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面處理講座課程 –  
金屬腐蝕原理和防腐方法

金屬腐蝕的電化學原理和檢測  
(METAL CORROSION PRINCIPLES & TESTING)

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1. Introduction (簡介)

- Definitions (定義)

**Definitions of corrosion (腐蝕的定義)**

- Corrosion is defined as the **deterioration** of a material, usually **a metal**, that results from **a reaction with its environment**. - **NACE International**
- Physico-chemical interaction between **a metal and its environment** which results in changes in the properties of the metal and which may often lead to **impairment** of the function of the metal, the environment, or the technical system of which these form a part. - **ISO**
- Corrosion cost to society (expensive, wasteful of natural resources and loss of life) : typical 3-4% GNP

**Corrosion – an interdisciplinary subject**  
(金屬腐蝕 - 一門融合多門學科的邊緣科學)

Diagram illustrating the interdisciplinary nature of Corrosion:

- Electro-chemistry (電化學)
- Metallurgy (冶金學)
- Environmental science (環境科學)
- Corrosion sci & engg (金屬腐蝕學)

1. Introduction (簡介)

- **Electrochemical Aspect (電化學理論)**

- a • Electrochemical cells (電化學電池)
- b • Thermodynamics (熱力學)
- c • Kinetics (動力學)
- d • Passivity & passivation (鈍態與鈍化)
- e • Dry corrosion (乾腐蝕)

1. Introduction (簡介)

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- e • Failure analysis

## 1. Introduction (簡介)

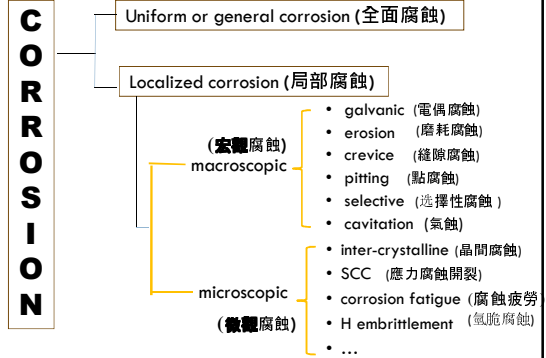
### - Corrosion Forms (腐蝕類形)

- Classification based on reactions and mechanisms of the corrosion processes

- Wet corrosion (濕腐蝕)
- Dry corrosion (干腐蝕)



## Corrosion Forms (腐蝕類形)



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## - Corrosion forms (腐蝕類形)

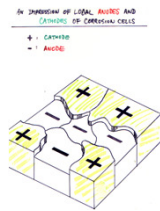
- Uniform (or general) corrosion** (全面腐蝕或均勻腐蝕)

- Corrosion attack dominated by uniform thinning due to even & regular loss of metal over the entire surface area.
- Types - atmospheric corrosion and high temperature corrosion



- Localized corrosion** (局部腐蝕)

- Localized corrosion is common but sometimes catastrophic, and its occurrences and speed are hard to predicated.
- Types: galvanic (bi-metallic); pitting; stress corrosion cracking; differential aeration (crevice corrosion); erosion-corrosion (cavitation); corrosion fatigue; selective corrosion



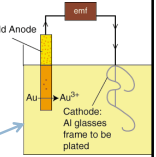
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## 2. Corrosion theory (腐蝕理論)

### 2.1 Electrochemical Aspect (電化學理論)

#### a) Electrochemical cells (電化學電池)

- Composed of a pair of electrodes (電極) in contact with an electrolyte (電解液)
- 2 types
  - Electrolytic cell (電解電池)
    - e.g., electroplating system (電鍍)
  - Galvanic cell
    - e.g. batteries, corroding system (電池、腐蝕系統)

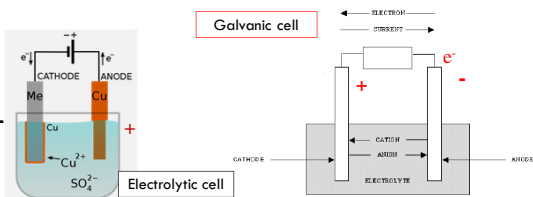


## 2. Corrosion theory (腐蝕理論)

### 2.1 Electrochemical Aspect (電化學理論)

#### a) Electrochemical cells (電化學電池) – sign convention

| Sign convention                               | anode | cathode |
|---|-------|---------|
| Galvanic or Voltaic cell (corrosion, battery) | -     | +       |
| Electrolytic cell (electroplating)            | +     | -       |



## 2. Corrosion theory (腐蝕理論)

### 2.1 Electrochemical Aspect (電化學理論)

#### a) Electrochemical cells (電化學電池)

- Electrode potentials (電極電位)

- Different metals (e.g., iron, zinc, copper) have different electrode potentials (called reduction potentials) due to their inherent different tendency toward electrochemical reaction
- Metal having a more negative reduction potential tends to be more active (corroding) in an electrolyte

|       | <u>Zn</u> | <u>Fe</u> | <u>Cu</u> |
|-------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| E (V) | -0.76     | -0.44     | +0.34     |
|       | ACTIVE    |           |           |

