

# **Corrosion Control and Cath Systems**

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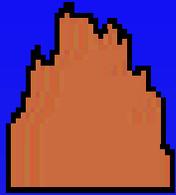
# ECONOMICS AND CORROSION CONTROL

Corrosion Control is typically:

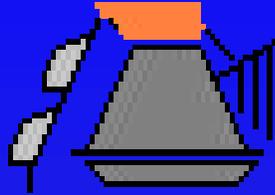
- Less than 10% of the Replacement Cost
- 1%-3% of the Cost of a New Structure



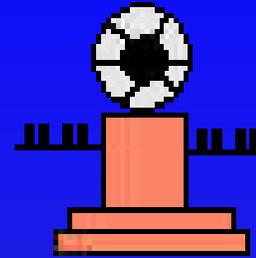
# Corrosion - A Natural Process



IRON OXIDE



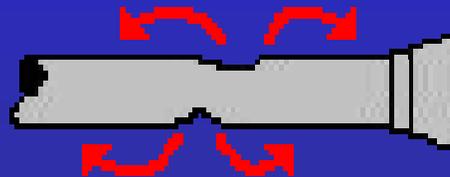
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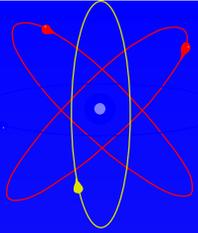


CORROSION



IRON OXIDE





# PRACTICAL GALVANIC SERIES

Material	Potential*
Pure Magnesium	-1.75
Magnesium Alloy	-1.60
Zinc	-1.10
Aluminum Alloy	-1.00
Cadmium	-0.80
Mild Steel (New)	-0.70
Mild Steel (Old)	-0.50
Cast Iron	-0.50
Stainless Steel	-0.50 to + 0.10
Copper, Brass, Bronze	-0.20
Titanium	-0.20
Gold	+0.20
Carbon, Graphite, Coke	+0.30

\* Potentials With Respect to Saturated Cu-CuSO<sub>4</sub> Electrode



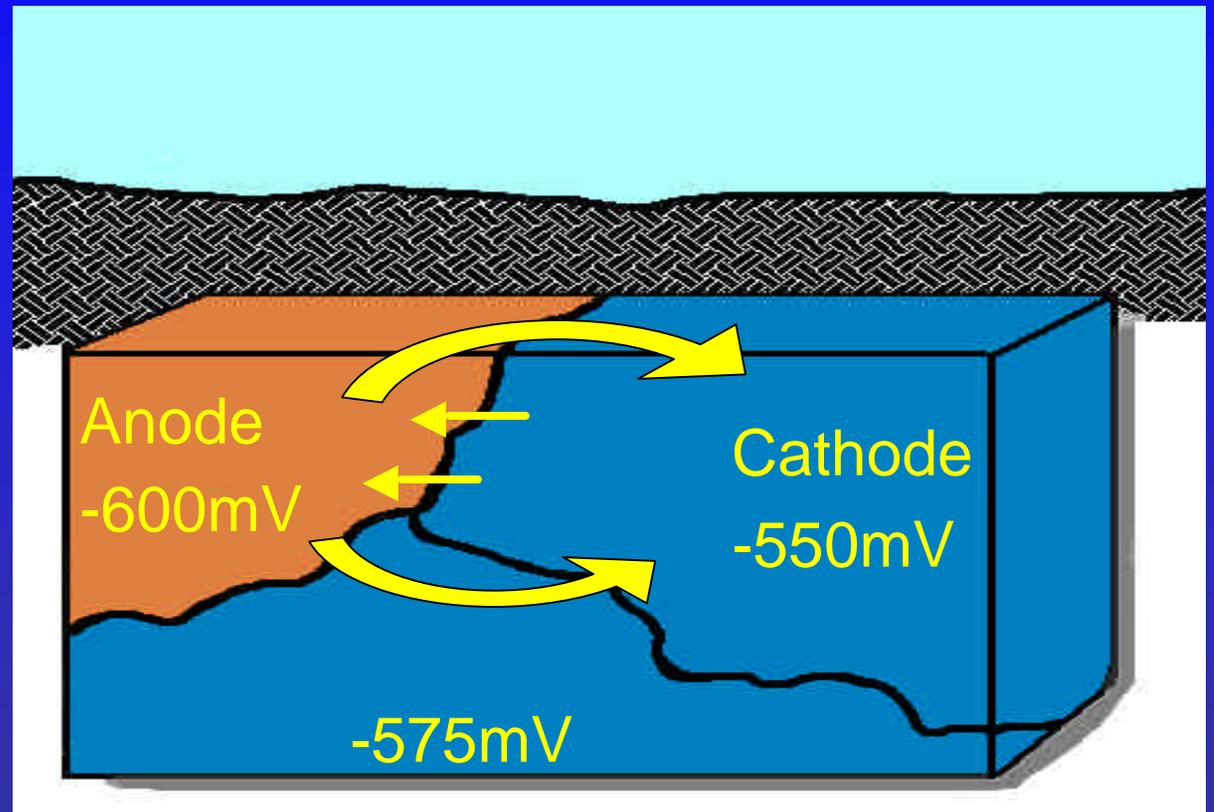
# Prerequisites for Corrosion

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- ▶ Anode
- ▶ Cathode
- ▶ Electrical Connection Between Anode and Cathode
- ▶ Electrolyte



