



# Our skills

# Surfaces and interfaces: chemical reactivity of materials



#### YOUR NEEDS

- Study of the rates and mechanisms of degradation of metals and ceramics in severe environments by oxidation, corrosion and dissolution
- Fundamental study of the kinetics and mechanisms of interfaces reactions
- Study of the corrosion behavior of metals and ceramics in various environments (high temperature, aggressive chemical environments, thermal cycling...)
- Kinetic and thermodynamic modelling of degradation processes and processes implemented for protection to predict the lifespan of materials

## OUR SOLUTIONS

- Provide solutions against corrosion through specific experimental methods and modelling
- Develop protection solutions through the study of new materials and multifunctional coatings
- Develop innovative and controlled processes in the field of surface treatments
- Limit materials degradation:
  Modifying the composition of alloys
- Modifying the oxidizing nature of the environment
- (controlled or reducing atmosphere, corrosion inhibitor)
  Modifying the surface by conversion pre-treatment (anodizing, selective oxidation, etc.) or by protective metal
- coating (thermochemical treatment, Slurry)
- Thermal analysis / calorimetry / calculations
  Characterize surfaces and interfaces
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- Develop structural materials (alloys, pure intermetallic phases)
- Develop coatings by:
  - Chemical conversion
  - Electrolytic plasma anodization and oxidation
  - Cementation process
  - Slurry
  - Sol gel
- Carry out specific electrochemical characterizations:
  Stationary methods for determining kinetics and
  - corrosion processes
  - Electrochemical impedance spectroscopy
  - Electrochemistry in molten salt and molten silicate media (up to 1300°C)
  - Electrochemistry up to 700 V in pulsed mode



#### **RELATED SKILLS**

- Hot corrosion
- Atmospheric corrosion
- Thermal analysis / calorimetry / calculations
- Surfaces and interfaces characterization :
  - Electron microscopy
  - X ray diffraction



#### **KEYWORDS**

Interfaces, corrosion, materials under extreme conditions, surface treatments, surface properties, refractory metallic materials, multifunctional coatings, electrochemistry, thermochemistry.

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