



# Monitoring of CP Systems

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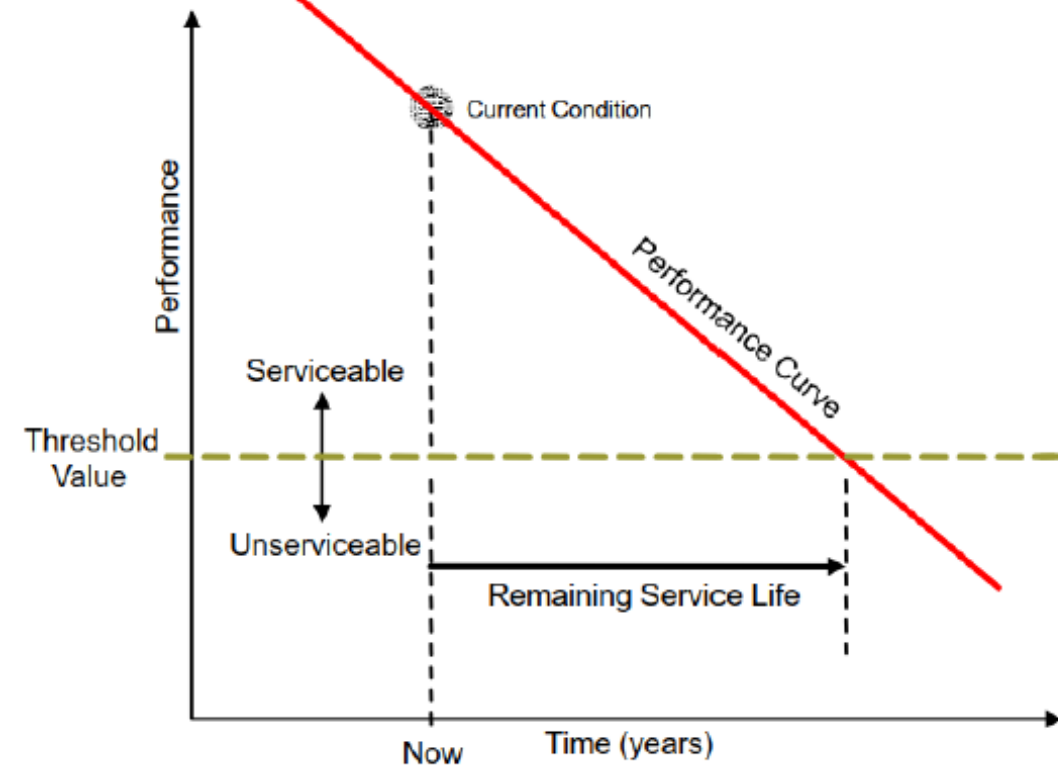
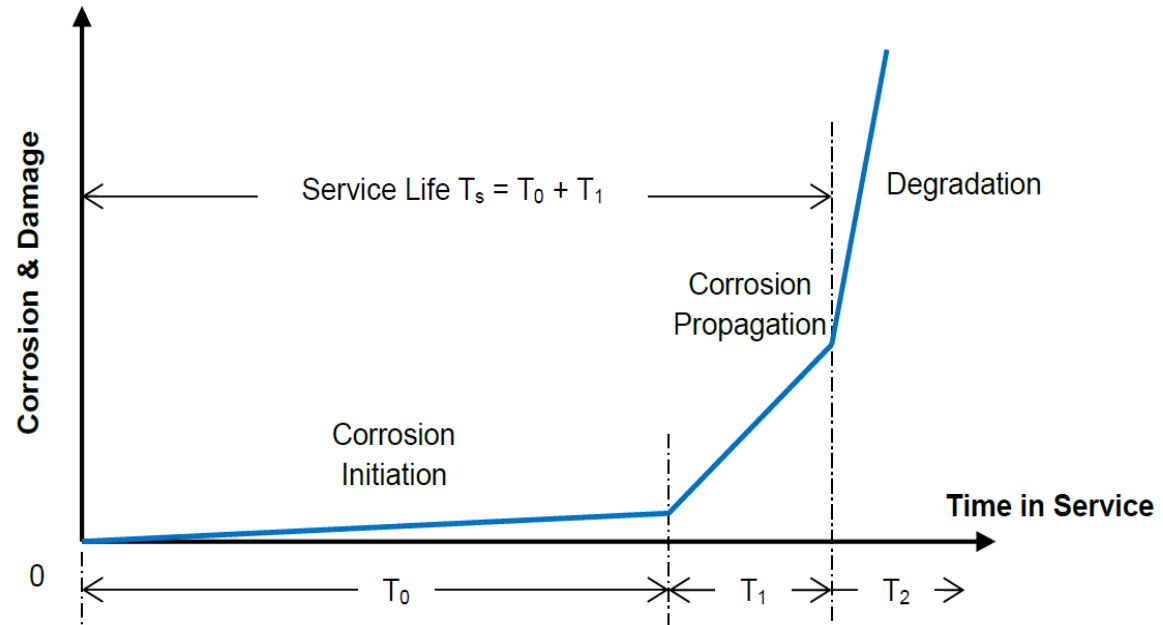
- DMRB CS 462 'Management of a concrete highway structure shall commence as soon as a structure is commissioned to ensure it **remains safe for the public to use** without significant impact on **long term performance or durability**'

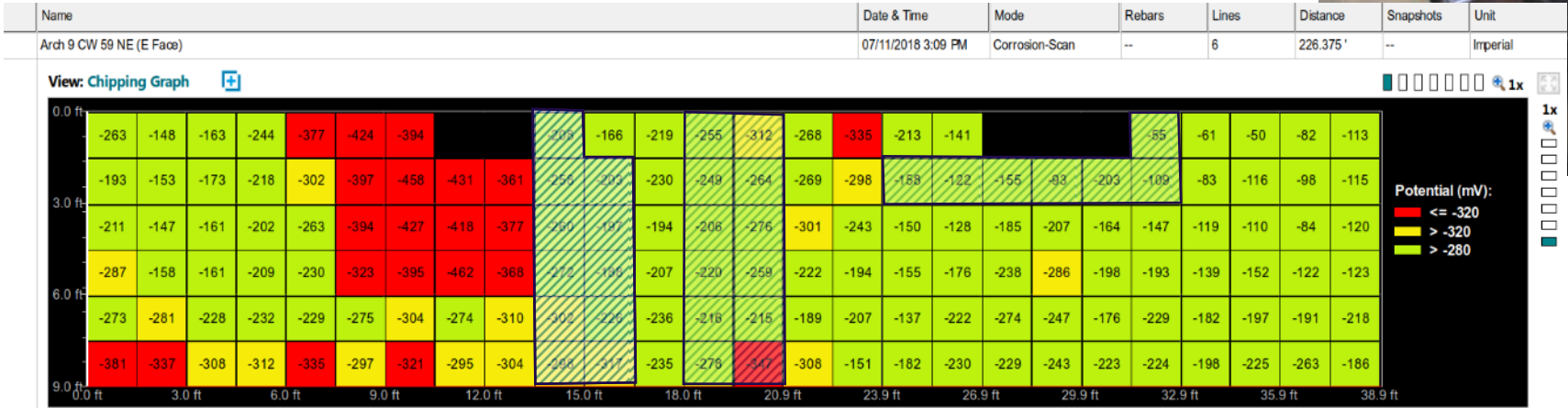
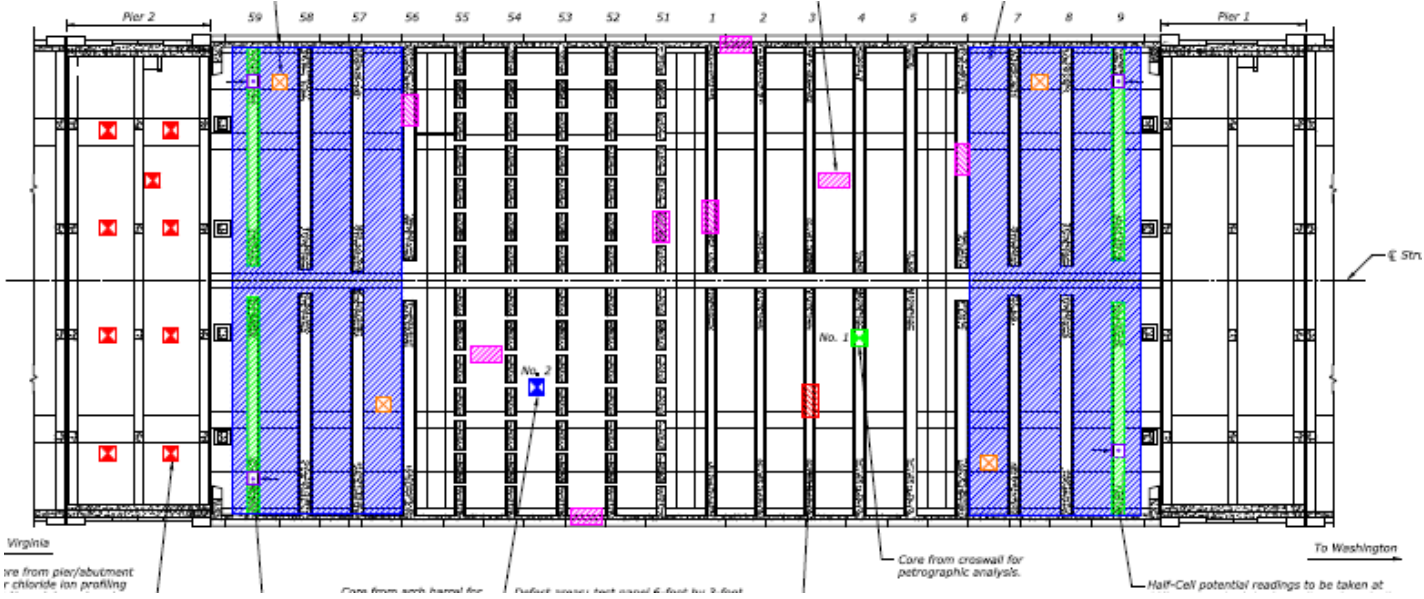




