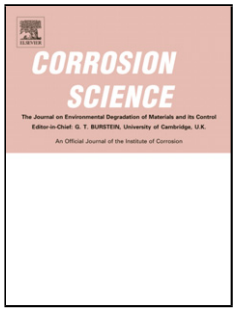

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Highlights

1. Two natural bacterial communities grew with only water, CO_2 and steel.
2. One of these cultures increased corrosion rates by 45.5 % in two months.
3. The species may serve different roles as electron donor or acceptor and fixing CO_2.
4. Organic carbon was not required for growth. CO_2 was the final electron acceptor and carbon source.
5. Each species required the others to grow in our culture conditions.