**Standard electrode (reduction) potential**  
標準電極(還原)電位

**TABLE 2.1 Standard Electromotive Force Potentials (Reduction Potentials)**

| Reaction  | Standard Potential, $E^\circ$ (volts vs. SHE) |
|---|---|
| <b>Noble</b>  |   |
| $\text{Au}^{3+} + 3\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Au}$                              | +1.498  |
| $\text{Cl}_2 + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow 2\text{Cl}^-$                              | +1.358  |
| $\text{O}_2 + 4\text{H}^+ + 4\text{e}^- \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (pH 0)   | +1.229  |
| $\text{Fe}^{3+} + 3\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Fe}$                              | +1.2  |
| $\text{O}_2 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} + 4\text{e}^- \rightarrow 4\text{OH}^-$ (pH 7)  | +0.82   |
| $\text{Ag}^+ + \text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Ag}$                                  | +0.799  |
| $\text{Hg}_2^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow 2\text{Hg}$                           | +0.788  |
| $\text{Fe}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Fe}$                              | +0.771  |
| $\text{O}_2 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} + 4\text{e}^- \rightarrow 4\text{OH}^-$ (pH 14) | +0.401  |
| $\text{Cu}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Cu}$                              | +0.337  |
| $\text{Sn}^{4+} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Sn}^{2+}$                         | +0.15   |
| $2\text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{H}_2$                                | 0.000   |
| $\text{Pb}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Pb}$                              | -0.126  |
| $\text{Sn}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Sn}$                              | -0.136  |
| $\text{Ni}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Ni}$                              | -0.250  |
| $\text{Co}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Co}$                              | -0.277  |
| $\text{Cd}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Cd}$                              | -0.403  |
| $\text{Fe}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Fe}$                              | -0.440  |
| $\text{Cr}^{3+} + 3\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Cr}$                              | -0.744  |
| $\text{Zn}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Zn}$                              | -0.763  |
| $2\text{H}_2\text{O} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{H}_2 + 2\text{OH}^-$         | -0.828  |
| <b>Active</b>   |   |
| $\text{Al}^{3+} + 3\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Al}$                              | -1.662  |
| $\text{Mg}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Mg}$                              | -2.363  |
| $\text{Na}^+ + \text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Na}$                                  | -2.714  |
| $\text{K}^+ + \text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{K}$                                    | -2.925  |

Not a standard state but included for reference.  
Source: A. J. Aylward and N. S. Low, Standard Electrode Potentials and Temperature Coefficients at 25°C, Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1994.

**2. Corrosion theory (腐蝕理論)**  
2.1 Electrochemical Aspect (電化學理論)

**a) Electrochemical cells (電化學電池)**  
- **Electrode potentials (電極電位)**  
Steel or iron corrodes in de-aerated acid

**Anode (陽極):**  
 $\text{Fe} - 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Fe}^{2+}$  ( $E = 0.44\text{V}$ )

**Cathode (陰極):**  
 $2\text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{H}_2$  ( $E = 0.00\text{V}$ )

**Overall:**  
 $\text{Fe} + 2\text{H}^+ \rightarrow \text{Fe}^{2+} + \text{H}_2$

$\Delta E = E_{\text{cell}} = +0.4\text{V}$

**2. Corrosion theory (腐蝕理論)**  
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**a) Electrochemical cells (電化學電池)**  
- **Electrode potential (電極電位)**  
Steel or iron corrodes in contact with water drop (moisture)

at anode:  $\text{Fe} - 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Fe}^{2+}$   
at cathode:  $\frac{1}{2}\text{O}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow 2\text{OH}^-$   
overall reaction:  
 $\text{Fe} + \frac{1}{2}\text{O}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{Fe(OH)}_2$

$\Delta E = E_{\text{cell}} = +0.84\text{V}$

**2. Corrosion theory (腐蝕理論)**  
2.1 Electrochemical Aspect (電化學理論)

**a) Electrochemical cells (電化學電池)**  
- **Electrode potential (電極電位)**  
Rebar (鋼筋) corrodes inside concrete (混凝土)

$\text{Fe} \rightarrow \text{Fe}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^-$   
 $\text{Fe} + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{Fe(OH)}_2 + 2\text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^-$   
 $\text{O}_2 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} + 4\text{e}^- \rightarrow 4\text{OH}^-$

**a) Electrochemical cells (電化學電池)**  
- **Electrode potential (電極電位)**  
Galvanic Series in Seawater (海水)

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| platinum                                | (Noble end)  |
| gold                                    |              |
| graphite                                |              |
| titanium                                |              |
| zirconium                               |              |
| AISI 316, 317 stainless steel (passive) |              |
| AISI 304 (passive)                      |              |
| AISI 430 (passive)                      |              |
| nickel (passive)                        |              |
| copper-nickel (70-30)                   |              |
| bronzes                                 |              |
| lead                                    |              |
| AISI 316, 317 stainless steel (active)  |              |
| AISI 304 (active)                       |              |
| steel or iron                           |              |
| aluminum alloy 2024                     |              |
| cadmium                                 |              |
| zinc                                    | (Active end) |

**b) Thermodynamics (熱力學)**

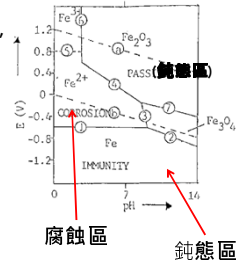
- Provides an understanding of the energy changes involved in corrosion
- Some examples
  - Iron in contact with water drop  
 $\text{Fe} + \frac{1}{2}\text{O}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{Fe(OH)}_2$   $\Delta E = +0.8\text{V}$
  - Copper in aerated acid  
 $\text{Cu} + \frac{1}{2}\text{O}_2 + 2\text{H}^+ \rightarrow \text{Cu}^{2+} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$   $\Delta E = +0.89\text{V}$
  - Copper in de-aerated acid  
 $\text{Cu} + 2\text{H}^+ \rightarrow \text{Cu}^{2+} + \text{H}_2$   $\Delta E = -0.34\text{V}$
- Nernst equation
  - To calculate the half-potential  $E$ , of a couple where the reacting species are not at unit activity  
 $E = E^\circ + (RT/zF) \ln (a_{\text{(ox)}}/a_{\text{(red)}})$   $RT/F = 0.0257\text{V}$

$\text{Cu}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Cu} : E_{\text{Cu}} = E^\circ_{\text{Cu}^{2+}} + (0.059/2) \log a_{\text{Cu}^{2+}}$

## b) Thermodynamics (熱力學)

### E-pH diagram (圖) (also known as Pourbaix diagram)

- “The conditions of a metal, that is, at different reduction potentials (E) and exposed to electrolytes of different pH, may determine the 3 regions of thermodynamic stability of species for metal/electrolyte system: Corrosion 腐蝕區, Immunity 免蝕區 and Passivity 鈍態區”
- Limitation (限制)**
  - not all species may achieve equilibrium with others
  - pH varies from one point to another
  - passivity of oxides, hydroxides may not be necessarily protective
  - no information on corrosion rate (kinetic information)

