



# ***COST Action 532***

## ***Triboscience and Tribotechnology: Superior friction and wear control in engines and transmissions***

### ***Workgroup 3 Tribochemistry***

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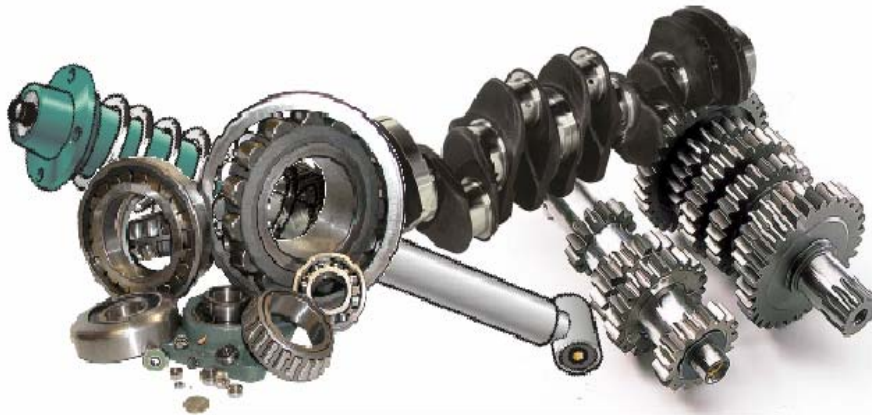
# Aim

## TRIBOCHEMISTRY

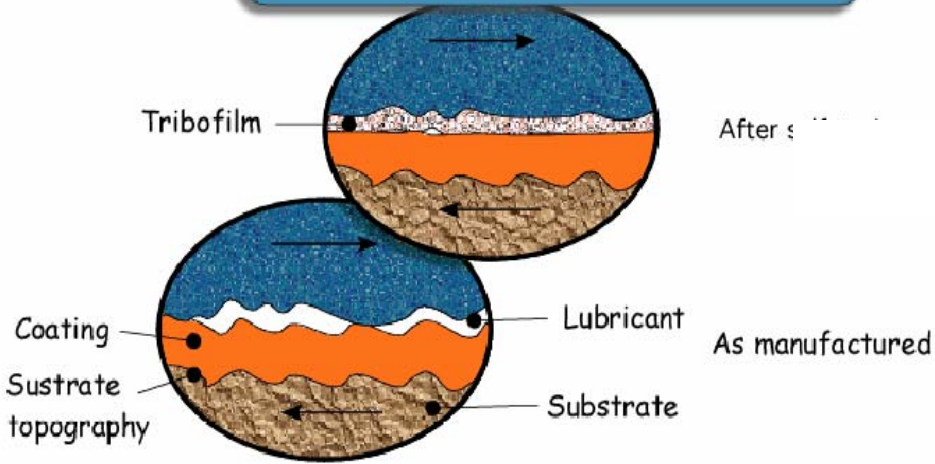
*The field of tribology focussing on the chemical reactions occurring on surfaces under tribological stress. It is therefore central to the understanding and development of surfaces and/or lubricants*

Central issue for all projects in this workgroup is research on physics and chemistry stimulated in tribological contacts.

# Background



$\mu \approx 0$     $W \approx 0$



## Tribofilms:

- Reaction products between surface materials and lubricants in tribological contact
- Control friction and wear in boundary and mixed lubrication

Steel/Steel

Steel/Coated

Coated/Coated



# Goal of WG 3

*The primary challenge or goal in this WG is to investigate if it is useful to coat lubricated surfaces, and if so, how to optimise the combination of coating material and lubricant additives to achieve tribofilms for low friction, long endurance life, environmental friendliness of coated/surface treated engine components at sufficiently low costs.*



# Projects Summary

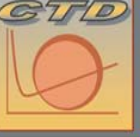
## October 2004:

*Total number of projects: 11*

*No. of approved and started projects: 10*  
*(CH1 – CH10)*

*No. of approved but not yet funded projects: 1*  
*(M16)*

*New project proposals: 2*  
*(P17-P18)*



# Projects Summary I

## APPROVED AND STARTED PROJECTS

	<i>Title</i>	<i>Start</i>	<i>Realiz.</i>	<i>Funding PU/IN/OW</i>	<i>Publications Pap/Conf/Rep</i>	<i>Ind. Impr.</i>	<i>Comp.</i>
<b>CH1 POR</b>	<i>Development of self-lubricating coatings of the W-S-C/N system for mechanical applications</i>	<b>11/03</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>40/0/60</b>	<b>2/0/0</b>	-	<b>2</b>
<b>CH2 PL</b>	<i>Interactions of lubricant additives and materials of rubbing elements</i>	<b>01/03</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>60/0/40</b>	<b>5/0/1</b>	-	<b>0</b>
<b>CH3 SE</b>	<i>The influence of water contamination on endurance life</i>	<b>04/01</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>60/40/0</b>	<b>0/2/3</b>	-	<b>1</b>
<b>CH4 PL</b>	<i>Oxidation stability of non-toxic greases</i>	<b>01/03</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>60/0/40</b>	<b>0/2/1</b>	-	<b>0</b>
<b>CH5 SI</b>	<i>Interactions between hard coatings and lubricants</i>	<b>06/03</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>60/10/30</b>	<b>0/2/3</b>	-	<b>3</b>
<b>CH6 ES</b>	<i>Development of engine and transmission simulation tests to characterize friction, wear...</i>	<b>01/03</b>	<b>10%</b>	-	<b>1/1/1</b>	-	<b>7</b>
<b>CH7 SE</b>	<i>Coating materials optimised for lubricant contacts</i>	<b>07/03</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>50/30/20</b>	<b>0/5/3</b>	-	<b>6</b>
<b>CH8 DE</b>	<i>Correlation between oxidation and tribological properties of thermally sprayed hardmetal coat.</i>	<b>05/03</b>	<b>20%</b>	-	<b>0/0/1</b>	-	<b>4</b>
<b>CH9 PL</b>	<i>Composite materials for regeneration of the friction machine elements</i>	<b>02/04</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>60/0/40</b>	<b>0/0/1</b>	-	<b>0</b>
<b>CH10 RO</b>	<i>Nanostructured composite coatings obtained by electrode-position to be used in tribocor. sys</i>	<b>09/03</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>0/0/100</b>	<b>4/2/2</b>	-	<b>1</b>



# Projects Summary II

## APPROVED AND IN THE PROCESS FOR GETTING FUNDING

	<i>Title</i>	<i>Leader</i>
<b>M16</b> <b>FIN</b>	<i>Tribo-chemically reacting surface coatings for superior friction and wear control</i>	P. Vuoristo, Tampere Univ. Technology, Finland

## NEW PROPOSALS

	<i>Title</i>	<i>Leader</i>
<b>P17</b> <b>SE</b>	<i>The influence on friction and wear of aged environmentally adapted lubricants</i>	E. Höglund, Luleå Univ. Technology, Sweden
<b>P18</b> <b>SE</b>	<i>Influence of molecular structure on lubricant properties and performance</i>	E. Kassfeldt, Luleå Univ. Technology, Sweden
<b>P19</b> <b>CR</b>	<i>Nanostructured coating systems a-C-Si with low internal stress, high hardness and contact fatigue resistance</i>	P. Bohac, Inst. Physics, Czech Republic



# *Projects Summary III*

## **Chemical interactions:**

CH1, CH2, CH3, CH5, CH7, M16, (P17, P18)

## **Development and characterization of new mat.:**

CH1, CH7, CH9, CH10, M16, (P19)

## **Corrosion, oxidation and oxidation stability:**

CH4, CH8, CH10, (P17)

