

Corrosion inhibition efficiency of sodium lauryl sulphate and Zn²⁺ SYSTEM FOR CARBON STEEL IN WELL WATER

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ABSTRACT

The corrosion inhibition efficiency of sodium lauryl sulphate and Zn²⁺ system for carbon steel in well water was studied using weight loss study and electrochemical study. The results obtained reveal that sodium lauryl sulphate is good inhibitor and shows good inhibition efficiency. The sodium lauryl sulphate reduces metal dissolution in aqueous environment and this may be due to adsorption complex formation at the metal surface with the combined application of sodium lauryl sulphate and Zn²⁺. Hence corrosion process is inhibited.

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I. INTRODUCTION

To control corrosion, application of inhibitor has been used in the present investigation which controls corrosion by reducing the aggressive of the corrosive medium and forming a protective layer over the metallic structure.¹⁻⁶ The well water along with appropriate proportion of inhibitors alone and in the presence of synergistic compounds may be used in cooling water system, boilers, condenser, and heat exchangers, etc. Electrochemical studies such as polarization and AC impedances spectra provide mechanistic aspects of corrosion inhibition.⁷⁻¹⁰ To analyse the protective film formed on the carbon steel by FTIR study. The surface analytical techniques also provide better understanding about the reaction takes place on the metal surface.

II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

2.1 Preparation of the carbon steel specimens

The carbon steel specimens were chosen from the same sheet of the following composition:

Elements	S	P	Mn	C	Fe
Composition	0.026	0.06	0.4	0.1	99.365
(%)					

2.2. Preparation of the stock solution

Zinc sulphate solution

Exactly 1.1g of zinc sulphate was dissolved in double distilled water and made up to 250ml in a 250 ml standard measuring flask. A hundred- fold dilution yields exactly 50 ppm of Zn²⁺ concentration.

Nickel sulphate solution

Exactly 1.1g of nickel sulphate was dissolved in double distilled water and made up to 250 ml in a 250 ml standard measuring flask. A hundred- fold dilution yields exactly 50 ppm of Ni²⁺ concentration.

Magnesium sulphate solution:

Exactly 1.1g of magnesium sulphate was dissolved in double distilled water and made up to 250ml in a 250ml standard measuring flask. A hundred- fold dilution yields exactly 50 ppm of Mg²⁺ concentration

Sodium hydroxide solution

About 13g of sodium hydroxide was dissolved in 250ml of double distilled water in order to make a solution of normality slightly greater than 1N. Its exact strength was determined by titrating with a standard oxalic acid solution using phenolphthalein indicator. Then 1N

sodium hydroxide was prepared by transferring the required volume of sodium hydroxide solution into 250 ml standard measuring flask and making up to the mark with double distilled water.

2.3 Inhibitor solution:

Stock solutions of the inhibitors already listed in IV.2 except hydroquinone were prepared in double distilled water by weighing 1 g and dissolved in sodium hydroxide solution, pH was noted and made up to 100 ml in a 100 ml standard flask. One ml of this solution was diluted to 100 ml, which yields exactly 100 ppm of inhibitor.

2.4 SODIUM LAURYL SULPHATE SOLUTION

Exactly 1.1 g of Sodium lauryl sulphate solution was dissolved in double distilled water and made up to 250 ml in a 250 ml standard measuring flask. A hundred-fold dilution yields exactly 50 ppm of Zn²⁺ concentration.

III. RESULT AND DISCUSSIONS

3.1. Analysis of weight loss study:

The calculated inhibition efficiencies (IE) and corrosion rates (CR) of SODIUM LAURYL SULPHATE (SLS) in controlling corrosion of carbon steel immersed in Well water, for a period of three days in the absence and presence of different metal ions like Zn²⁺, Ni²⁺, Mg²⁺ are given in Table. The calculated value indicates the ability of SLS to be a good corrosion inhibitor. The IE is found to be enhanced in the presence of metal ion. SLS alone shows some IE. But the combination of 250 ppm SLS and 15 ppm Zn²⁺ shows 90% IE. This suggests a synergistic effect exists between SLS and Zn²⁺. The combination of 250 ppm SLS and 15 ppm Ni²⁺ shows 85% IE. The combination of 250 ppm SLS and 15 ppm Mg²⁺ shows 75% IE.