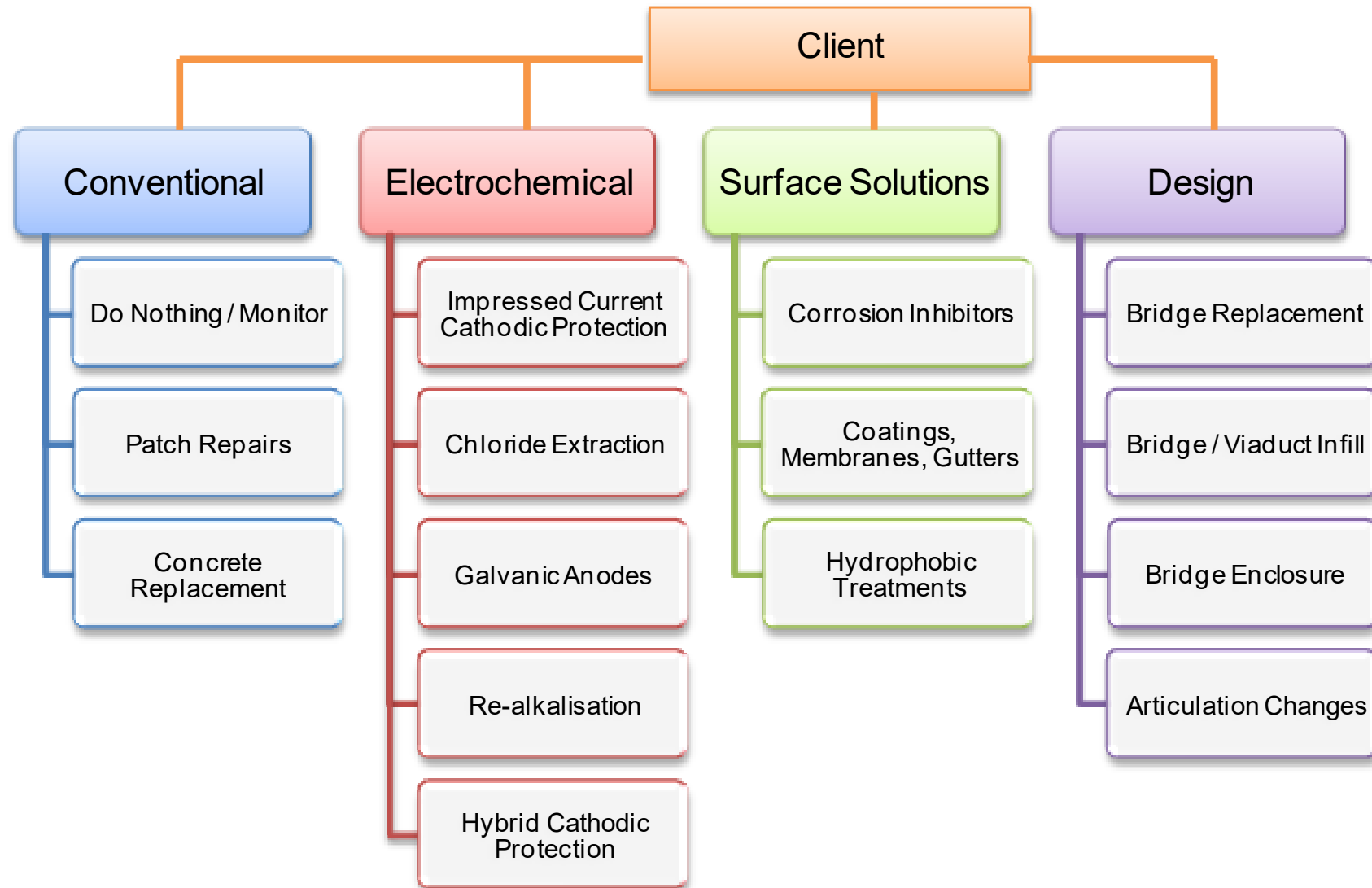
- External – transport of aggressive components/chemicals
  - Chloride ions
  - Carbon dioxide
  - Acids
  - Sulphates
- Internal – breakdown of cement matrix
  - Alkali-silica reaction
  - Delayed ettringite formation