## **Development of dedicated tests:**

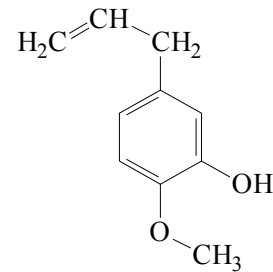
CH6

## MAIN RESULTS (8/10)

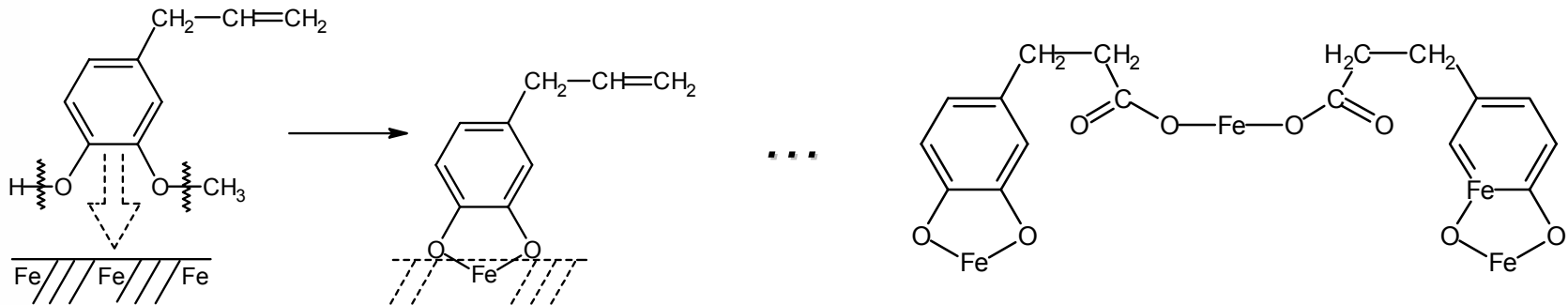
### CH2 - Interactions of lubricant additives and materials of rubbing elements

- preparation of model lubricants
- determination of AW/EP characteristics
- chemical structure of boundary layers

4-allyl-2-methoxyphenol  
good AW/EP properties



Based on FTIR and XPS analyses model of boundary film formation is proposed – formation of **carboxylate structure**





# Projects Summary IV

## MAIN RESULTS

### CH3 - *The influence of water contamination on endurance life*

To quantify rolling bearing life decrease caused by water cont. by:

- quantifying hydrogen transport into and in steels
  - quantifying influence of surface shear stress on hydrogen transport.
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- *hydrogen moves around in the steel as a function of stress variations*
  - *hydrogen in steel is absorbed at three different energy levels, indicating at least three different types of positions in the steel, where the hydrogen is located*
  - *hydrogen distribution in soft and hardened 52100 ball bearing steel is very different. Soft steel had a rather evenly distributed hydrogen concentration, while hardened steel had large hydrogen concentration variations within a fraction of a millimeter*



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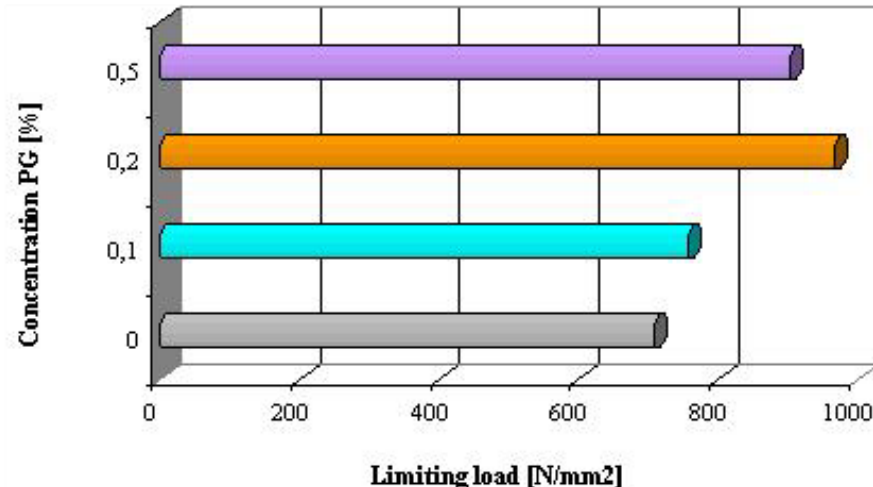
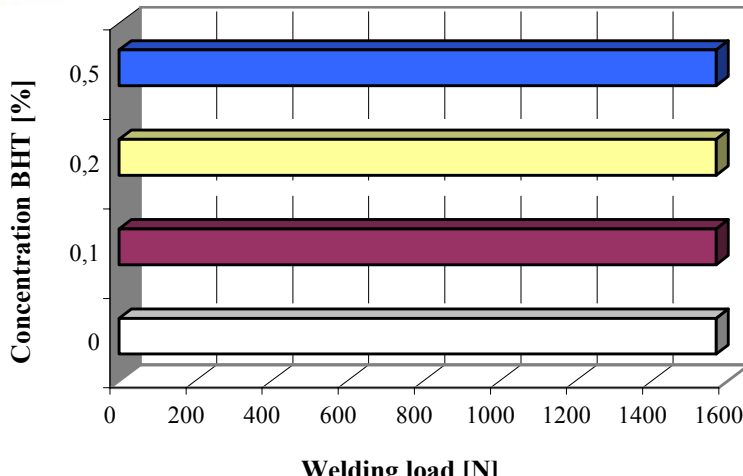
## MAIN RESULTS

