#### Cathodic Protection of Concrete in Harsh Saltwater Environments

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#### Overview

- Corrosion of Steel in Concrete
- What is Cathodic Protection
- Types of protection systems
  - Sacrificial (Galvanic) Cathodic Protection
  - Impressed Current Cathodic Protection
- Project Histories

# Corrosion Cell Reinforced Concrete

#### Corrosion Cell in Concrete





#### Anode Galvanically Protects Surrounding Rebar



# Types of Galvanic and Impressed Current Systems

### Cathodic Protection Systems

- Work by applying current to reinforcing steel to overcome the corrosion process
- Galvanic Systems
  - Sacrificial metal corrodes to provide electrons
- Impressed Current Systems
  - D.C. power makes electrons flow from anode to reinforcement (cathode)

#### Galvanic Protection Systems

- Anode has higher "electronegativity", corrodes in preference to steel
- No outside source of electricity needed
  - No electrical components to maintain
- Lower driving voltage avoids hydrogen embrittlement of prestressed steels

#### Impressed Current CP

- Outside power source required
- High level of control
- System monitoring and maintenance required



#### Impressed Current CP





#### ICCP on Marine Bridge Footer







## Copper Plant, Chile

- Copper concentrate filter plant and shipping built 1996 1999
- Corrosion due to cast in chlorides
- Tanks, support structures, and ship loading pier
- ICCP with various anode types
  - Ebonex conductive ceramic discrete anodes
  - Titanium mesh in concrete overlay
  - Impressed current and galvanic anodes in soil





#### Galvanic Systems

• Discrete Anodes



#### Discrete Anodes



#### Galvanic Systems

• Galvanic Jackets



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#### Galvanic Systems

• Bulk Anodes



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### Galvanic Systems

• Metalizing



### Metalizing Spray





## Port of Canaveral North Cargo Pier Repairs



## North Cargo Piers

- 700 Galvanic Jackets, with bulk anodes
- 50,000sqft Metalizing on Precast Deck Units
- 5000 ft Strip Anodes in Pile Caps









#### Bulk Zinc Anode - Port Canveral







#### Strip Anodes – Port Canveral



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### Metalizing Spray – Port Canveral











#### Strip Anodes - Deck

- Elevated Slab
- Near Gulf Coast
- Chloride Contamination









#### New Construction Cataño Ferry Terminal San Juan

- Old Terminal was 35 years old
- New 240 feet x 312 feet wide
- 4600 passengers a day
- Completed in 2012
- Met U.S. Green Building Council Requirements



#### Discrete Anodes New Construction















#### Summary

- Galvanic or Impressed Current Systems
- Targeted or Global Protection
- Restoration and New Construction
- Service Life of system can be adjusted

# **?** QUESTIONS

#### Thank You Jason Chodachek

