The Effect of Linear Alkyl Benzene Sulfonate on Corrosion of Aluminum, Zinc and Lead in 1M HCl.

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Abstract

In this work, the corrosion behavior of aluminum, lead and zinc was investigated in 1M HCl solution containing various concentrations $(0.03 \times 10^{-4}$, 1×10^{-3} , 1.67×10^{-3} , 3.34×10^{-3} M) of linear alkyl benzene sulfonate (LAS) at various temperatures ranging (295-325)K, for this purpose, the weight loss measurements and microscope study were achieved and the corrosion rates of the three metals were determined in (1-2)hour. According to the results obtained in this investigabion, LAS in 1M HCl acts on (Al, Pb, Zn) as an inhibitor, corrosion protection get to 90.4% for Al at 325K by using 3.34×10^{-3} M LAS, and get to 87.5% for Pb at 325K by using 3.34×10^{-3} M LAS, and get to maximum protection 76.12% for Zn to 308K by using 0.334×10^{-3} M.

Introduction

Corrosion of metals depends on the kind of metal and the prevailing conditions in the medium (temperature, pH, pressure, concentration, etc).

Organic substances as well as inorganic ones affect the corrosion rate. It is claimed that if organic molecules have groups like -OH, CHO, -COOH, -CN, $-SCN$, $-CO$, $-NH_2$, $-SO_3$, double or triple bonds or unpaired electrons, the substance and the metal interact easily, and changing the zero charge potential, an effective protection is provided.

Aluminum and their alloys are the most useful materials in industry and for domestic needs.

There corrosion behavior has been investigated for long time. (1)

Lead was used ancient times as a metal which resistant to water, to the atmosphere and to large number of aggressive solutions.⁽²⁾

Zinc metal and its alloys are a favorable anode in primary batteries because of its high capacity high discharge efficiency and high features associated with its manufacturing processes and use. $^{(3)}$

 Detergents are very widely used in both industrial and domestic premises to wash equipment, installations, heavyduty machines, and vehicles and oil soiled materials.⁽⁴⁾

Corrosion inhibitors are used in a wide range of applications. (4)

This study is an attempt to determine the percent protection efficiency (p%) for the corrosion of Al, Pb, Zn, by using various concentration of LAS at various temperatures, using a weight losses measurement and microscopic study.

Experimental:

 The metal specimens used had the following composition as revealed by emission spectroscopic analysis.

Zn metal: (Fe:0.001%, Pb:0.01%, $Cd:0.001\%$).

Pb metal: of pure grade material 99.9%.

Al metal: of pure grade material 99.9%. (All metals obtained form the ministry of

industry) The test pieces $(17\times13.5\times5)$ mm were cleaned at 28°C in nitric acid \hydrochloric acid solution, then rinsed with distilled water before being immersed in the corrosive medium (Purum grade) which was obtained form Fluka .

The solution prepared from Analar HCl solution used distilled water.

All other chemicals using were of Analar quality and were employed without further purification.

Results and discussion:

 The three metals were dissolved for different periods of immersion in 1M HCl solution without Linear Alkylbenzene Sulfonate(LAS), and with different concentration ranging (0.334- 3.34×10^{-3} M.

 CH_3 - (CH₂)_m - CH- (CH₂)_n-CH₃ SO-Na

The chemical structure of LAS.

Weight loss as a function of time during the dissolution of metals give a linear relation with slopes equal to the dissolution rates $(mg/cm^2/h)$.

The percentage protection is calculated form the formula^{$(5,6)$}

$$
P\% = \left[1 - \frac{(C.R)}{(C.R)o}\right] \times 100
$$

or

$$
P\% = \frac{Wo-W}{Wo} \times 100 \dots (1)
$$

Where w_0 and w are the weight losses of metal without and with inhibitor (LAS) respectively, $C.R,(C.R.)_0$ are corrosion rate with and without inhibitor.

Figs 1,2,3 shows the variation of $P\%$ with LAS concentration at different temperatures for Al, Zn, and Pb Figs . 4, 5, 6 show the variation of P% with variation of temperature for different LAS concentration for the three metals, and all data giving in table1.

