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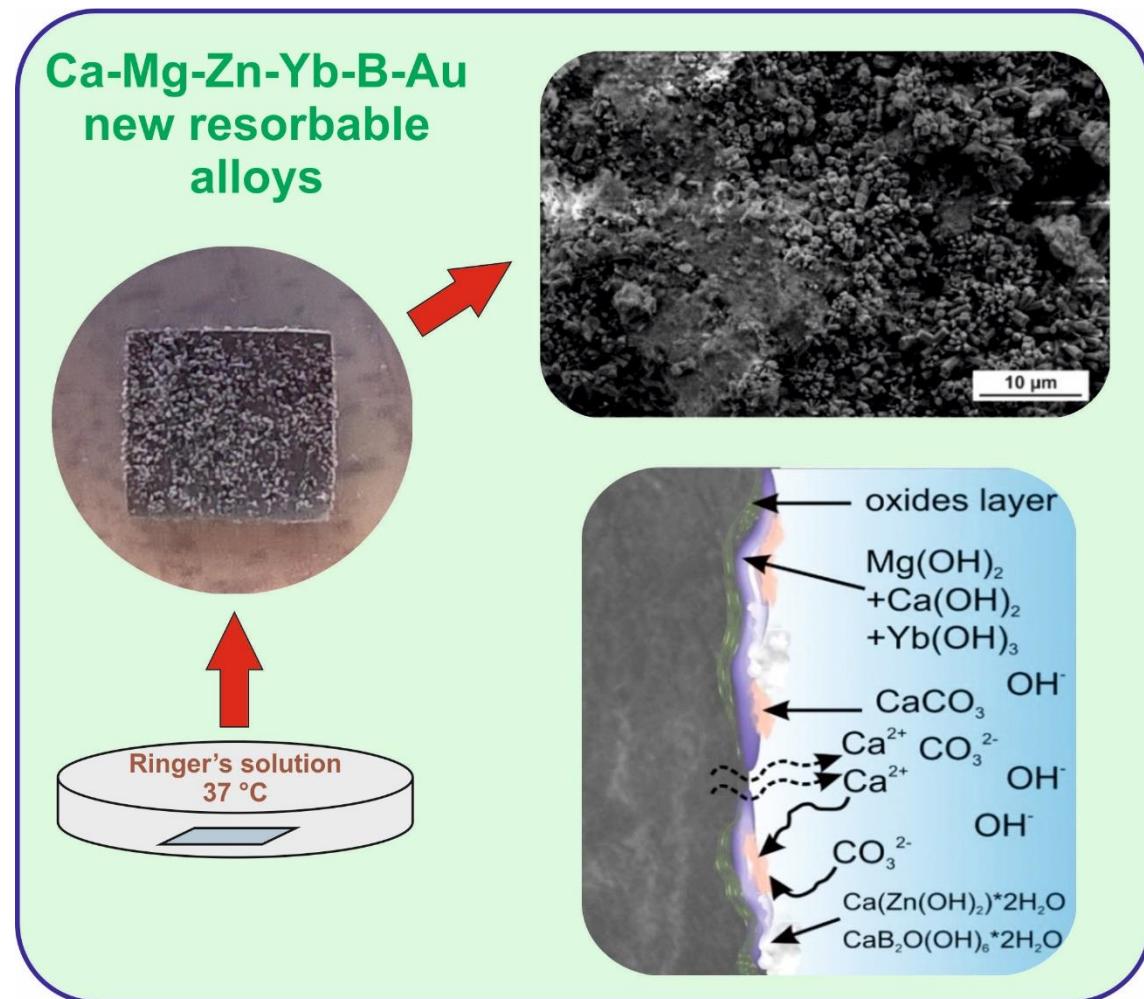
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Structural and corrosion behavior characterization of bioresorbable Ca-Mg-Zn-Yb-B-Au alloys

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Ca-Mg-Zn alloys are expected as promising engineering materials. They can be used as resorbable materials in medicine.



The problem of Ca-Mg-Zn alloys is high rate of dissolution and low corrosion resistance in aqueous solutions!

The proposed methods to reduce the corrosion activity of calcium alloys Ca-Mg-Zn is achieve of:

- **the homogeneous amorphous structure,**
- **modification of the chemical composition** by alloying additions such as **noble metals** (e.g. Au), **rare earth elements** (e.g. Yb) and **metalloids** (e.g. B).

Task: Limit of hydrogen evolution for Ca-based alloys in aqueous solutions

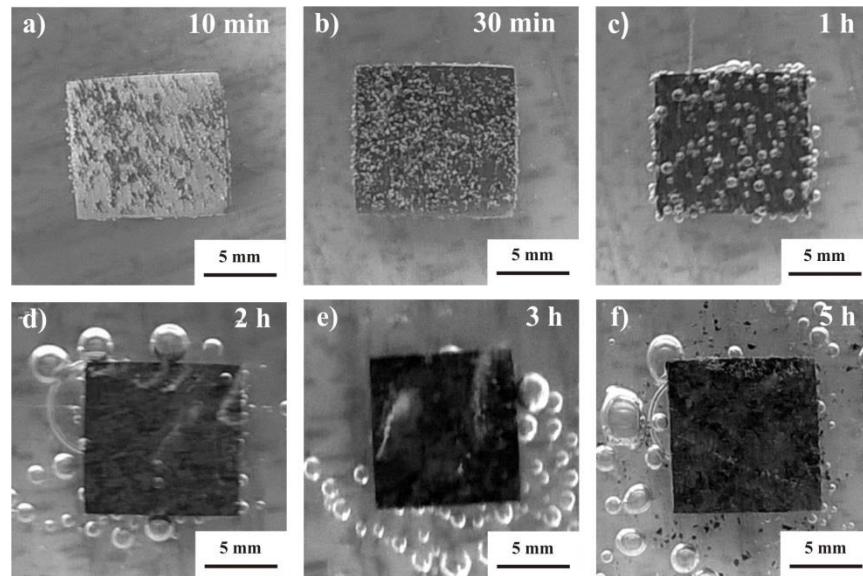
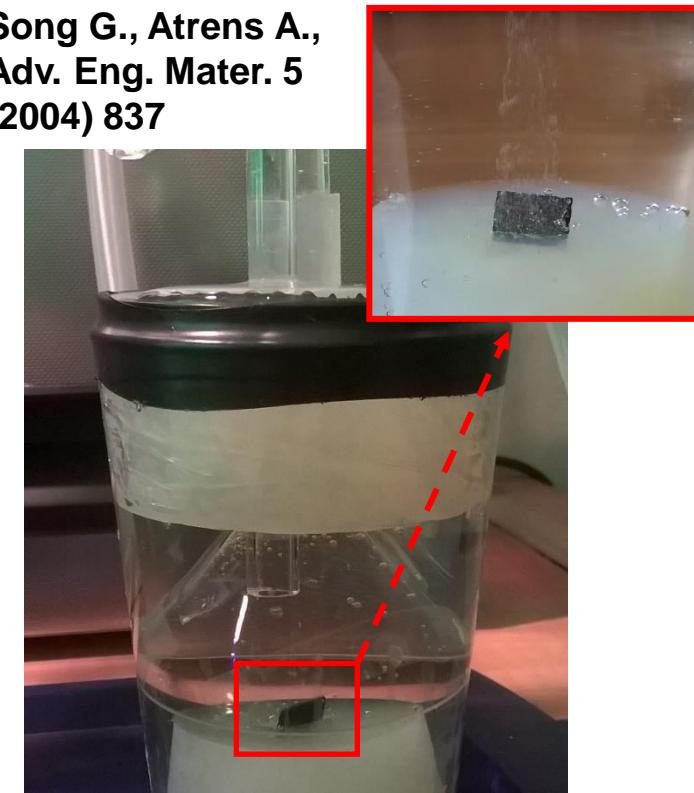


Fig. Changes of surface morphology and hydrogen evaluation of $\text{Ca}_{60}\text{Mg}_{15}\text{Zn}_{25}$ glassy plates versus immersion time in Ringer's solution at 37°C

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Possible?



Ca-based implants



How to limit the corrosion activity of Ca-Mg-Zn alloys?

Au addition?

Gold is known as the most inert of metals with immunity to corrosion. Often used for dental items.

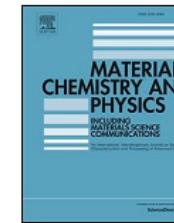
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Effect of Au addition on the corrosion activity of Ca-Mg-Zn bulk metallic glasses in Ringer's solution



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XRD results and volume of H₂ evolution in Ringer's solution