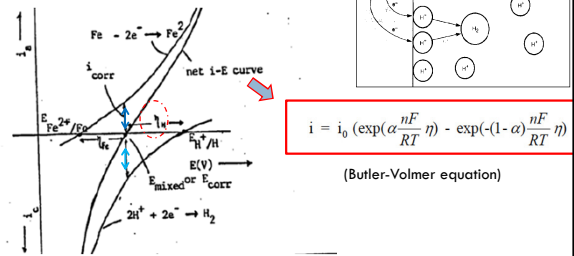


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## 2. Corrosion theory (腐蝕理論)

### 2.1 Electrochemical Aspect (電化學理論)

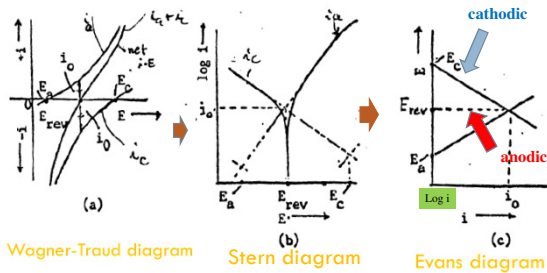
#### c) Kinetics (動力學)



$$i = i_0 \left( \exp\left(\alpha \frac{nF}{RT} \eta\right) - \exp\left(-(1-\alpha) \frac{nF}{RT} \eta\right) \right)$$

(Butler-Volmer equation)

#### c) Kinetics - Measurement of corrosion potential and corrosion current density (腐蝕電位和電流密度的測量) using Tafel plot $\eta = a \pm \log i$

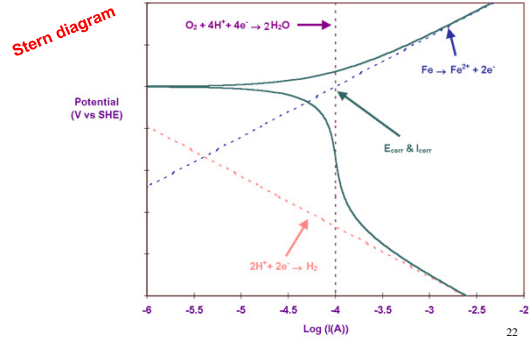


Wagner-Traud diagram Stern diagram Evans diagram

Corrosion polarization diagrams (腐蝕極化圖)

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#### Polarization diagram (極化圖) by potentiostatic scanning (電位掃描法)



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## 2. Corrosion theory (腐蝕理論)

### 2.1 Electrochemical Aspect (電化學理論)

#### Corrosion rate (腐蝕速度) of mild steels (破鋼)

| 抗腐蝕程度        | 腐蝕速度       |          |
|--------------|------------|----------|
| Outstanding  | < 0.02 mmy | < 1 mpy  |
| Excellent    | 0.02 - 0.1 | 1 - 5    |
| Good         | 0.1 - 0.5  | 5 - 20   |
| Fair         | 0.5 - 1    | 20 - 50  |
| Poor         | 1 - 5      | 50 - 200 |
| Unacceptable | > 5        | > 200    |

mmy = mm per year; mpy = mil per year

## 2. Corrosion theory (腐蝕理論)

### 2.1 Electrochemical Aspect (電化學理論)

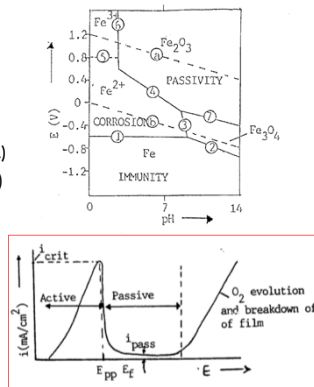
#### d) Passivity & Passivation (鈍態及鈍化)

- Certain metals and alloys are protected from corrosive solutions by forming very thin, oxidized and corrosion resistant films on their surfaces
- Passivity (鈍化) – a condition of corrosion resistance due to formation of thin surface films under oxidizing (氧化) conditions with high anodic polarization or highly oxidizing agent, such as “fuming” nitric acid (發煙硝酸)
- Metals able to form “passivity” film (鈍化膜)
  - Cr, stainless steels
  - Al, Si, Ti, Ta, Nb,

#### d) Passivity & Passivation (鈍態及鈍化)

##### Passivity (鈍態)

- Corrosion rate decreases when exceeding certain critical current density ( $i_{crit}$ )
- Passive current (鈍化電流) ( $i_{pass}$ ) is very low
- Stability of passivity may be disturbed by halide ion, causing unpredictable localized corrosion



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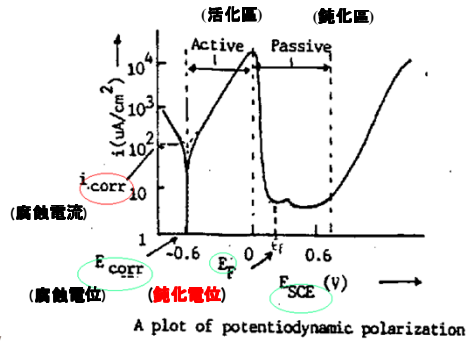
### 2.1 Electrochemical Aspect (電化學理論)

#### d) Passivity & Passivation (鈍態及鈍化)

- Chemical passivation (化學鈍化)**
  - Caused by oxidants (Cr, Ni, Ti, Zr in air)
  - Examples
    - Iron in **dichromate** in circulating cooling water
    - Copper (bronze青銅) forms patina in air
    - Steel in "fuming" **nitric acid** (發煙硝酸)
- Anodic passivation (陽極鈍化)**
  - Caused by anodic polarization, e.g., applying an external dc in aqueous media
  - Passivity forms as a result of a rate for cathodic reduction  $> i_{crit}$
  - Alloys with lower  $i_{crit}$  and more active  $E_{pp}$  are more easily passivated

