Appendix 1

List of participants

Minutes of EFC WP15 Corrosion in the Refinery Industry 11 September 2018

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Appendix 2

EFC WP15 Activities

(Francois Ropital)

EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF CORROSION	EFC Working Parties http://www.efcweb.org	
 WP 1: Corrosion Inhibition WP 3: High Temperature WP 4: Nuclear Corrosion WP 5: Environmental Sensitive Fra WP 6: Surface Science and Mecha WP 7: Education WP 9: Marine Corrosion WP 10: Microbial Corrosion WP 10: Microbial Corrosion WP 11: Corrosion of reinforcement WP 12: Computer based informatio WP 13: Corrosion in ail and gas pro- WP 15: Corrosion in the refinery of (created in sept. 96 with WP 16: Cathodic protection WP 17: Automotive WP 18: Tribocorrosion WP 19: Corrosion of polymer mater WP 20: Corrosion of archaeological WP 22: Corrosion control in aeros WP 23: Corrosion reliability of Elevice Trabe France on Corrosion (Created Environ) 	cture nisms of corrosion and protection in concrete n systems duction and petrochemistry industry John Harston as first chairman) rials rs and historical artefacts pace ctronics	
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List of the WP15 spring m	eetings :		
10 April 2003	Pernis - NL (Shell)		
8-9 March 2004	Milan -Italy (ENI)		
17-18 March 2005	Trondheim- Norway (Statoil)		
31 March 2006	Porto Maghera - Italy (ENI)		
26 April 2007	Paris - France (Total)		
15 April 2008	Leiden -NL (Nalco)		
23 April 2009	Vienna - Austria (Borealis)		
22 June 2010	Budapest - Hungary (MOL)		
14 April 2011	Paris - France (EFC Head offices)		
26 April 2012	Amsterdam - NL (Shell)		
9 April 2013	Paris - France (Total)		
8 April 2014	Mechelen - Belgium (Borealis)		
14 April 2015	Leiden -NL (Nalco)		
26 April 2016	Paris - France (Total)		
13 April 2017	Frankfurt - Germany (EFC Head offices)		
3 May 2018	Dalmine- Italy (Tenaris)		





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	Working Partian	Erc working Party 15: Corrosion in the Reinery industry	
	WD Correction and Scale inhibition	WP 15 REFINERY CORROSION ATLAS	
	WP Corrosion by Hot Gases and	On this page you will find some corrosion failure cases from the refinery and process industries.	
	Combustion Products	These documents are only given for information and do not engage EFC.	
	WP Nuclear Corrosion	Failure case n°1: High temperature corroeion of a first stage reactor of a hydrocracking	
	WP Environment Sensitive Fracture	unit	
	WP Surface Science and Mechanisms of Corrosion and	Failure case n°2: Chloride stress corrosion cracking of a H2S stripping lower in a hydodesulturisation unit	
	WP Corrosion Education	Failure case n*3: Creep and cracks in a hydodesulfurisation unit	
	WP Physico-chemical Methods of Corrosion Testing	Failure case n*4: Chioride stress corrosion cracking of mounting hardware in a FCC	
	WP Marine Corrosion	Failure case n°5: Metal dusting corrosion of a furnace tube in reforming unit	
	WP Microbial Corrosion	Failure case n°\$: Sulfidation in an atmospheric distillation unit	
	WP Corrosion of Steel in Concrete		
	WP Corrosion in Oil and Gas Production	railure case mining the stress corroliton cracking in an arkylation unit	
	WP Coatings	Failure case nº8: Carbonate stress corrosion cracking in an FCC unit	
	WP Corrosion in the Refinery industry		
	WP 15 Refinery Corrosion Atas CUI Restricted Web Page	If you would like to add other failure cases, you can complete the enclosed file and send it to Francols Ropital email: francols.ropital@itpen.fr	
	WP Cathodic Protection		
	WP Automotive Corrosion		



Appendix 3

New developments on a new methodology to characterize Stress Relaxation Cracking

(Martin Monnot)



Advancement of our development of a methodology to characterize Stress Relaxing Cracking on welded stainless steels

03/05/2018

Martin MONNOT

Introduction

- ArcelorMittal
- Reheat Cracking and Stress Relaxation Cracking are damage mechanisms occurring in equipments from many industries combining both high stresses and high temperatures.
- <u>Reheat Cracking (RHC)</u> is commonly associated to Carbon & CrMo(V) steels, and is generally a problem occurring during fabrication (PWHT after welding) of the equipment
- WED

Example of a RHC Crack in a HAZ of a CrMoV low alloy steel

Stress Relaxation Cracking (SRC) is commonly associated to austenitic alloys, such as 300 series and nickel base alloys occurring during service of the equipments.