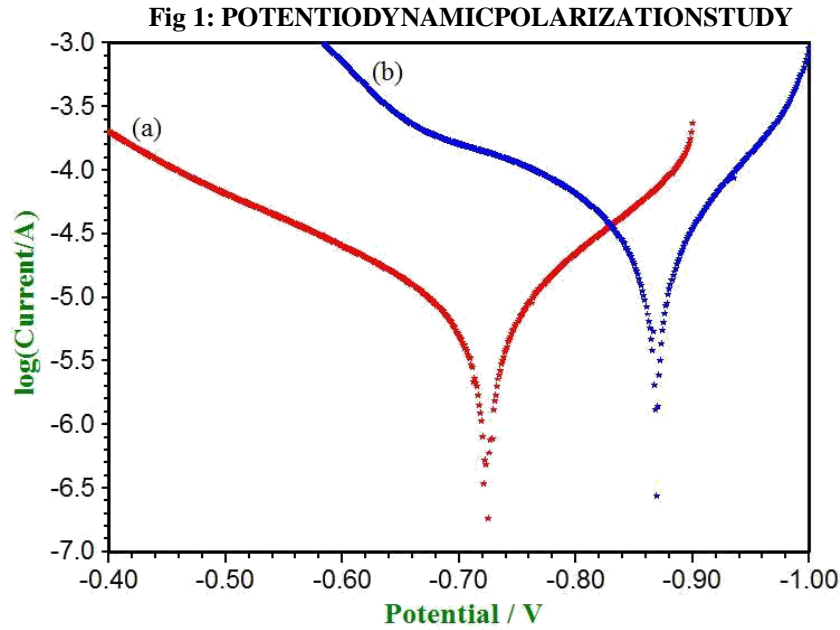
Table 1: Inhibition efficiencies (IE%) and corrosion rates (CR) obtained from SLS-Zn²⁺, SLS-Ni²⁺ and SLS-Mg²⁺ systems, when carbon steel immersed in Well water. period of immersion 3 days

SLS (ppm)	Zn ²⁺ 15 (ppm)		Ni ²⁺ 15 (ppm)		Mg ²⁺ 15 (ppm)	
	IE%	CR (mmpy)	IE%	CR (mmpy)	IE%	CR (mmpy)
0	29	0.0067	25	0.0071	20	0.0076
50	57	0.0040	50	0.0047	40	0.0057
100	68	0.0030	65	0.0033	55	0.0043
150	75	0.0023	70	0.0028	60	0.0034
200	87	0.0012	80	0.0019	70	0.0020
250	90	0.0009	85	0.0014	75	0.0012

Table 2: SYNERGISM PARAMETER (SI):

SLS (ppm)	Zn ²⁺ (15 ppm)	θ1	θ2	θ ¹⁺²	SI	IE%
50	15	0.15	0.27	0.57	1.4430	57
100	15	0.15	0.35	0.68	1.7265	68
150	15	0.15	0.48	0.75	1.7680	75
200	15	0.15	0.60	0.87	2.6153	87
250	15	0.15	0.71	0.90	2.4650	90

SLS-Zn²⁺ at 250: 15 ppm, SI=2.4650 indicates the existence of synergism between SLS and Zn²⁺



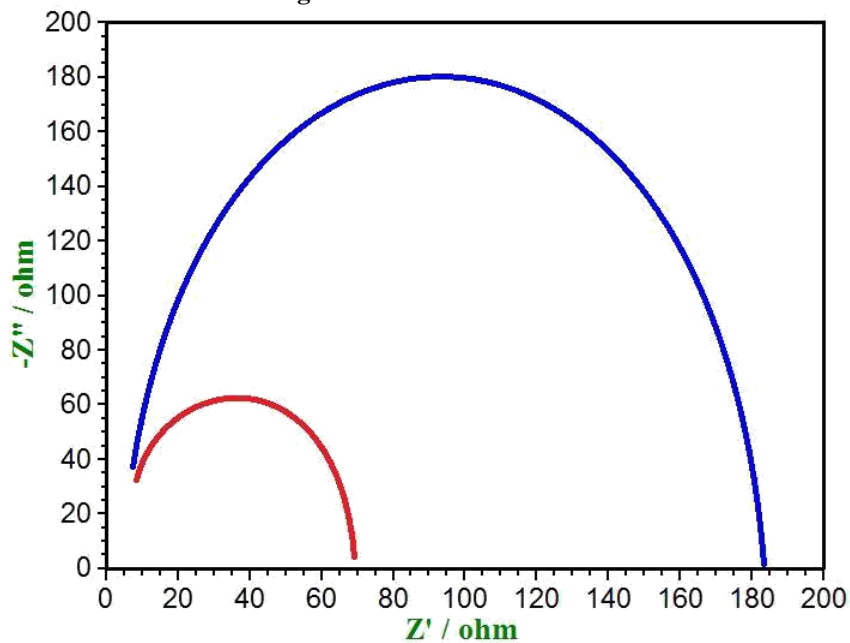
Polarizationcurvesofcarbonsteelimmersedin varioustestsolutions

