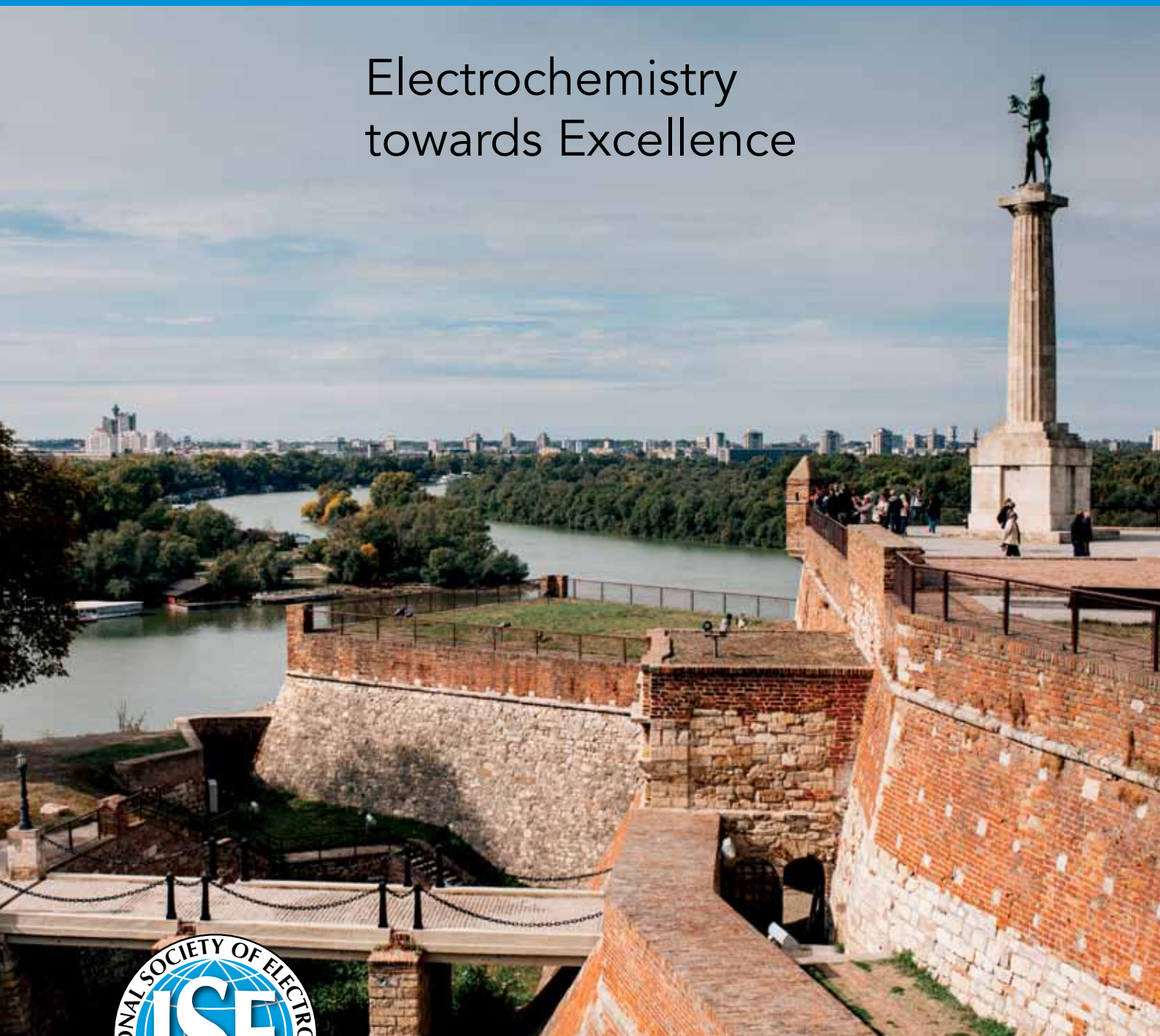


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# Correlation between the electrochemical behavior and mechanical properties of Ti-20Zr as a candidate for orthopedic material

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From all the metallic alloys used in prosthesis, probably the most used one is Ti-6Al-4V alloy. Titanium has poor mechanical strength [1] and when aluminium or vanadium are added to titanium in small quantities, the strength of the alloy is much increased over that of titanium [2]. Therefore, the Ti-6Al-4V alloy achieves considerably higher tensile properties than of pure titanium and this alloy is used in high stress-bearing situations. But Ti-6Al-4V has a potential cytotoxicity and adverse tissue reactions caused by vanadium [3].