### CH4 - Oxidation stability of non-toxic greases

- tribological properties of modified oils containing two antioxidants (butylated hydroxyphenol, propyl gallate)
- influence of antioxidant concentration on antiwear and antiseizure

*For both antioxidants added to vegetable oil antiseizure properties does not change with their concentration (BHT>PG)*

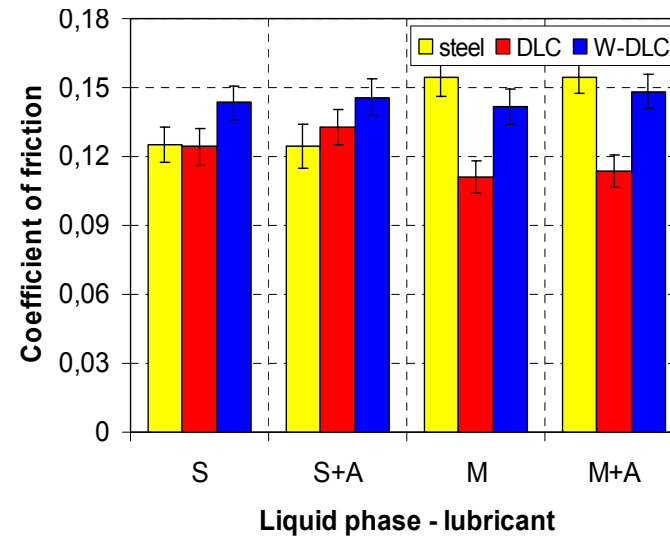
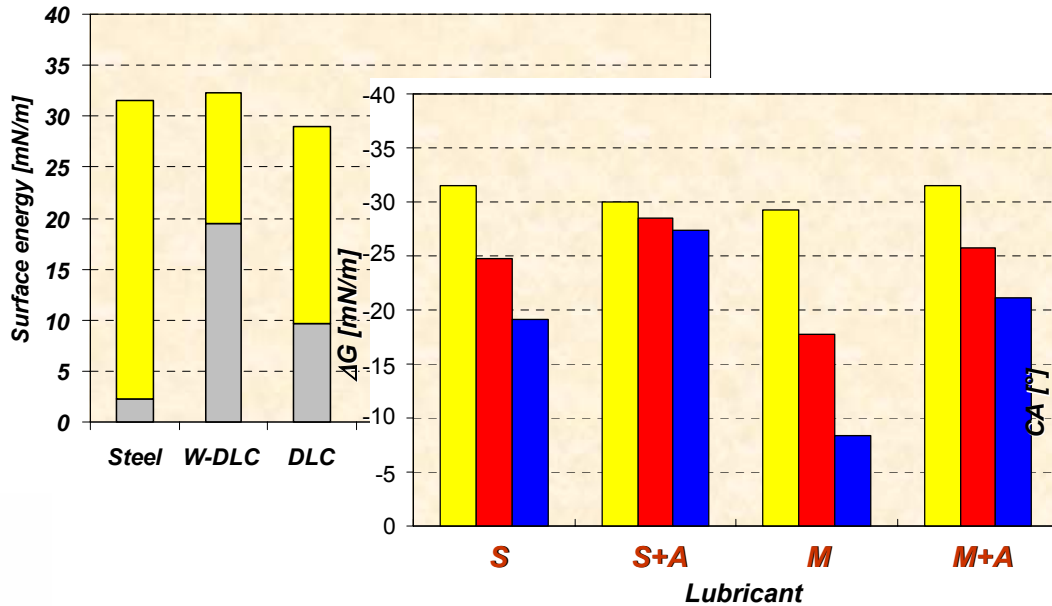
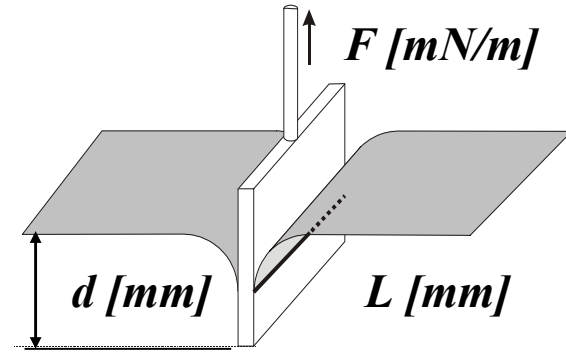
*Antiwear properties depend on oil composition (0.2%, PG>BHT)*



