

FARADAYIC[®] Process and Hidden Corrosion Mitigation

Objective:

This project demonstrated the feasibility of hidden corrosion mitigation using o-rings with embedded electrodes.

Summary:

Faraday is developing a novel approach for in-situ mitigation of hidden or hard-to-access corrosion. Initial work focused on the mitigation of corrosion inside a flange joint, by the application of impressed current cathodic protection via electrodes embedded in an o-ring. Data shown demonstrates the feasibility of impressed current cathodic protection (ICCP) for crevice corrosion. A piping loop test attempted to mitigate crevice corrosion in 316 stainless steel flanges in a simulated service environment, *i.e.*, artificial seawater.



	No ICCP	DC ICCP	<i>Faradayic</i> ICCP
Maximum Depth of Attack	0.016"	0.005"	Below detection limit
Percent Area Attacked	90%	20%	<5%

This approach could be extended to other components that could have a life-cycle cost benefit from this technology, specifically crevice corrosion in valves and pumps and erosion corrosion in piping systems. This embedded electrode technology is a designed to deliver impressed current cathodic protection to corrosion sites in a cost-effective manner, using a simple go/no go interface for unit control.

Background:

The patented FARADAYIC[®] Process is an electrochemical technology that utilizes a controlled electric field to address industrial problems. Faraday's expertise with electrochemical techniques is applied to solving material degradation problems.

The FARADAYIC[®] Process technology illustrated above is protected by a substantial patent portfolio including issued, allowed, and pending patent actions.