Further studies have shown the release of both V and Al ions from the alloy might cause long-term health problems, such as peripheral neuropathy, osteomalacia and Alzheimer diseases.

The microstructure and microhardness were determinate; the tensile strength and electrochemical behavior were evaluated. Titanium is an allotropic element and this mean that exists in more than one crystallographic form. At room temperature has a hexagonal close-packed (hcp) crystal structure, which is referred to as 'alpha' phase. At 883°C (1621 °F) this structure transforms to a body-centred cubic (bcc) called 'beta' phase.

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## ABSTRACT

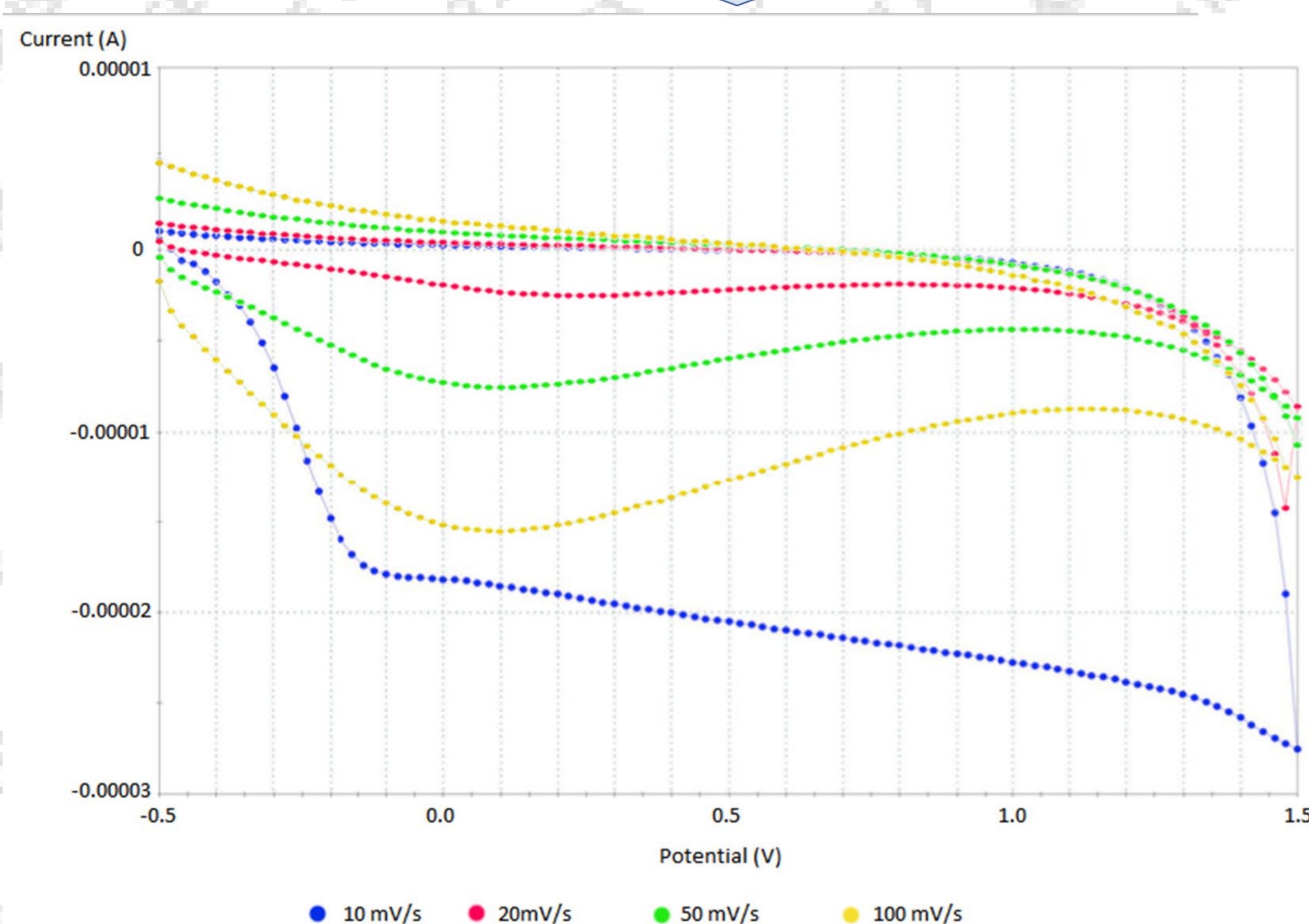
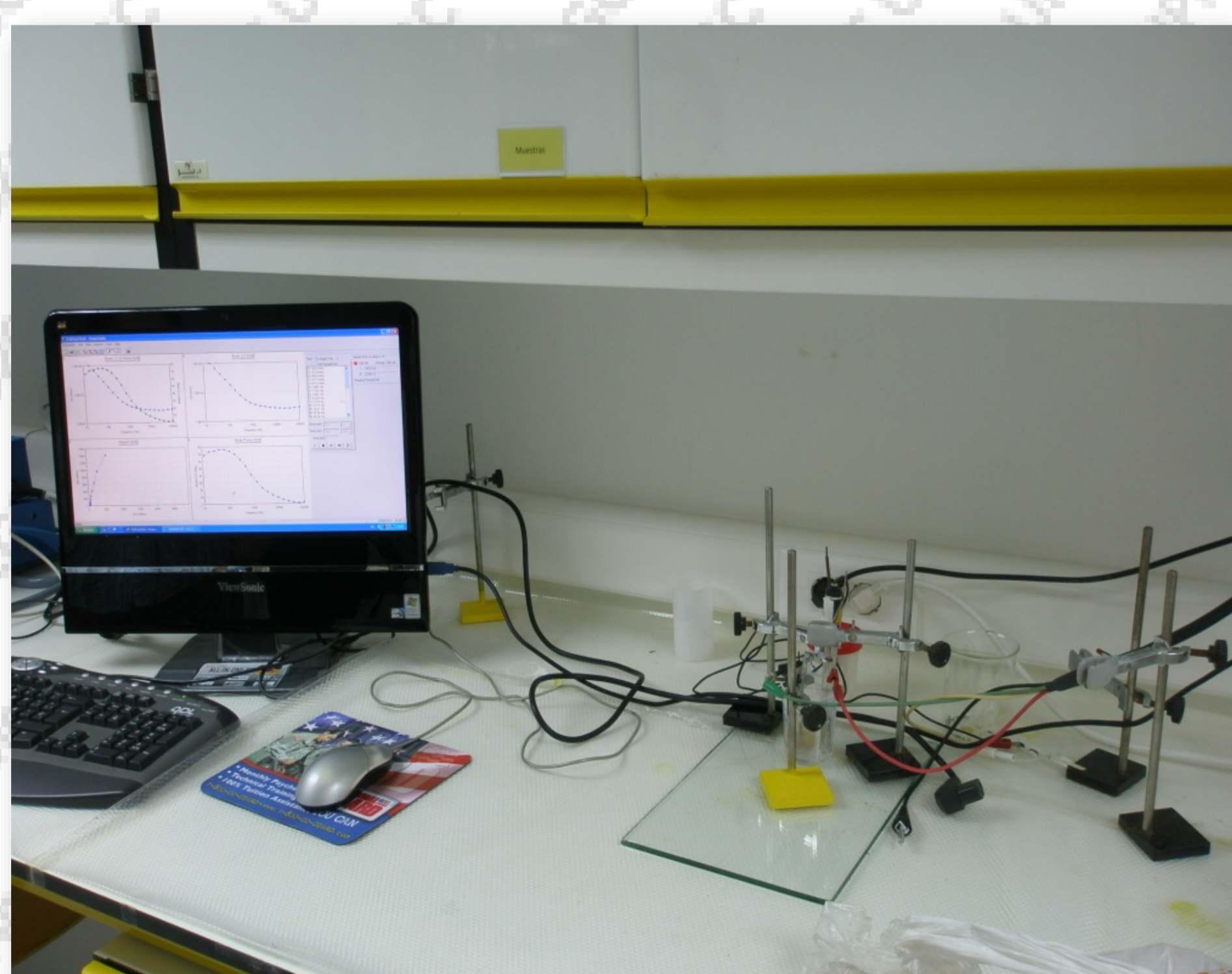
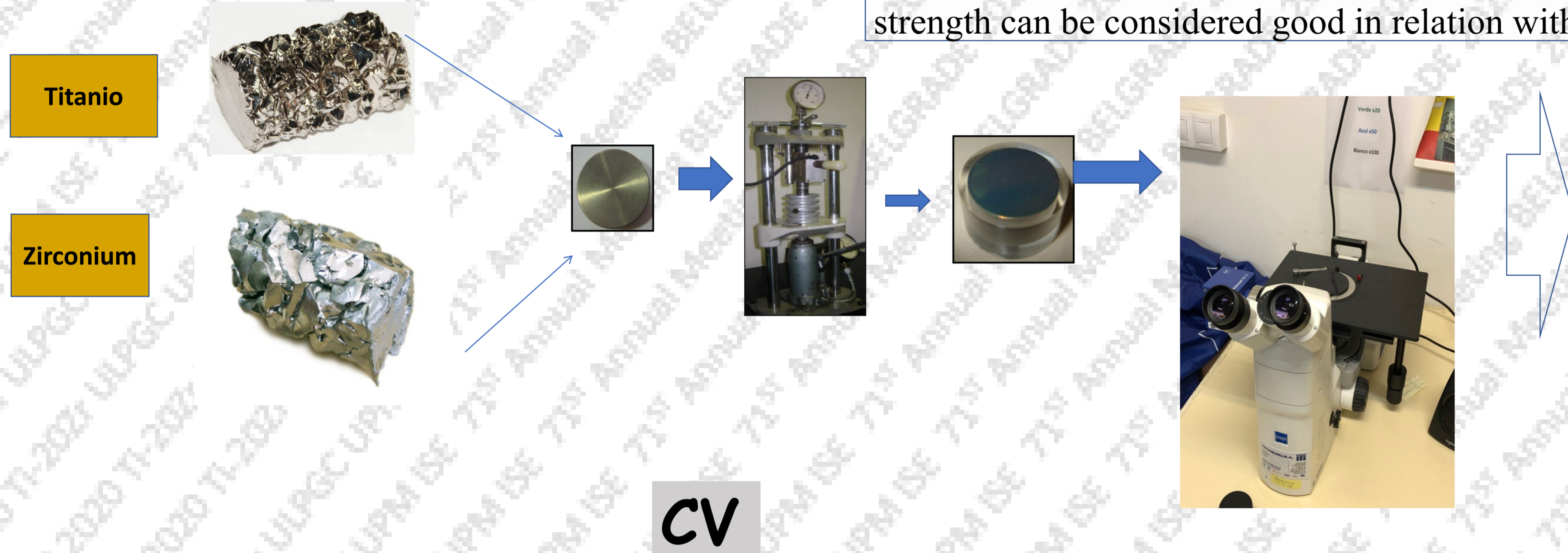