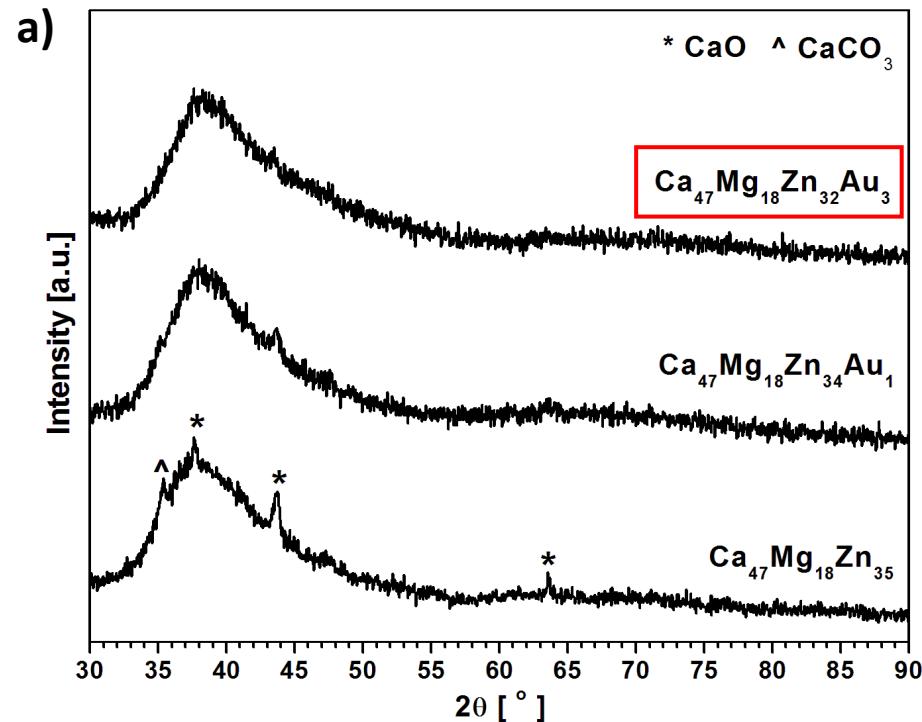
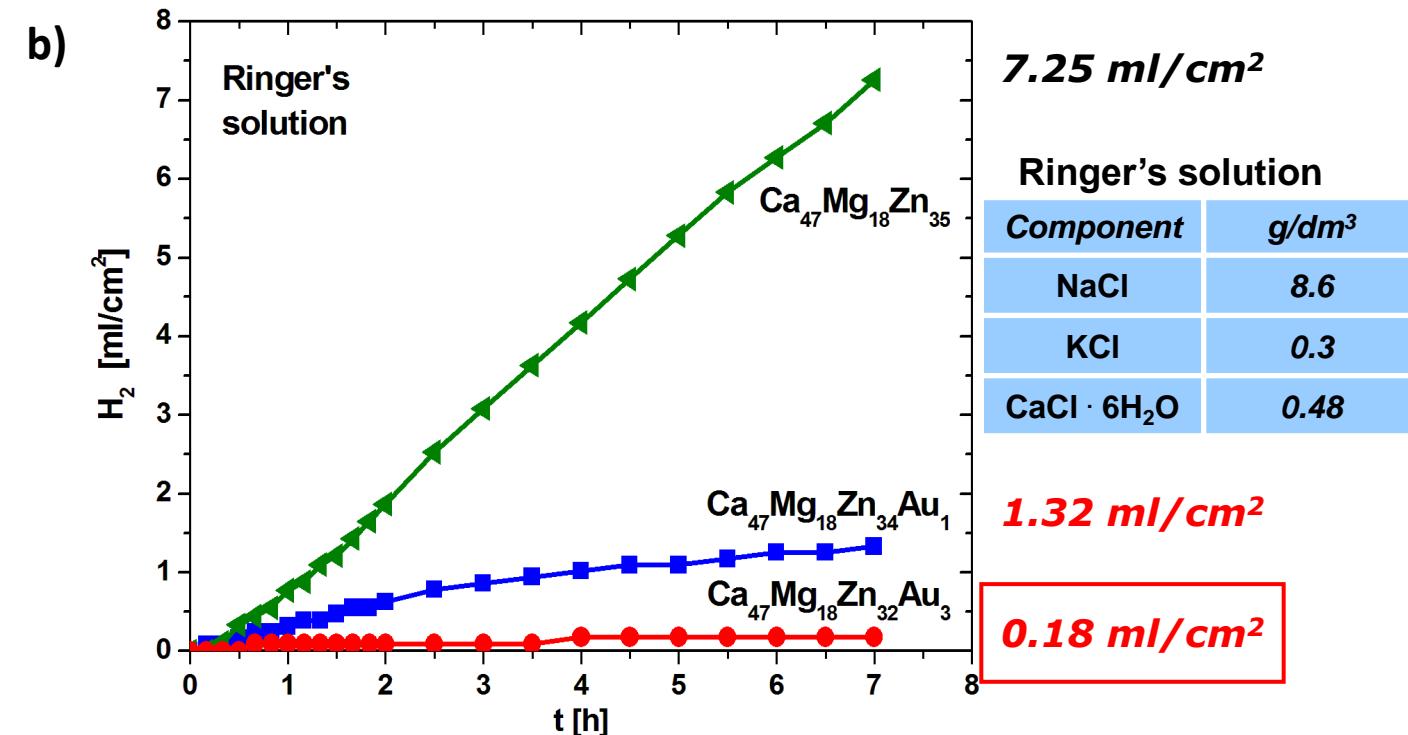


Fig. XRD patterns of $\text{Ca}_{47}\text{Mg}_{18}\text{Zn}_{35-x}\text{Au}_x$ (x=0,1,3 at.%) alloys in a form of plates



~1 ml/cm² per hour - this amount is permitted for rats with a weight of 240 g (<https://doi.org/10.1152/jappl.1962.17.2.268>)

Electrochemical results in Ringer's solution

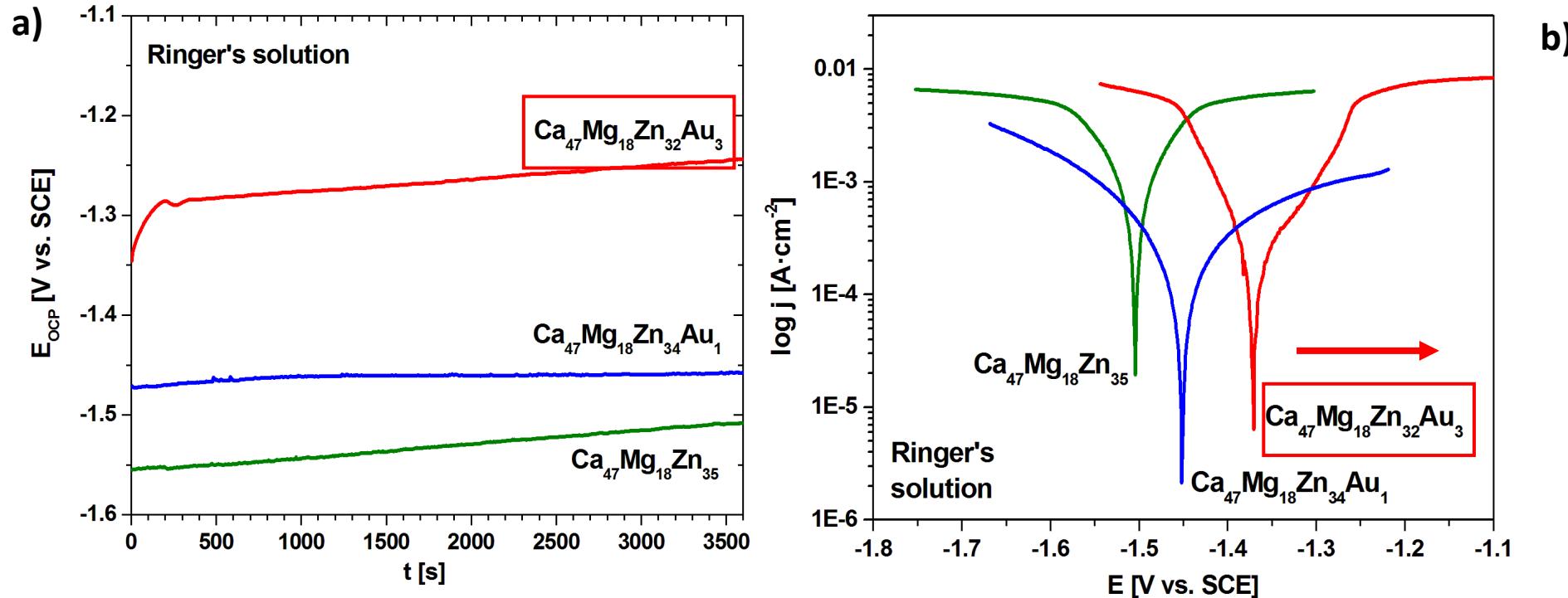
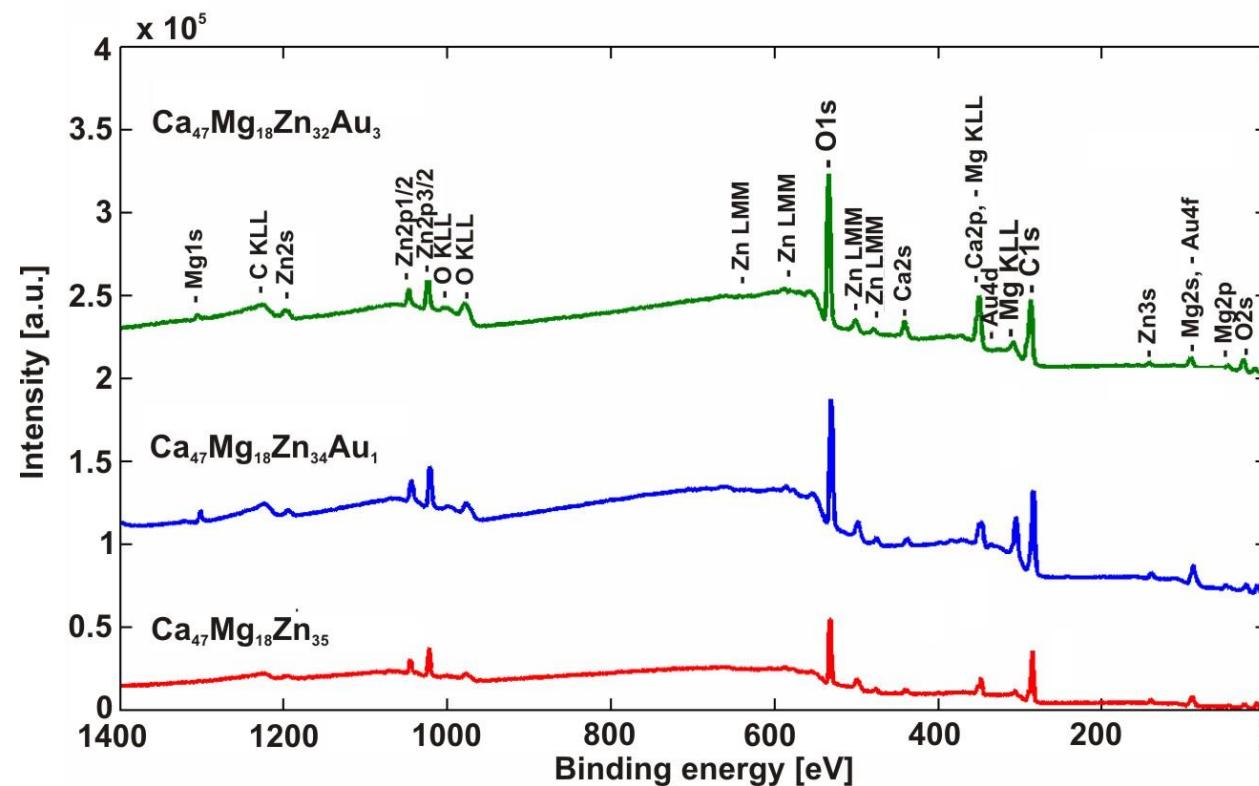


Fig. Changes of open circuit potential in a function of time (a) and polarisation curves (b) of $\text{Ca}_{47}\text{Mg}_{18}\text{Zn}_{35-x}\text{Au}_x$ ($x=0,1,3$) alloy in Ringer's solution at temperature of 37°C