- (a) Wellwater
- (b) Wellwater +SA (250 ppm) +Zn²⁺(15 ppm)

CorrosionparametersofcarbonsteelimmersedinWellwaterintheabsenceandpresenceof inhibitorsobtained bypolarizationstudy

System	E _{corr} mV vsSCE	B _c mV/decade	B _a mV/decade	LPR Ωcm ²	I _{corr} A/cm ²
Wellwater	-731	135.5	162.3	1.0756 x 10 ⁴	3.80x10 ⁻⁴
Wellwater+ SLS(250ppm) +Zn ²⁺ (15 ppm)	-779	156.7	183.0	1.6086 x 10 ⁴	2.90x10 ⁻⁴

Fig 2. A.CIMPEDANCESPECTRA



Impedance parameters of carbon steel immersed in well water in the absence and presence of inhibitors obtained by AC Impedance spectra

System	R_t Ωcm^2	C_{dl} F/cm^2	Log (z/ohm)
wellwater	68.63	7.7500×10^{-6}	2.011
wellwater+ SLS(250ppm) + Zn^{2+} (15ppm)	189.38	6.5275×10^{-6}	2.061

3.2 ANALYSIS OF FT-IR SPECTRA:

FTIR spectrum (KBr) of pure Sodium Lauryl Sulphate (SLS) is shown in Fig. 1a. The C=O stretching frequency of carboxyl group appears at $1700 cm^{-1}$. The O-H stretching frequency of SLS appears at $3180 cm^{-1}$. The FTIR spectrum (KBr) of film formed on the surface of metal after immersion in Wellwater containing 250 ppm of SLS and 15 ppm of Zn^{2+} is shown in Fig. The C=O stretching frequency of carboxyl group has shifted from $1700 cm^{-1}$ to $1594 cm^{-1}$. The O-H

stretching frequency of SLS has shifted from $3180 cm^{-1}$ to $3425 cm^{-1}$. This indicates that these groups have coordinated with Fe^{2+} , resulting in the formation of Fe^{2+} -SLS complex on the anodic sites of the metal surface. The peak at $1402 cm^{-1}$ is due to $Zn(OH)_2$ formed on the cathodic sites of the metal surface. Thus FTIR spectra study leads to the conclusion that the Fe^{2+} -SLS complex formed on anodic sites of the metal surface controlled the anodic reaction and $Zn(OH)_2$ formed on the cathodic sites of the metal surface controlling the cathodic reaction.

