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Subject:	Corrosion Microcell
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## Microcell corrosion occurs at a molecular level.

Microcell corrosion is when active corrosion and the cathodic half-cell reaction that it produces take place at different points along the same piece of metal. Corrosion is, of course, an electrochemical reaction that produces voltage across an anode and a cathode. On the surface of a contiguous piece of metal, it is possible to have multiple <u>corrosion cells</u>, where pairs of adjacent anode-cathode electrons cover a large area of a metal surace, leading to relatively uniform corrosion.

Microcell corrosion is generally caused by concrete carbonation or high levels of chloride.

## REFERENCES:

- Corrosion

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