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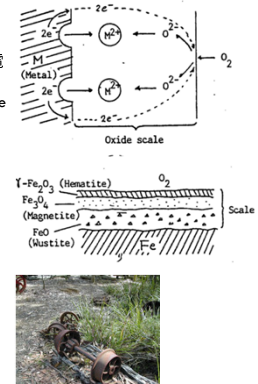
#### d) Passivation (鈍化) - iron in sulfuric acid



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#### e) Dry corrosion (乾腐蝕)

- Corrosion may occur
  - In the absence of a liquid electrolyte (電解液) resulting in a corrosion product of film or scale formed on the metal surface and acting as an electrolyte as well as conductor (導體)
  - when metal is exposed at room temperature to an oxidizing gas or vapour.
- Mechanism (機理)**
  - adsorption of oxygen atom
  - formation of oxide nuclei
  - growth of a continuous film
- Example**
  - Iron (Fe) exposed to temp  $> 600^\circ\text{C}$



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## 2. Corrosion theory (腐蝕理論)

### 2.1 Electrochemical Aspect (電化學理論)

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#### e) Dry corrosion (乾腐蝕)

- Thermodynamics (熱力學)**
- Kinetics (動力學)**
  - Parabolic oxidation (拋物線氧化)
    - gives rise to an impervious adherent oxide layer, e.g., Ni (at all temp), Fe ( $> 200^\circ\text{C}$ ), Cu ( $> 800^\circ\text{C}$ )
  - Linear oxidation (線性氧化) – catastrophic corrosion
    - gives rise to a non-impervious layer, e.g. Ca, Mg, Ta, Nb
  - Logarithmic oxidation (對數性氧化) (room temp)

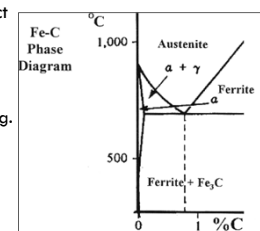
## 2. Corrosion theory (腐蝕理論)

### 2.2 Metallurgical Aspect (冶金學理論)

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#### Composition (成份) (impurities, 雜質) and its effect

- C (graphite),  $\text{Fe}_3\text{C}$  (cementite) in Fe and unalloyed steels may act as cathodic (陰極) sites in corrosion
- Ferrite acts as **anode** (陽極)
- Slag (爐渣) inclusion in steels, e.g. oxides, sulfides, silicates act as **cathode** (陰極)

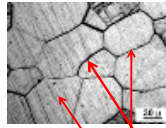
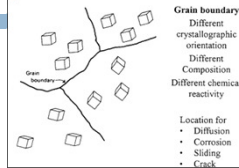


## 2. Corrosion theory (腐蝕理論)

### 2.2 Metallurgical Aspect (冶金學理論)

#### ▪ Metal structure (金屬結構) and its effects

- Metal structure - Imperfection or defects (缺陷)
- Defects usually act as anodic site in metal dissolution
- Grain boundary (晶間) – a discontinuity region with a width of several Å ( $1\text{Å} = 10^{-10}\text{m} = 0.1\text{nm}$ )
- Dislocations (錯位) – step-like defect
- Stacking faults (in fcc)



晶體 晶間

## 2. Corrosion theory (腐蝕理論)

### 2.2 Metallurgical Aspect (冶金學理論)

#### ▪ Heat treatment (熱處理)

- Normalizing (正常化), hardening or quenching (淬火), tempering (回火), annealing (退火), sensitizing, welding (燒焊)
- Effects of heat treatment (熱處理的效應)
  - Change to phase (相) which may act as cathodic sites
  - Produce defect which may act as anodic sites
  - Produce residual stress (殘餘應力) which may act as anodic sites

## CORROSION RESISTANT MATERIALS (抗腐蝕材料)

| American standard AISI  | British standard BS | Cr (%)    | Ni (%)   | C (%) | Si Max. (%) | Mn Max. (%) | Others (%)       |
|---|---------------------|-----------|----------|-------|-------------|-------------|------------------|
| <b>Martensitic:</b> body-centred tetragonal, magnetic, heat treatable   |                     |           |          |       |             |             |                  |
| 403   | En 56B              | 11.5-13   | <0.15    | <0.15 | 1.0         | 1.0         |                  |
| 410   | En 56A              | 11.5-13.5 | <0.15    | <0.15 | 1.0         | 1.0         |                  |
| 414   | En 57               | 11.5-13.5 | 1.25-2.5 | <0.15 | 1.0         | 1.0         |                  |
| 420   | En 56D              | 12-14     | 0.3-0.4  | 1.0   | 1.0         | 1.0         |                  |
| 431   | En 57               | 15-17     | 1.25-2.5 | <0.20 | 1.0         | 1.0         |                  |
| <b>Ferritic:</b> body-centred cubic, magnetic, heat treatable           |                     |           |          |       |             |             |                  |
| 405   | 713                 | 11.5-14.5 | <0.08    | 1.0   | 1.0         | Al 0.1-0.3  |                  |
| 430   | En 60               | 14.0-18.0 | <0.12    | 1.0   | 1.0         |             |                  |
| 446   | En 61               | 23-27     | <0.2     | 1.0   | 1.5         | N <0.25     |                  |
| <b>Austenitic:</b> face-centred cubic, non-magnetic, not heat treatable |                     |           |          |       |             |             |                  |
| 301   | 801A                | 16-18     | 6-8      | <0.15 | 1.0         | 2.0         |                  |
| 302   | En 58A              | 17-19     | 8-10     | <0.15 | 1.0         | 2.0         |                  |
| 304   | En 58E              | 18-20     | 8-12     | <0.08 | 1.0         | 2.0         |                  |
| 304L  | 801C                | 18-20     | 8-12     | <0.03 | 1.0         | 2.0         |                  |
| 309   | En 55               | 22-24     | 12-15    | <0.08 | 1.5         | 2.0         |                  |
| 310S  | A 11                | 24-26     | 19-22    | <0.20 | 1.0         | 2.0         |                  |
| 316   | En 58H              | 16-18     | 10-14    | <0.08 | 1.0         | 2.0         | Mo 2.0-3.0       |
| 316Cb   | A 12 Nb             | 16-18     | 10-14    | <0.08 | 1.0         | 2.0         | Mo 2-3, Nb > 5°C |
| 316Ti   | 845-Ti              | 16-18     | 10-14    | <0.08 | 1.0         | 2.0         | Mo 3-4           |
| 317   | En 58J              | 18-20     | 11-15    | <0.08 | 1.0         | 2.0         | Mo 1.75-2.75     |
| 318   | 845                 | 17-19     | 13-15    | <0.08 | 1.0         | 2.0         | Nb + Ta > 10°C   |
| 321   | En 58B              | 17-19     | 9-12     | <0.08 | 1.0         | 2.0         | Ti > 5°C         |
| 347   | En 58F              | 17-19     | 9-13     | <0.08 | 1.0         | 2.0         | Nb + Ta > 10°C   |