XPS spectroscopy – survey spectra after electrochemical measurements

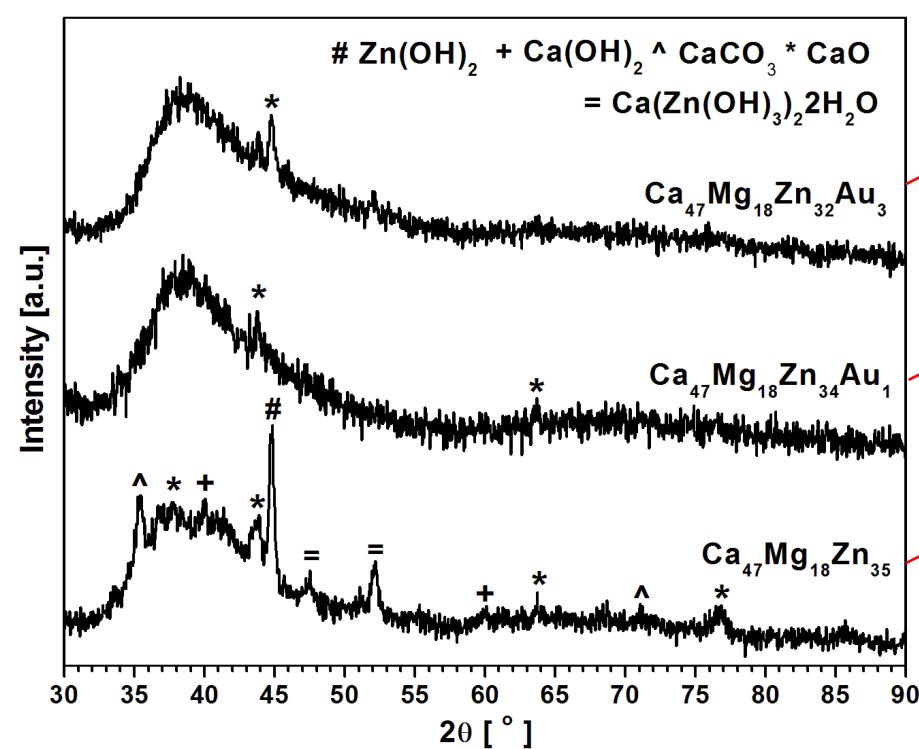


Oxides
Hydroxides
Carbonates

Fig. XPS survey spectra for the surface of $\text{Ca}_{47}\text{Mg}_{18}\text{Zn}_{35}$, $\text{Ca}_{47}\text{Mg}_{18}\text{Zn}_{34}\text{Au}_1$ and $\text{Ca}_{47}\text{Mg}_{18}\text{Zn}_{32}\text{Au}_3$ after corrosion in Ringer's solution

Analysis of corrosion products after 7 h of immersion in Ringer's solution

a)



b)

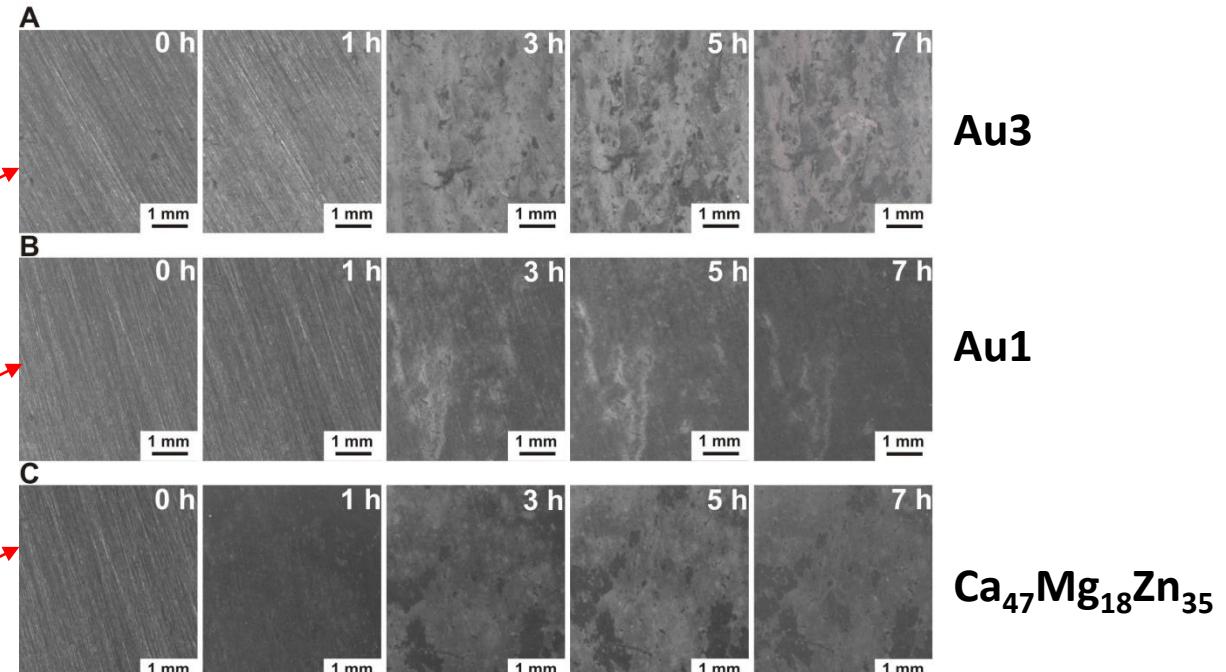


Fig. XRD patterns after 7 h of immersion (a) and changes of surface morphology of samples (b) after tests in Ringer's solution at 37°C

What about Yb addition in Ca-Mg-Zn alloys?

Ytterbium is the REE element, which has unlimited solubility in calcium and has been found to be effective in improving corrosion resistance.

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Corrosion resistance of resorbable Ca-Mg-Zn-Yb metallic glasses in Ringer's solution



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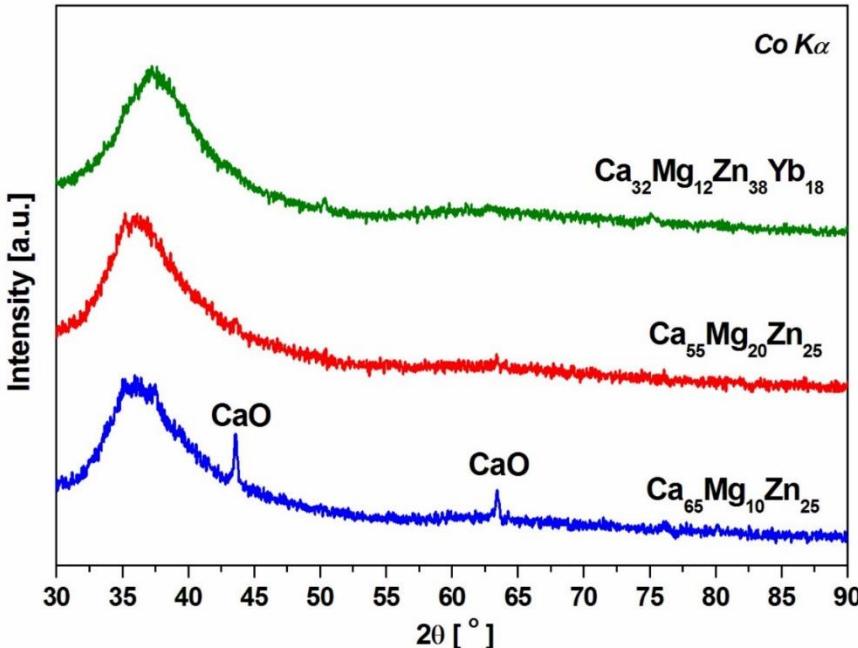


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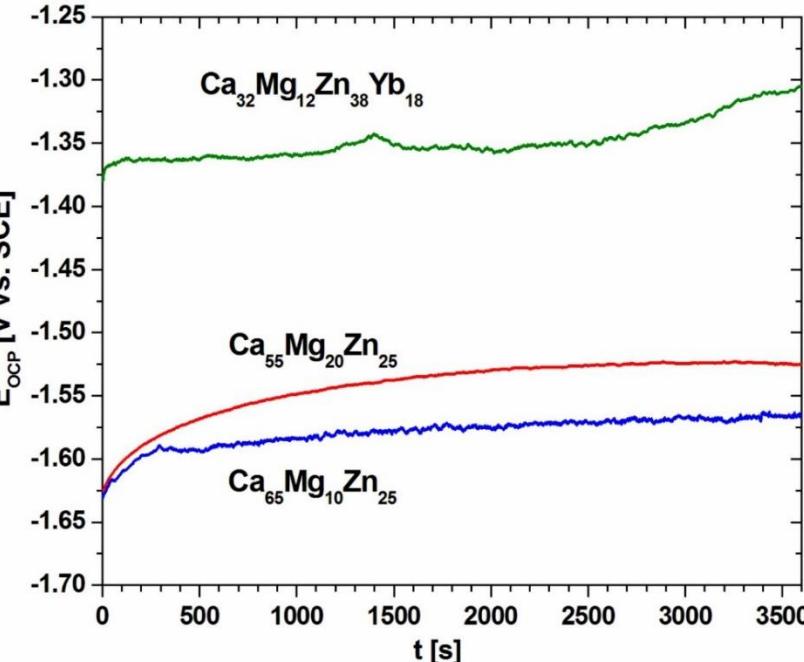


XRD patterns and electrochemical tests

a)



b)



c)

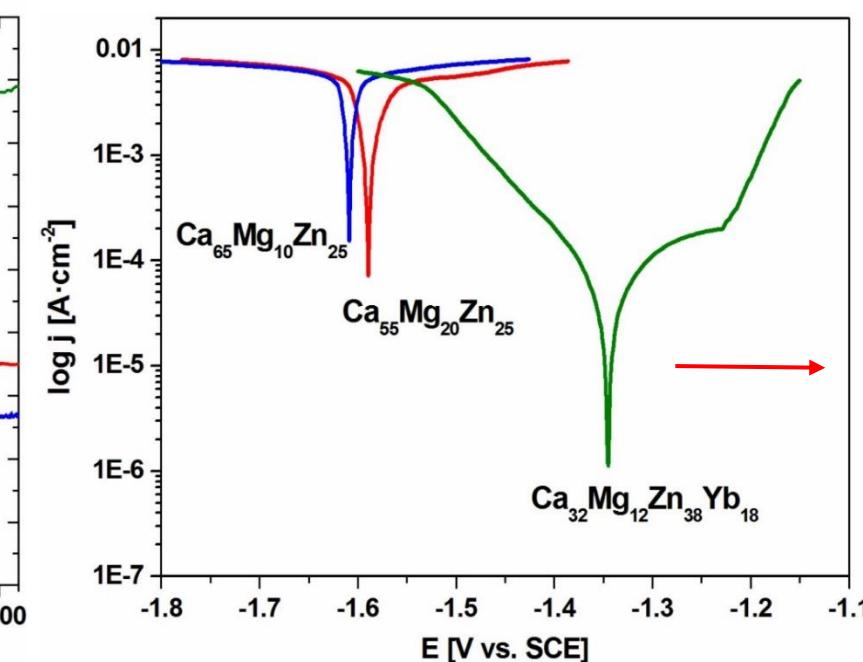


Fig. XRD patterns (a) changes of open circuit potential (b) and polarisation curves (c) for $\text{Ca}_{65}\text{Mg}_{10}\text{Zn}_{25}$, $\text{Ca}_{55}\text{Mg}_{20}\text{Zn}_{25}$ and $\text{Ca}_{32}\text{Mg}_{12}\text{Zn}_{38}\text{Yb}_{18}$ alloys in Ringer's solution at 37°C