- 1) ANODE
- 2) CATHODE
- 3) ELECTROLYTE
- 4) ELECTRICAL CONNECTION



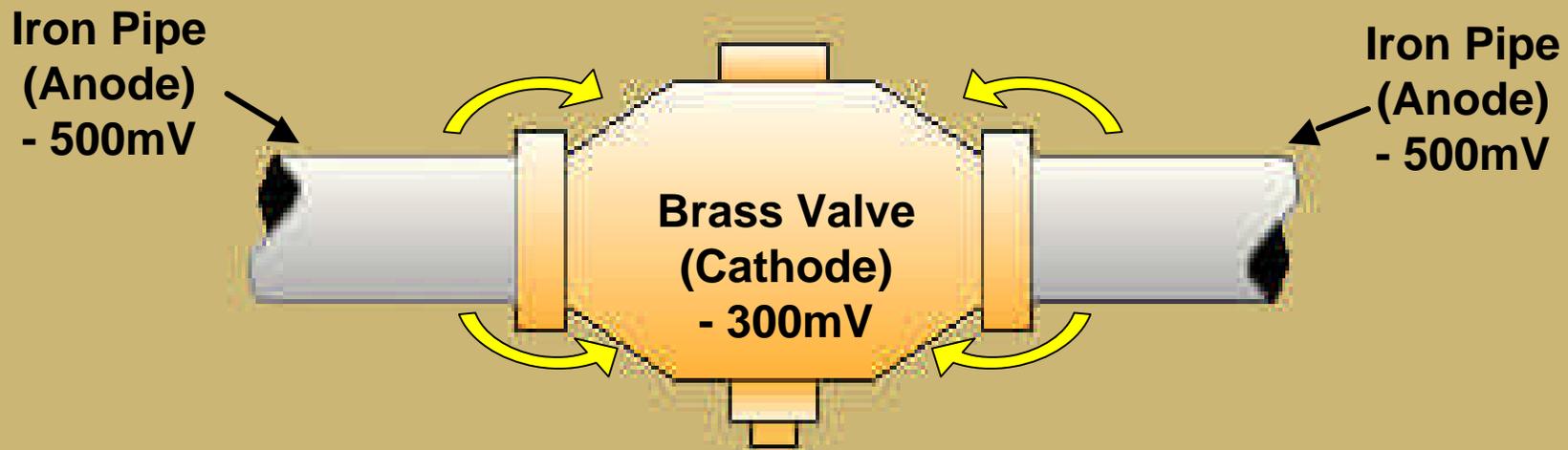
# Underground Structures

## ▶ Causes of Corrosion

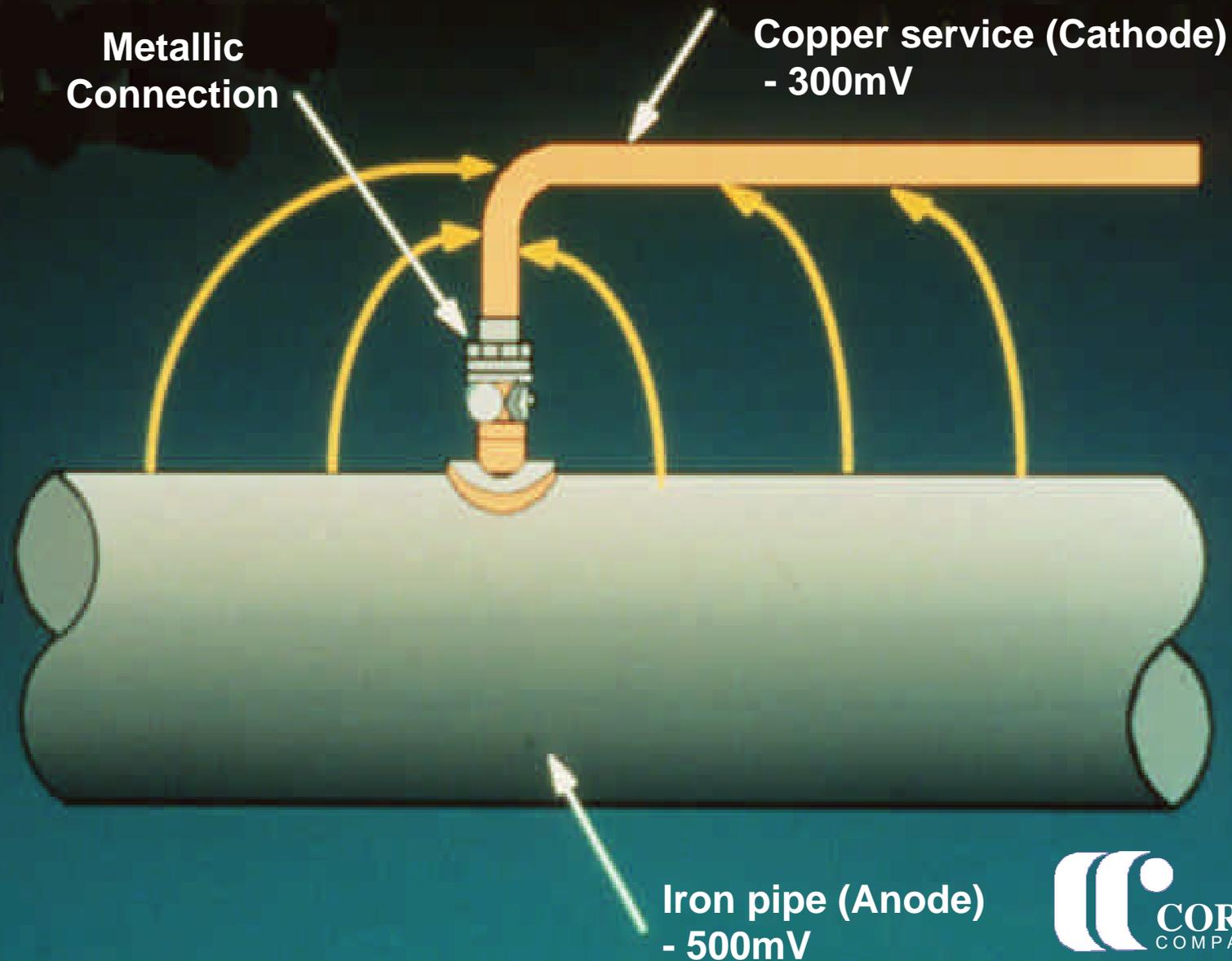
- Dissimilar Metals
- Non-Homogeneous Soil
- Differential Aeration
- Microbiological Attack



# Coupling to Dissimilar Metals



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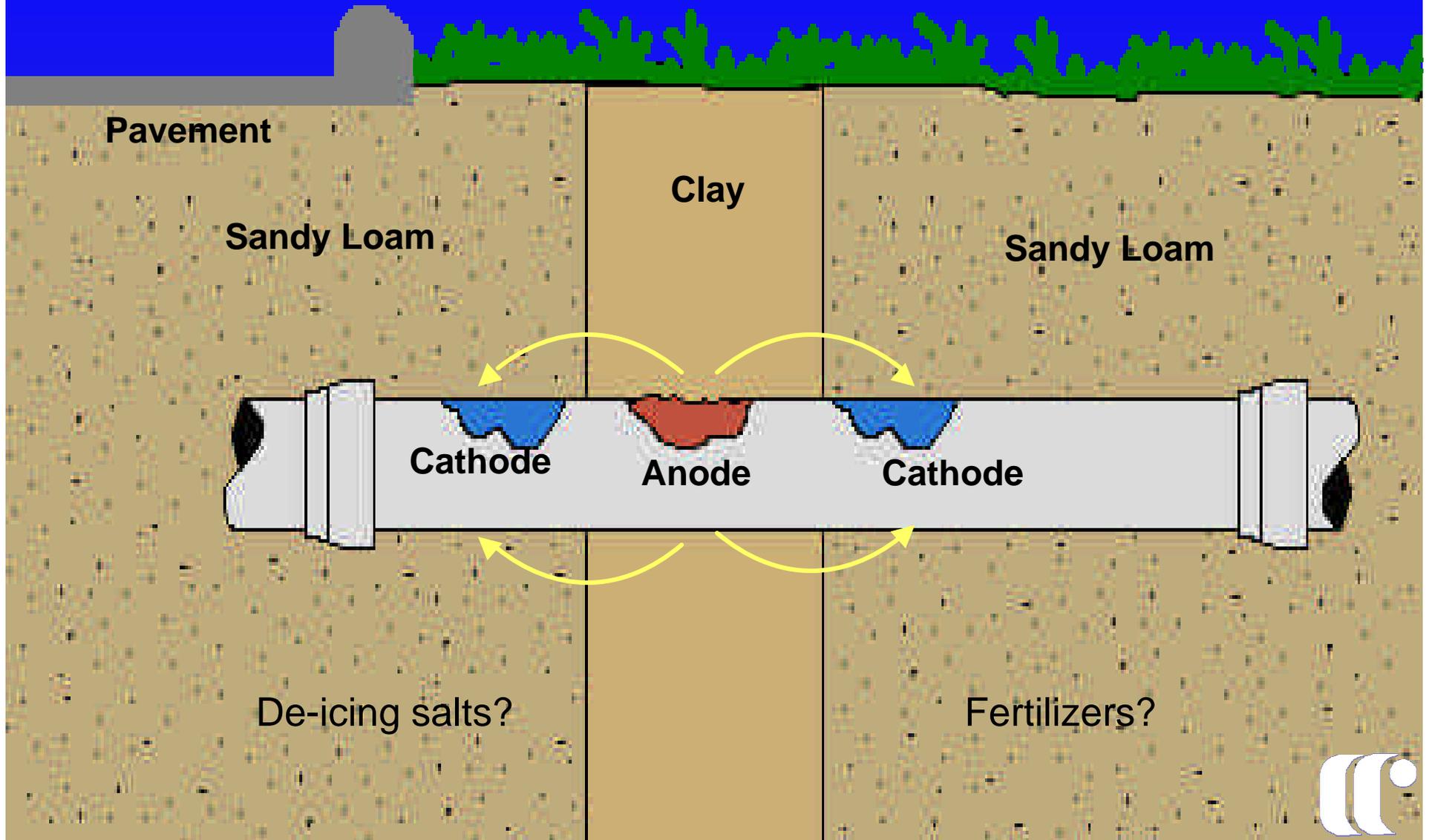




Corrosion of iron when coupled to copper service line.



# Dissimilar Soils



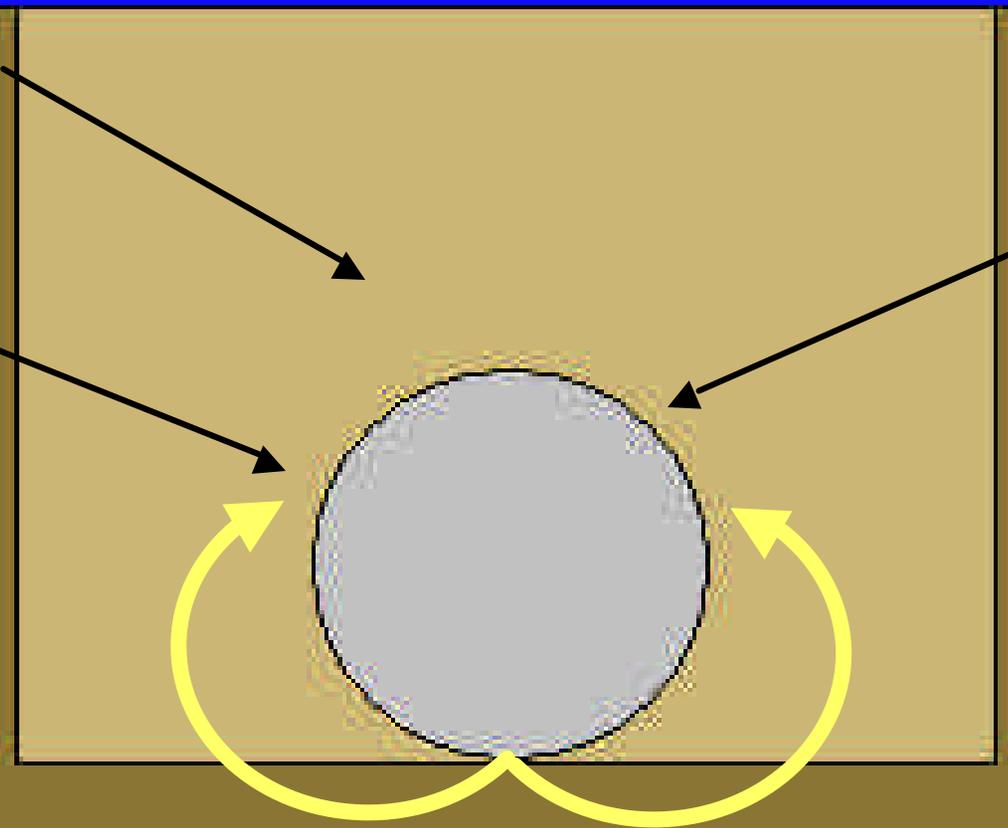
# Corrosion Caused by Differential Aeration