In general, S < 0.03%, P < 0.045%. So-called easy machining, non-seizing grades have high contents of S (or Se) and P, which reduce their corrosion resistance considerably.

## 2. Corrosion theory (腐蝕理論)

### 2.3 Environmental Aspect (環境學理論)

#### ▪ Water (水)

- Effects of
  - Oxidizers, aeration
  - Velocity of corrodants
  - Temperature
  - Galvanic coupling (bimetallic)
  - Air pollutants ( $\text{SO}_2$ ,  $\text{SO}_3$ ,  $\text{NO}_x$ ,  $\text{Cl}_2$ , dusts...) & relative humidity and temperature
  - Soils
  - Water including natural rainfall, marine water...



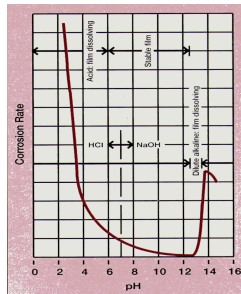
Marine environment

## 2. Corrosion theory (腐蝕理論)

### 2.3 Environmental Aspect (環境學理論)

#### ▪ Water (水)

- Types
  - Aerated or de-aerated
  - Soft water or hard water
- pH value
- Dissolved oxygen
- Total dissolved solids
  - Aggressive ions (chloride, sulfate)
  - Conductivity
- Velocity (water flow)
- Temperature



Effect of pH on corrosion rate of Zn in water

#### ▪ Soils (土壤)

- resistivity (dissolved salt and water)
- pH value (acidity)
- aeration (presence of oxygen)
- texture (porosity) – sand, silt, clay
- bacteria (microbial corrosion)
  - Anaerobic reduction: sulfate reducing bacteria
  - Aerobic oxidation: sulfur oxidizing bacteria

| Soil resistivity (ohm cm) | Corrosivity rating        |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| >20,000                   | Essentially non-corrosive |
| 10,000 to 20,000          | Mildly corrosive          |
| 5,000 to 10,000           | Moderately corrosive      |
| 3,000 to 5,000            | Corrosive                 |
| 1,000 to 3,000            | Highly corrosive          |
| <1,000                    | Extremely corrosive       |

### Air (大氣)

#### Air pollutants (大氣污染物)

- $O_2 + H_2O + 2e^- \longrightarrow 2OH^-$
- $SO_2 + H_2O \longrightarrow H_2SO_3$
- $SO_3 + H_2O \longrightarrow H_2SO_4$
- $2NO + O_2 \longrightarrow 2NO_2$ ;  $2NO_2 + H_2O \longrightarrow HNO_2 + HNO_3$
- Halides (鹵化物) : **chloride**, fluoride
- Dusts and particles: when condensed with moisture on metal, initiate corrosion by formation of galvanic cell or differential aeration cell
- Relative humidity (RH, 相對濕度) and temperature
  - Critical RH – below which negligible corrosion is found at constant temperature
    - For steel (65%); copper (65%); Al (75%)
- Dew point (corrosion)
  - When the temperature drops below the dew point, water and acid will condense on exposed surface, causing corrosion of the metal

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### 3. Corrosion testing (腐蝕測試)

#### 3.1 Overview (概述)

#### Why corrosion testing?

- Evaluation of corrosion resistance of materials under performance conditions for the following purposes
  - material and coatings development (材料和塗層的開發)
  - Corrosion monitoring (監控)
  - Quality control of materials (質檢)
  - Failure analysis (失效分析)
- Find out preventive and protective measures, e.g. methods (方法), device(設備)

### 3. Corrosion testing (腐蝕測試)

#### 3.2 Electrochemical studies (電化學方法)

#### Reference electrode (參攷或參比電極)

- A reference electrode provides a fixed potential which does not vary throughout the experiment
- Major types
  - Standard reference electrode (SHE)
  - Saturated Calomel electrode (SCE)
  - Silver chloride electrode
  - Saturated copper sulfate electrode

An electrode which measures -0.34V against an SCE would only measure -0.10V against SHE



#### Calculation of potential of reference electrodes (參比電極)

- Nernst equation  $E = E^\circ + (RT/zF) \ln (a_{(ox)} / a_{(red)})$

#### Calomel reference electrode $Hg/Hg_2Cl_2, KCl // M^+/M$

- Half cell reaction  $Hg_2Cl_2 + 2e^- \rightleftharpoons 2Hg + 2Cl^-$

| Conc of KCl filled (M) | E (V) |
|------------------------|-------|
| 0.1                    | 0.336 |
| 1.0                    | 0.283 |
| Saturated (SCE)        | 0.242 |

#### Silver chloride reference electrodes $Ag/AgCl, KCl // M^+/M$

- Half cell reaction  $AgCl + e^- \rightleftharpoons Ag + Cl^-$

| Conc of KCl filled (M) | E (V) |
|------------------------|-------|
| 0.1                    | 0.288 |
| 1.0                    | 0.222 |

