

- Recent interests have been shifted toward solid-state hydrogen storage systems
- Light metals of groups 1, 2, 3, for example Li, Mg, B and Al give rise to a great variety of metal-hydrogen complexes (Hydrides)



Material Performances

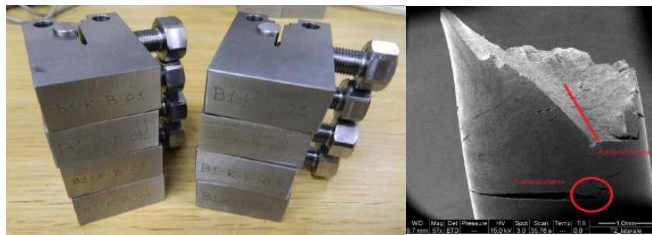
Hydrogen Δ H Laboratory



Material performances for hydrogen transport - Asset integrity

Nowadays investment bank (EIB) are funding **ONLY** project for requalification and new project for green economy – i.e. Hydrogen Ready gas Pipeline.

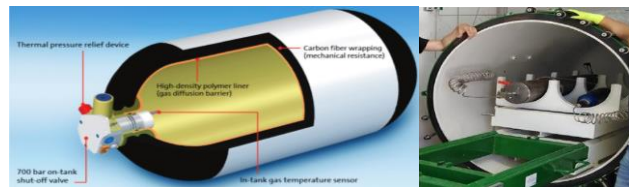
Test on materials
SMALL SCALE unit
Fatigue, Fracture Mechanics,
SSR



H₂ test pressure up to 1000 bar
Hydrogen Piping & Pipelines

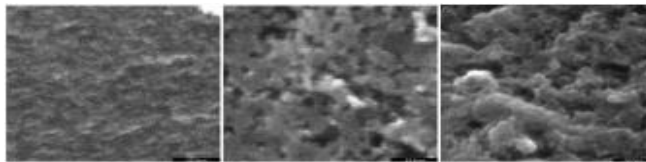
US standards (ASME B31.12, ASME BPVC, ASTM E1681) and the European guideline (EIGA, IGC Doc 121/14)

Test on components
Full Scale



H₂ test pressure
100÷1000 bar
Test on component

Test on nano-materials
HPCT unit



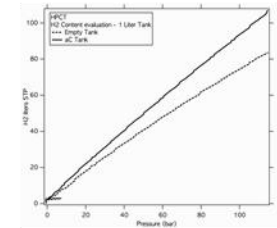
H₂ test pressure
0÷300 bar
Test on adsorption

High Pressure Concentrate Temperature - testing unit

Different types of materials (**activated carbon, zeolites, polymer, MOF, metal hydrides**) can increase the storage capacity of a tank. In this unit, the (nano-)materials are inserted into a cylinder to test their storage capacity at pressure up to **200 bar** and in a wide temperature range.

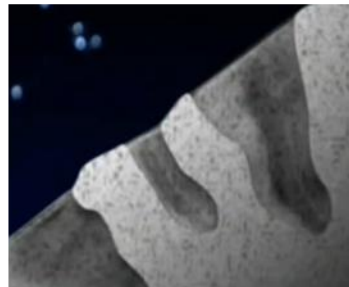
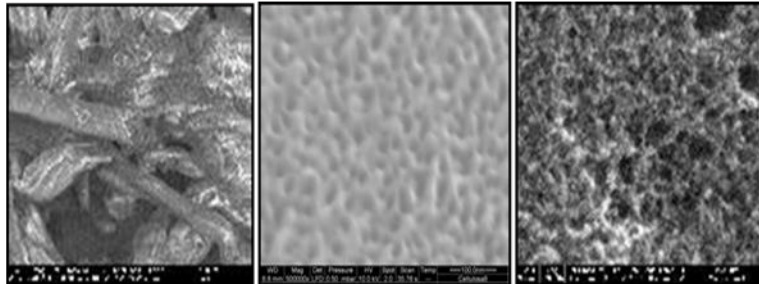
Applicable test conditions up 40 liter bottles and 15kg of microporous materials

Pressure	1 ÷ 200 bar
Temperature range	-20 ÷ 100 °C
Flow Rate	2 ÷ 100 NI / min

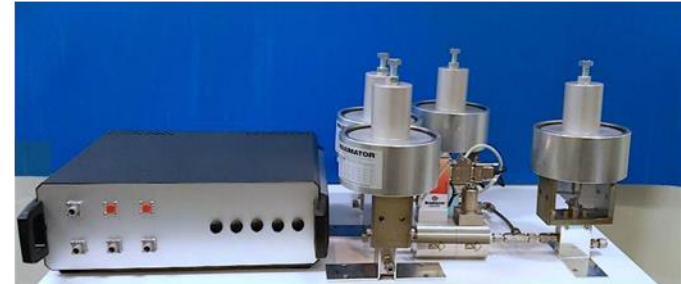


The measurement of the H₂ storage capacity is achieved in combination with input/output flow dynamical behavior (100 litres).