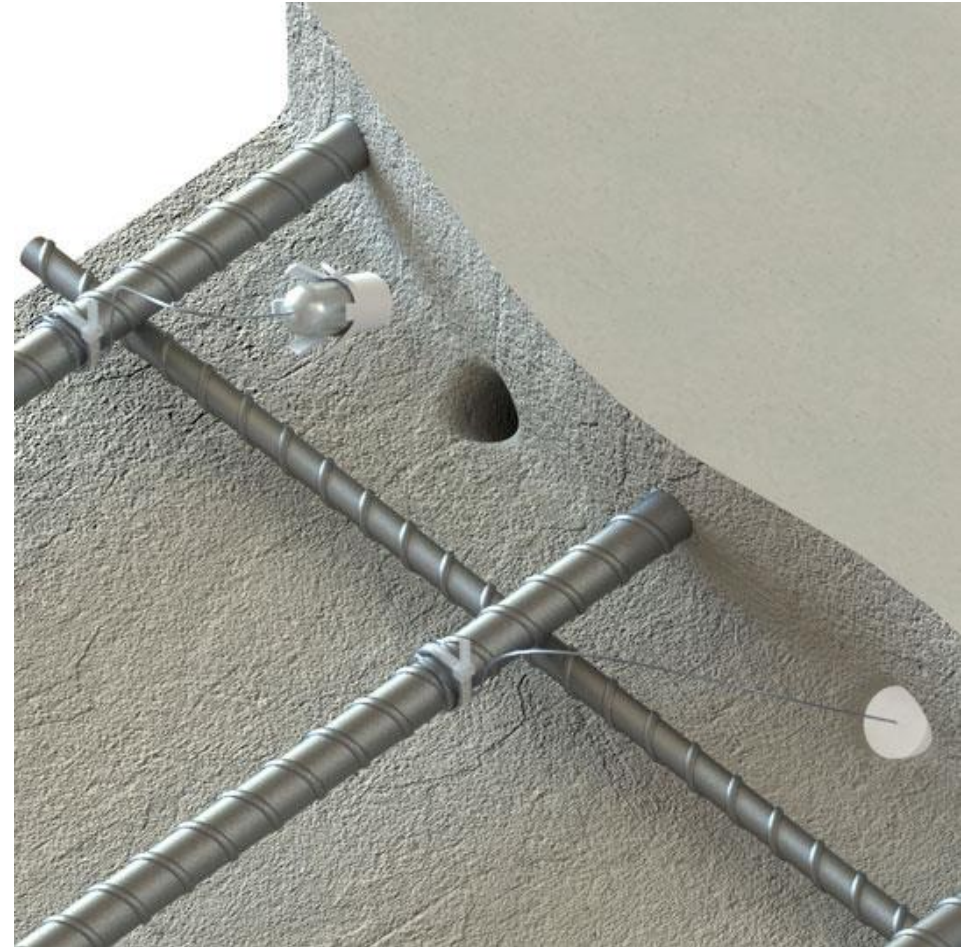
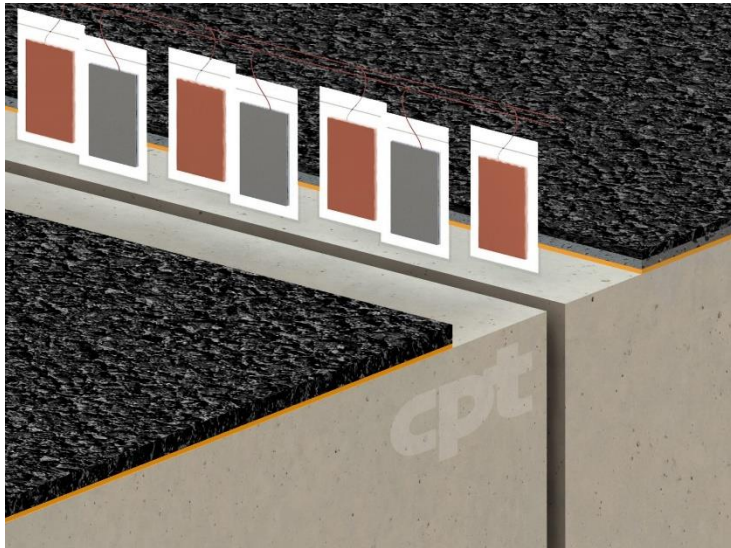
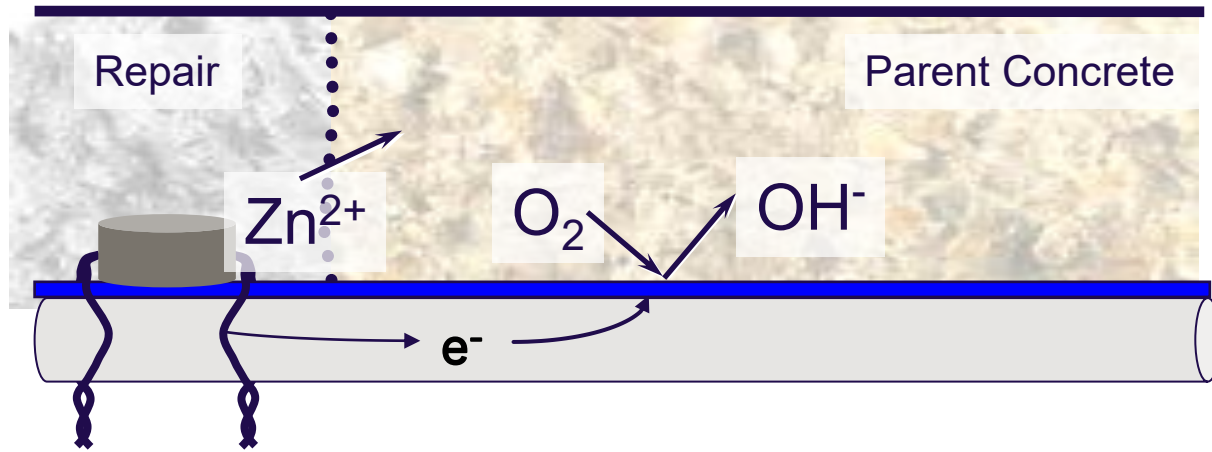