## MAIN RESULTS

### CH5 - Interactions between hard coatings and lubricants

Surface energy measurements  
Polar shares – wettability - friction

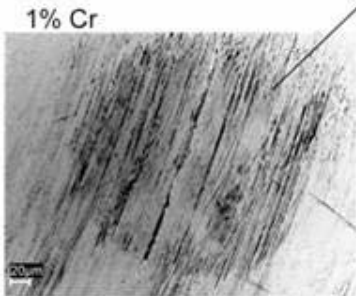
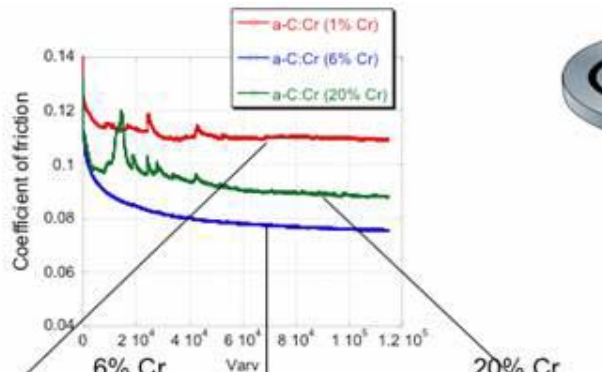


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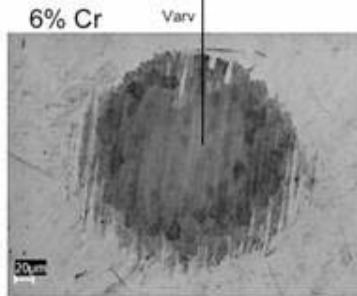
### CH7 - Coating materials optimised for lubricant contacts

Possibilities to optimise the coating material with respect to:

- Wear resistance
- Running-in properties
- Ability to form stable, low friction tribofilms on countersurface



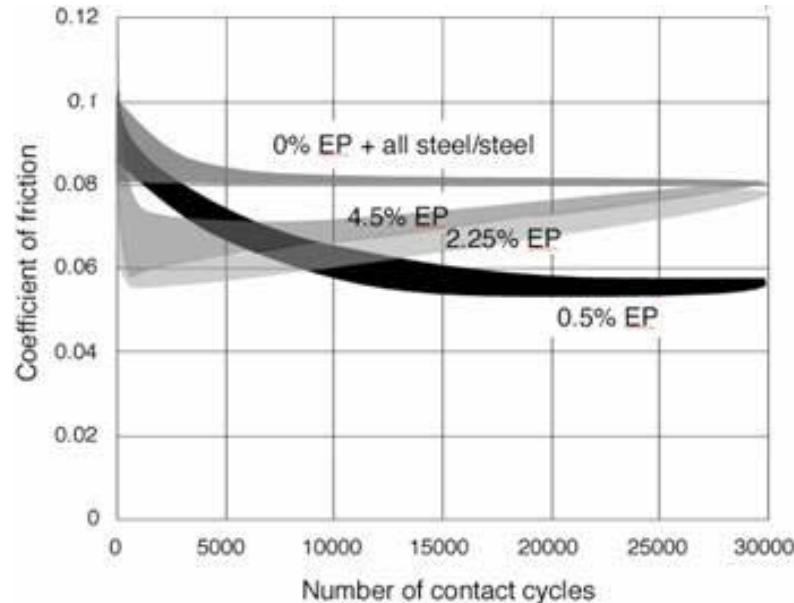
1% Cr  
Slow coating wear



6% Cr  
Slow coating wear



20% Cr  
Rapid coating wear





# Projects Summary IV

## MAIN RESULTS

### *CH8 - Correlation between oxidation and tribological properties of thermally sprayed hardmetal coatings*

Application-related comparative study of the oxidation of hardmetals (WC-Co(Cr), WC-Ni(Cr), Cr<sub>3</sub>C<sub>2</sub>-NiCr, TiC-basis-Ni(Co)) and their tribological behaviour in different conditions