Aerated Soil

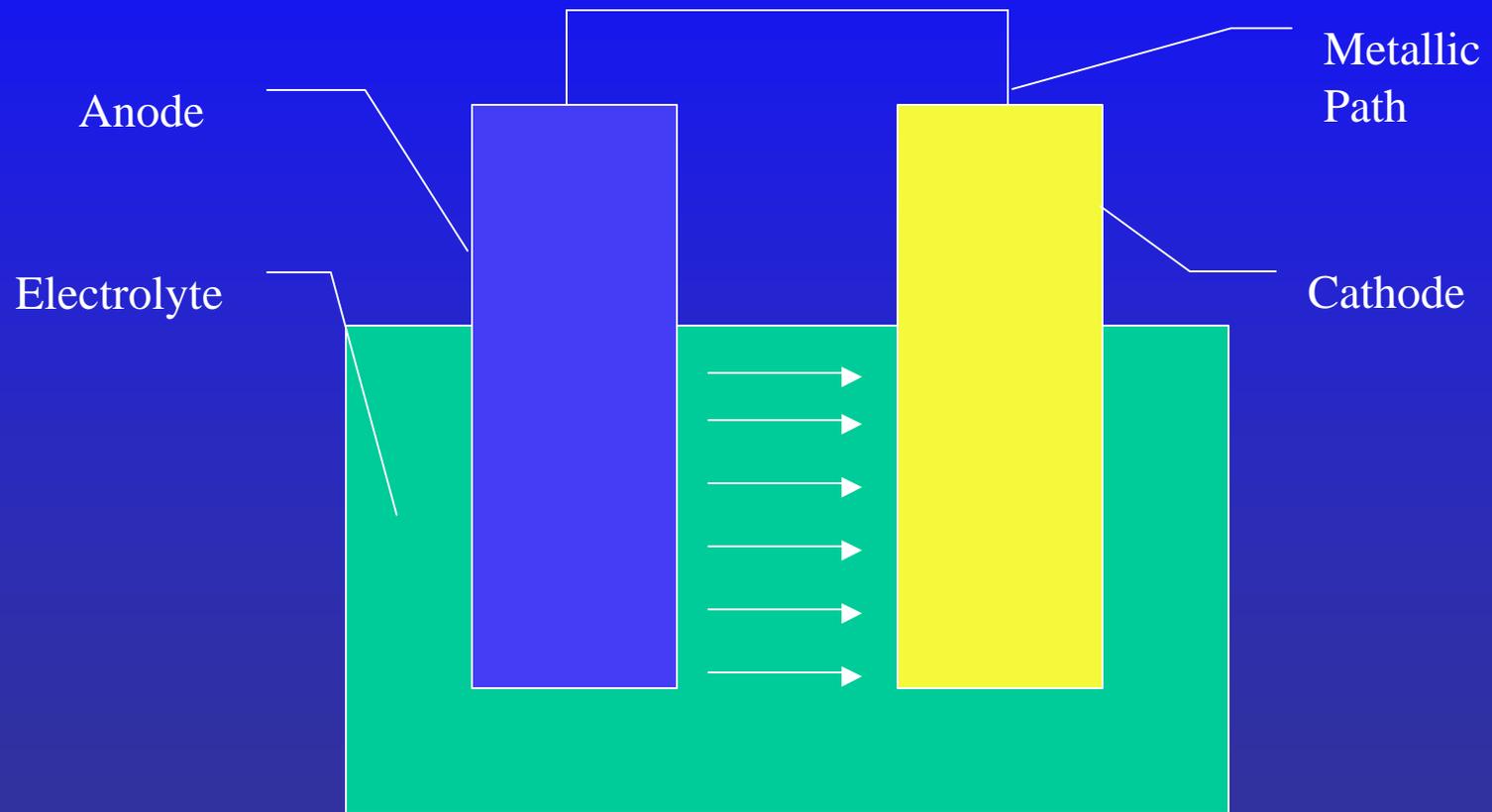
Oxygen Available  
(Cathode)

Pipe

Low  
Oxygen  
(Anode)



# Corrosion Cell

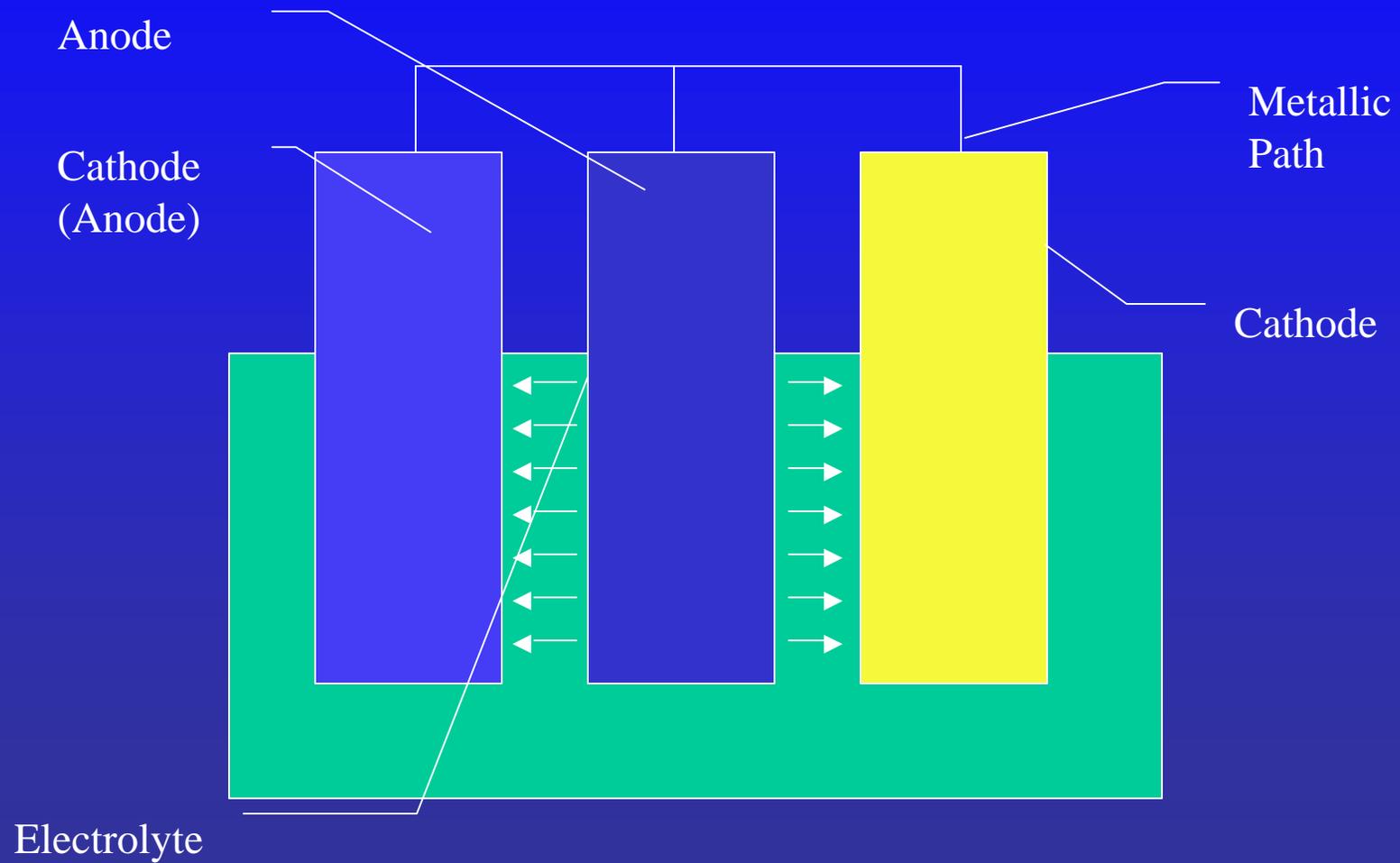


# How Cath Protection Works

- ▶ Corrosion occurs where current discharges from metal to electrolyte
- ▶ The objective of cathodic protection is to force the entire surface to be cathodic to the environment