Example of a SRC Crack in a HAZ of a 347H austenitic stainless steel

Introduction



• SRC is complex to mitigate:

- Almost all austenitic microstructures with improved creep resistance are susceptible, but with variations in the intensity,
 - Ex: 3xxH stainless steels

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AISI 347H > AISI 321H > AISI 304H > AISI 316H

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	Grade	Cr	Ni	Nb	Ν	С
	347H	18	9	0.3	0.07	<0.08
	304H	18	8	-	-	<0.07



Example of a SRC failure of a 800H header (2005)

Stress Relaxation Cracking phenomena



ArcelorMittal

Stress Relaxation Cracking phenomena



Intergranular hardness



Difficulties to simulate SRC



- SRC comes from difference of hardness between grains and grain boundaries
 - Difference of precipitation kinetics between grains and grain boundaries
- Cracks is initiated by stress relaxation present in the HAZ
- Crack initiation is the combination of two metallurgical state occurring with two different kinetics
- SRC cases is service are observed for applications at 600°C-725°C after two years
 - Increase of testing temperature may change cracking mechanism (*creep*)
 - Duration should not exceed one month

Loading on U-bend set-up



- The stress level in plastic domain is assumed sufficient to initiate SRC
- Sensitization have been performed before bending to begin ageing with advanced precipitation state



- ✓ U-bend set-up : strain around 10%
- ✓ Specimen 15 mm thick
- Welding process : SAW and GMAW through all thickness
- Sensitization before straining
- ✓ Test duration of 720 hours

Determination of sensitization conditions



- The purpose of sensitization is to begin carbides precipitation in order to match precipitation state with stress relaxation kinetics to initiate cracks
- Sensitized state should present precipitation in grain boundaries only : difference of hardness between grains and grain boundaries.

600°C/500h



HAZ microstructure after testing



• The precipitation state increase during the ageing on U-bend





Sensitized state (600°C/250h) Sensitized state + 600°C/500h under stress

No SRC initiate with U-bend stress loading

Loading in uniaxial direction



- The loading method could be one reason of difficulties to obtain SRC
- Dead weight is known to be more severe, but the load should not be to high to prevent creep failure





- ✓ Dead weight device : 180 MPa
- ✓ Specimen sampled from 15 mm thick weld plate
- Welding process : SAW and GMAW through all thickness
- Test duration of 720 hours
- Failure in deposited metal after around 300 hours
- Fracture surface is no SRC

Loading in uniaxial direction



• The failure is in deposited metal, the failure mechanism is not SRC as expected







Conclusion



- Stress Relaxation Cracking is a very complex mechanism to reproduce
- Cracks should be initiate by the difference of hardness between grains and grain boundaries at high temperature combined with stress relaxation
- Sensitization before straining has not permitted to highlight SRC
- No cracks characteristic of SRC has been obtained with Four-point bending, Ubend and uniaxial traction set-up.

> New tests will be performed with 347 grade with higher content of carbon

Appendix 4

MTI pending project

(Patrice Houlle)



MTI Project 291 : Stress Relaxation Mitigation Strategy P.Houlle

September 11, 2018 WP 15 Meeting EuroCorr 2018, Krakov



Global Challenges/ TRUSTED Solutions > www.mti-global.org

Project 291 Phase 0

Introduction

This MTI-Project is intended to identify pre-conditions under which stress relaxation cracking (SRC) occurs for specific alloys and subsequently develop a mitigation strategy including but also beyond the well-known heat treatment around 900°C. In particular, it shall be defined under which preconditions this heat treatment can be skipped while assuring a safe operation of the equipment.







