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Characterization and surface properties of a new titanium bio alloy

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A novel Ti-15Ta-5Zr alloy was synthesized; this possesses an $\alpha+\beta$ stable, homogeneous, biphasic microstructure (determined by optical microscopy, X-ray diffraction - XRD and scanning electron microscopy - SEM) The alloy presents a fine lamellar structure with typical lamella thicknesses in the submicron range. Its passive film contains the protective oxides of all constituent elements (TiO_2 , Ti_2O_3 , Ta_2O_5 and ZrO_2 determined by X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy - XPS) and is more compact and thicker (8.5 ± 1 nm) than that of Ti (1.5-3 nm). The corrosion behaviour (by cyclic and linear polarization and electrochemical impedance spectroscopy - EIS) in Ringer solution was studied. Main electrochemical parameters presented more favorable values for alloy in comparison with Ti, denoting an easier, more rapid, stronger passivation of the Ti-15Ta-5Zr alloy. The alloy polarization resistance reached higher value (about $180 \text{ k}\Omega \text{ cm}^2$) than that of Ti (about $18 \text{ k}\Omega \text{ cm}^2$) that represents a very corrosion resistant material. Main corrosion parameters attested a nobler behaviour, lower corrosion rates (of about 70 times smaller than those of Ti) proving a more capacitive, resistant passive film on the Ti-15Ta-5Zr alloy surface. EIS spectra described a passive film formed by two layers: an inner, barrier, compact layer and an outer, porous layer; in the pores of this layer can be incorporated species from the human biofluid (bioactivity). An electric equivalent circuit with two time constants was fitted: the first time constant is represented by resistance and capacitance of the barrier layer and the second one is illustrated by porous layer resistance and capacitance.

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Self-assembled complex oxide heterostructures

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In the past decades, self-assembled nanocomposites have become a glamour research topic because various kinds of fascinating and novel properties and multifunctionalities can be discovered and designed via the intercoupling among freedom of degrees such as spin, orbital, charge, and lattice within the materials. In this talk, we will stress on development of 1-3 type nanocomposite thin films, or the so-called "self-assembled vertical heteroepitaxial nanostructure (VHN) thin films", specifically on the systems composed of perovskites and spinels. We will first introduce the fabrication of the self-assembled VHN films by PLD process and the corresponding growth mechanisms, which are the most popular and extensive approach recently. Growth parameters such as temperature, substrate orientation, and strain are very crucial to determine the morphologies and crystal anisotropies of nanocomposites. In addition, the key value to build up VHN is its high degree of freedom to priceless multi-functionality. Then, we will introduce the approaches to functionality design by three dominant interactions - mechanical, physical, and chemical interaction- case by case along with several decent and published works, such as magnetoelectric effect, photomagnetic effect, large magnetoresistance etc. In final part, conclusive concepts will be delineated again and future directions will be suggested. By comprehensive review from growth to design system, we genuinely hope this report will provide readers an opportunity to fully understand the magnificence of VHN growth and design; most importantly, to further create innovative designs for practical applications in next era.

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