#### Measurement of half-cell potentials

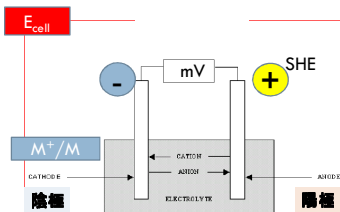
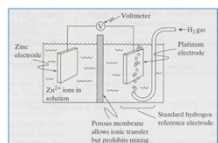
- The potential of an electrode ( $M^+/M$ ) relative to a Standard Hydrogen Electrode (SHE) and expressed as



(Anode “+”) 陽極

(Cathode “-”) 陰極

$$E_{cell} = E_{cat} - E_{an}$$

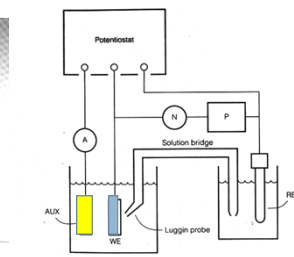
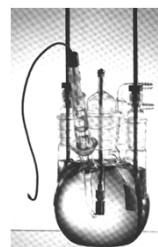


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### 3. Corrosion testing (腐蝕測試)

#### 3.2 Electrochemical studies (電化學方法)

#### Experimental setup



IE 4.10 Controlled potential circuitry utilizing a potentiostat.

#### 參比電極





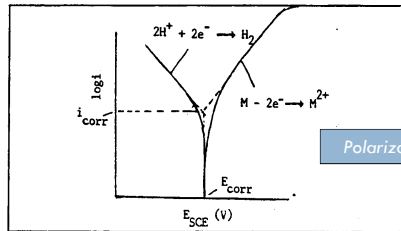
### 3. Corrosion testing (腐蝕測試)

#### 3.2 Electrochemical studies (電化學方法)

#### Measurement techniques –

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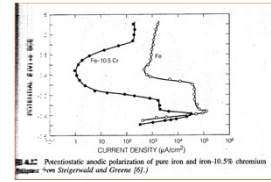
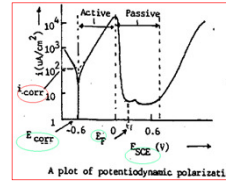
##### (1) Polarization resistance measurement (Tafel plot)



#### Measurement techniques –

##### (2) Potentiodynamic polarization technique

- evaluation of corrosion resistance of various steels



Effect of scanning rate,  $v$  on peak current  $i_p$

$$v = dE/dt \text{ (V/s)}$$

$$i_p = 2.687 \times 10^5 n^{3/2} A D^{1/2} c v^{1/2}$$

where  $i_p$  = peak current;  $A$  = area;  
 $D$  = diffusion coefficient

### 3. Corrosion testing (腐蝕測試)

#### 3.2 Electrochemical studies (電化學方法)

#### Rating of metal's corrosion resistance

| Corrosion Resistance | Corrosion rate (mmy) | Corrosion rate (mpy) |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Outstanding          | < 0.02               | < 1                  |
| Excellent            | 0.02 - 0.1           | 1 - 5                |
| Good                 | 0.1 - 0.5            | 5 - 20               |
| Fair                 | 0.5 - 1              | 20 - 50              |
| Poor                 | 1 - 5                | 50 - 200             |
| unacceptable         | > 5                  | > 200                |

mmy = mm per year; mpy = mil per year

### 3. Corrosion testing (腐蝕測試)

#### 3.2 Electrochemical studies (電化學方法)

#### (3) Electrochemical Impedance Spectroscopy (EIS)

(電化學阻抗譜)

##### Basic principle

- Apply a small AC signal (5-50mV) to the across the corroding system. Measure the test **electrode impedance** and **phase shift ( $\theta$ )** values over a wide range of **frequencies** of 0.1 to 100kHz in a lock-in amplifier

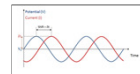
- Interpret the EIS results with help of a **model of the interface**

$$E = I \times Z \text{ (Z is impedance in ohms)}$$

$$(I = A \sin(\omega t + \theta))$$

Impedance response consists of 2 components:

Real resistance ( $Z'$ ) and Imaginary capacitance ( $Z''$ )



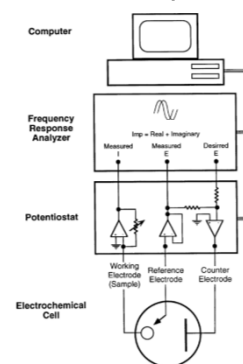
#### (3) EIS (電化學阻抗譜)

##### Application

- Fit the EIS data (presented in a Nyquist or Bode plot) to a proposed **circuit model** used to indicate the electrochemical system of the **coating and the metal substrate**
- For the study of corrosion of organic coating & oxides on steel surfaces with the assistance of a **circuit model** of the interface in respect of the following
  - Corrosion rate determination (electron transfer resistance or polarization resistance)
  - Study of inhibitor, coatings
  - Investigation of passive layers, e.g. anodizing of aluminium