Project 291 Phase 0

Objectives

- Literature review and evaluate significance and feasibility of possible test methods for SRC and compare to the proposed 4-point-bend test method.
- Verify proposed 4-point-bend test method by comparison with available 3-pointbend test results from first TNO Joint-Industry-Project.
- **Optimize 4-point-bend test method**, in regard of its significance, e.g. for different levels of SRC susceptibility and the actual occurrence of SRC in real application.





Project 291 Phase 0 Scope

The proposed test method shall be applied to the following samples under the specified test conditions. Moreover, sample fabrication and preparation shall comply with the stated requirements and shall be included in the proposal:

- AISI 347H: 12 samples of welded and 3 sample of un-welded base metal
- Alloy 800H: 12 samples of welded and 3 sample of un-welded base metal





Project 291 Status

- Contractor : Jülich FZ
- Date : March 2018
- Deadline: May 2019
- Status
 - 800H sourcing
 - $\circ~$ 800H: Plate and Consumables : done
 - 800H samples preparation done
 - 347H sourcing
 - o Consumables : done
 - o Plates : GZ being checked





Project 291

- Who can participate in this MTI project
 - Obviously all the MTI members (for free)
 - But MTI will consider about partnering with interested company

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Appendix 5

Effectiveness of water scrubbing instead of water washing on crude unit overhead corrosivity

(Henk Helle)

Limitations on the effectiveness of water injection in CDU overhead line

Henk Helle CorrosionControl.Nu



Water injection in the Crude Unit overhead vapor

Water spray and its effect

Effect	Useful characteristics of the spray
Saturation of the vapor with water	A large wet surface area
Water washing of salt deposits	Very small droplets that are carried along with the vapor deep into the bundles
Scrubbing, absorption of HCl from the vapor	Small distance between the droplets

Assumed data for CDU overhead with washing or scrubbing facilities

- 0.01 Mol HCl per m³ hydrocarbon vapor
- 1 liter injected water per m³ hydrocarbon vapor (15 w%)
- Uniform droplet size with Sauter diameters ranging from 1 μ to 1000 μ
- Residence time in overhead line is 1 second
- Diffusion coefficient HCl in HC-vapor: 4*10⁻⁵ m²/s

• How fine a spray is needed ?

- What is the average distance between droplets ?
- What is the total wet area?
- What is the diffusion distance and what percentage of HCl will be absorbed?

Spray characteristics at 1 l/m3



Diffusion Distance and HCI-absorption



Conclusion

- Water washing requires a very fine, non-impinging spray, preferably <100 μ
- Co-current water scrubbing of overhead CDU-vapor, even with an ultrafine mist, cannot be effective enough to be useful.
- See: https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/corrosioncontrol-crude-units-16-henk-helle/

Appendix 6

Hyper-Duplex stainless steel a a viable alternative to Cu-Ni alloys in seawater coolers

(Jonas Höwing)


HYPER-DUPLEX STAINLESS STEEL AS A VIABLE ALTERNATIVE TO CUNI ALLOYS IN SEAWATER COOLERS

OUTLINE

- CuNi alloys and seawater
- Hyper duplex UNS S32707 in seawater
- Long term cost comparison CuNi vs. S32707



CUNI ALLOYS AND SEAWATER

CUNI ALLOYS IN SEAWATER - ADVANTAGES

- Excellent corrosion resistance in seawater.
 - Forms a protective scale.
- Can withstand high seawater temperatures.
- Resistant to biofouling.
 - Chlorination usually still needed to protect other parts of the system from clogging.
- Excellent thermal conductivity.
- Good fatigue properties.
- Good ductility.
- Ease of fabrication.



CUNI ALLOYS IN SEAWATER - DRAWBACKS

- Protective scale is soft and not strongly adherent to the metal surface.
 - Sensitive to erosion from solid particles.
- Sheer stresses due to high flow rates can also cause erosion of the protective scale.
 - Limitations to flow rate depends on tube inner diameter.
 - Turbulence in tube inlet can be a problem area.
- The presence of sulphides gives a non-adherent, soft scale and rapid corrosion.
 - Sulphate reducing bacteria in stagnant or polluted seawater, such as ports.



