


Chapter 17: Corrosion and Degradation of Materials

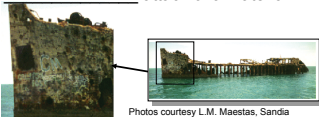
ISSUES TO ADDRESS...

- How does _____ occur?
- Which _____ are most likely to corrode?
- What _____ affect corrosion rate?
- How do we _____ corrosion?

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THE COST OF CORROSION


- _____
-- the destructive _____ attack of a material.
-- Al Capone's ship, Sapona, off the coast of Bimini.



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- Cost:
-- 4 to 5% of the Gross National Product (GNP)*
-- this amounts to just over _____**

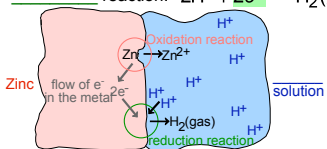
* H.H. Uhlig and W.R. Revie. *Corrosion and Corrosion Control: An Introduction to Corrosion Science and Engineering*, 3rd ed., John Wiley and Sons, Inc., 1985.
** Economic Report of the President (1998).

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ELECTROCHEMICAL CORROSION


Ex: consider the corrosion of zinc in an acid solution

- Two reactions are necessary:
-- _____ reaction: $Zn \rightarrow Zn^{2+} + 2e^{-}$
-- _____ reaction: $2H^{+} + 2e^{-} \rightarrow H_2(gas)$



Adapted from Fig. 17-1, Callister & Rethwisch Se (Fig. 17.1 is from M.G. Fontana, *Corrosion Engineering*, 3rd ed., McGraw-Hill Book Company, 1986.)

- Other _____ reactions in solutions with dissolved oxygen:
-- acidic solution _____ -- neutral or basic solution
_____ $O_2 + 2H_2O + 4e^{-} \rightarrow 4(OH)^{-}$

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STANDARD HYDROGEN ELECTRODE

- Two outcomes:

25°C
1M M^{n+} sol'n 1M H^+ sol'n

-- Metal is the _____ (-)
 $V_{metal}^o < 0$ (relative to Pt)

25°C
1M M^{n+} sol'n 1M H^+ sol'n

-- Metal is the _____ (+)
 $V_{metal}^o > 0$ (relative to Pt)

Adapted from Fig. 17.2, Callister & Rethwisch 8e.
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STANDARD EMF SERIES

metal	V_{metal}^o
Au	+1.420 V
Cu	+0.340
Pb	-0.126
Sn	-0.136
Ni	-0.250
Co	-0.277
Cd	-0.403
Fe	-0.440
Cr	-0.744
Zn	-0.763
Al	-1.662
Mg	-2.363
Na	-2.714
K	-2.924

Data based on Table 17.1, Callister 8e. Adapted from Fig. 17.2, Callister & Rethwisch 8e.
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more cathodic ↑

more anodic ↓

$\Delta V^o =$

25°C
1.0 M Cd^{2+} solution 1.0 M Ni^{2+} solution

• Metal with _____
 V_{metal}^o corrodes.

• Ex: Cd-Ni cell
 $V_{Cd}^o < V_{Ni}^o \therefore Cd$ _____

CORROSION IN A GRAPEFRUIT

Cu (cathode)
+

reduction reactions

$2H^+ + 2e^- \rightarrow H_2(gas)$

$O_2 + 4H^+ + 4e^- \rightarrow 2H_2O$

Zn (anode)
-

oxidation reaction

$Zn \rightarrow Zn^{2+} + 2e^-$

Acid

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EFFECT OF SOLUTION CONCENTRATION AND TEMPERATURE

- Ex: _____ cell with standard _____ solutions
- Ex: Cd-Ni cell with _____ solutions

$$V_{Ni}^o - V_{Cd}^o = 0.153 \text{ V}$$

$$V_{Ni} - V_{Cd} = V_{Ni}^o - V_{Cd}^o - \frac{RT}{nF} \ln \frac{X}{Y}$$

$n = \#e^-$ per unit reaction (= 2 here)
 $F =$ Faraday's constant = C/mol.

- Reduce _____ by
 - increasing X
 - decreasing Y
 - increasing T

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GALVANIC SERIES

- Ranking of the _____ of metals/alloys in seawater

more cathodic (inert)

more anodic (active)

Platinum
Gold

Titanium
Silver
316 Stainless Steel (passive)
Nickel (passive)
Copper
Nickel (active)
Tin
Lead
316 Stainless Steel (active)

Aluminum Alloys
Cadmium
Zinc
Magnesium

Based on Table 17.2, Callister & Rethwisch 8e. (Source of Table 17.2 is M.G. Fontana, Corrosion Engineering, 3rd ed., McGraw-Hill Book Company, 1986.)

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FORMS OF CORROSION

- Uniform Attack**
_____ & reduction reactions occur uniformly over surfaces.
- Selective Leaching**
Preferred _____ of one element/constituent [e.g., Zn from brass (Cu-Zn)].
- Pitting**
Downward propagation
- Galvanic**
_____ metals are physically joined in the presence of an _____. The _____ more anodic metal corrodes.

Corrosion at crack tips when a _____ stress is present. Combined _____ attack and mechanical wear (e.g., pipe elbows).

Corrosion along grain boundaries, often where precipitates form.

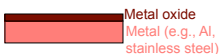
Narrow and confined spaces.

Fig. 17.18, Callister & Rethwisch 8e.
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 Fig. 17.15, Callister & Rethwisch 8e. (Fig. 17.15 is courtesy LaQue Center for Corrosion Technology, Inc.)

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CORROSION PREVENTION (i)

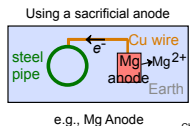
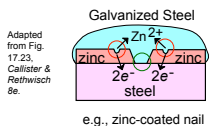
- _____
 - Use metals that are relatively unreactive in the corrosion environment -- e.g., _____
 - Use metals that _____
 - These metals form a thin, adhering oxide layer that slows corrosion.
- Lower the _____ (reduces rates of oxidation and reduction)
- Apply _____ -- e.g., films and coatings



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CORROSION PREVENTION (ii)

- Add _____ (substances added to solution that decrease its reactivity)
 - Slow _____ reactions by removing reactants (e.g., remove O₂ gas by reacting it w/an inhibitor).
 - Slow _____ reaction by attaching species to the surface.
- _____ (or sacrificial) protection
 - Attach a more _____ material to the one to be protected.



Adapted from Fig. 17.23, Callister & Rethwisch 6e. Chapter 17 - 11

SUMMARY

- Metallic corrosion involves electrochemical reactions
 - electrons are given up by metals in an oxidation reaction
 - these electrons are consumed in a reduction reaction
- Metals and alloys are ranked according to their corrosiveness in standard emf and galvanic series.
- Temperature and solution composition affect corrosion rates.
- Forms of corrosion are classified according to mechanism
- Corrosion may be prevented or controlled by:
 - materials selection
 - reducing the temperature
 - applying physical barriers
 - adding inhibitors
 - cathodic protection

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