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Measurement of steel corrosion in concrete by impedance spectroscopy PAUL BARTHOLOMEW, ERIC SUMSION, SPENCER GUTHRIE, BRIAN MAZZEO — Steel corrosion is a major problem for aging bridge structures. The steel corrodes as chloride ions migrate to the buried steel. The properties of the corroded steel-concrete interface change due to the corrosion and can be measured by impedance spectroscopy. A new spectrometer was built to measure concrete slabs. A fitting function to the impedance spectra was used to determine relevant parameters correlated with corrosion. Data from the laboratory and the field demonstrate the utility of this technique.

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