Tube inlet erosion-corrosion http://heatexchan.blogspot.com/2017/12/heatexchangers-chemicallyinduced.html?_sm_au_=iPVQDQjWNrsPJJJs



HYPER DUPLEX UNS S32707 IN SEAWATER

CORROSION PROPERTIES OF UNS S32707

- Hyper duplex S32707 is a high alloyed duplex stainless steel grade.
 - PRE > 48 compared to super duplex or super austenitic grades which have PRE > 40.
 - Excellent resistance towards chloride induce pitting and crevice corrosion.

UNS	Common name	ASTM G48 CPT/°C	ASTM G48 CCT/°C	Crevice corrosion in natural seawater, ambient temperature
S32750	Super duplex	80	50	No
S32707	-	>95	70	No
S31254	6Mo	80	45	-

TESTING USING MODEL HEAT EXCHANGER

- The aim of the study was to determine the limiting inner skin temperature of tubes used for seawater cooling.
 - Inlet seawater temperature 20°C or 35°C.
 - Flowrate 2 m/s.
 - Continuous chlorination at 0.5 ppm.
 - Tube inner skin temperature controlled using outer heat clamps.
 - Open circuit potential (OCP) continuously monitored to detect active corrosion.
 - Test duration up to 18 months.

- Tube materials tested:
 - Standard duplex S32205
 - Super duplex S32750
 - Hyper duplex S32707



📁 Heat exchanger tube

RESULTS FROM TESTING

Material			Seawater temp. 20°C				
		Tube outside/inside skin temperature					
Tube	PREN	65°C/50°C	105°C/70°C	135°C/85°C	155°C/95°C	170°C/95°C	
S32205	36	Pitting	Pitting	-	-	-	
S32750	43	No pitting	Pitting	-	-	-	
S32707	49	No pitting	No pitting	No pitting	No pitting	No pitting	

- Hyper duplex S32707 shows excellent corrosion resistance.
 - Outperforms super duplex.
 - Better safety margin in case of for example high seawater temperatures.



EXAMPLE COST ANALYSIS – REAL CASE STORY

- CuNi seawater coolers.
 - Material CuNi 70/30
 - Cost analysis only for ONE unit.
 - CuNi tube bundle life time 4 years (average).
 - Repair costs included.
 - Lifetime analysis 20 years.
 - Production loss during maintenance not included.
 - Capacity loss due to plugged tubes not included.

- Stainless alternative S32707.
 - S32707 expected life cycle 10 or 20 years.
 - No maintenance stops for unit expected.
- Fabrication costs for new units were acquired from highly experienced fabricator.

EXAMPLE COST ANALYSIS – TOTAL COST INDEXED



EXAMPLE COST ANALYSIS – CONCLUSIONS

- Cost analysis shows that:
 - Initial equipment cost is higher for S32707 than for CuNi 70/30.
 - In case of 10 year lifetime for S32707, cost breakeven occurs after ~10 years.
 - In case of 20 year lifetime for S32707, cost breakeven occurs after 4 years.
- Production loss not included in calculations.
 - Customer did not want to share such information.
 - Calculations quickly become very complicated.
 - Calculations favourable for CuNi solutions.



CONCLUSIONS

- CuNi alloys have been used successfully in seawater coolers for a long time.
- In cases with frequent failures though, the long term costs can be high.
- The hyper duplex grade S32707 has excellent corrosion resistance in chlorinated seawater.
- Even though initial cost is higher for S32707 than for CuNi solutions, long term savings can be expected in cases where CuNi fails.
 - In example, cost savings are achieved even if retubing of S32707 is needed after 10 years.