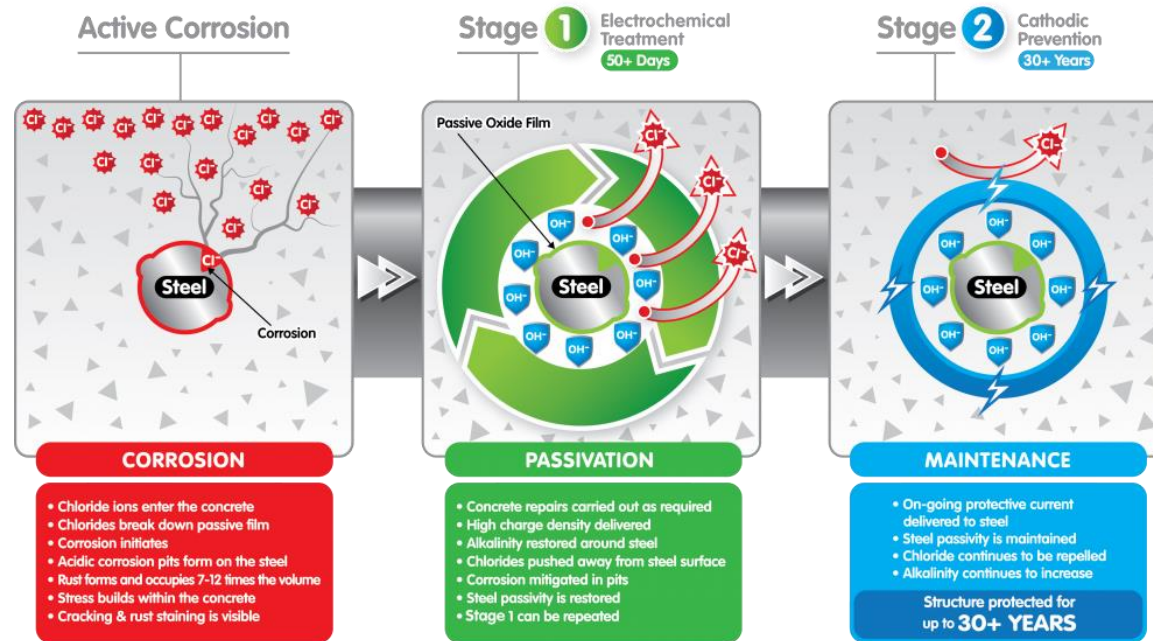




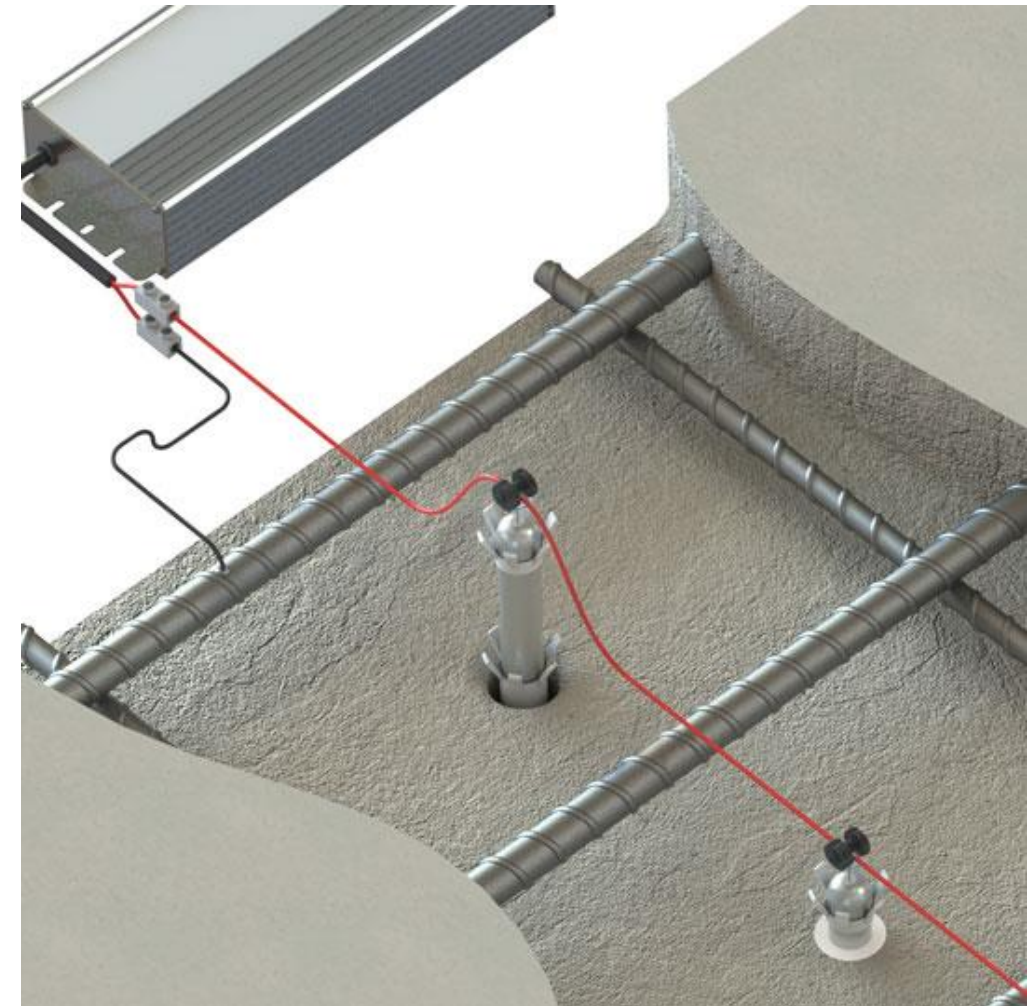




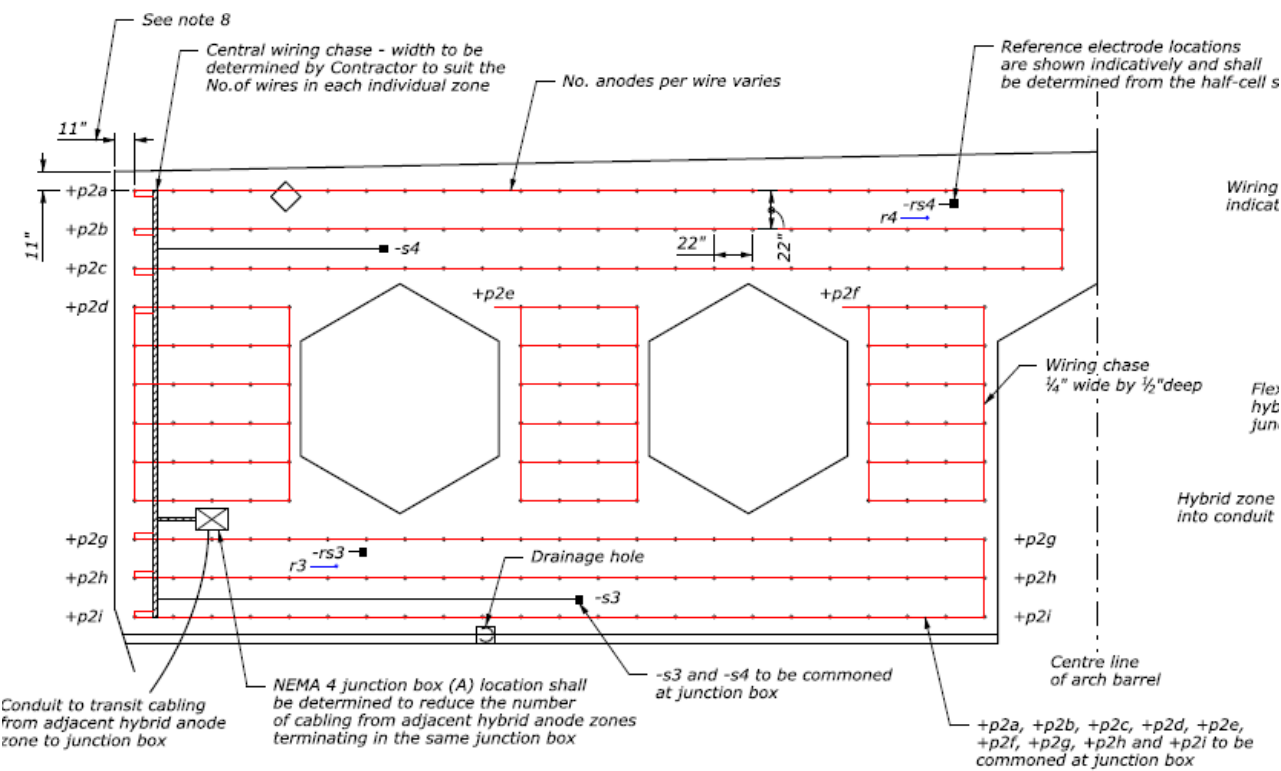




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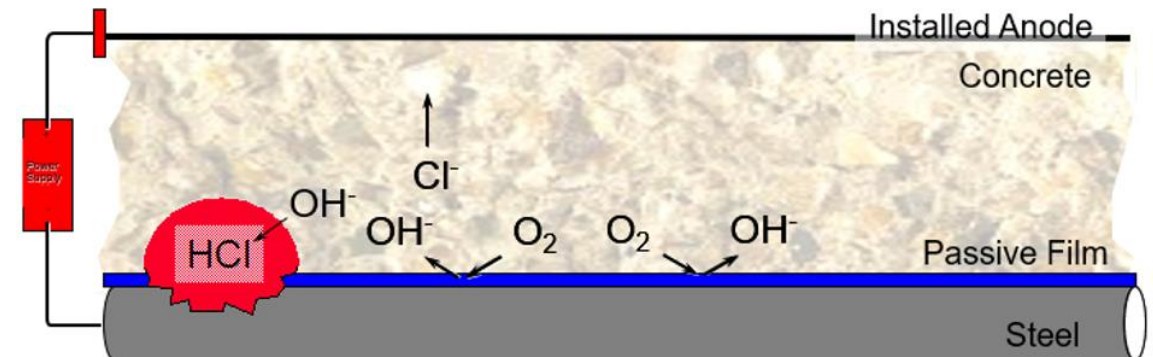