# Cathodic Protection

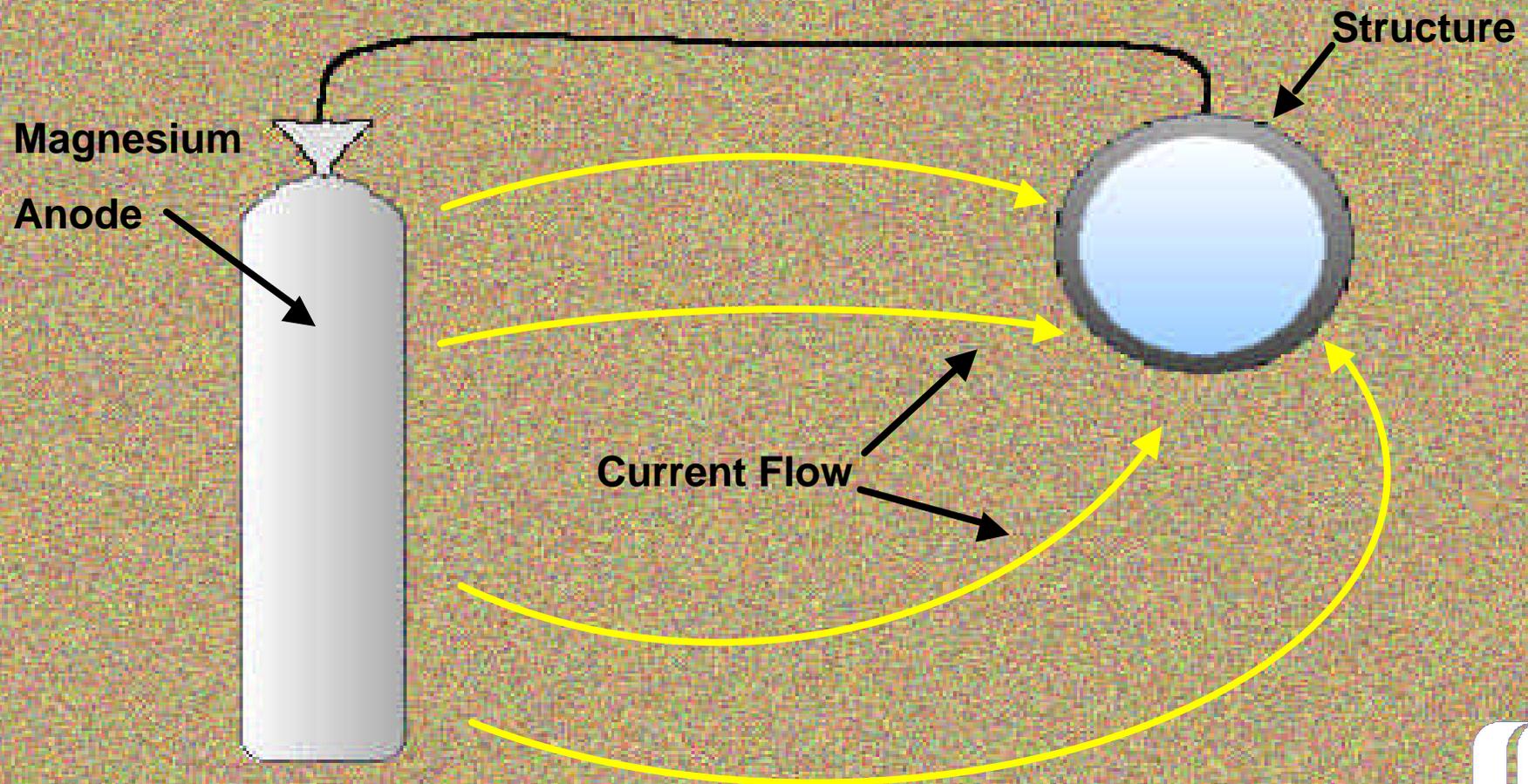


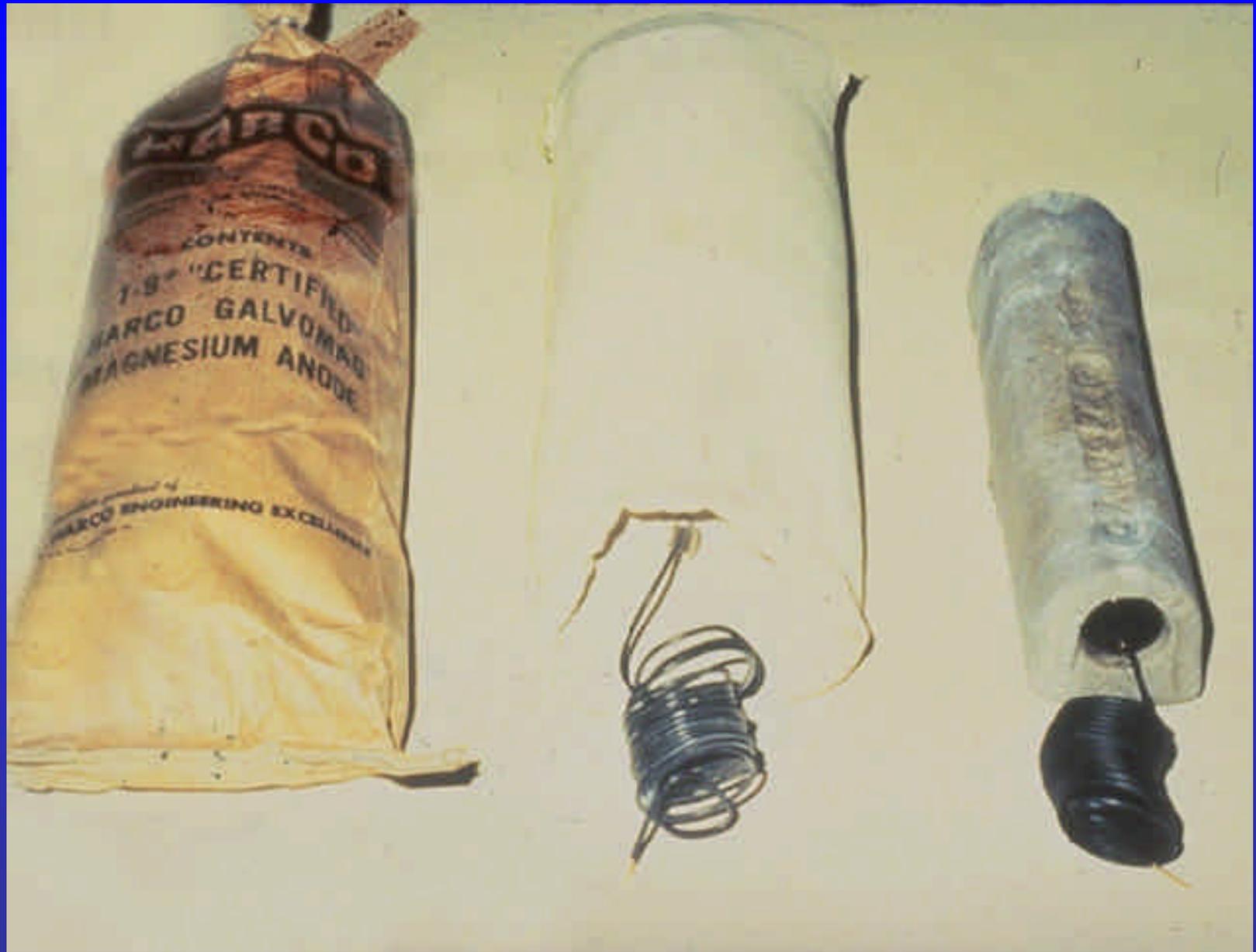
# Galvanic Anode Cath

- ▶ Current is obtained from a metal of a higher energy level



# Galvanic Cathodic Protection





# Impressed Current Cath

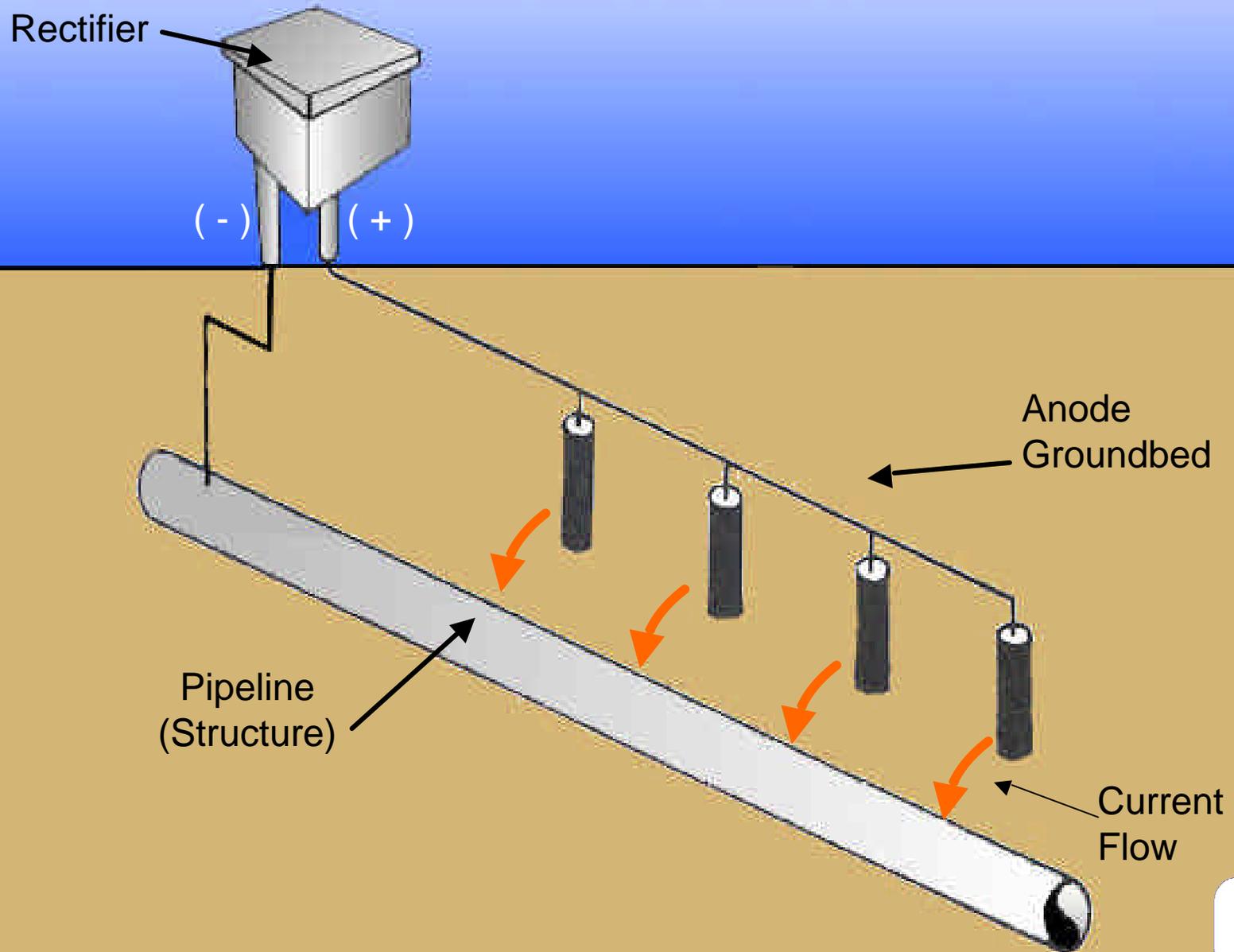
- ▶ Anodes
- ▶ Rectifier
- ▶ Wiring







# Impressed Current System



# System Ch

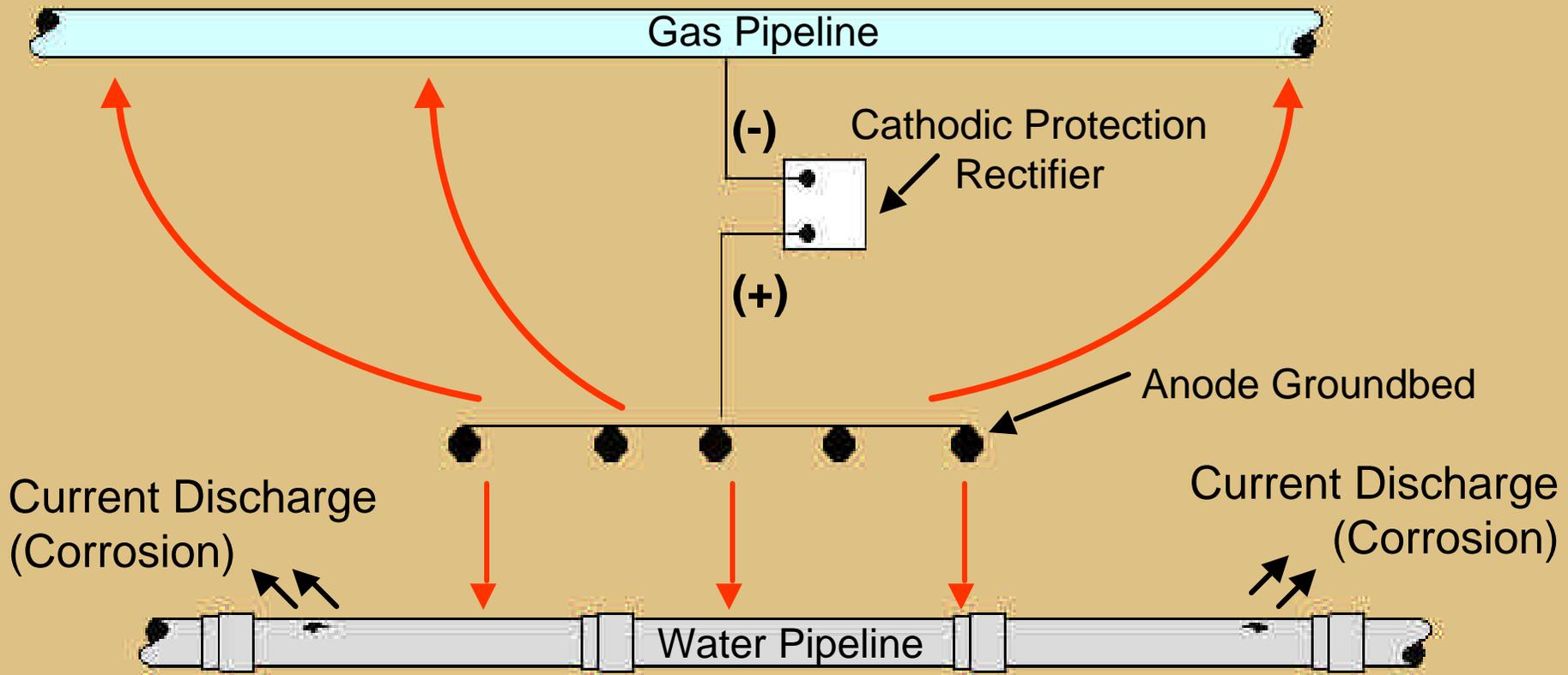
## Galvanic

- ▶ No external power
- ▶ Fixed driving voltage
- ▶ Limited current
- ▶ Small current requirements
- ▶ Used in lower resistivity environment
- ▶ Usually negligible interference

## Impressed

- ▶ External power required
- ▶ Voltage can be varied
- ▶ Current can be varied
- ▶ High current requirements
- ▶ Used in almost any resistivity environment
- ▶ Must consider interference with other structures