Hydrogen evolution in a function of time in Ringer's solution

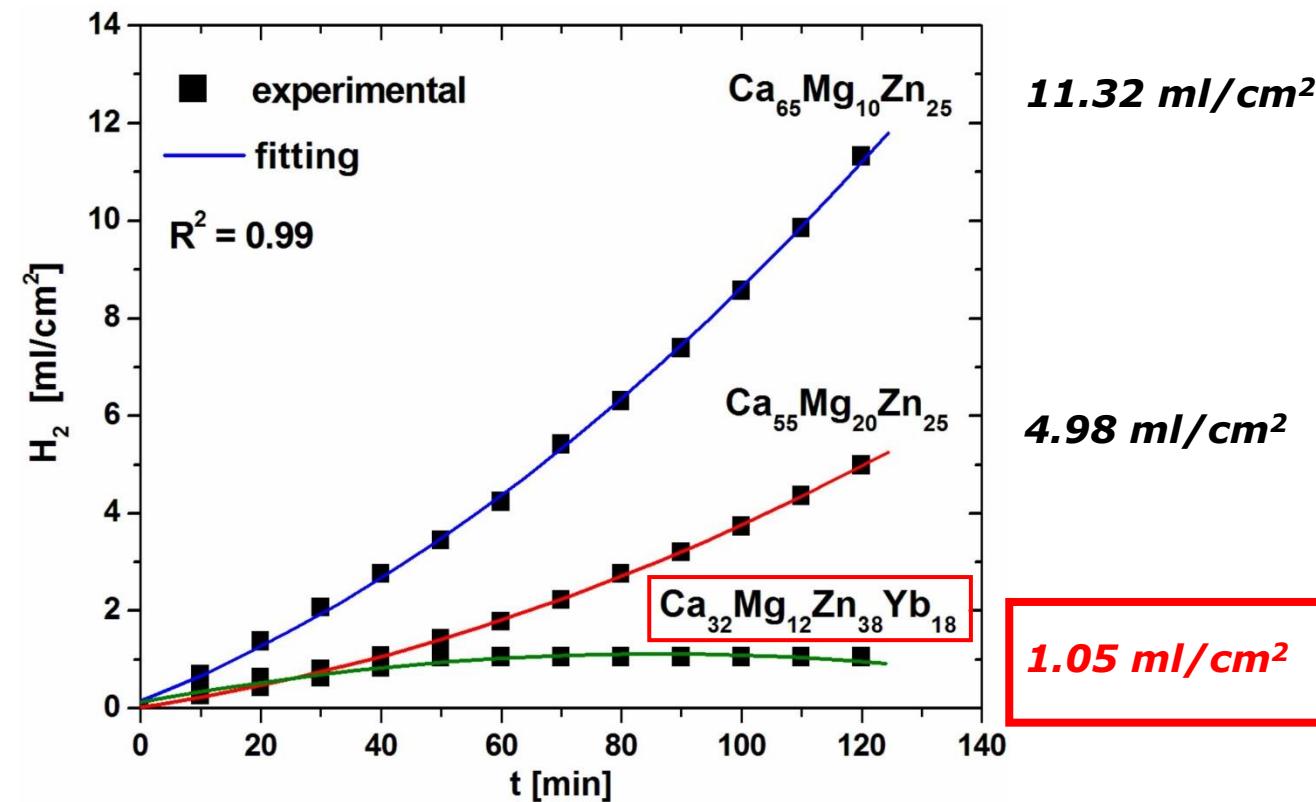
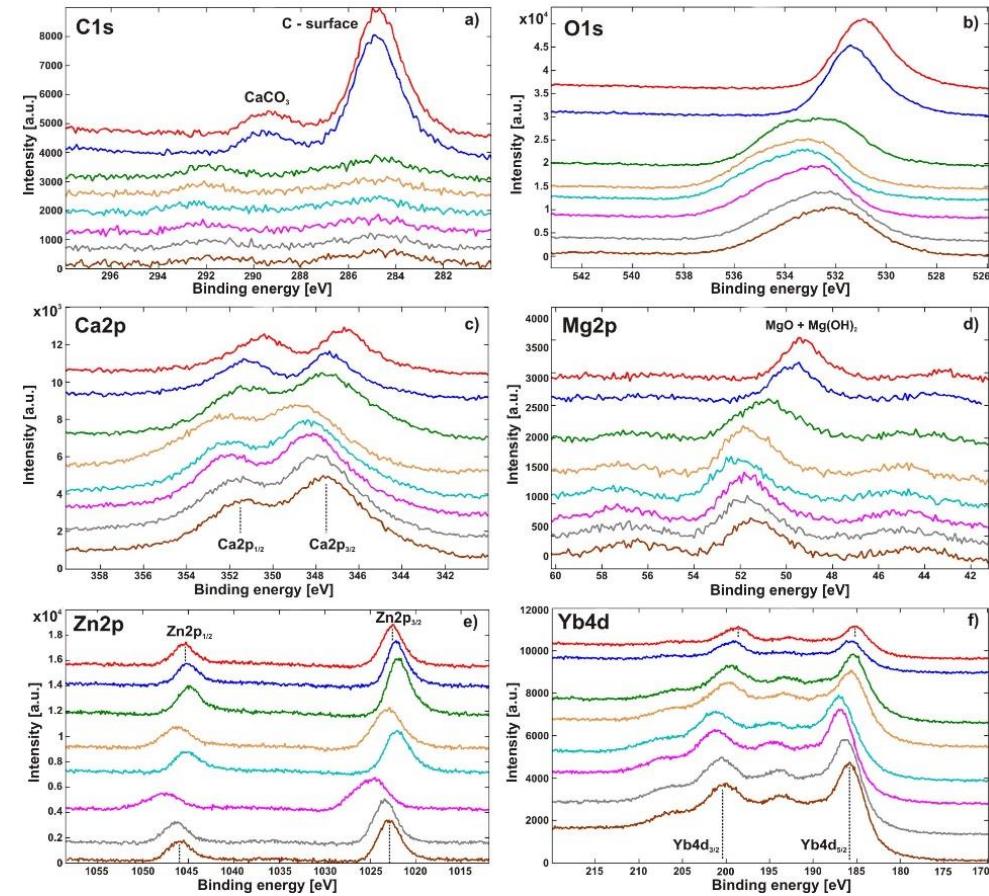
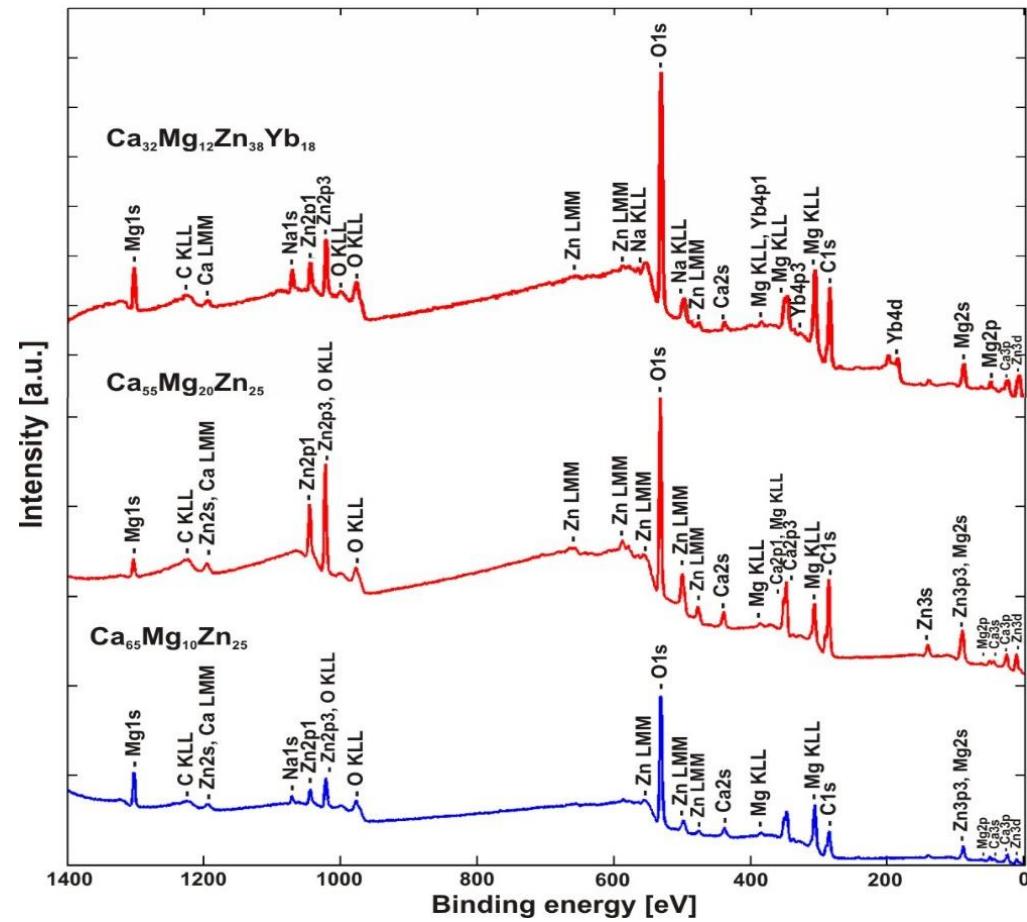


Fig. Hydrogen evolution volume in a function of time in Ringer's solution at 37°C

XPS spectroscopy – survey and core level spectra



Rys. XPS survey and core level spectra of C1s, O1s, Ca2p, Mg2p, Zn2p and Yb4d for $\text{Ca}_{65}\text{Mg}_{10}\text{Zn}_{25}$, $\text{Ca}_{55}\text{Mg}_{20}\text{Zn}_{25}$ and $\text{Ca}_{32}\text{Mg}_{12}\text{Zn}_{38}\text{Yb}_{18}$ alloys after corrosion tests in Ringer's solution at 37°C

Corrosion products analysis after 5 h of immersion in Ringer's solution

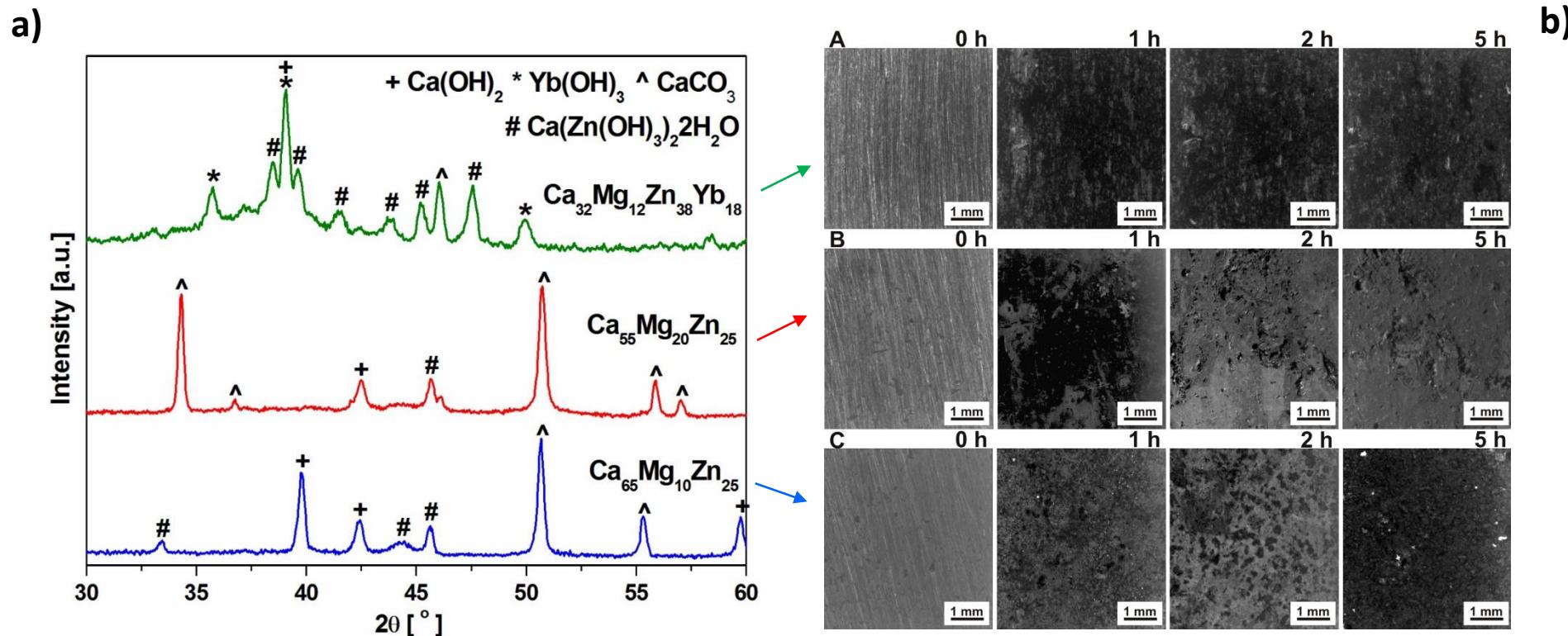


Fig. XRD patterns after 5 h of immersion (a) and changes of surface morphology of samples (b) after tests in Ringer's solution

Boron addition?

