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**Guidance for repair/rehabilitation of concrete transport infrastructures (CTIS)**

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## Exposure Classes in EN 206

- No risk of corrosion
- Carbonation-induced corrosion
- Chloride-induced corrosion resulting primarily from de-icing salts
- Chloride-induced corrosion resulting from seawater exposure
- Freeze-thaw attack
- Chemical attack



## Exposure Classes in EN 206

Class	Environment	Examples
<i>1. No risk of corrosion or attack</i>		
X0	Concrete with no embedded metal (except where there is freeze/thaw, abrasion or chemical attack)  For concrete with reinforcement or embedded metal: very dry	Concrete inside buildings with very low air humidity.
<i>2. Corrosion induced by carbonation</i>		
XC1	Dry or permanently wet	Concrete inside buildings with low air humidity Concrete permanently submerged in water
XC2	Wet, rarely dry	Concrete surfaces subject to long-term water contact Many foundations
XC3	Moderate humidity	Concrete inside buildings with moderate or high air humidity. External concrete sheltered from rain
XC4	Cyclic wet and dry	Concrete surfaces subject to water contact, not within exposure class XC2



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<i>3. Corrosion induced by chlorides other than from seawater</i>		
XD1	Moderate humidity	Concrete surfaces exposed to airborne chlorides
XD2	Wet, rarely dry	Swimming pools, Concrete exposed to industrial water containing chlorides
XD3	Cyclic wet and dry	Parts of bridges exposed to spray containing chlorides Pavements, Car park slabs
<i>4. Corrosion induced by chlorides from seawater</i>		
XS1	Exposed to airborne salt but not in direct contact with seawater	Structures near to or on the coast
XS2	Permanently submerged	Parts of marine structures
XS3	Tidal, splash and spray zones	Parts of marine structures



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5. Freeze/thaw attack with or without de-icing agents		
XF1	Moderate water saturation, without de-icing agent	Vertical concrete surfaces exposed to rain and freezing
XF2	Moderate water saturation, with de-icing agent	Vertical concrete surfaces of road structures exposed to freezing and airborne de-icing agents
XF3	High water saturation, without de-icing agent	Horizontal concrete surfaces exposed to rain and freezing
XF4	High water saturation, with de-icing agent or seawater	Road and bridge decks exposed to direct spray containing de-icing agents and freezing. Splash zones of marine structures exposed to freezing.
6. Chemical attack		
Where concrete is exposed to chemical attack from natural soils and ground water is given in Table 3, the exposure shall be classified as given below. The classification of seawater depends on the geographical location; therefore the classification is valid in the place of use of the concrete.		
XA1	Slightly aggressive chemical environment according to Table 3	
XA2	Moderately aggressive chemical environment according to Table 3	
XA3	Highly aggressive chemical environment according to Table 3	



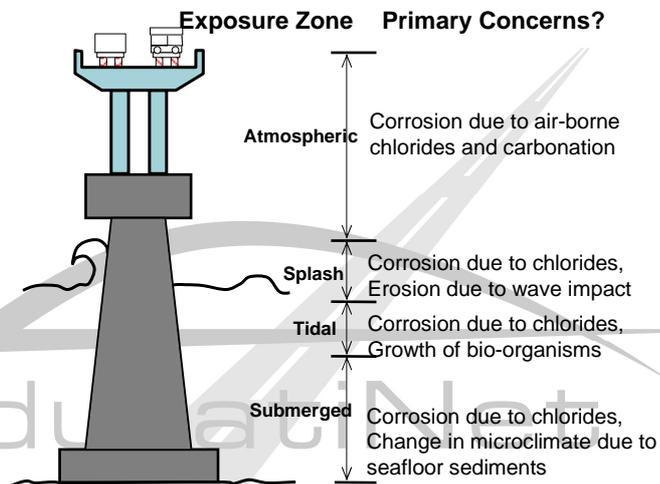
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## Types of Structure



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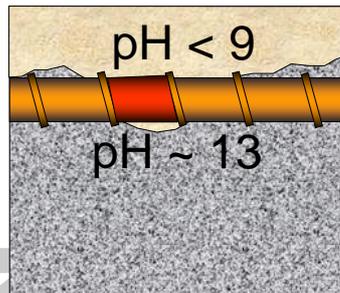
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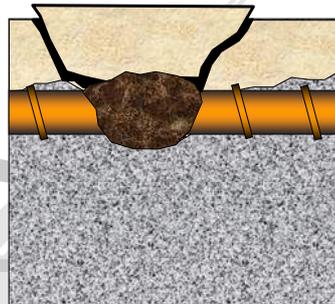
## Corrosion of steel reinforcement