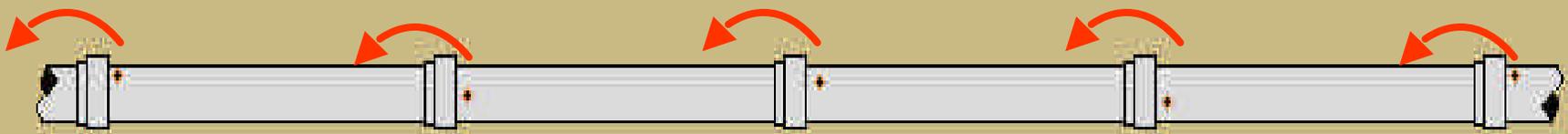




# Stray Current Due to Impressed Current Cathodic Protection System



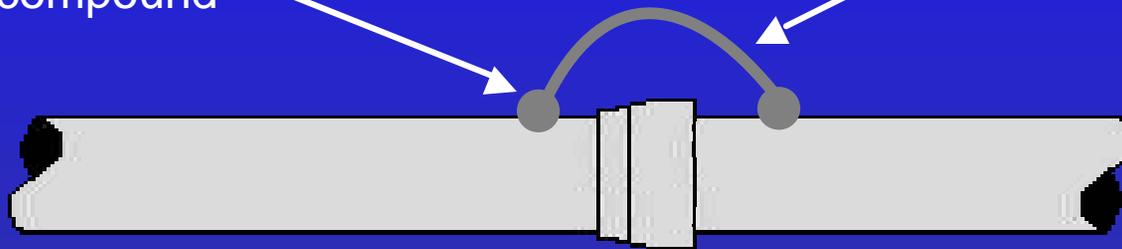
# Stray Current



# Bonding Across a Bell and Spigot or Slip-joint

Thermite brazed connection coated with bitumous compound

Copper wire with direct burial insulation



Pipe

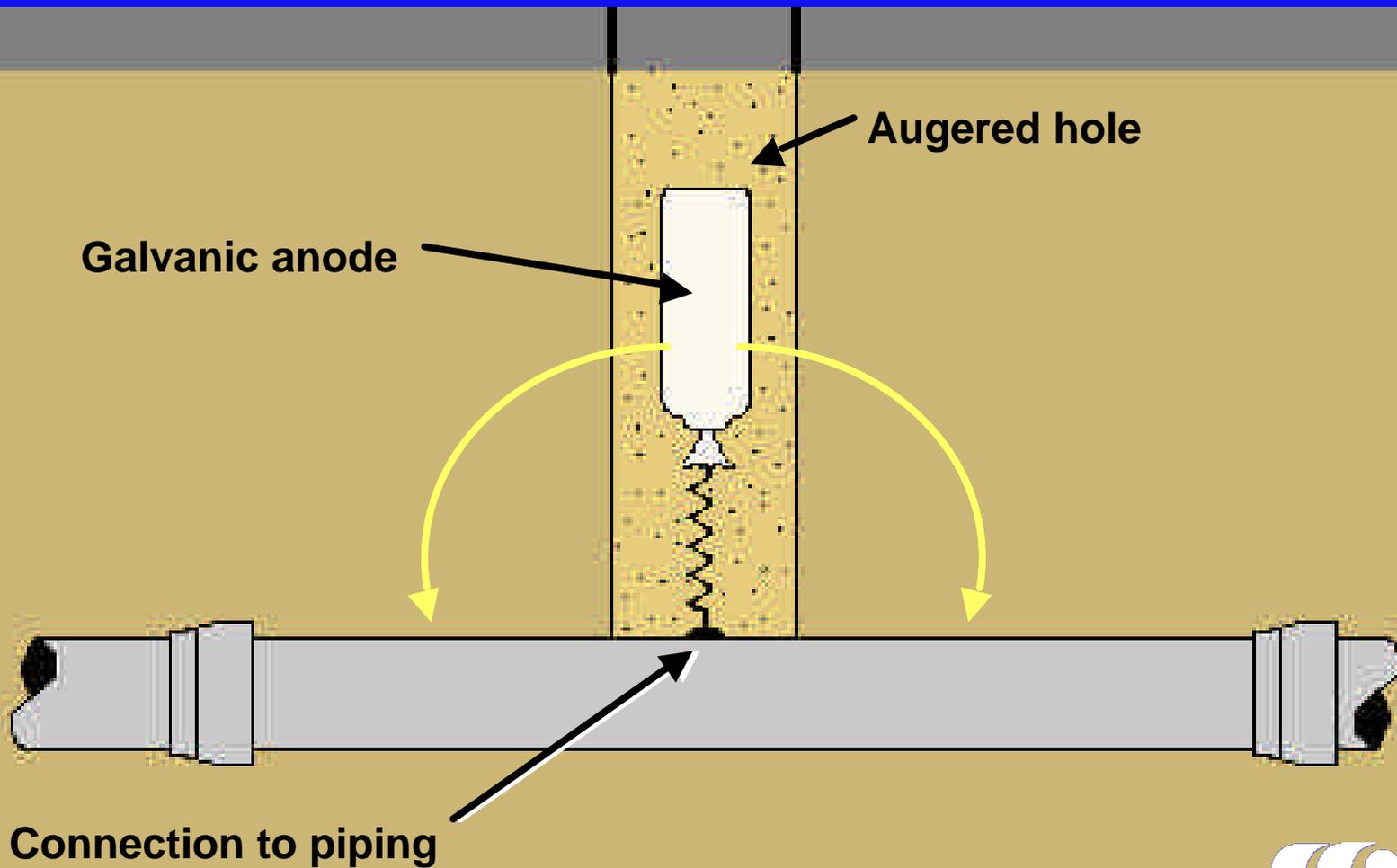




**Corrosion** is the leading contributor to cast and ductile iron water system breaks!



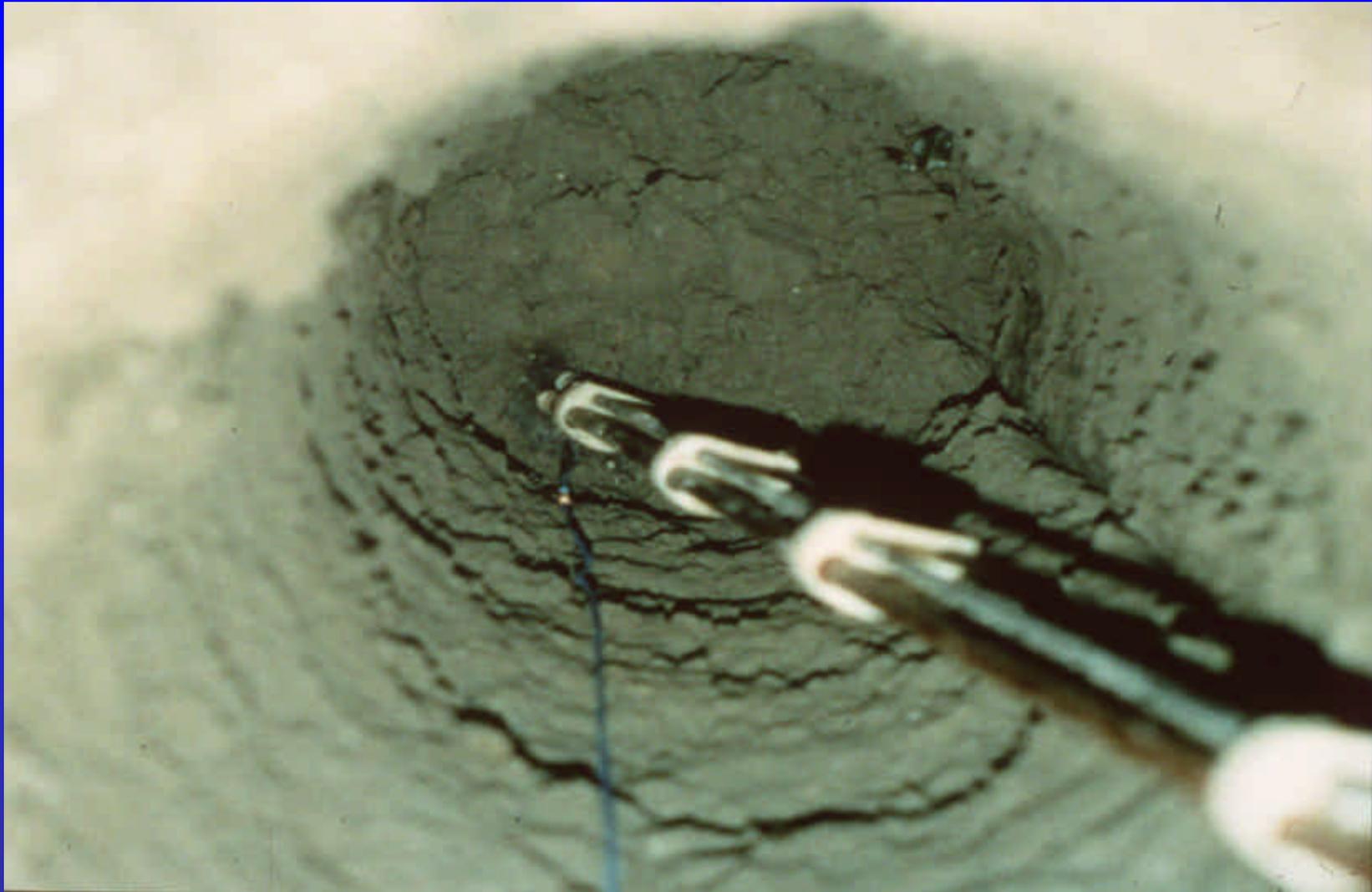
# Anode Installation











Anode lead wire connection to pipe using spot welder.