Boron is a biocompatible element with a positive effect on the growth of bones and is required for the maintenance of human health.

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XRD patterns and HRTEM images

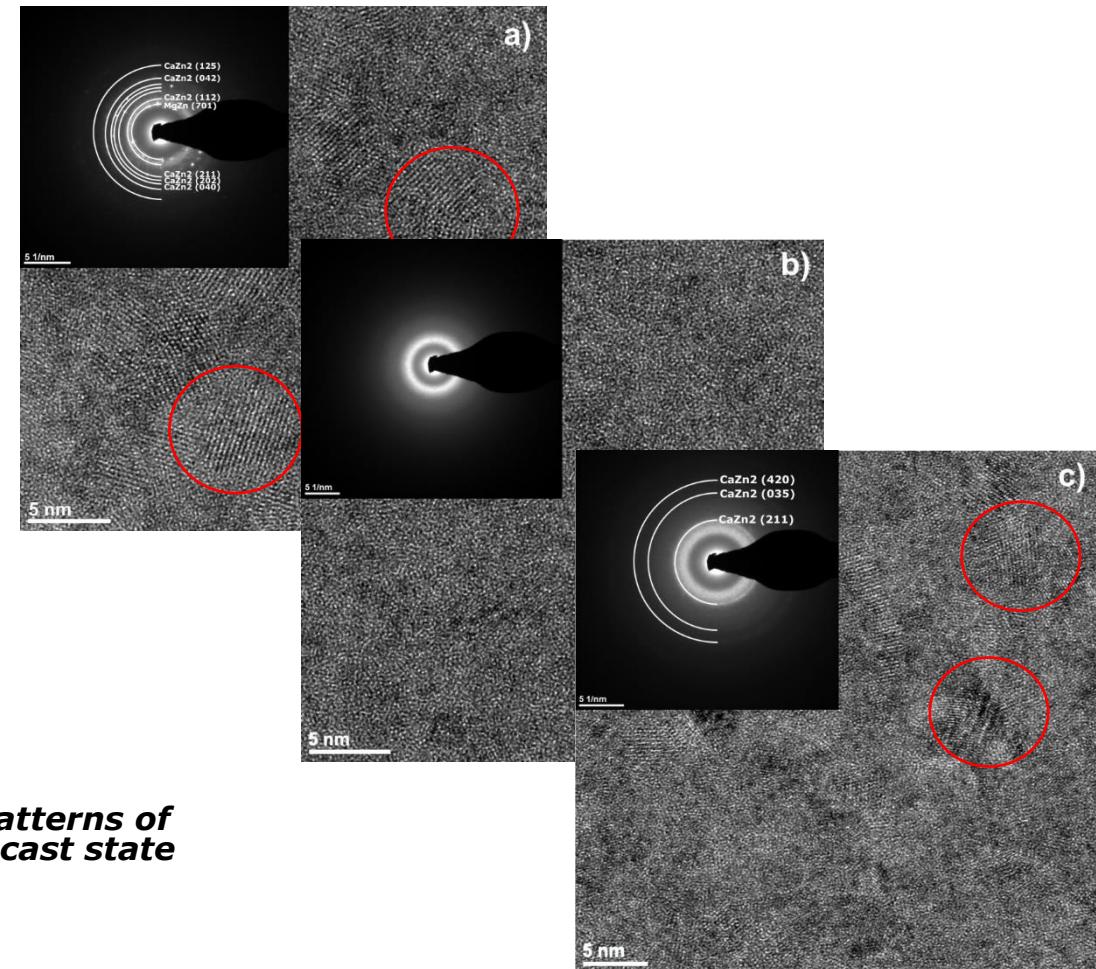
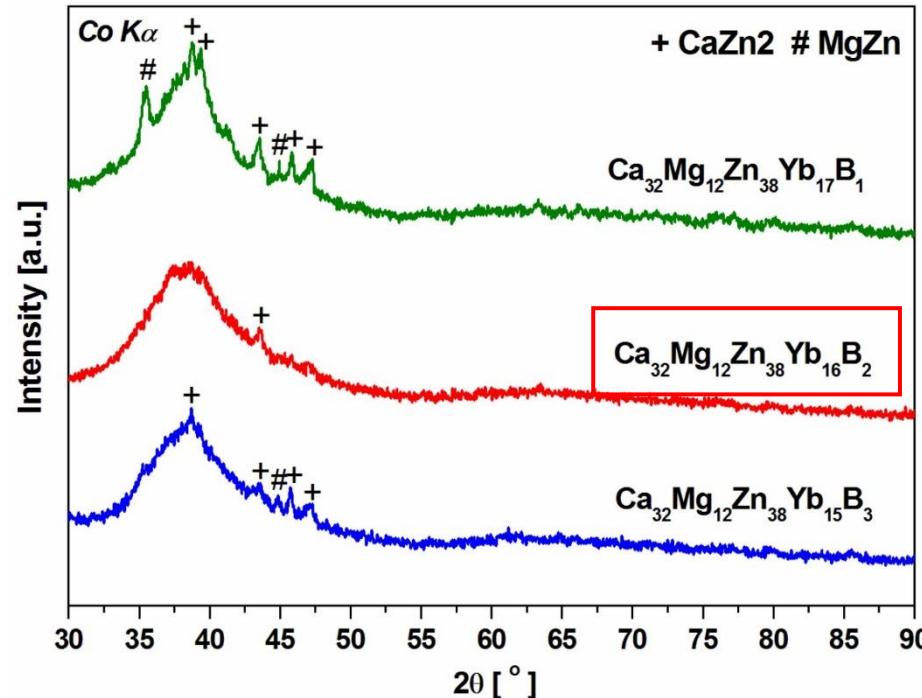


Fig. XRD patterns, HRTEM micrographs and SAED patterns of $\text{Ca}_{32}\text{Mg}_{12}\text{Zn}_{38}\text{Yb}_{18-x}\text{B}_x$ ($x=1,2,3$ at.%) samples in as-cast state

Electrochemical measurements in Ringer's solution

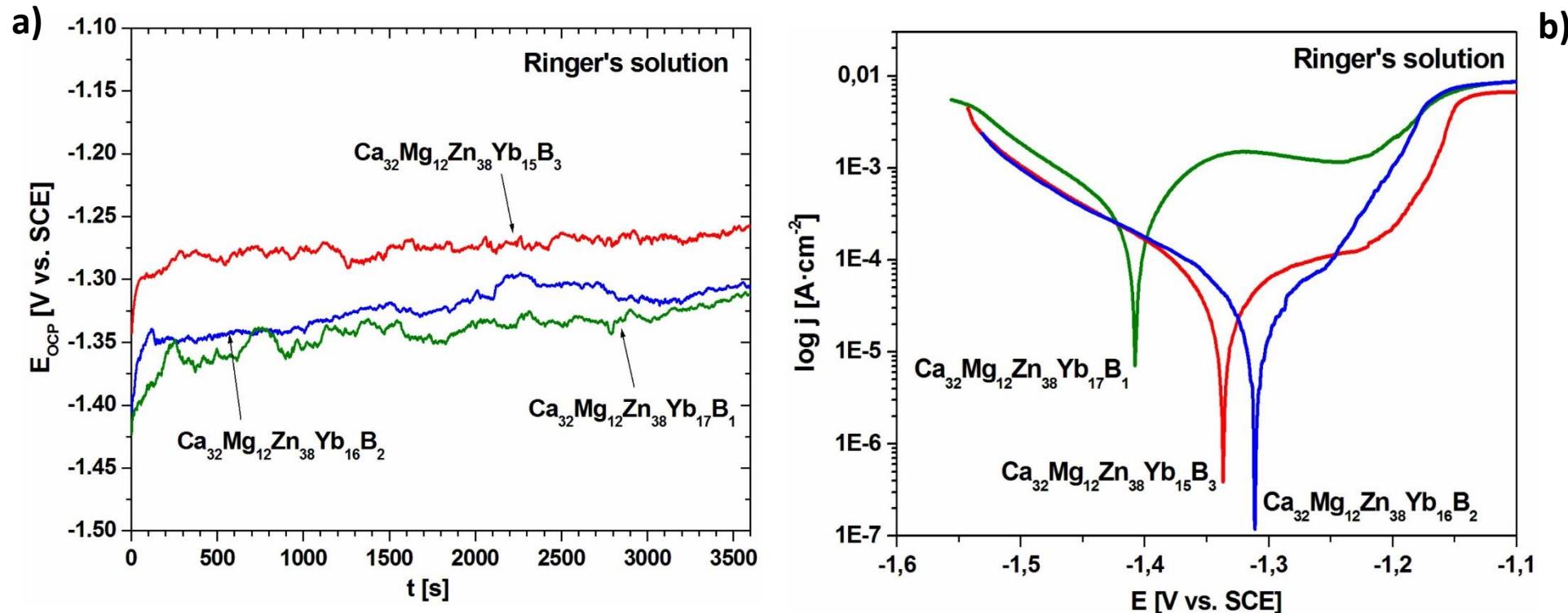
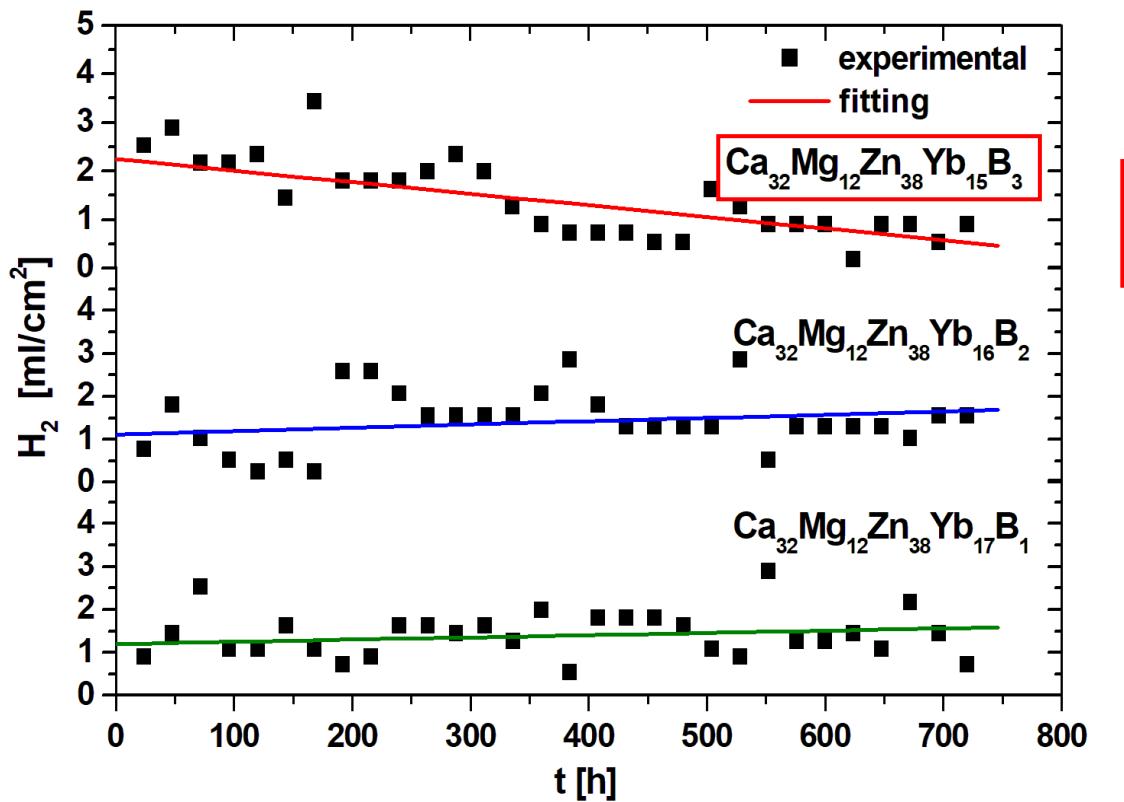