### Loss of passivity



Advance of carbonation  
or chloride front

### Formation of rust



Expansion of steel  
due to corrosion

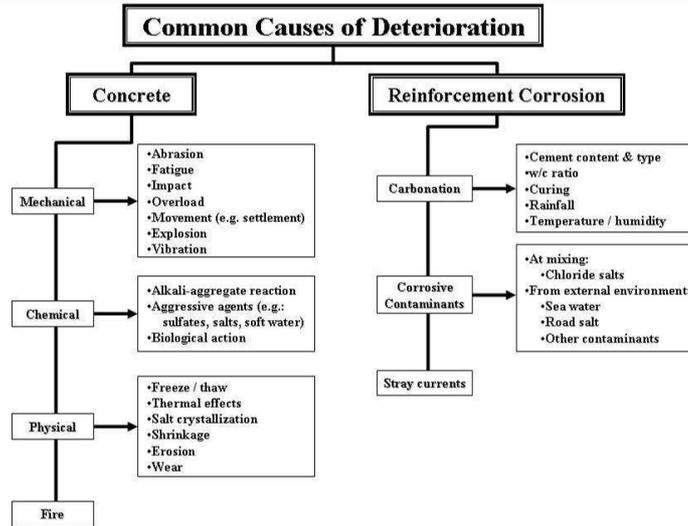


## Freeze-Thaw Damage





## Causes of Deterioration



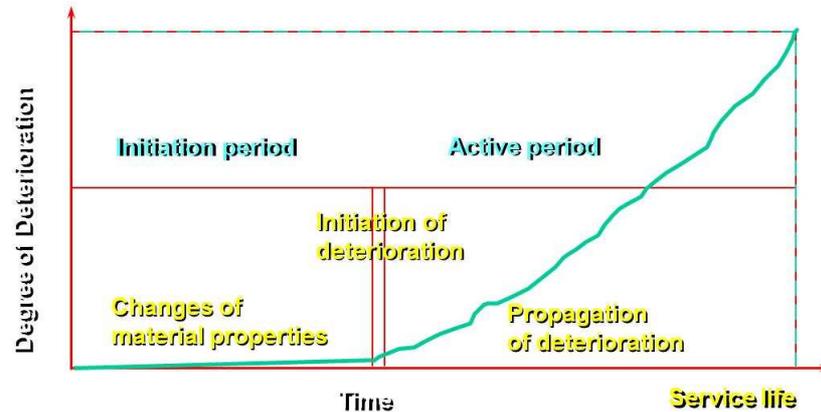
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## Degradation models and impact of degradation on structural performance



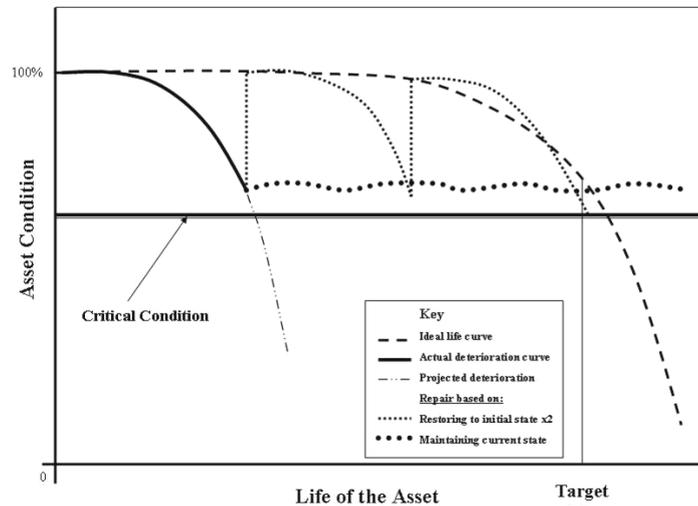
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## Repair Strategies

### Defects in Concrete

1. Protection against ingress
2. Moisture control
3. Concrete restoration
4. Structural strengthening
5. Physical resistance
6. Resistance to chemicals

### Reinforcement corrosion

7. Preserving or restoring passivity
8. Increasing resistivity
9. Cathodic control
10. Cathodic protection
11. Control of anodic areas

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## Activities

- Review of requirements of concrete durability
  - Task Leader: QUB
- Mechanism and types of damage in reinforced concrete
  - Task Leader: U. La Rochelle
- In situ inspection techniques – specifications and comparisons
  - Task Leader: U. Bordeaux
- Repair techniques for concrete structures
  - Task Leader: LNEC

**QUB contributes also to Activity 6 - Smart structural materials with permanent monitoring systems in concrete**



**Thank You**

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