ANTICORROSIVE PROTECTION SYSTEM BASED ON NANOCOMPOSITES

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Abstract

Corrosion control, using inhibitors like, polymerisable porphyrins and multifunctional nanocomposites, is extremely useful in many environments. Phosphogypsum is a waste product resulted from the process of obtaining the phosphoric acid and it can be also used as corrosion inhibitor; in a mixture with other coating materials. Two types of modified porphyrin: Na₄TFP Ac - dissolved in KOH and H₂SO₄ and H₂TPP - dissolved in benzonitrile, were tested. The structure characterization of phosphogypsum was analyzed through SEM and X-ray diffraction. The efficiency of the complex multifunctional system was investigated in the salt spray chamber, using diverse exposure conditions. The corrosion resistance was studied by cyclic voltammetry, in 20% Na₂SO₄ electrolyte solution. The multifunctional nanocomposites used as coating systems improve the anti-corrosion properties of electrodes.

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