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Hydrogen volume after 30 days of immersion in Ringer's solution



0.47 ml/cm^2

1.69 ml/cm^2

1.58 ml/cm^2

Fig. Hydrogen evolution volume in a function of time during immersion in Ringer's solution at temperature of 37°C

B, Yb and Au addition together?

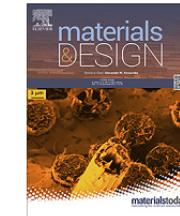
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New resorbable Ca-Mg-Zn-Yb-B-Au alloys: Structural and corrosion resistance characterization



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XRD results and DSC analysis

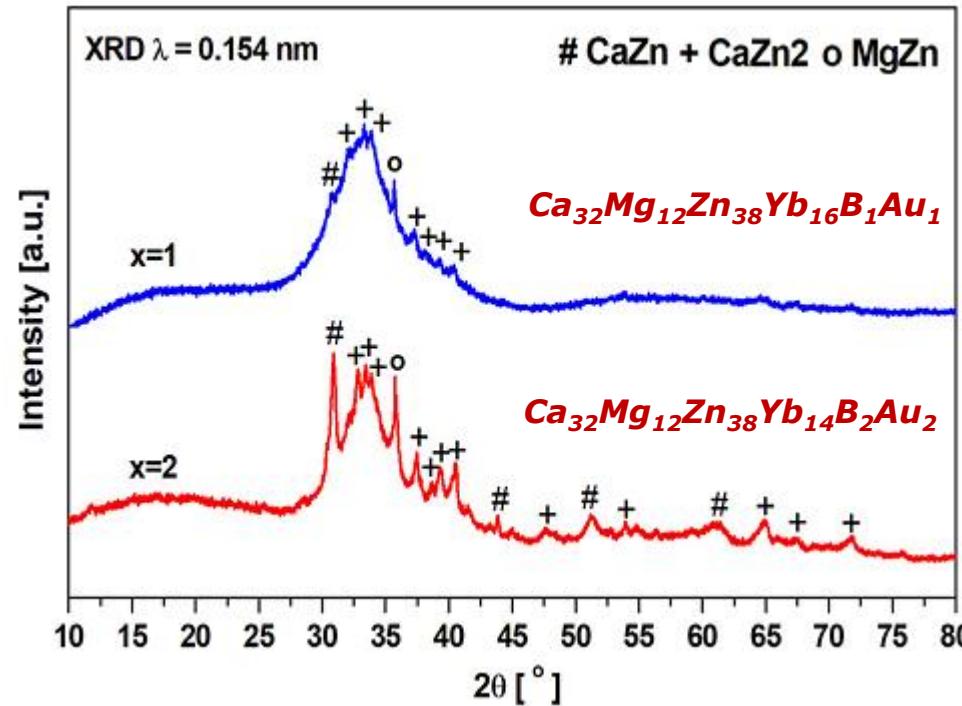


Fig. XRD patterns of $\text{Ca}_{32}\text{Mg}_{12}\text{Zn}_{38}\text{Yb}_{18-2x}\text{B}_x\text{Au}_x$ ($x = 1, 2$ at.%) alloys in a form of plate

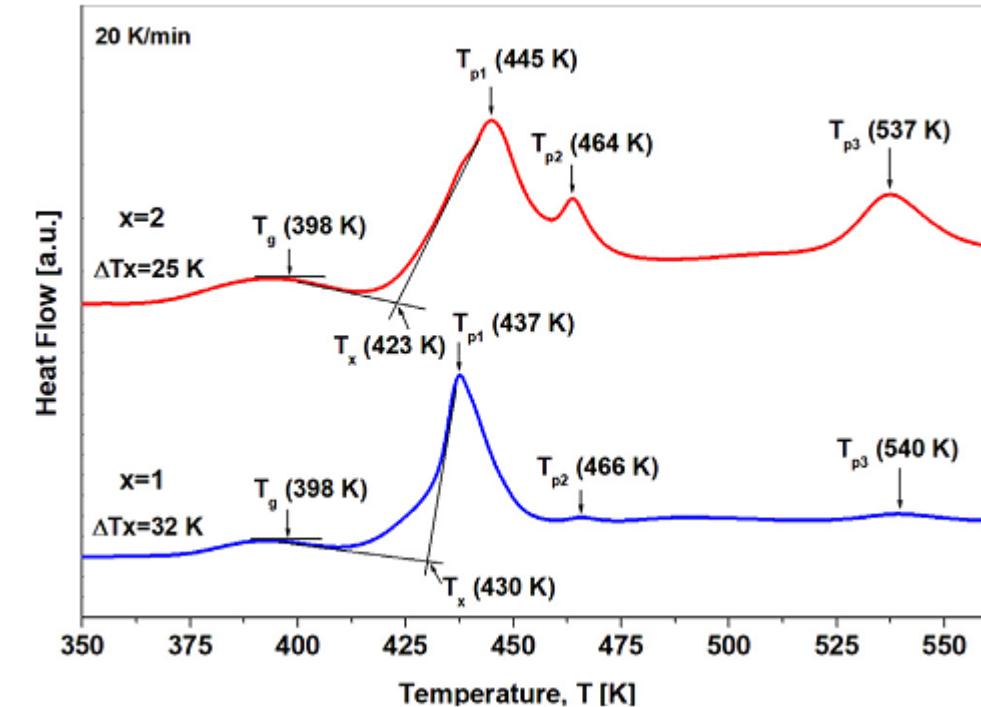


Fig. DSC curves of $\text{Ca}_{32}\text{Mg}_{12}\text{Zn}_{38}\text{Yb}_{18-2x}\text{B}_x\text{Au}_x$ ($x = 1, 2$ at.%) alloys in a form of plate