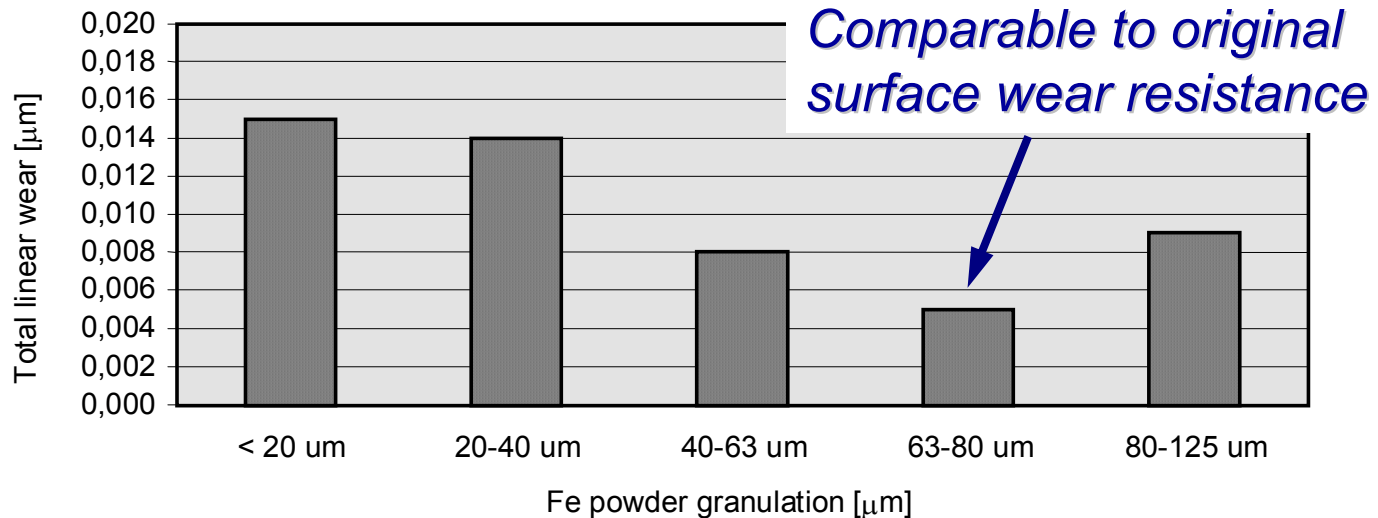
- TiC-based coatings [(Ti,Mo)(C,N)-Co] paired with polycrystalline alumina under unlubricated sliding conditions showed significantly lower total wear rates as compared with Cr<sub>3</sub>C<sub>2</sub>-NiCr coatings
- Wear rates were in the range of those found in the region of mixed/boundary lubrication
- the coefficients of friction were found to be lower for (Ti,Mo)(C,N)-Co coatings

Results so far demonstrates the immense potential of TiC-based coatings for sliding wear applications.

## MAIN RESULTS

### CH9 - Composite materials for regeneration of the friction machine elements

- analysis of working conditions in tribosystems possible for regeneration (shares of machine tools, and medium-loaded sliding bearings selected)
- based on components properties and physico-mechanical investigations, epoxide resin was selected, followed by Fe powder grain composition optimization



## MAIN RESULTS

### CH10 - Nanostructured composite coatings obtained by electro-deposition to be used in tribocorrosion systems

- The influence of  $ZrO_2$  particles on nickel electroplating studied using electrochemical impedance spectroscopy
  - Tribocorrosion properties studied (Pin-Disc with **electrochemical cell**)
1. Dispersed particles modify the impedance and cathodic polarization in correlation with changes on the texture and surface morphology of the coating
  2. Analysis of worn surfaces showed different content of Zr particles inside and outside the wear track (7%/13%).