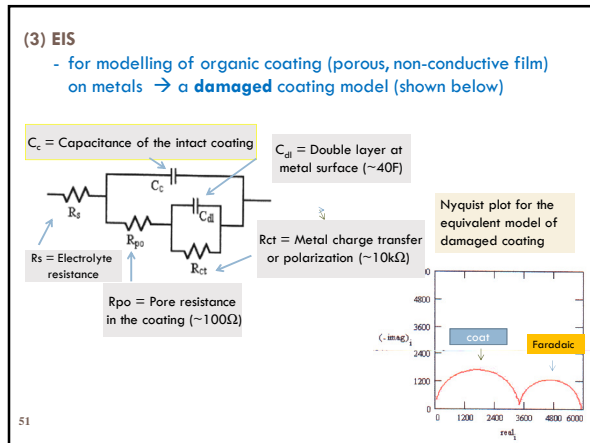
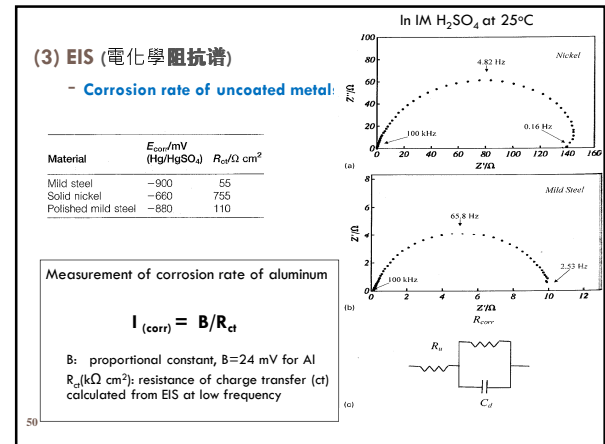
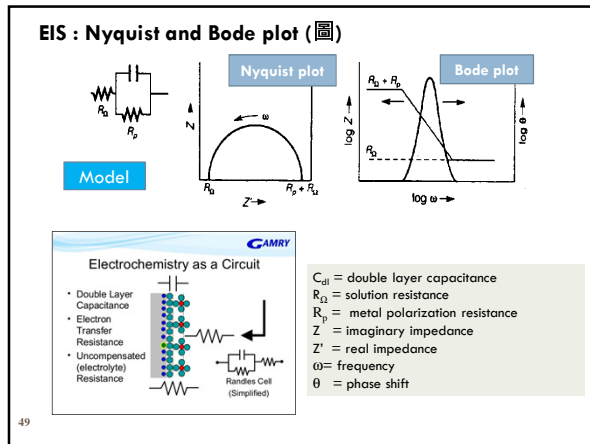
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#### EIS (電化學阻抗譜) setup



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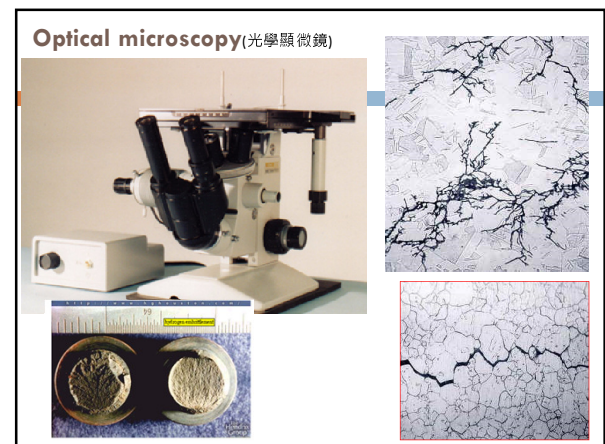


Reliable Corrosion Measurements via Electrochemistry

| Electrochemistry Techniques   | Parameters of Interest   | ASTM Reference Methods  |
|---|--|---|
| <b>DC Techniques</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Linear sweep voltammetry</li> <li>Tafel slope analysis</li> <li>Potential-dynamic polarization (LPR)</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Polarization Resistance (Rp)</li> <li>Corrosion Rate (mm/Year)</li> <li>Corrosion Current</li> <li>Corrosion Potential</li> </ul>               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ASTM G102-89 (2015)</li> <li>ASTM G59-97 (2014)</li> </ul>   |
| <b>AC Techniques</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electrochemical impedance analysis (EIS)</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Film Resistance &amp; Conductivity</li> <li>Charge-transfer resistance</li> <li>Solution Resistance</li> <li>Polarization Resistance</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ASTM G59-97 (2014)</li> <li>ASTM G106-89 (2015)</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Chrono &amp; other Techniques</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electrochemical noise (ECN)</li> <li>Critical pitting technique (CPT)</li> <li>Hydrogen Permeation study</li> <li>Cyclic polarization</li> <li>Hydrodynamic linear sweep</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Redox Kinetics</li> <li>Pit initiation</li> <li>Crevice progression</li> <li>Hydrogen resistance</li> <li>Surface morphology</li> </ul>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ASTM G150-99 (2010)</li> <li>ASTM G148-97 (2003)</li> <li>ASTM G100-89 (2015)</li> <li>ASTM G61-86 (2014)</li> <li>ASTM F746-04 (2014)</li> <li>ASTM F2129-15</li> </ul> |

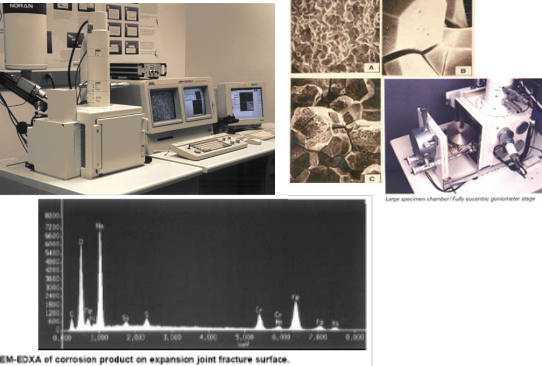
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- 3. Corrosion testing(腐蝕測試)**
- 3.3 Metallographic examination (金相檢驗)**
- Morphological studies and surface chemical analysis
  - Metallographic studies (金相檢驗) of cross-section of corroded metal
  - Instrumentation & techniques (儀器與技術)
    - Optical microscopy (光學顯微鏡)
    - Scanning/transmission electrode microscopy (STEM) equipped with EDX or WDX (for elemental analysis) (掃描電子顯微鏡+能量擴散光譜儀)
    - X-ray diffraction (XRD) (X光衍射法)
    - X-ray fluorescence (XRF) (射线荧光(检查)法)
    - X-ray induced photo-electron spectroscopy (XPS), also known as Electron Spectroscopy for Chemical Analysis (ESCA)
    - Auger electron spectroscopy (AES)
    - ISS (ion scattering spectroscopy)
    - SIMS (secondary ion mass spectrometry) – for studying the chemical state of solid surfaces



### Scanning electron microscope (SEM) + EDX

(素描電子顯微鏡 + 能量擴散光譜儀)