Evolution of hydrogen in Ringer's solution

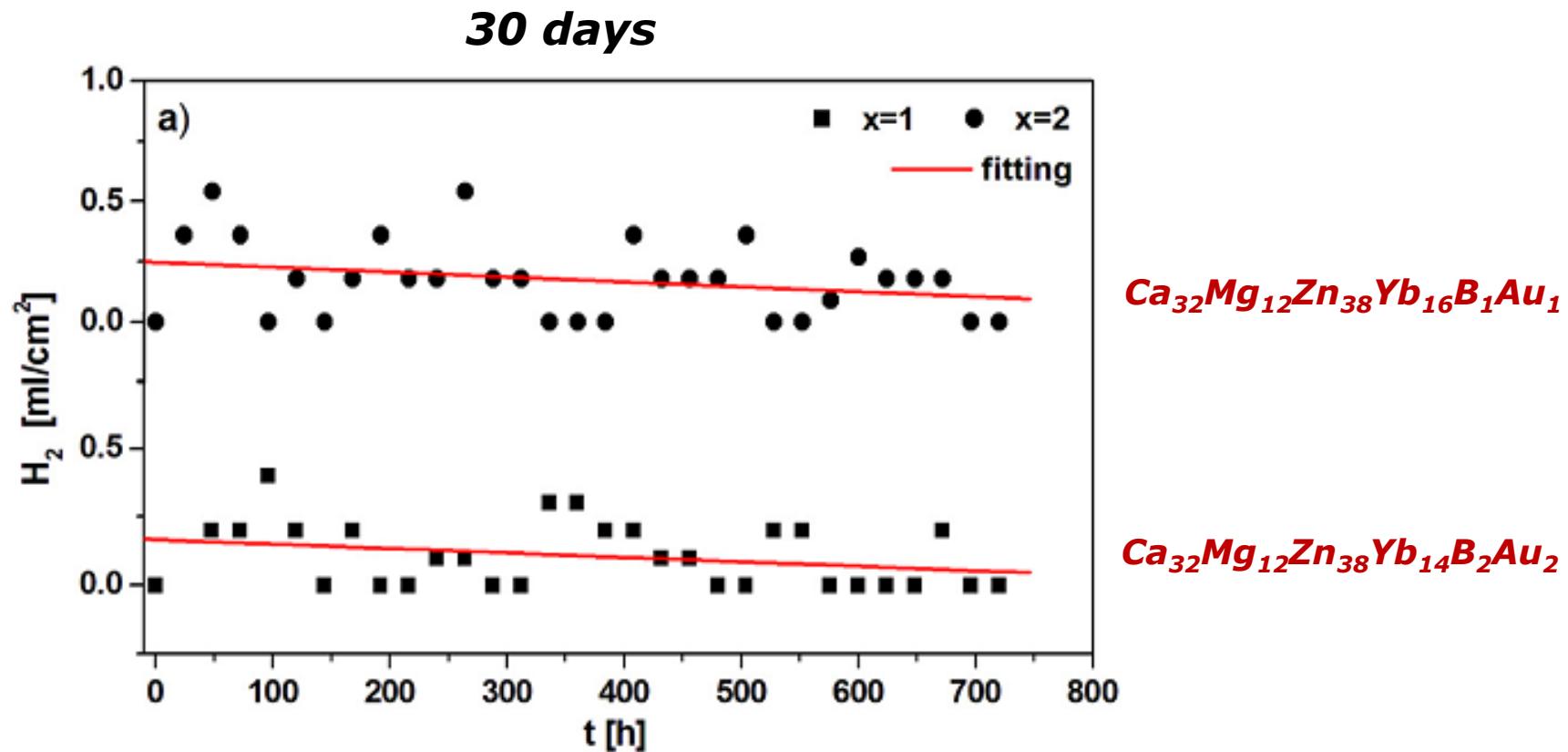
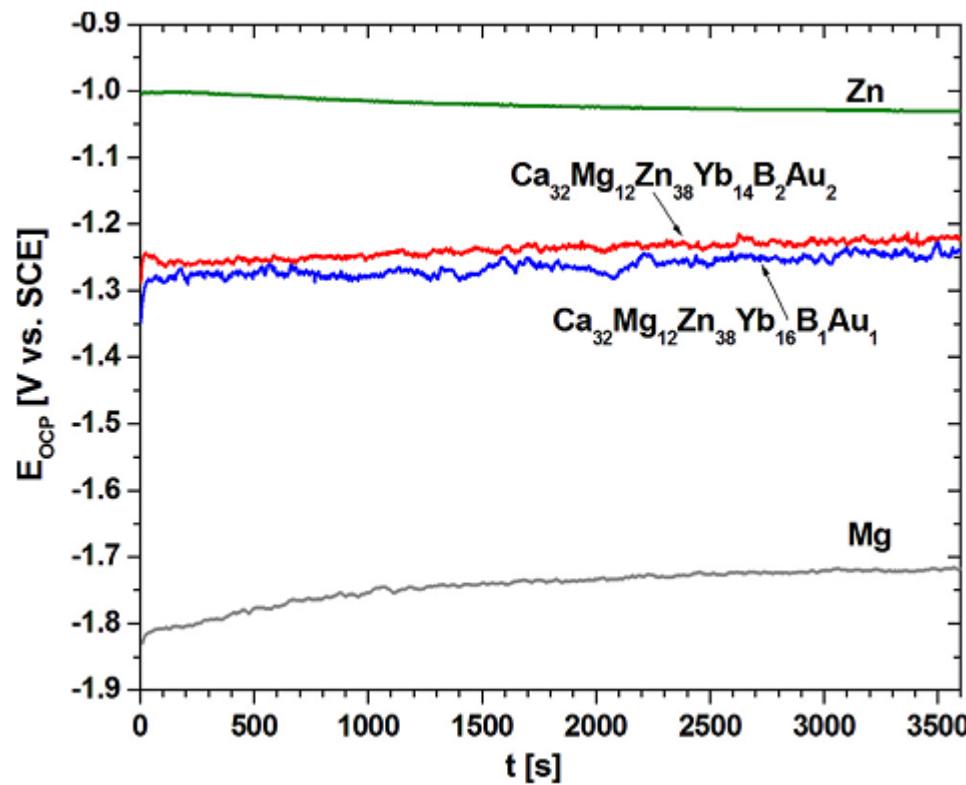


Fig. Hydrogen evolution volume over time for $\text{Ca}_{32}\text{Mg}_{12}\text{Zn}_{38}\text{Yb}_{18-2x}\text{B}_x\text{Au}_x$ ($x=1, 2$) plates in Ringer's solution at 37°C

Electrochemical measurements in Ringer's solution



Rys. E_{OCP} measurements for $\text{Ca}_{32}\text{Mg}_{12}\text{Zn}_{38}\text{Yb}_{18-2x}\text{B}_x\text{Au}_x$ ($x=1, 2$) plates compared with Mg and Zn

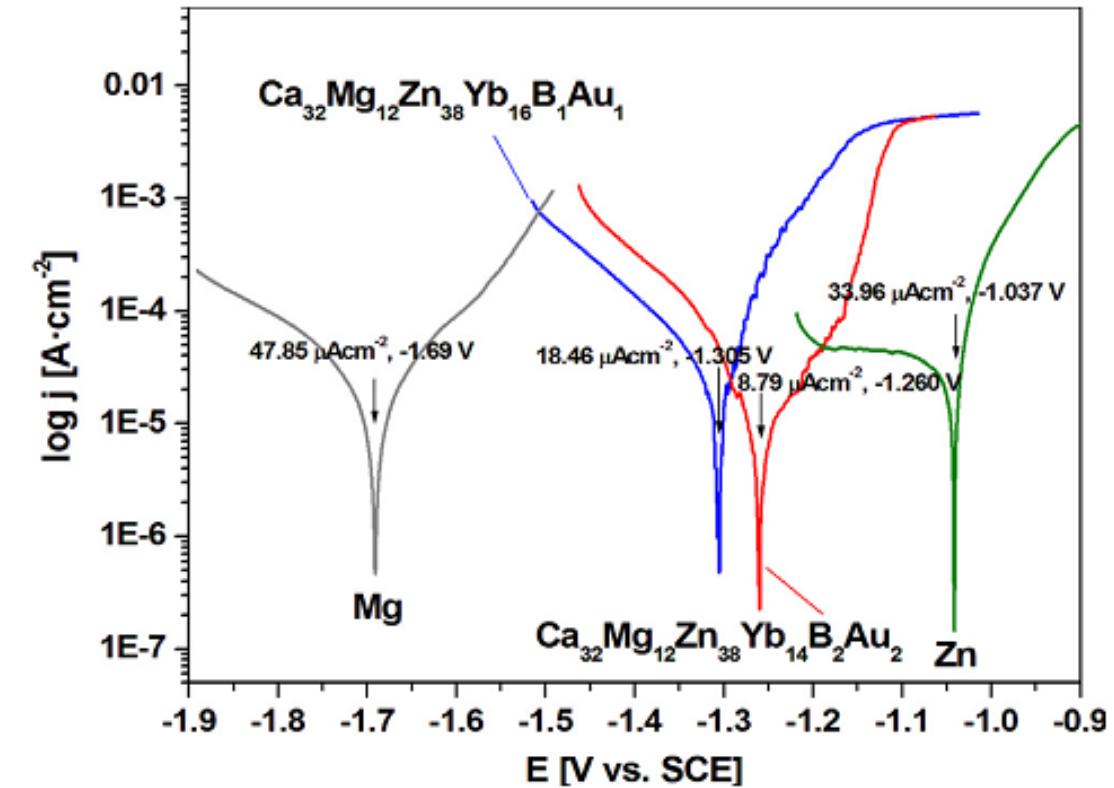


Fig. Tafel plots for $\text{Ca}_{32}\text{Mg}_{12}\text{Zn}_{38}\text{Yb}_{18-2x}\text{B}_x\text{Au}_x$ ($x=1, 2$) plates compared with Mg and Zn in Ringer's solution at 37°C

Analysis of corrosion products

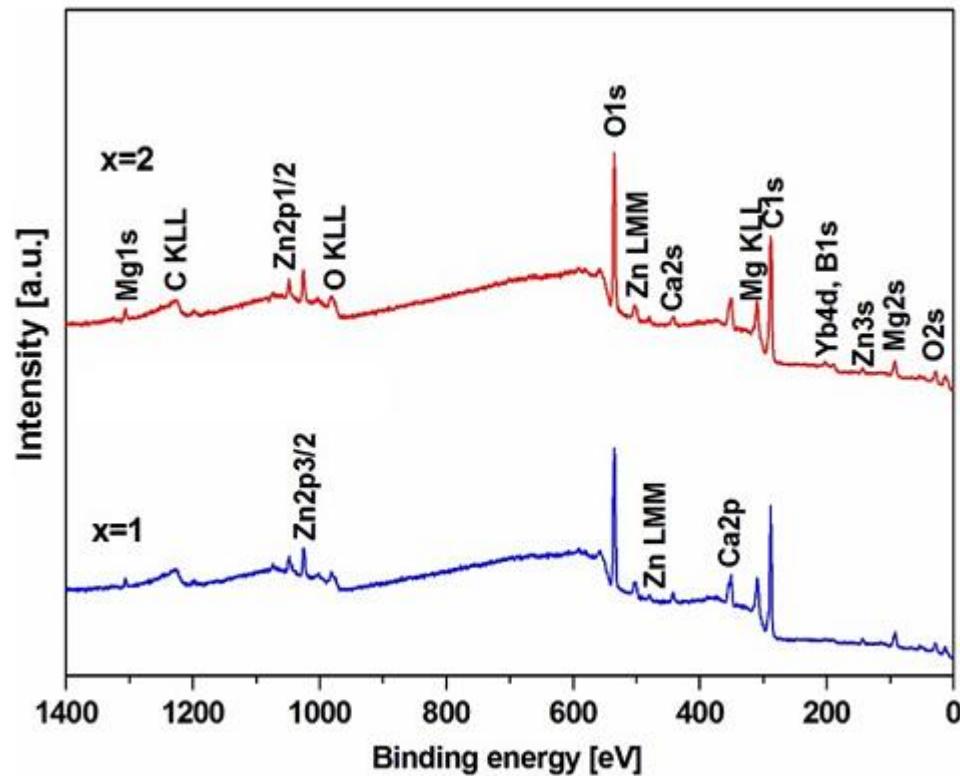


Fig. XPS survey spectra for $\text{Ca}_{32}\text{Mg}_{12}\text{Zn}_{38}\text{Yb}_{18-2x}\text{B}_x\text{Au}_x$ ($x=1,2$) plates after corrosion test in Ringer's solution at 37°C

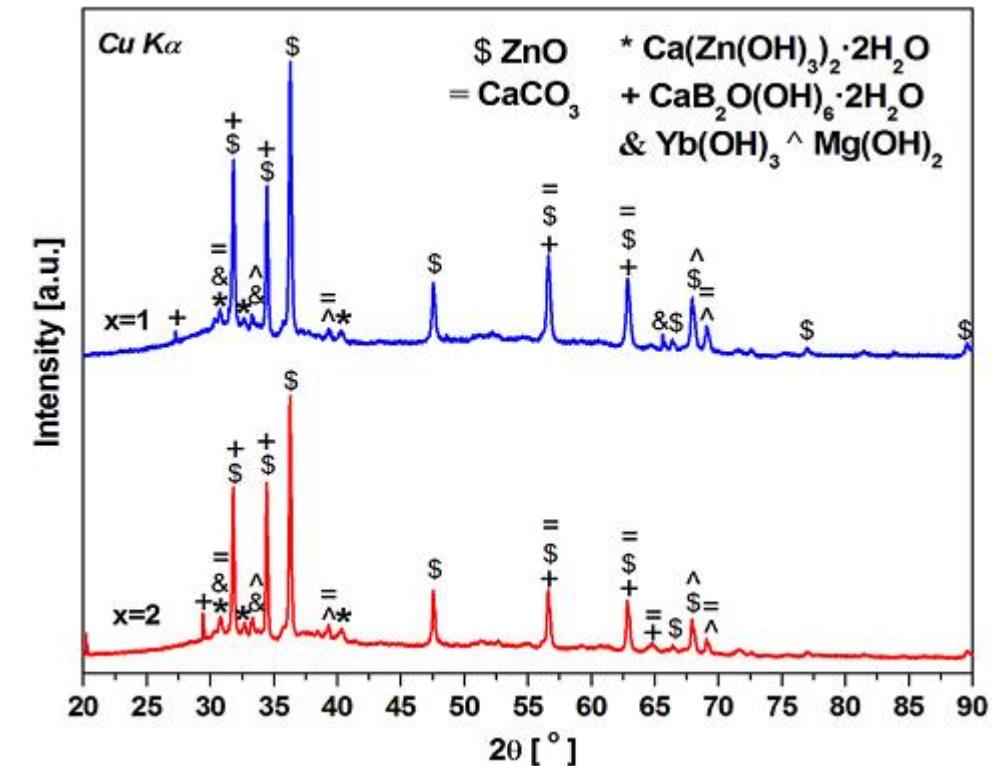


Fig. XRD patterns of corrosion products of $\text{Ca}_{32}\text{Mg}_{12}\text{Zn}_{38}\text{Yb}_{18-2x}\text{B}_x\text{Au}_x$ ($x=1, 2$) plates after immersion in Ringer's solution at 37°C over 30 days