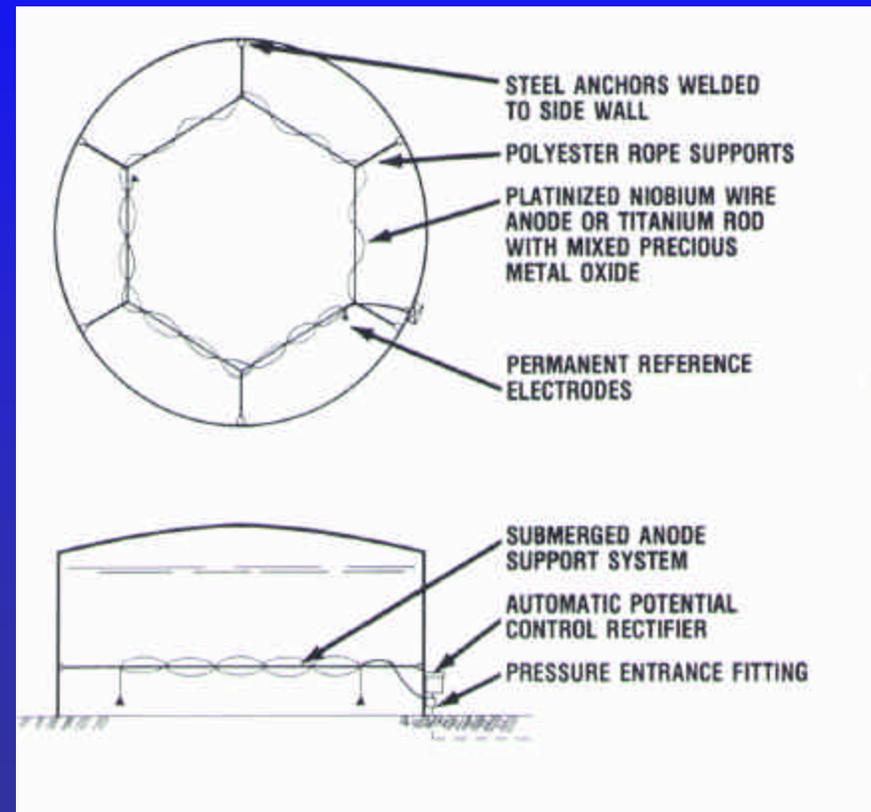
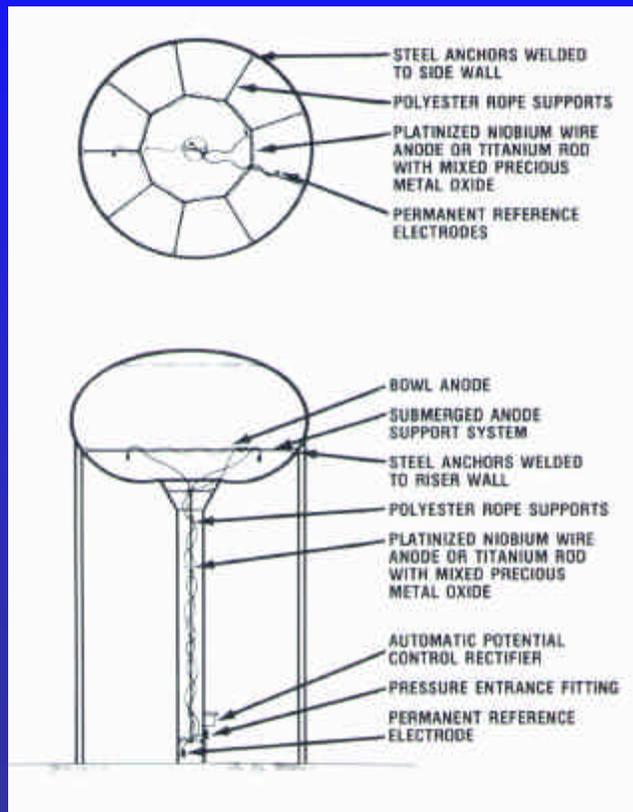


# Water Storage Tanks and Treatment Facilities Possess the Four Requirements for Galvanic Cells to Form

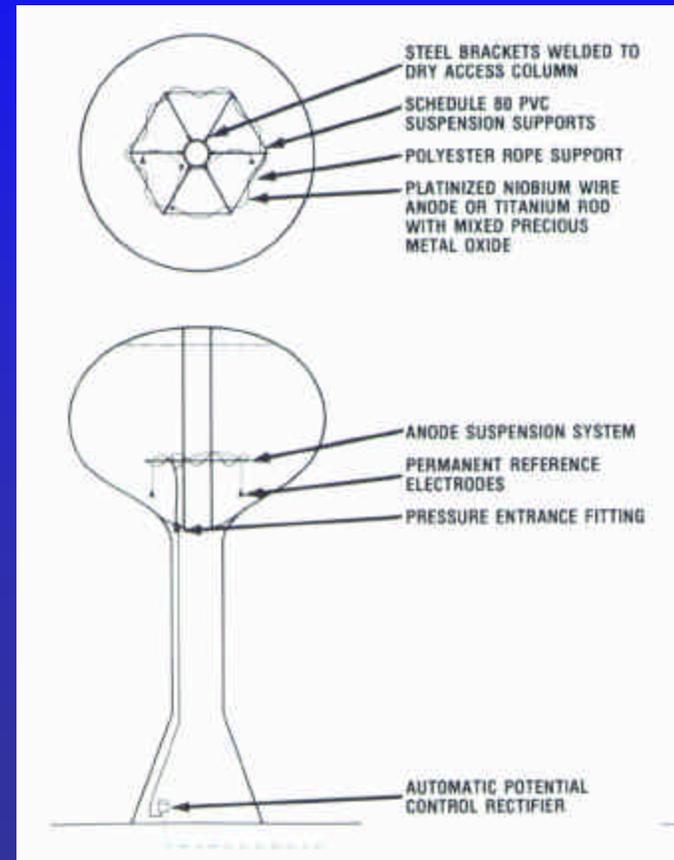
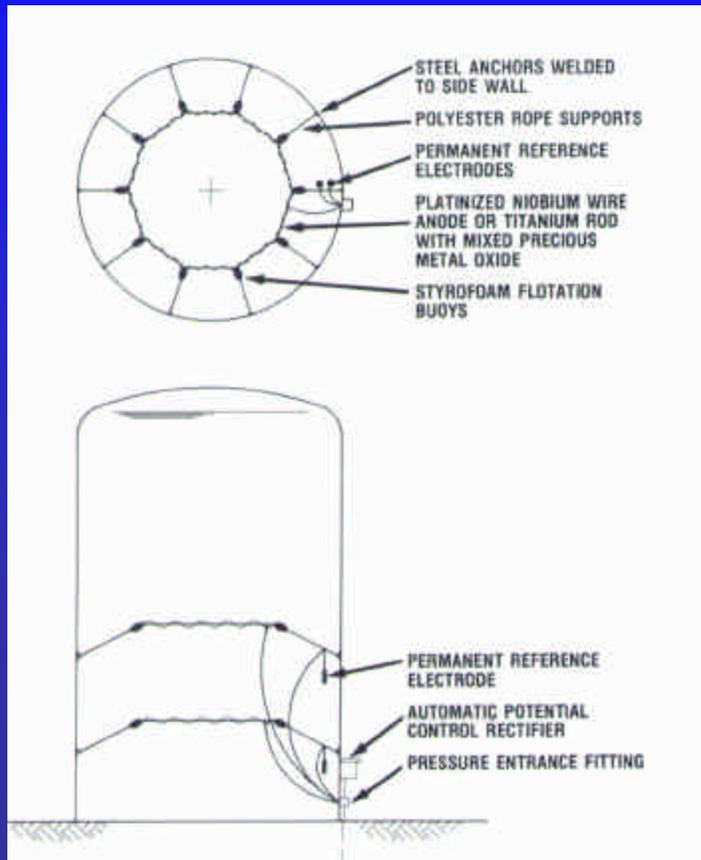
- Electrolyte: Water and/or Wastewater
- Conductor: Steel Tank or Equipment
- Anode: Metal in contact with the electrolyte
- Cathode: Metal in contact with the electrolyte