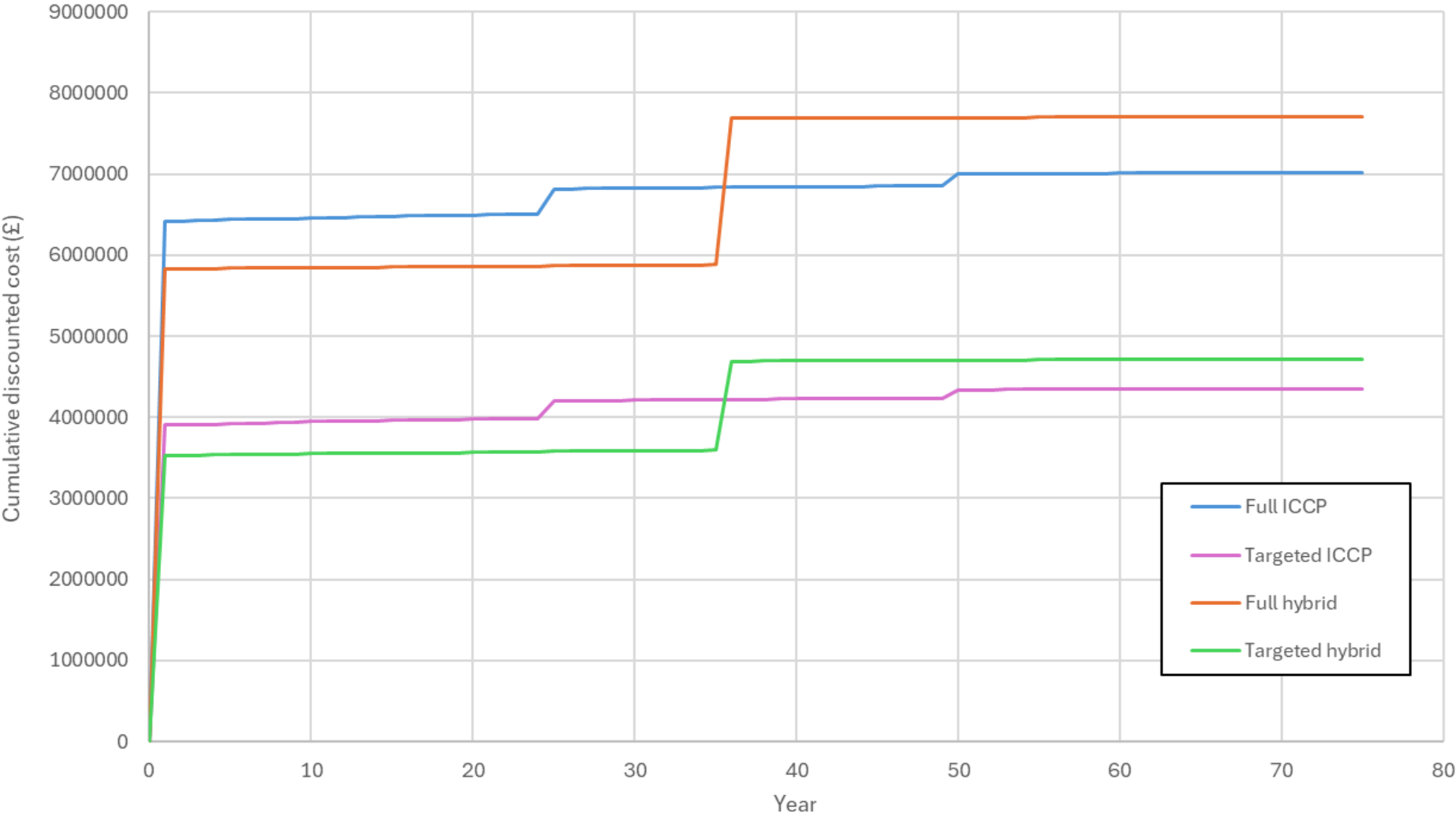
- Anode types:
  - MMO/Ti expanded mesh
  - MMO/Ti ribbon
  - Discrete
  - Conductive mortar
  - Conductive organic paint coating
  - Thermal sprayed metal



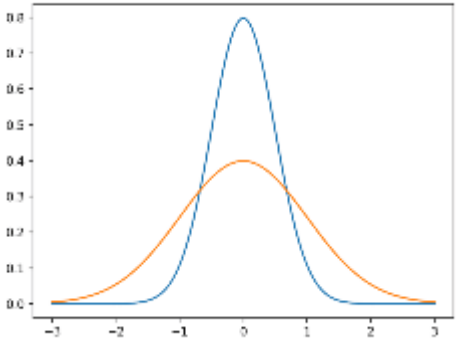
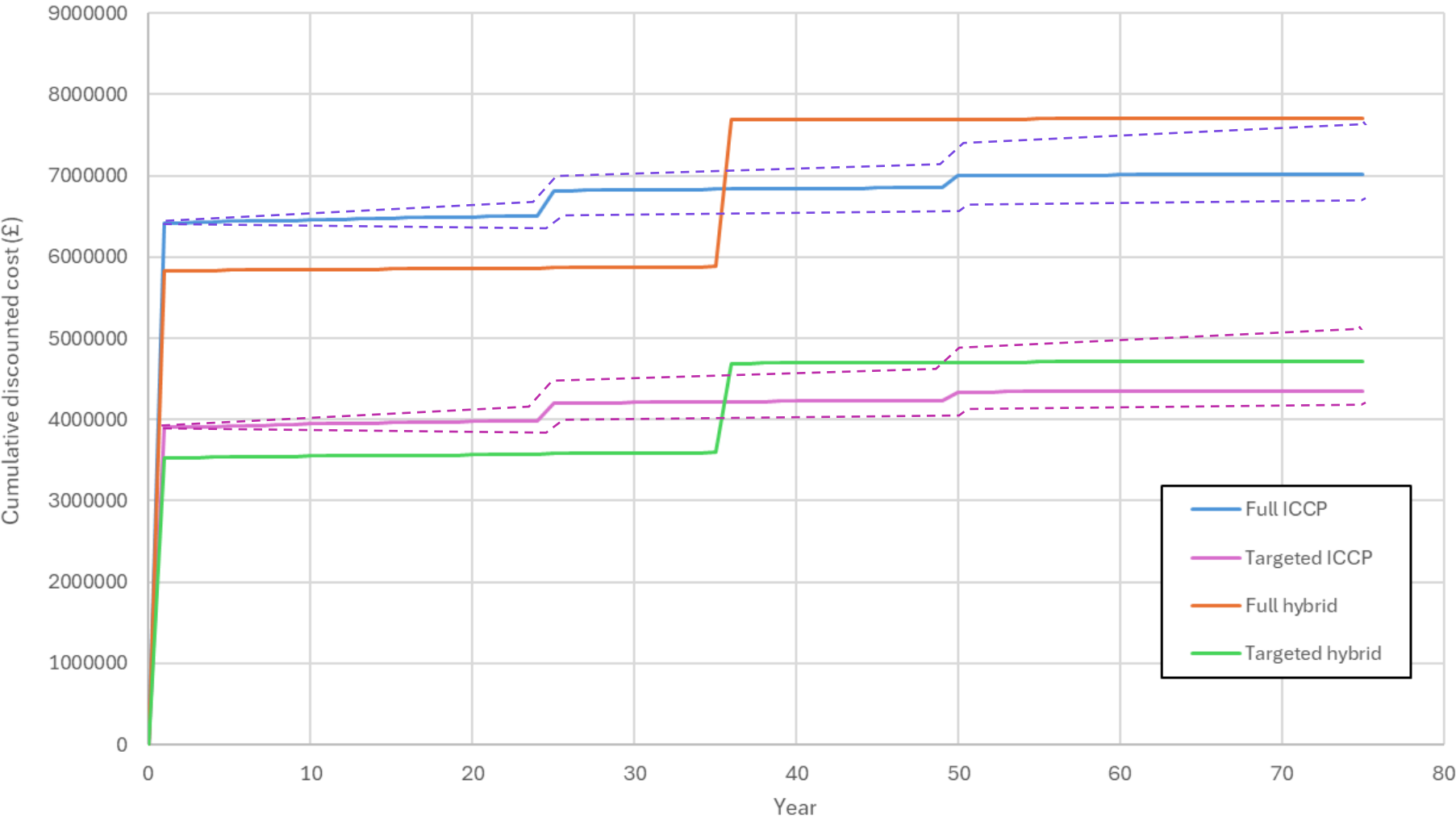