SEM micrographs of nano-materials



HPCT system



NANOMATERIALS SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE BY DESIGN



Call identifier:

NMBP-16-2020 - Safe
by design, from
science to regulation:
multi-component
nanomaterials

Type of action:

Research and
Innovation action

Starting date:

01/05/2021

Duration in months: 42

(31/10/2024)

PROJECT OVERVIEW

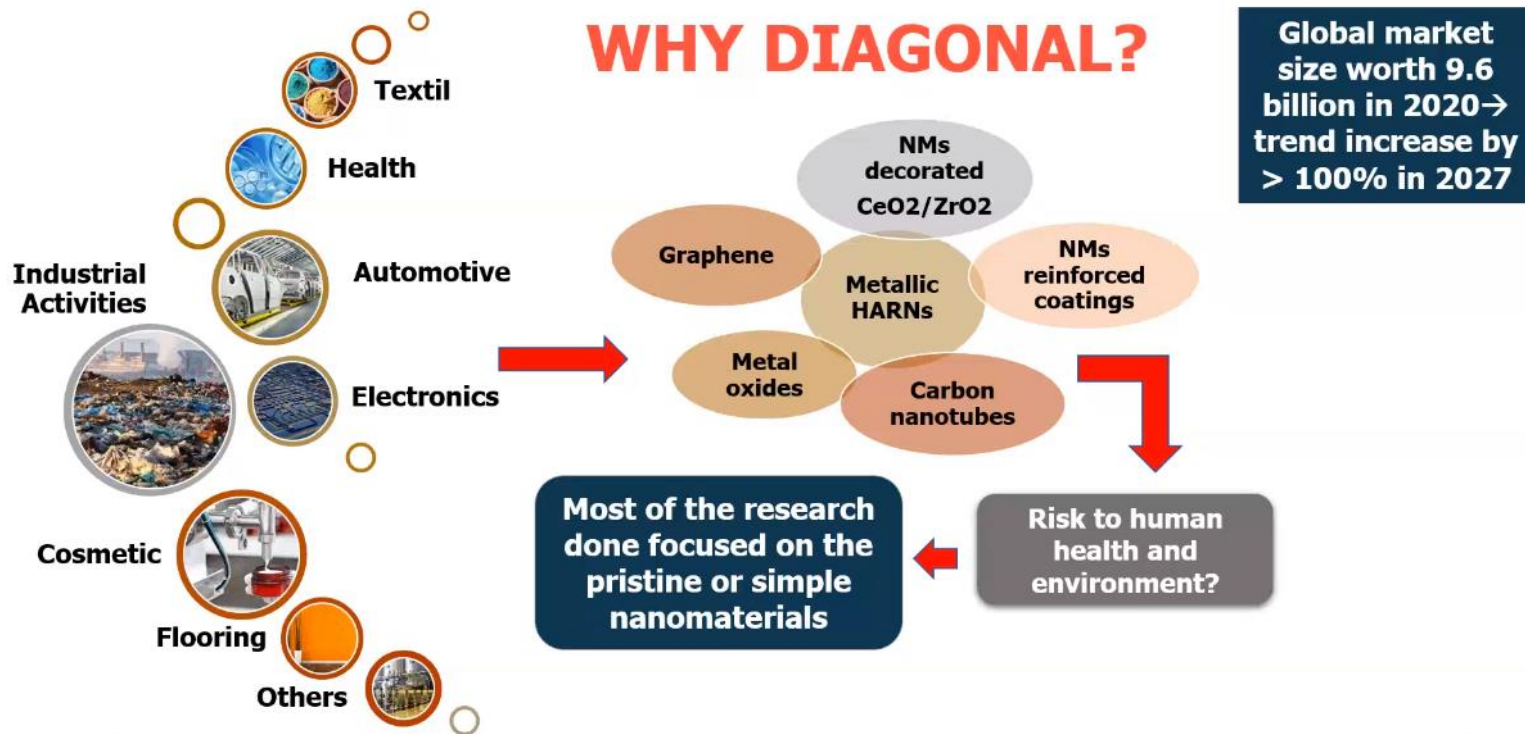


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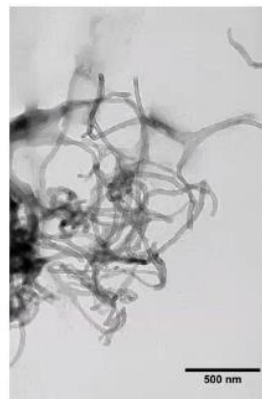
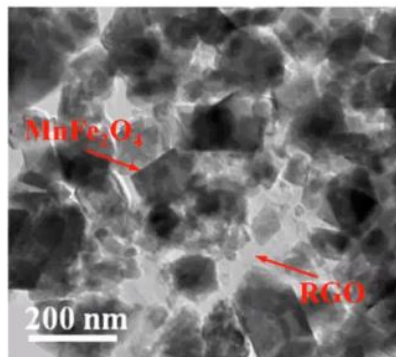
WHY DIAGONAL?



Deeper knowledge is needed to understand the risk of nano-multicomponent forms or nanomaterials with heterogeneous morphology

DIAGONAL PROJECT

Aims to address **existing research gaps** (at RA, RM and RG levels) in the understanding of **Multi-Component NanoMaterials (MCNMs)** and **High Aspect Ratio Nanoparticles (HARNs)** constituents' interactions (among components and with the environment), release and fate and their influence on the NMs toxicity