Surface morphology of the plates after immersion in Ringer's solution

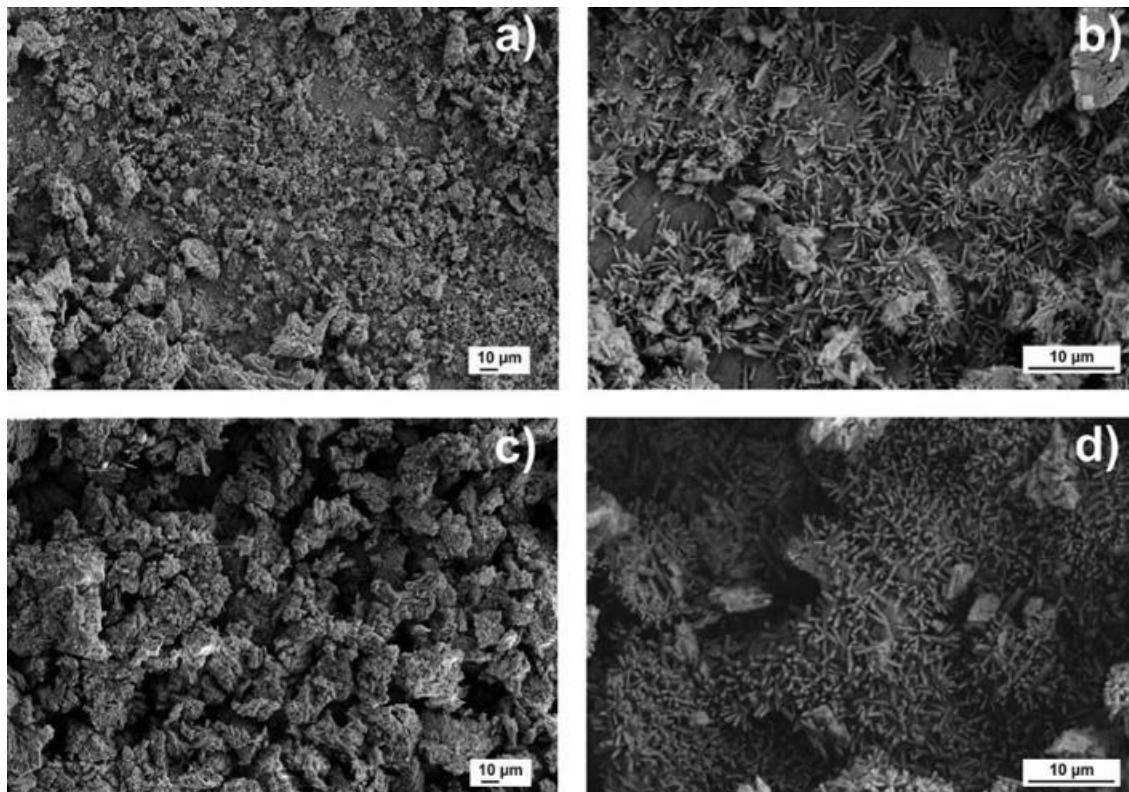


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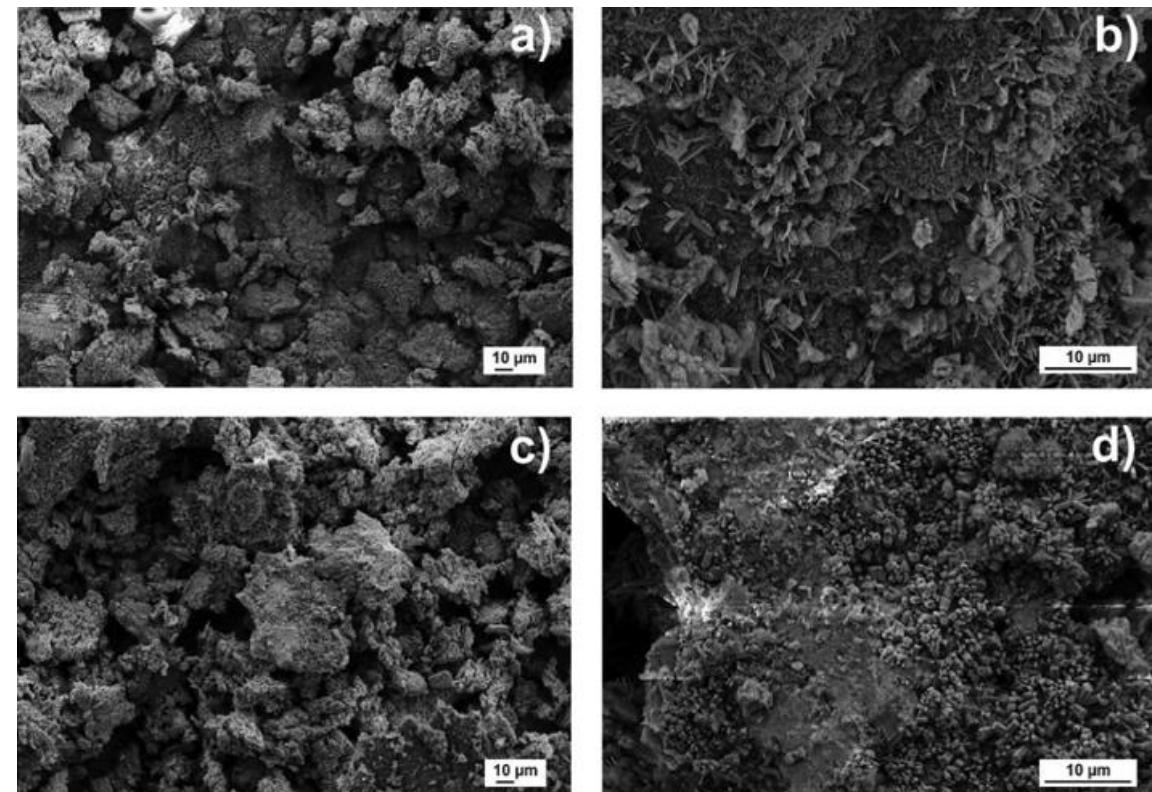
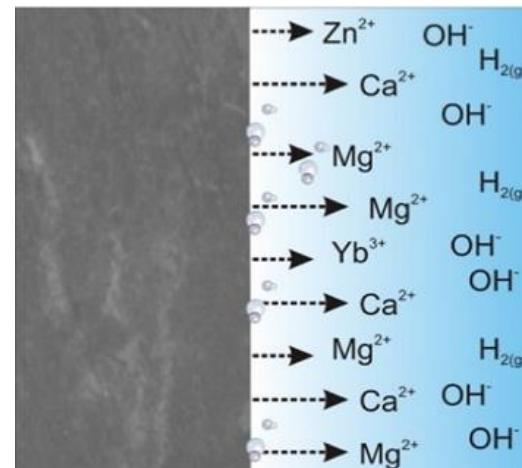
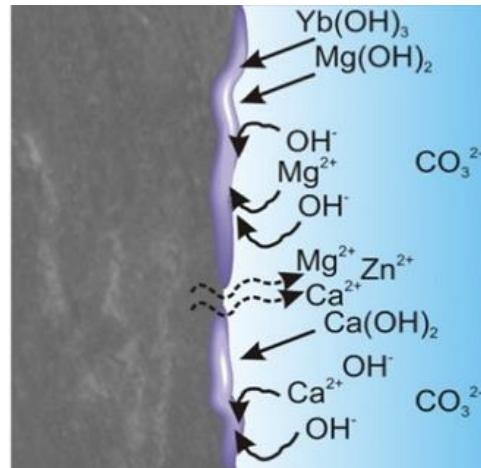


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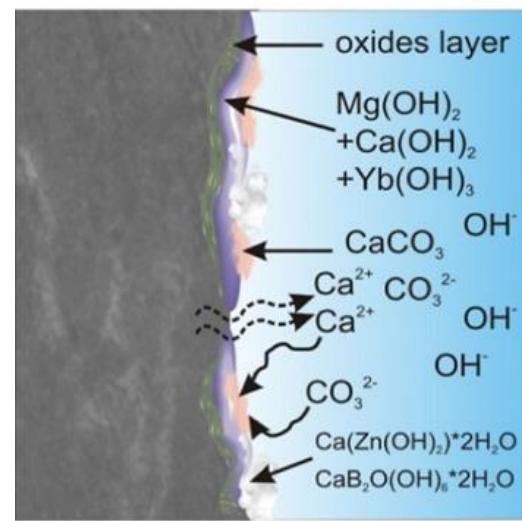
The corrosion mechanism of Ca-Mg-Zn-Yb-B-Au alloys in Ringer's solution



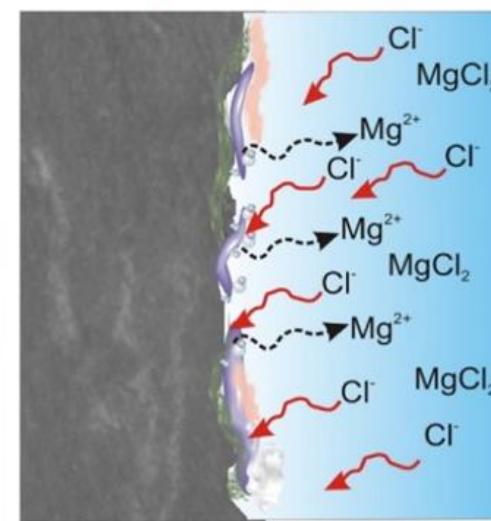
Anodic dissolution



Metal hydroxide precipitation



Corrosion product layer formation



Corrosion propagation

1. **Anodic dissolution**
2. **Hydroxide precipitation**
3. **Corrosion product layer formation**
4. **Corrosion propagation stage**

Schematic presentation of a corrosion mechanism of the Ca-Mg-Zn-Yb-B-Au alloys in Ringer's solution