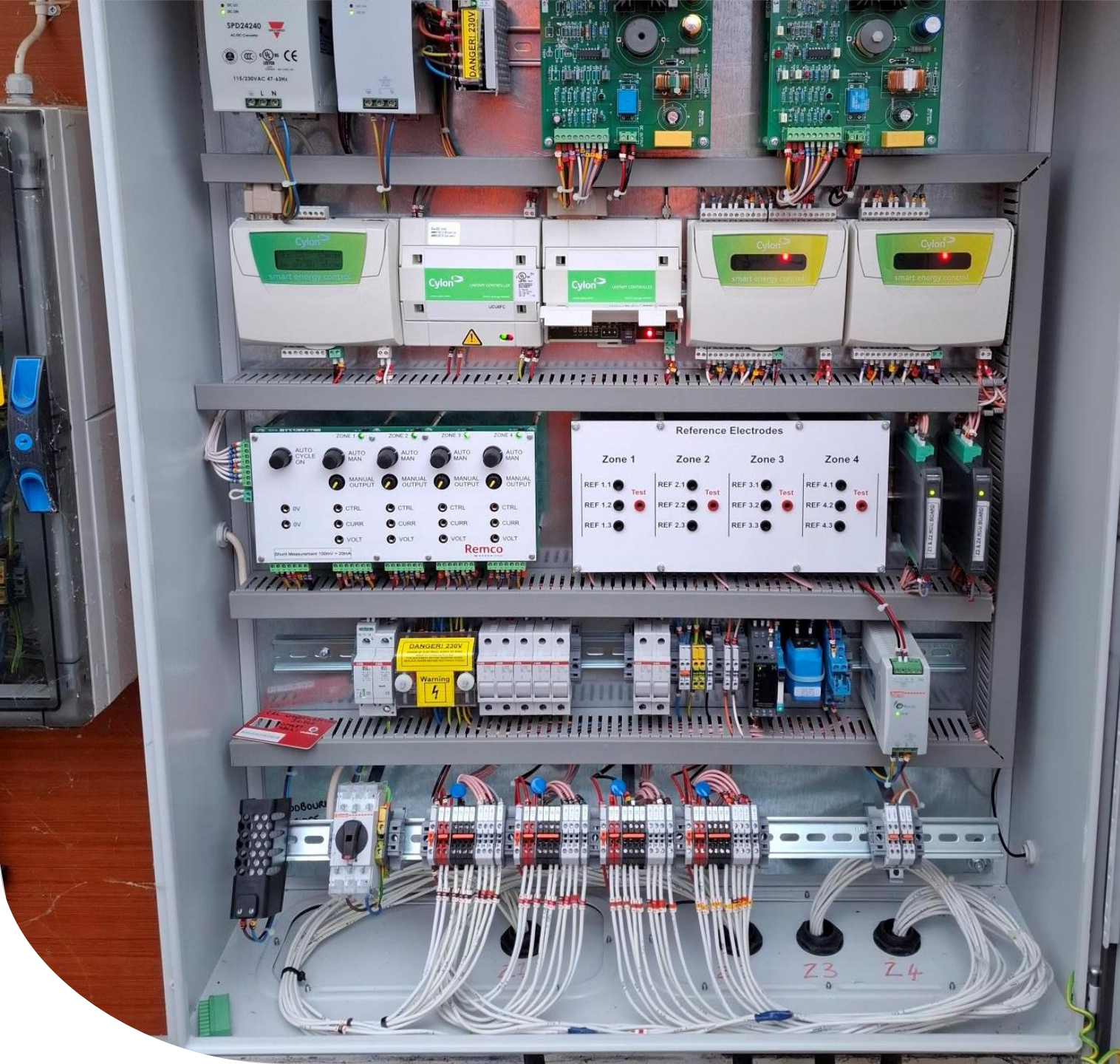
- AC supply
- Regular maintenance to maintain functionality
- Monitoring in accordance with BS EN ISO 12696:2022
- Adjustment to output voltage and current
- Electrical certification
- Damage to equipment
- Vandalism & theft