Appendix 7

Extension of monitoring system – application of integrity operating windows

(Barbara Skolyszewska-Kühberger)



OMV Downstream



Integrity Operating Window IOW (API 584)





OMV IOW Methodology

IOW development manual

	Definition of IOWs	Page:	2 of 17	
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Approach defined

2 Pilot Project



Proof-of-Concept demonstrated

3 Concept for monitoring



Approach developed





OMV Downstream



OMV Downstream, Asset Management, Fuels Integrity, January 2018

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Appendix 8

A selection of Permasense latest corrosion monitoring case studies from European refineries

(David Lorkin)

Corrosion Monitoring in European Refineries

EFC Working Party 15 11th September, 2018 Presented by: David Lorkin

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Crude Flexibility Strategy



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Crude Flexibility Strategy

- 15Mt/a refinery with high conversion capacity "independent" refinery
- Margin improvement project: Feeding higher TAN crudes to the refinery, taking profit from crude diversification
- Units in scope:
 - One (of three) CDU with VDU
 - Hydrotreater
 - Coker
- Two steps:
 - After TA-2018: Increase the TAN-limit from 0.3 to 0.5 with chemical injection of a phosphorous based inhibitor
 - Future after 2024: With material upgrade 2 to 3 times higher TAN
- Corrosion study identified areas with higher risk (weak spots) and lower risk. However fails to provide a
 reliable prediction in two sections
 - CDU: crude heater because of mist flow
 - VDU: lower circulating reflux cooler because of condensing vapors
- Corrosion study expanded to downstream units Hydrotreater and Coker

Monitoring for Crude Flexibility

- Injection and monitoring locations selected
- 74 sensors installed in turnaround March 2018
- Monitoring started in April 2018 to plot a baseline before feeding higher TAN crudes
- It is expected that shareholders will be striving for a further margin improvement by processing high mercaptans feedstocks
- Mercaptans are known to accumulate in mid-distillates and cause severe corrosion in pumparounds
- Planned additional monitoring.

Extended Run Strategy



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Corrosion Monitoring – European Oil Refinery

- Major refinery with high conversion capacity
- Corrosion monitoring was initiated as strategic decision by the former refinery manager
- Monitored areas were primarily process sections affected by high temperature sulphidation as general risk sections.
- First sensors installed in 2013
- Monitoring in the HF Alkylation unit was added in April 2018
- Currently 270 Permasense sensors installed
- Up to now no significant corrosion detected, allowing consideration of extended run strategy





Modified McConomy Curves



Turn Around Cycle Extension Strategy – European Oil Refinery

- TAR cycles are based on the requirements for in-service inspection of pressure equipment which are set to a maximum of 5 years.
- Any extension must be approved by the local authority based on expertise by the independent inspection body.
- The inspection body has to assess the risk by extended operation and the measures that are implemented to mitigate that risk.
- Mitigation measures to justify the extension of in service inspection periods are:
 - Increased corrosion allowance
 - Materials upgrade to 9Cr-steel and stainless steel
 - Corrosion monitoring
- The Permasense corrosion monitoring system is an important element of proposal to extend their turnaround (TAR) cycles to up to eight years.

TAR Cycle Extension - Benefits

- Reduction of annualised TAR costs
- Lower production losses by reduced downtime of the units
- May amount up to some ten M€/a.

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Crude Unit Overhead Corrosion Case Study at a European Refiner

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Crude Unit Overhead Corrosion Case Study

- CDU overhead system protected by chemical injection (filmer and neutralising amine).
- Severe corrosion in the overhead piping system caused leaks.
- Expensive clamps had to be installed to secure operation.
- Risk of damaging the 17 air cooled heat exchangers.





CDU Overhead: Corrosion Detection and Control

- Inspection by manual UT had identified the thinning but could not prevent the leaks.
- Dewpoint calculation tool did not predict the location of the severe thinning.
- 29 Permasense sensors were installed to continuously observe the system.
- Permasense system validated high corrosion rates.
- Trials were made to identify the cause of the corrosion:
 - Reduce flow rate.
 - Insulate piping.
 - Change filming amine formulation.
- Effects could be immediately seen in the monitoring data.
- Chemical injection issue identified as the root cause:
 - Filming amine injected with a naphtha slipstream taken from overhead drum.
 - Filming amine formulation caused emulsion formation in overhead drum.
 - Water was carried over with the slipstream causing the aggressive corrosion.
- Amine type changed, carry-over reduced, corrosion stopped.
 - Damage to the 17 air cooled heat exchangers prevented.





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Benefits of Corrosion Monitoring

Risk: safe operation without risk of leaks within the identified remaining lifetime.