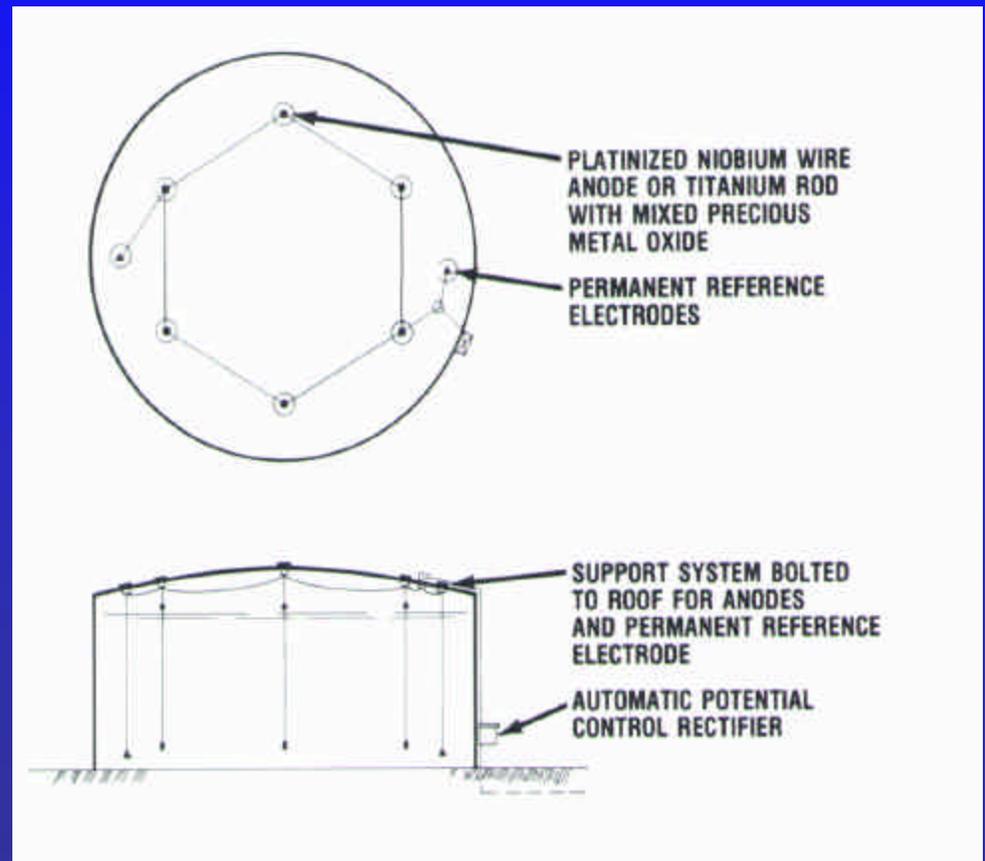
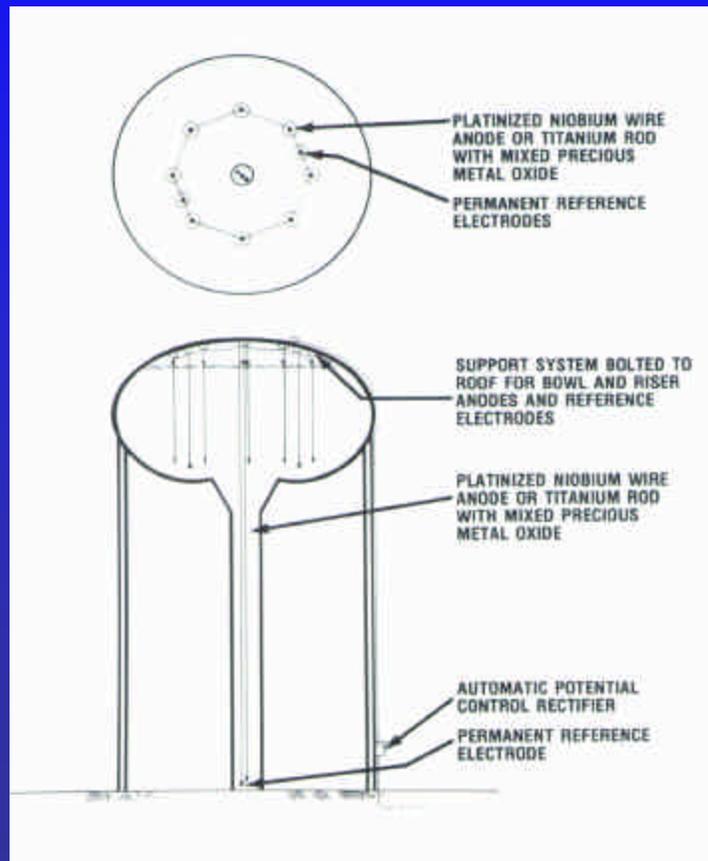
# Typical Horizontally Suspended Anode Systems



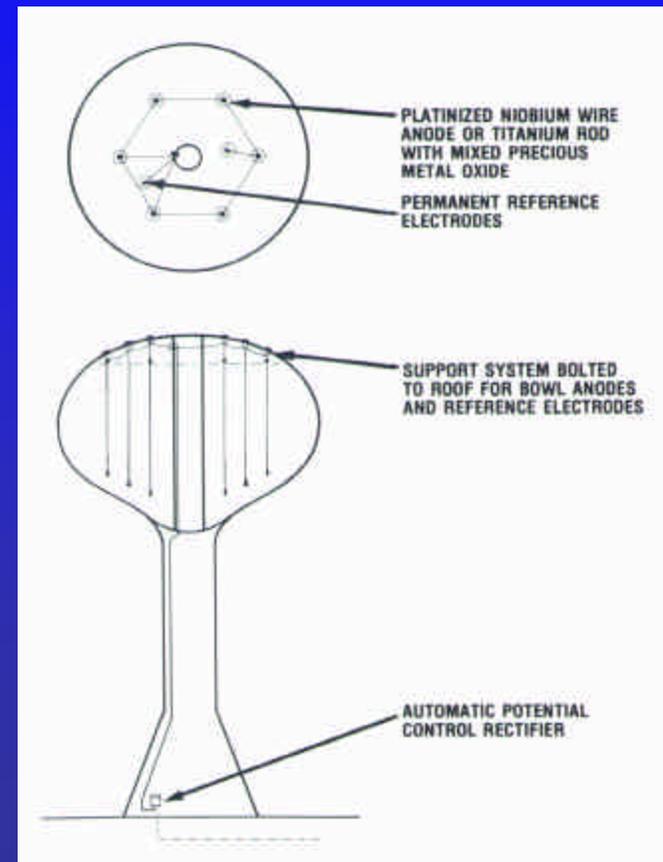
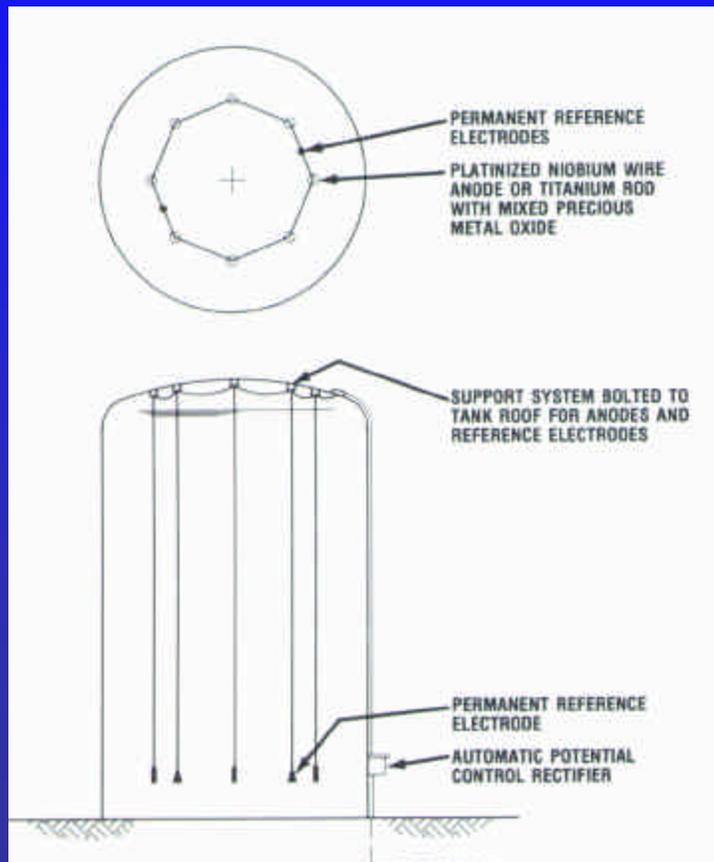
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# Typical Vertically Suspended Anode Systems



# Typical Vertically Suspended Anode Systems



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