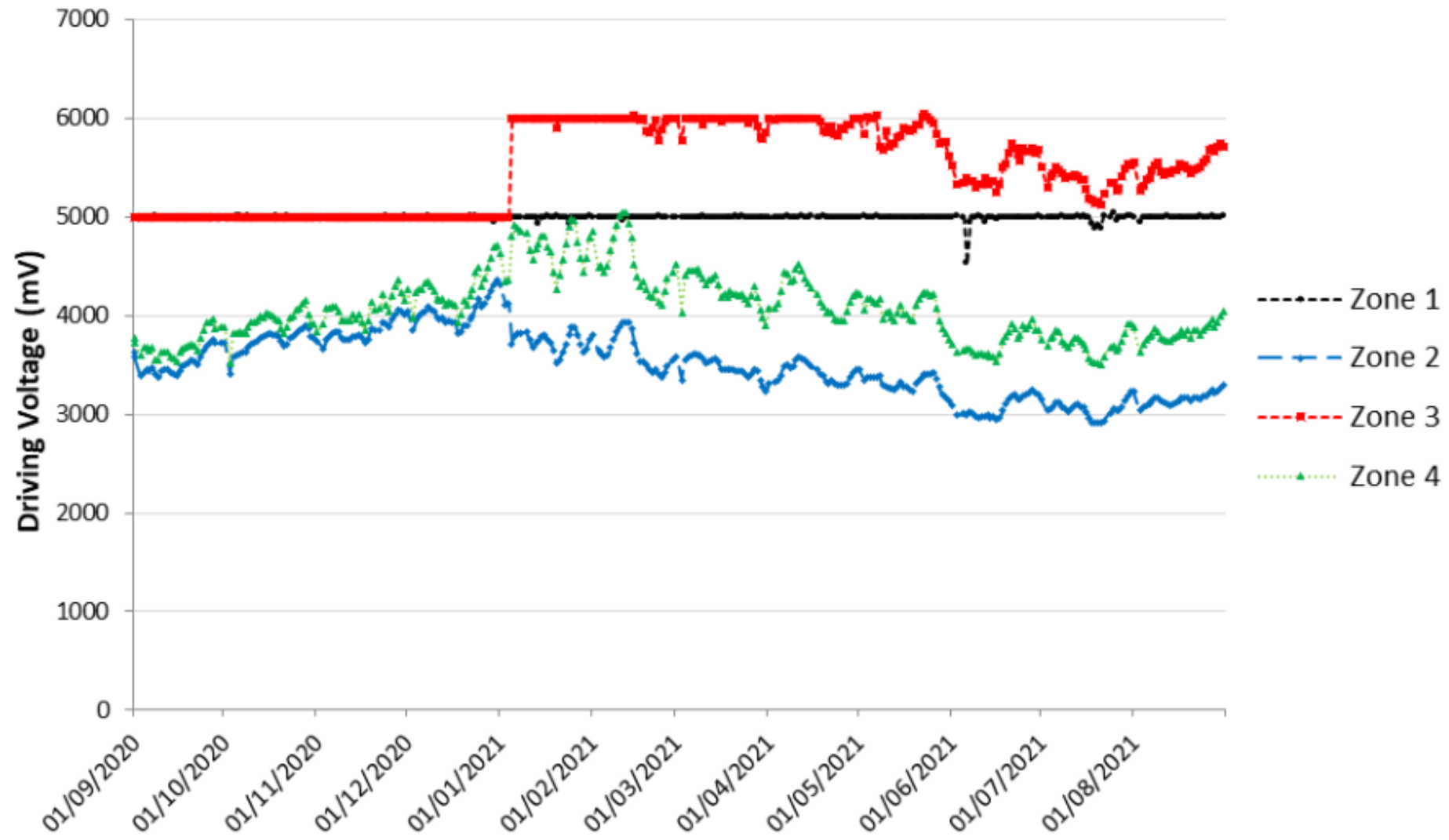


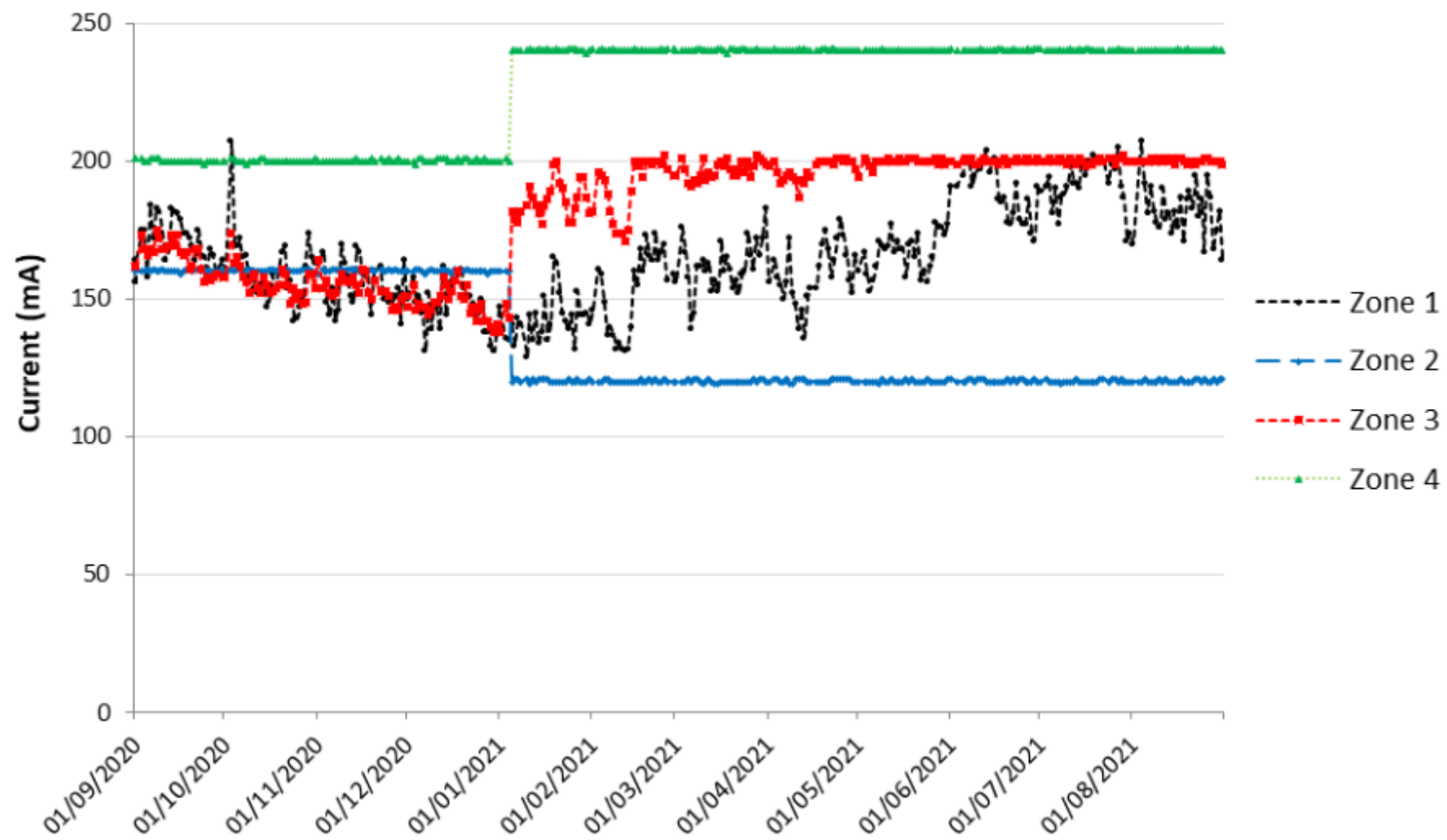




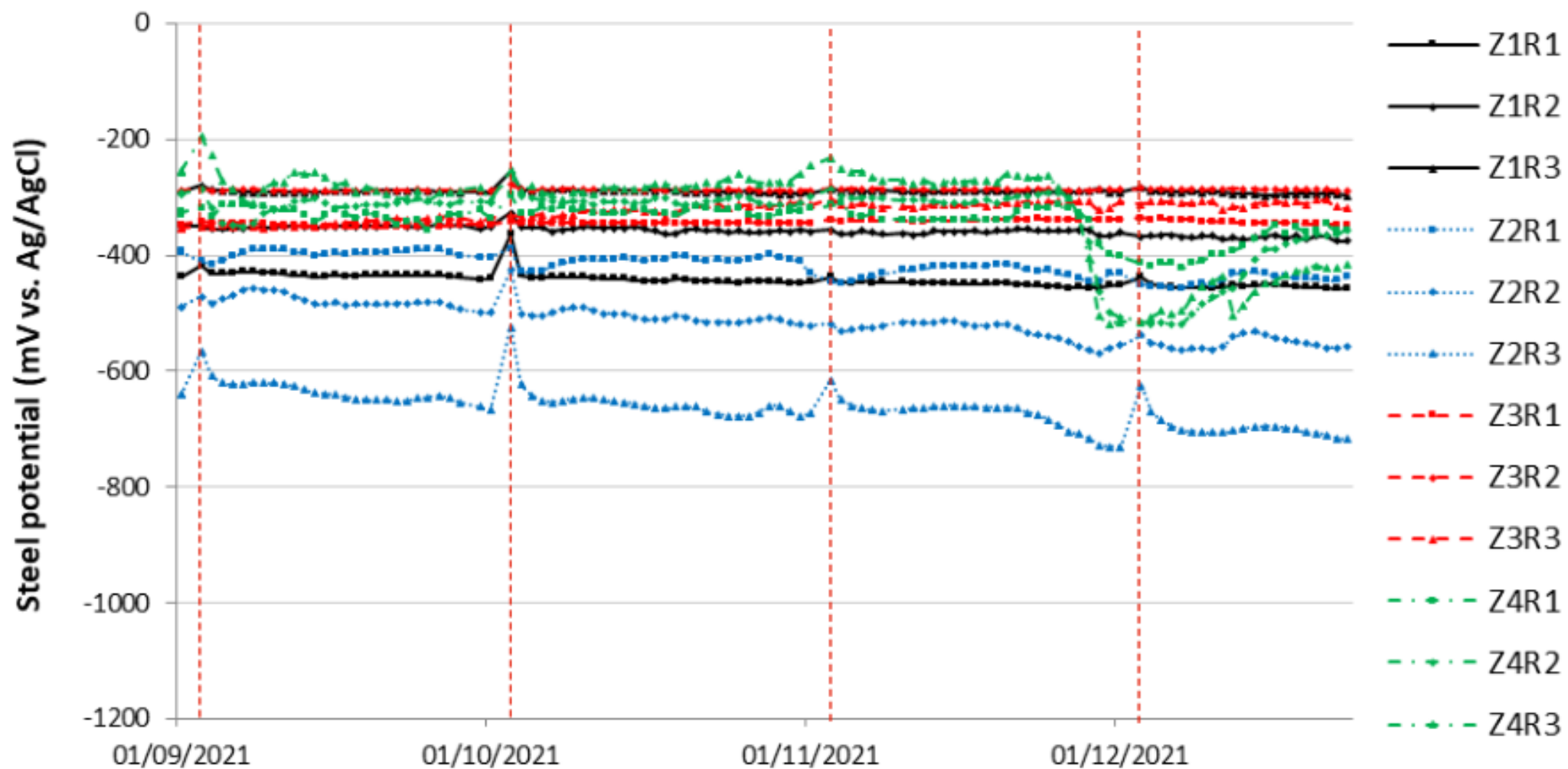
- Requirements in accordance with BS EN ISO 12696:2022.
  - ✓ Function checks
  - ✓ Performance assessments
  - ✓ System reviews
  - ✓ System review reports
- Intervals can be extended if no errors, damage or significant variation in system performance are indicated by successive inspections and tests.
- Data collected shall be reviewed and interpreted by persons competent in cathodic protection in accordance with BS EN ISO 15257:2017 (ICorr Level 3 or above)