Maintenance: replacement optimised in time and cost, not compromising the TAR schedule.

Operations: unplanned shutdown and loss of profit margin prevented.

Estimated Financial Impact of Corrosion Monitoring

- Replacement of one air cooled heat exchanger estimated at approximately €200k avoided.
- Replacement of piping estimated at €3M avoided.
- Costs for unplanned vs. planned and well prepared replacement of piping estimated at €700k. saved.
- Loss of profit margin in case of unplanned shutdown: 300k€/d*; duration depending on the necessary actions, min. 4 days. > €1M loss avoided.
- Total Impact: > €4M.

* Depending on the overall margin situation and the complexity/integration of the refinery

CDU OVHD: Corrosion Rate Correlation With Crude Blend



- A year after the corrosion rate was first stabilised, the corrosion rate increased again, immediately indicated by the monitoring sensors.
- Corrosion rate was varying with changes in the crude slate.
- Crude type "A", high in chlorides, was identified as causing desalter issues.
- the sampling procedure in the desalter was improved to better monitor the risk.
- Other mitigations in place to control corrosion.



Risk: continuous observation assures safe operation without risk of unacceptable wall loss.

Operations: immediate response by the monitoring system provides data to select appropriate measures and optimise operation.

Equipment Life Management in VDU at a European Refinery

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High Corrosion Rates Observed in the Vacuum Residue Rundown System (Carbon Steel)

- Uncertainty about the remaining service life of the line. Can the next scheduled TAR be reached or do we run the risk of an unplanned shutdown?
 - Four sensors installed at the thinnest locations.
 - Extrapolation of the wall thickness over five years provided a reliable prediction of the remaining life, assuring that the next scheduled TAR could be reached without risk.
 - Early enough to prepare in detail the replacement of the line in P9 material (design, procurement, prefabrication).

Reliable prediction through manual UT inspection was not possible because of low repeatability





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Risk: safe operation without risk of leaks within the identified remaining lifetime.

Maintenance: replacement optimised in time and cost, not compromising the TAR schedule.

Operations: unplanned shutdown and loss of profit margin prevented.

Estimated Economic Impact

- Costs for unplanned vs. planned and well-prepared replacement of piping estimated at €500k saving.
- Loss of profit margin in case of unplanned shutdown or extended TAR estimated at \in 300k/d*; duration depending on the necessary actions, min. 4 days: > \in 1M saving.
- Total Impact: > €1.5M

* Depending on the overall margin situation and the complexity of the site

Crude Heater High Temperature Corrosion Monitoring

European 260kbbl/d Site with High Conversion Capacity

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Crude Heater High Temperature Corrosion Monitoring



- Old crude heater with unusual design.
- Horizontal tubes in P5/P9.
- U-bends outside the firebox in cast C-steel.
- Site had expanded their operating windows to improve margin by processing higher TAN crudes, up to TAN 1.0.
- Chemical injection installed to protect against naphthenic acid corrosion (NAC). Monitoring at that time by hydrogen flux measurement, Permasense not being available at that time.
- Program worked well over three years. Critical locations were inspected in a TAR proving that chemical injection was successful.
- Only some cast C-steel u-bends showed typical NAC.
- Wall thickness not critical at that time but a leak occurred at a cast defect that was opened by progressing corrosion.



Crude Heater High Temperature Corrosion Monitoring

- Only cast carbon steel available for replacement. (No higher alloyed U-bends)
- Uncertainty about the actual corrosion rate. Can we reach the next scheduled TAR with continued processing of high TAN crudes or do we have to stop this operation mode and lose margin?
- Decision to add Permasense monitoring sensors. The most critical four U-bends close to the furnace outlet (i.e. at the highest temperatures) were selected for monitoring.
- Challenge to install four sensors on each bend at operating temperature 380°C successfully accomplished.
- Wall thickness curves provided a reliable prediction of the remaining life of the U-bends and that the next scheduled TAR two and a half years later could be reached without stopping the highly attractive high TAN crude processing.





Estimated Economic Impact

- Monitoring provided the assurance to continue processing of high TAN crudes for another two and a half years until the scheduled TAR.
- The additional profit margin at that time amounted to more than €100M.