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Nanocomposite Catalysts: Enabling Innovations for Sustainable Energy and Environmental Technologies

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Nanostructured functional materials are used for the critical design of heterogeneous catalysts to deliver products from multiple step reactions that are required for energy and environmental applications. In this presentation, an overview of the range of functional materials such as nanoparticles and nanocrystalline materials for hydrogen production and storage, biomass conversion to biofuels and chemicals and environmental applications will be highlighted. Various strategies will be presented that demonstrate how additional material properties can be exploited maximizing the activity, selectivity and stability of composite materials as solid catalysts and energy carriers. Composite materials allow for the extensive engineering of a catalyst enabling careful tuning of the type, amount and position of active sites, as well as the porosity and hydrophilic /hydrophobic nature of the final catalyst, allowing their synergetic action in various catalytic applications.

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