

Figure S1. **A** First non-isothermal dehydrogenation for the as-milled $2\text{MgH}_2\text{-Fe}$ at a heating ramp of $10\text{ }^\circ\text{C}/\text{min}$ and 20 kPa and **B** XRD after dehydrogenation.

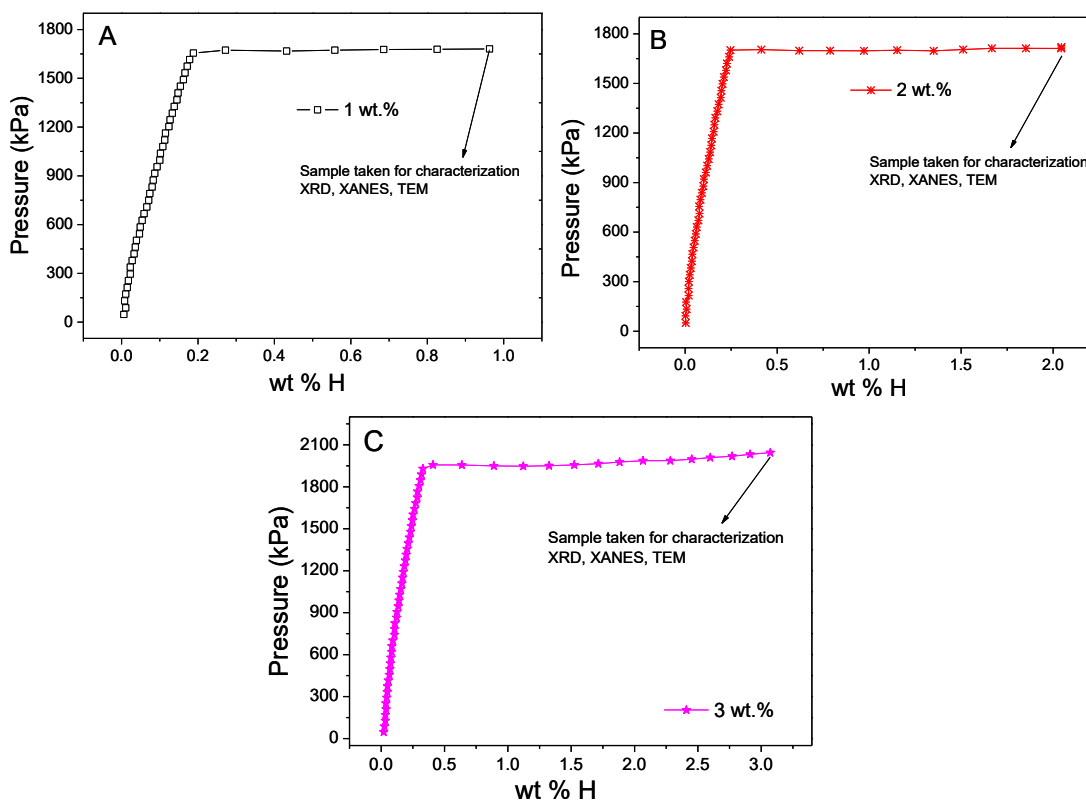


Figure S2. Hydrogenation PCIs at $400\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for $2\text{Mg}:\text{Fe}$ (as-milled $2\text{MgH}_2\text{-Fe}$ dehydrogenated as indicated in Figure S1) up to: **A** $1\text{ wt.}\%$, **B** $2\text{ wt.}\%$ and **C** $3\text{ wt.}\%$ of hydrogen capacity.

