Applied surface properties of quasicrystalline materials

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Quasicrystals are crystals like others from a thermodynamics point of view. They grow through a peritectic reaction upon cooling a liquid alloy of the appropriate composition. They order on the long distance, giving rise to sharp spots in diffraction experiments. Yet, the ordering scheme is different from the one in normal crystals because translational symmetry does not operate in conventional 3-dim space, but in higher dimensions. As a result, electron transport and more generally transport properties are by essence very different from what they are in classical metals, alloys and intermetallic compounds.

This characteristic leads to very different surface properties compared to normal crystals. The first and most important property is the surface energy, which is found significantly below the values inherent to the metallic constituents. From this on, other properties that are related to the surface energy like solid-solid adhesion and friction are also found much under what they are in normal crystals.

Those properties were studied by the author in collaboration with Prof. Dr Severino Jackson Guedes de Lima and his followers (Danielle, Bruno, Rodinei, and other members of the Rapid Solidification Laboratory of the Federal University of Paraïba). The purpose of the seminar will be to give a rapid account of the most salient results obtained in this frame and which appeared in the articles listed below.

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