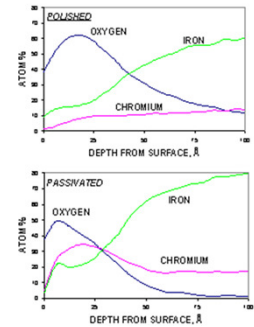


### 3. Corrosion testing(腐蝕測試)

#### 3.3 Metallographic examination (金相檢驗)

##### Application of XPS or ESCA

- elemental composition of the surface (top 0–10 nm usually)
- empirical formula of pure materials
- elements that contaminate a surface
- chemical or electronic state of each element in the surface
- uniformity of elemental composition across the top surface (or line profiling or mapping)
- uniformity of elemental composition as a function of ion beam etching (or depth profiling)



### 3. Corrosion Testing

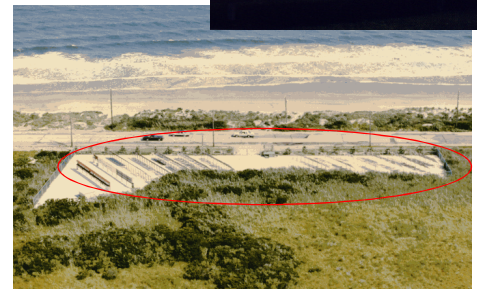
#### 3.4 Other tests (其他檢測方法)

- 3 main types
  - Immersion tests
  - Atmospheric tests
  - High temperature tests
    - Elevated temperature and high humidity tests
- Special tests
  - Intergranular corrosion test 晶間腐蝕測試 (ASTM A-262)
  - Pitting corrosion test 點蝕測試 (ASTM G48-11)
  - Hydrogen induced cracking test
  - Chloride stress corrosion test
  - ...

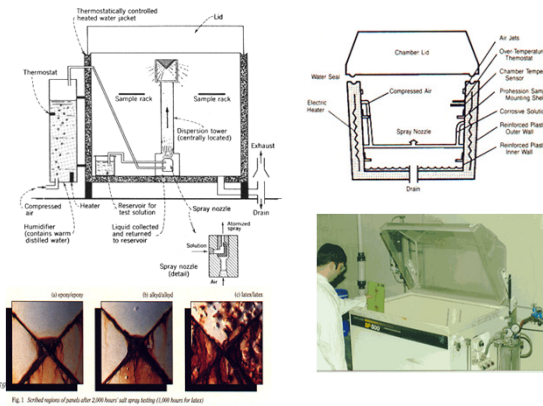
### Corrosion testing -

#### Atmospheric test (for paints)

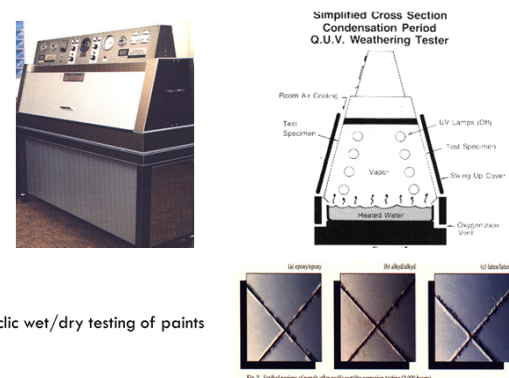
(塗層大氣暴露測試)



### Salt spray test 鹽水噴霧測試 (ASTM B117)

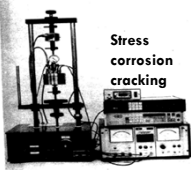


### Atmospheric tests - QUV Weathering Test 人工氣候測試 (ASTM G53-88)

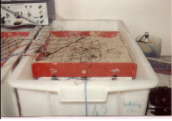


**實驗室測試**  
**Corrosion testing -**  
**Other lab tests**

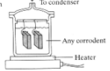
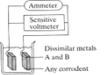
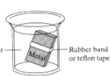
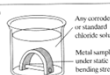
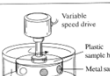
**Stress corrosion cracking**



**Corrosion study of re-bar in concrete**






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| <p>Immersion - General corrosion</p>  <p>Any corroder<br/>Heater</p>   | <p>Sample is weighed before and after immersion in a particular corrosion</p>  |
| <p>Galvanic attack</p>  <p>Any corroder<br/>A and B</p>  | <p>Corrosion potential and corrosion current can be measured</p>   |
| <p>Crevic corrosion</p>  <p>Any corroder<br/>Rubber band or other tape</p>   | <p>If the metal is susceptible to crevice corrosion, severe attack will occur under the band</p>                     |
| <p>Stress corrosion cracking</p>  <p>Any corroder or standard chloride solution<br/>Metal sample under static bending stress</p> | <p>If the metal is susceptible to stress corrosion cracking, cracks will occur on the tension side of the U-bend</p> |
| <p>Liquid erosion</p>  <p>Variable speed drive<br/>Plastic sample holder<br/>Metal samples</p>                                   | <p>The effect of velocity on the corrosion rate of metals is determined by weight loss</p>                           |

### 3. Corrosion testing (腐蝕測試)

#### 3.5 Corrosion monitoring (腐蝕監察)

- A systematic measurement of metal corrosion in order to help understand the corrosion process and/or obtain information for use in controlling corrosion and its effectiveness
- Requires knowledge of corrosion mechanism and sophisticated electronic measuring devices
- Applications in chemical and petrochemical industries, bridges, highways, oil refining, power generation, food industries

### 3. Corrosion testing (腐蝕測試)

#### 3.6 Failure analysis (破損分析, 失效分析)

- Failure of components of devices in service is not uncommon despite the introduction of a factor of safety in design
- Operating conditions can produce the following phenomena, which if ignored, will ultimately lead to failure:
  - Fracture (斷裂) - usually associated with overload
  - Fatigue (疲勞) - caused by repeatedly change stress
  - Creep (蠕變) - usually occur under high temp
  - Corrosion - environmental attack to the component materials associated with chemical and mechanical effects

# THANK YOU FOR LISTENING

*Corrosion Never Sleeps!*  
- B.M. Gordon, USA

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