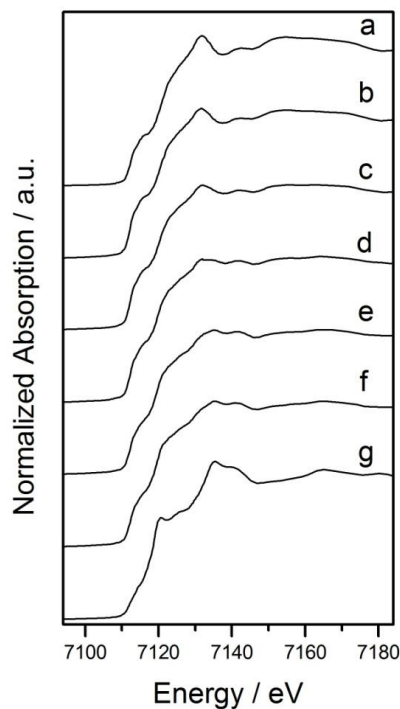


Figure S3. XANES spectra at the Fe K-edge of **a** metallic Fe, **b** as-milled $2\text{MgH}_2 + \text{Fe}$, samples hydrogenated in equilibrium conditions at $400\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ up to: **c** 1 wt % H_2 , **d** 2 wt % H_2 , **e** 3 wt % H_2 , **f** Complete PCI at $400\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and **g** Mg_2FeH_6 obtained after several thermal processes at high temperature and under high pressure from as-milled $2\text{MgH}_2 + \text{Fe}$.

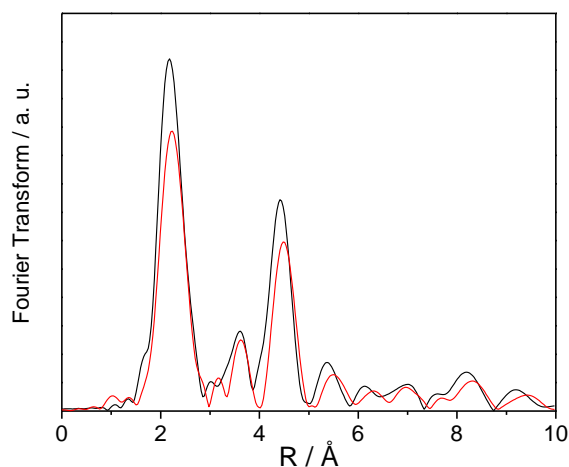


Figure S4. Comparison of the amplitude of the Fourier Transforms of the EXAFS oscillations of metallic Fe (black) and as-milled $2\text{MgH}_2 + \text{Fe}$ (red).

Table S1. Results of the EXAFS fit for as-milled $2\text{MgH}_2 + \text{Fe}$.

Pair	N	R/Å	$\sigma^2/\text{Å}^2$
Fe-Fe	5.9(6)	2.46(1)	0.0044(8)
Fe-Fe	4.5(5)	2.85(1)	0.0044(8)

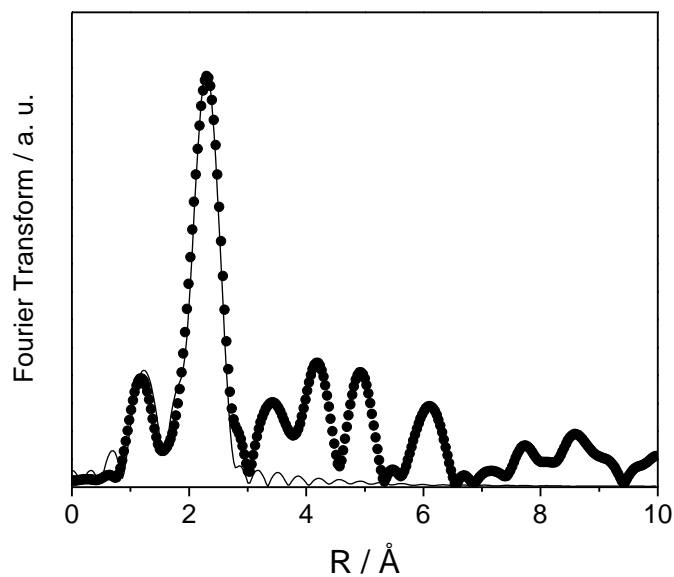


Figure S5. Fitting of the Fourier Transform of the EXAFS signal of as-milled $2\text{MgH}_2 + \text{Fe}$ after several thermal processes (corresponding XANES spectrum Figure S3g). Black circles: experimental data. Solid line: fitting function.

Table S2. Results of the EXAFS fit for as-milled $2\text{MgH}_2 + \text{Fe}$ after several thermal processes (XANES spectrum Figure S2g).

Pair	N	R/Å	$\sigma^2/\text{Å}^2$
Fe-H	5.5(8)	1.56(2)	0.002(1)
Fe-Mg	7.3(6)	2.73(2)	0.007(2)