 The electrochemical theory of wet corrosion of metals as with dry corrosion are only possible if the free energy of the products of reaction is lower than the free energy of the reactants. The rate of wet corrosion may often be very high compared with dry corrosion on the same metal at the same temperature, and there are two underlying reasons for this:

- The dipolar water molecule stabilizes the free (dissociated) metal ions in solution.
- The metallic structure and water in contact with it can both conduct electric current.

This enables the following reaction:

$$
1/2\mathrm{O}_{2} + M + H_{2}\mathrm{O}_{(1)} \longrightarrow M\left(OH\right)_{2(s)}...(2)
$$

To proceed through the coupling of two primary corrosion reaction:

$$
A: M \longrightarrow M^{2+}+2e^{-} \quad \dots \dots \dots (3)
$$

(Anodic reaction: destroy, metal)

$$
C: O_2 + 4H^+ + 4e^- \longrightarrow 2H_2O...(4)
$$

(Catholic reaction: consumes electrons)

Clearly, when analyzing the mechanism of the action of organic inhibitors and carrying out quantitative calculations, a number of factors which influence one another have to be allowed for.

 The relation between the concentrations of inhibitor in acid corrosion was first investigated by

Sieverts and Lueg (1923), who showed that it generally has the form of an adsorption isotherm⁽⁷⁾. .

 The adsorption mechanism for the action of organic inhibitors (8) as well as some by- products of manufacture (1) in acid has also been reported.

 From data on the degree of surface coverage by inhibitor, the adsorption

isotherm yield valuable information about the properties of the adsorbed substance. Assuming that the inhibitor gives a monolayer of adsorption, the surface coverage (θ) can be determined, according to Damaskin⁽⁹⁾, from the formula:

$$
\theta = 1 - \frac{w}{w_0} \dots (5)
$$

The Langmiur adsorption isotherm may be written in the form⁽⁸⁾

$$
ln \frac{\theta}{1 - \theta} = ln(BC) - \frac{\Delta G}{RT}
$$

or

$$
log \frac{\theta}{1 - \theta} = log(BC) - \frac{\Delta G}{2.303RT} \dots \dots \dots (6)
$$

Where Bc is the adsorption equilibrium constant and ∆G is the free energy of adsorption.

Plotting log $(\theta/1 - \theta)$ against log of LAS concentration (C) gives straight

lines Fig. 7(at 298K) for the three metals Al, Zn, Pb, indicating almost a general agreement with Langmiur adsorption.

Fig .(1-3)P% against LAS con. For Al, Zn, Pb respectively.

Fig. (4-6) P% against temperature con. For Al, Zn, Pb respectively.

Isotherm

 Table 2 gives the values of the corrosion rate (C.R),

$$
\theta
$$
, $\log \frac{\theta}{1-\theta}$, $\log C$

for the three metals at 303K.

 The experimental results showing that the adsorption of LAS decreased the corrosion rate $(C.R)$ by the strong interaction between the metal surface and LAS.

The negative free energy of adsorption
and high heat of adsorption (10) and high heat of adsorption $(>40Kj/mol)$, which are the characteristic features of strong interaction.

Fig.4.7- Langmuiur Adsorption Isotherm for Al, Zn, Pb at 303K.

Table 1. Values of C. R, P% for Al, Zn and Pb with LAS concentration (0.334- 3.34×10-3) M at three temperature.

Zinc obtained a gain weight at temperature $40,52^{\circ}$ C because the zinc

surface converted to zinc oxide at high temperature $(>,40^{\circ}$ C) $^{(6)}$.

SMA analysis

 The surface morphology analysis (SMA) of Al, Zn, Pb, by (polarized microscope lights type (ortho plan).

Figure 8, (a, b) presents the micrographs obtained for Al immersed after 3 hours in IM HCl without addition of LAS, and with addition

respectively, while (c, d) are for Zn and, (e,f) for pb.

 The effect of the inhibitors on the morphology and prevention of the corrosion is remarkable as can be seen in micrographs (b,d,f) where the addition of (3.34×10^{-3}) M of LAS case to protect Al get to 84%, Zn get to 66% and pb get to 65.6%.

a/Al

 b/AL

e/Pb

f/Pb

Fig. 8-SMA micrograph (with magnify \times 400) of: (a,c,e) for Al, Zn, Pb after corrosion in1 M HCl solution with out

LAS and (b, d, f) after corrosion in 1M HCl solution with LAS as inhibitor.

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