Risk management and governance

Safe-by-Design strategies

- Design, produce and use substances with lower hazardous characteristics while maintaining their functionality
- Reduce exposure of workers, consumers and the environment

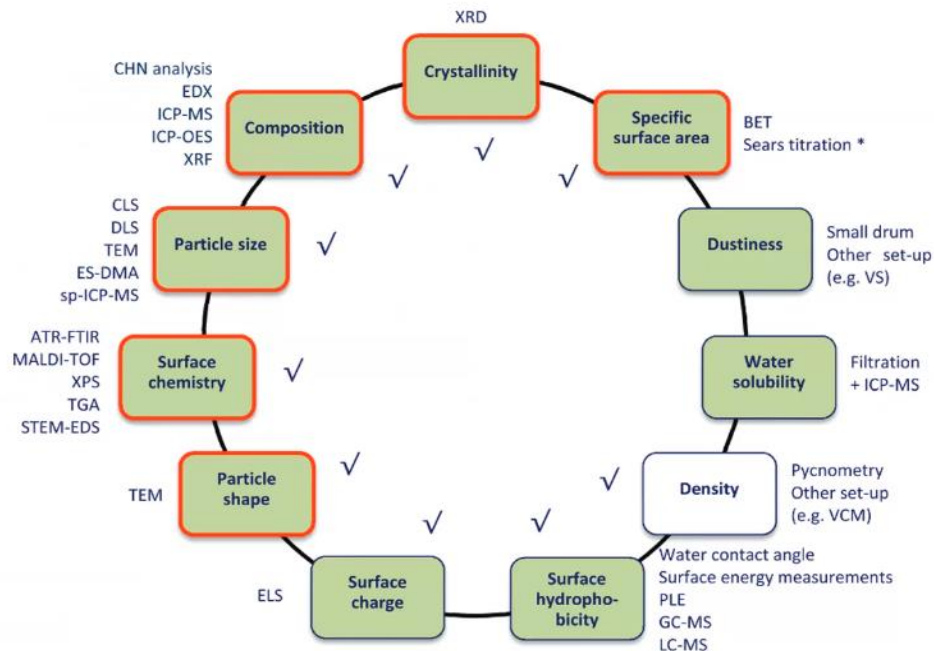
**Tree pillars underpinning
Safe by Design:
Safe products
Safe production
Safe use**

Life cycle sustainability concept integration: towards a SusbD approach

- To understand the overall impacts of SbD strategies and how they could be improved  life cycle sustainability indicators to support decision makers

Risk assessment

Physicochemical analysis



Required by REACH for nanoform identification

Recommended by ECHA for grouping and read-across

Initially proposed by GRACIOUS



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Make it sure, make it simple.