

Advanced Interpretation of Electrochemical Noise Analysis for Corrosion Monitoring in Metallic Systems

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Abstract

Electrochemical noise analysis (ENA) has emerged as a powerful, non-invasive technique for studying spontaneous fluctuations in potential and current associated with corrosion processes. Unlike conventional electrochemical methods that rely on external perturbations, ENA captures the intrinsic electrochemical behavior of materials under real environmental conditions. This article explores recent methodological developments in electrochemical noise measurement, signal processing, and statistical interpretation for corrosion diagnostics. Emphasis is placed on time-domain and frequency-domain analyses, including noise resistance, power spectral density, and wavelet transforms. The applicability of ENA to localized corrosion phenomena such as pitting and crevice corrosion is discussed, highlighting its advantages in industrial corrosion monitoring and predictive maintenance strategies.

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Introduction

Corrosion remains a critical challenge in industrial systems, leading to material degradation, economic losses, and safety risks. Traditional electrochemical techniques such as polarization resistance and impedance spectroscopy provide valuable insights but often require system perturbation, which may alter natural corrosion processes. Electrochemical noise analysis offers an alternative approach by measuring spontaneous fluctuations generated by electrochemical reactions occurring on metal surfaces. These fluctuations arise from stochastic events such as pit initiation, film breakdown, and mass transport variations. Over the past two decades, advances in data acquisition systems and digital signal processing have significantly improved the reliability and interpretability of electrochemical noise measurements. As a result, ENA has gained increasing acceptance as a practical tool for in-situ corrosion monitoring in pipelines, marine structures, and reinforced concrete systems.

Conclusion

Electrochemical noise analysis represents a robust and sensitive technique for understanding corrosion mechanisms without disturbing the system under study. Its ability to detect early-stage localized corrosion makes it particularly valuable for industrial applications requiring continuous monitoring. While challenges remain in data interpretation and standardization, ongoing advancements in signal processing and modeling are steadily enhancing the predictive capabilities of ENA. Future research focused on

integrating ENA with machine learning and multi-sensor platforms is expected to further expand its applicability in corrosion science and engineering.

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