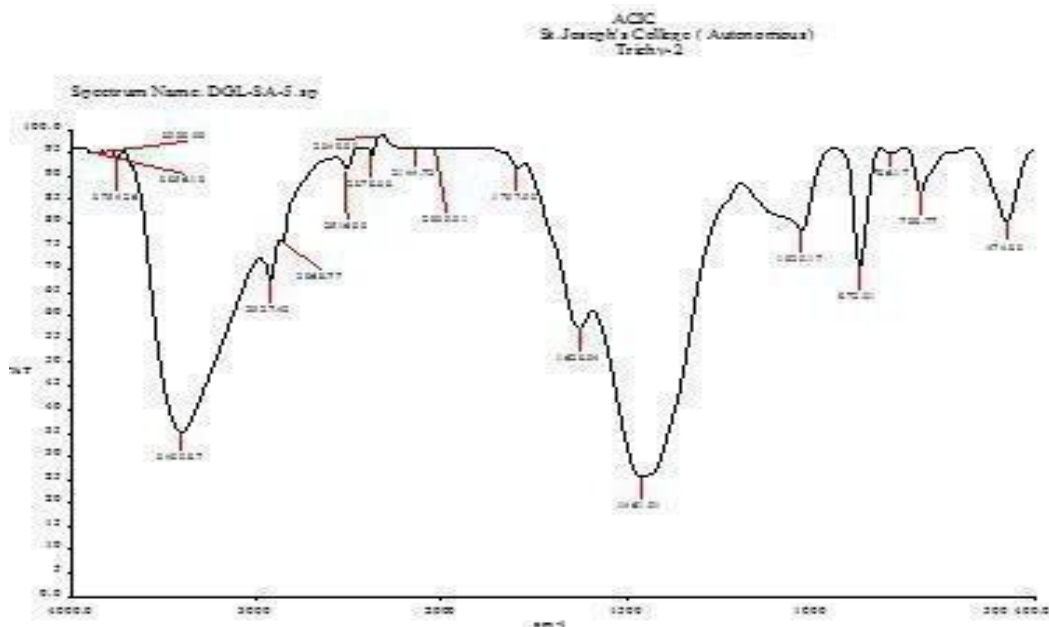
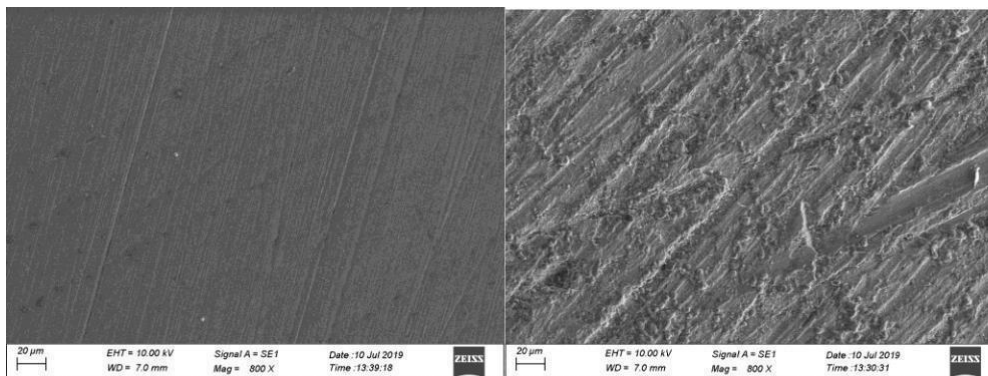


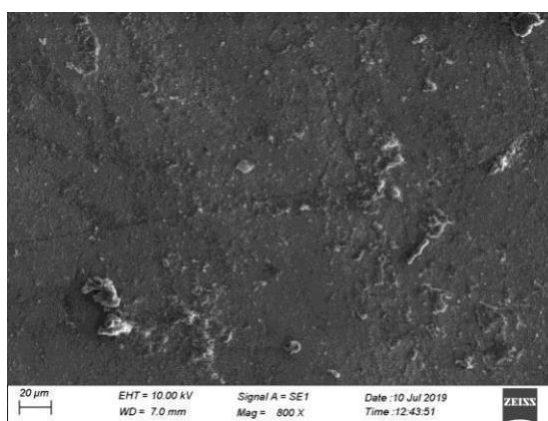
Fig.3 FTIR spectrum of Well-water+250ppm of SLS +15ppm of Zn^{2+}

Fig.4 FTIR

3.4 ANALYSIS OF SCANNING ELECTRON MICROSCOPY



a) Carbon steel –Polished b) Blank (WW)



SLS- Zn^{2+} system(250:15ppm)

IV. CONCLUSION;

The weight-loss study reveals that the formulation consisting of 100 ppm of Zn^{2+} , Ni^{2+} , Mg^{2+} and 250 ppm of Sodium Lauryl Sulphate has 90 % and 85% and 75% inhibition efficiency, for three day system and explains the synergistic effect between SLS- Zn^{2+} complexes and SLS- Ni^{2+} complexes. The protective film consists of Fe^{2+} -SLS and $Zn(OH)_2$ is explained by FTIR spectroscopy. The results of polarization study show that the anodic reaction is controlled predominantly indicating the reduction resolution of metal as more molecules are transported to the anodic sides in the presence of Zn^{2+} ions. The AC impedance spectral studies reveal that the protective film obtained act as a barrier to the corrosion process that clearly explains the formation of the protective film on the metallic surface. The formation of Fe^{2+} -SLS complex over the metal surface were examined by FT-IR spectra. SEM studies confirm that the protective film is formed on the carbon steel surface and the corrosion process is inhibited.

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