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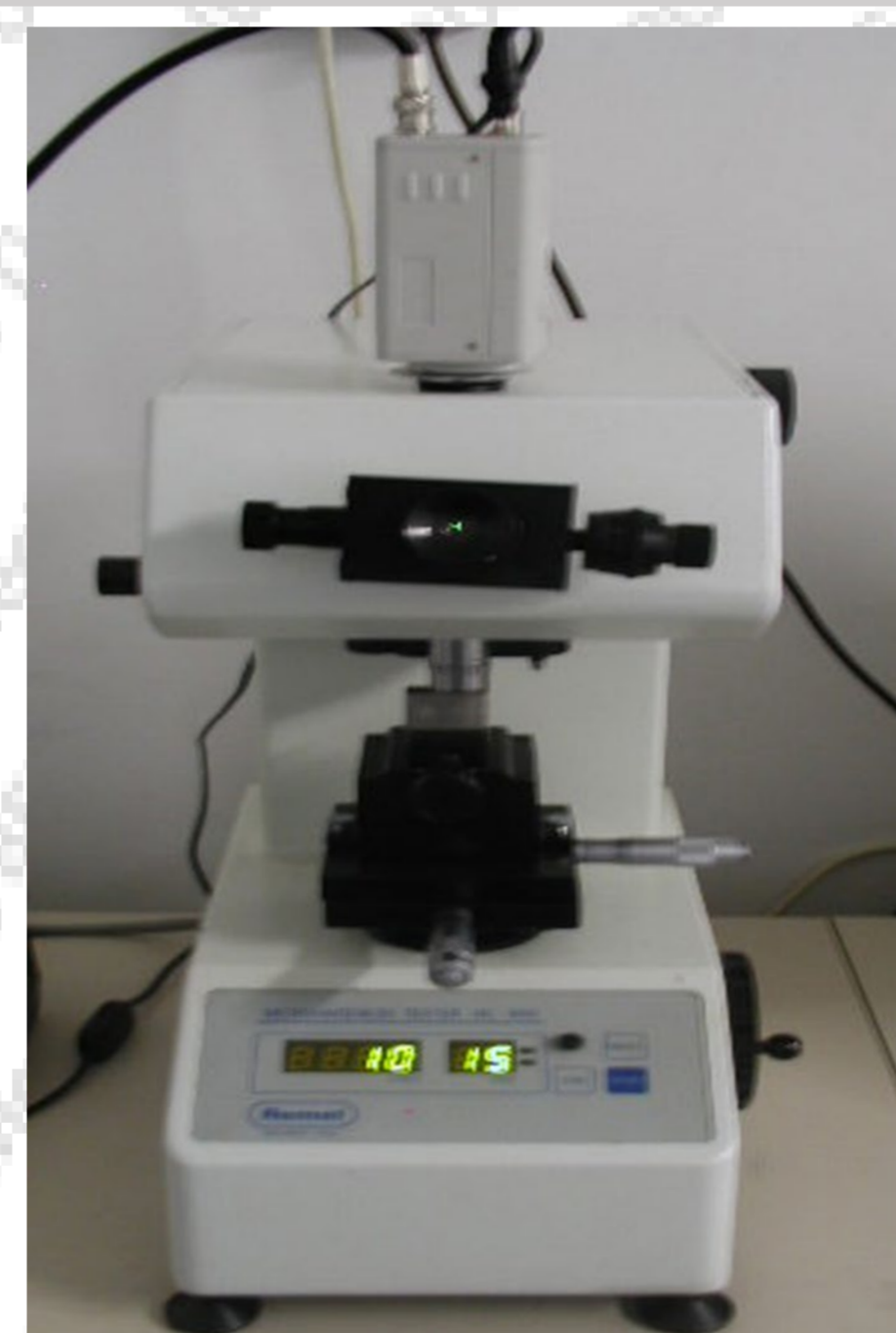
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## Microhardness



LOAD D (gf)	AVERAGE HV	BRINELL HARDNESS	TENSILE STRENGTH	
			(psi)	(MPa)
50	234	234	81917	564
100	228	228	80062	552
200	239	239	83877	578

SOFT AND HARD PHASES - Ti-20Zr			
LOAD (gf)	PHASE	HARDNESS (HV)	INDENTATION DEPTH (μm)
0.5	SOFT	37.3	0.712
	HARD	50.0	0.615
1	SOFT	66.2	0.756
	HARD	91.3	0.643
2	SOFT	101.5	0.863
	HARD	145.3	0.721
3	SOFT	127.7	0.942
	HARD	197.2	0.758
4	SOFT	149.8	1.000
	HARD	214.8	0.839
5	SOFT	163.7	1.075
	HARD	288.4	0.809
10	SOFT	194.6	1.394
	HARD	242.4	1.249
20	SOFT	201.9	1.935
	HARD	298.4	1.592
50	SOFT	212.8	2.981
	HARD	255.3	2.722
100	SOFT	201.3	4.335
	HARD	256.2	3.842
200	SOFT	210.5	5.990
	HARD	268.8	5.305

## CONCLUSIONS

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