## Reference electrode locations – Depolarisation values (mV)

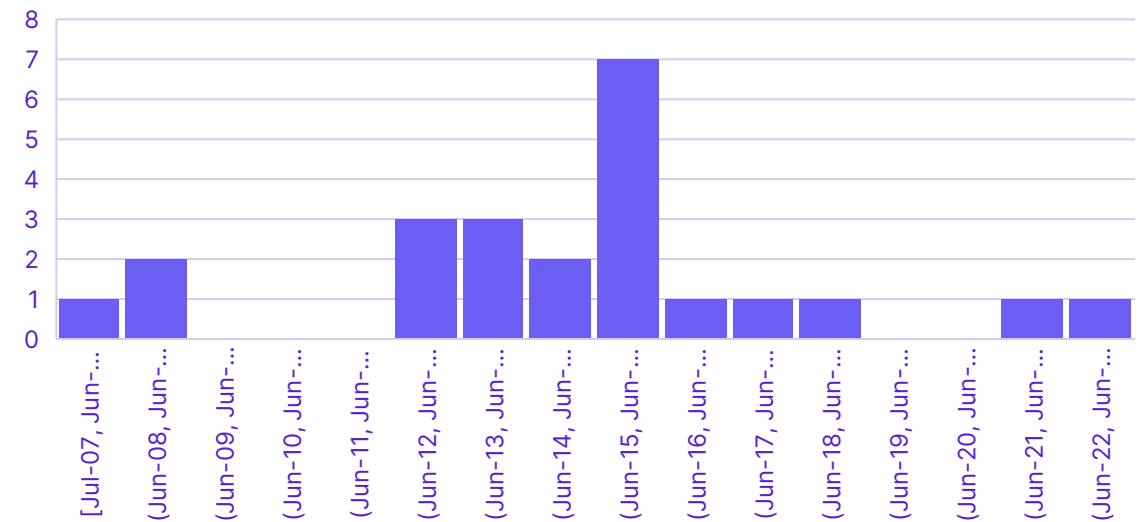
| Month   | Z1R1 | Z1R2 | Z1R3 | Z2R1 | Z2R2 | Z2R3 | Z3R1 | Z3R2 | Z3R3 | Z4R1 | Z4R2 | Z4R3 |
|---------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Sept 21 | 214  | 128  | 55   | 202  | 249  | 163  | 10   | 38   | 6    | 124  | 73   | 110  |
| Oct 21  | 215  | 132  | 53   | 210  | 256  | 179  | 11   | 42   | 10   | 106  | 76   | 39   |
| Nov 21  | 214  | 127  | 49   | 233  | 269  | 178  | 9    | 41   | 8    | 90   | 62   | 44   |
| Dec 21  | 206  | 113  | 46   | 229  | 293  | 182  | 8    | 38   | -2   | 73   | 32   | 22   |



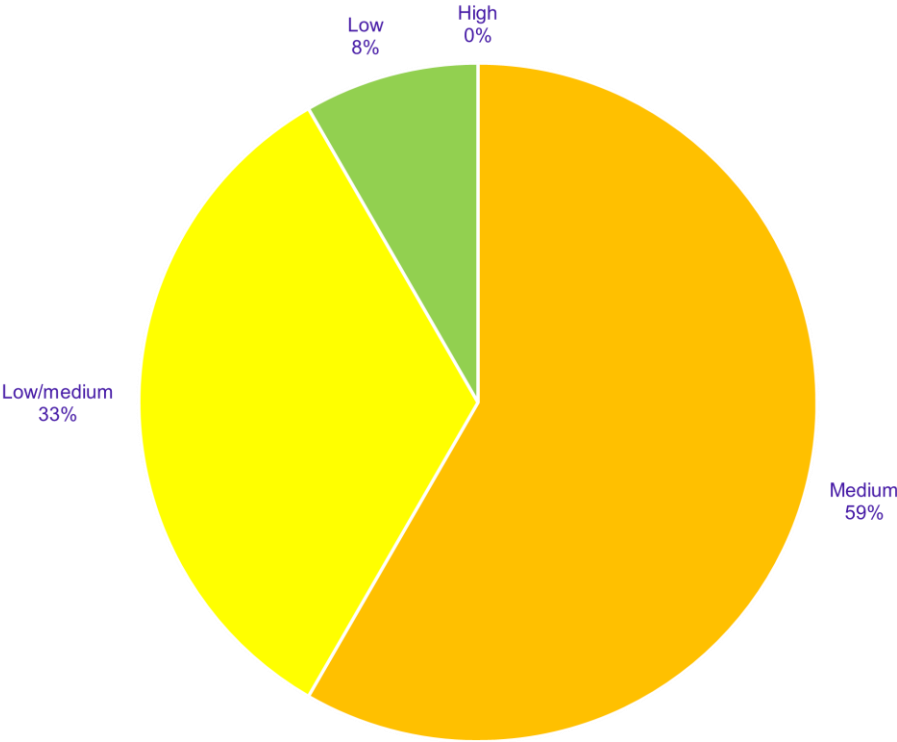


### Types of ICCP systems:

- 15No. MMO/Ti Mesh & Overlay (11No. of which also have discrete anodes installed)
- 3No. Discretes anodes
- 1No. Conductive mortar



| System Status   | Priority Rating | Monitoring Proposal  |
|---|-----------------|--|
| Not operational   | High            | Site visit within 6 months<br>Attempt to re-establish AC power or determine issue<br>Connect temporary power supply and check if anode system is still operational |
| Operational & no monitoring check since last adjustment     | Medium          | Complete remote monitoring check (if possible), or<br>Site visit within 12 months to perform manual depolarisation   |
| Operational & annual system review check overdue (>2 years) | Low to Medium   | Complete system review within 12 months  |
| Operational & annual system review check within <2 years    | Low             | Complete system review within 24 months  |





- Cathodic protection can be an effective method of preventing the initiation of, and arresting ongoing, corrosion.
  - ✓ Risks and cost implications of maintenance and equipment failure should be considered when determining the appropriate corrosion management strategy.
  - ✓ A targeted approach results in lower costs, reduced programme and the optimisation of electrical equipment.
- Regular monitoring in accordance with BS EN ISO 12696:2022 is essential to ensure the longevity of the asset and achieve best value from the installed system.
- Sufficient funding should be allocated to the monitoring of CP systems to ensure longevity of the asset and to achieve best value from the installed system.
- Prioritisation of risk can assist in allocating available budgets for monitoring.