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Abstract. Corrosion is one of the problems that is often encountered in the use of ferrous metal materials in everyday life both at home and industrial scale. Many methods for inhibiting the corrosion process in iron, one of which is by cathodic protection with a sacrificial method. The sacrificial material used contains more negative potential energy than iron. In this study AISI 1020 steel which will be protected with zinc as sacrificial anode, which is assisted by AZ31 magnesium and aluminum 8011 additional metal. The testing process is carried out by the weight loss method, where the material is soaked for 2 months. The results showed no weight reduction in aluminum 8011, AISI 1020 steel and zinc when aluminum 8011 was added to this protection. But a weight reduction occurred in magnesium AZ31 when the magnesium was used as additional metal.

1. Introduction

Iron and its alloys are not the first metal that humans use as tools to live their lives, but because they are most widely used, corrosion in iron causes damage to these equipment. Corrosion cannot be prevented but can only be controlled [1-2]. Corrosion control is a means to overcome the problem of damage. There are various ways of controlling, including cathodic protection with sacrificial anodes. Cathodic protection with sacrificial anodes has the same principle as galvanic cells [3]. In these cells, metals with a greater or higher potential for oxidation in the series Electromotive-Emf series (more active) become anodic to metals that are less active and consumed during electrochemical reactions. While metals that are less active get cathodic protection on the surface. This is due to the current flow through anodic metal electrolytes [4]

In cathodic protection with sacrificial anodes, there are still metals that are corroded and damaged as well as lost in function. For this reason, it is necessary to take into account the relative area of the anode and cathode and take into account the anodic corrosion rate, so that it can be estimated when replacement must be done [5]

Previous researchers have proven that controlling with the sacrificial anode has been effective in protecting the metal cathode [6-11]. In these researches show the protection of metals protected by corrosion rates which varied according to the metal anode. However, there is still a heavy reduction in the metal anode due to the galvanic corrosion process. Addition of metals with potential energy is more positive than the anode or cathode in zinc-iron anodic cathodic protection has been carried out to protect both iron and zinc. The results of the study showed that by adding a coil of copper wire or lead wire to iron wrapped in zinc there was no corrosion rate on all the metals involved [12]. There needs to be an effort to crush the metal so that it will not be damaged, so there will be no more replacement at a later date. Corrosion control is only carried out at the time of planning, so that corrosion control



becomes more effective and efficient. In addition to knowing the effect of adding metal whose potential energy is more negative than the anode metal and cathode.

In the research, other metal attachments were made which had more negative potential energy than AISI 1020 and zinc steel in sacrificial anode cathodic protection. AISI 1020 steel which functions as a metal cathode and zinc as its anode metal. Additional metals are AZ31 magnesium and 8011 aluminum. The media used for immersion are river water, piped water and well water. Expression of corrosion rates is indicated by weight loss from each metal.

2. Method

2.1. Material

The material used is AISI 1020 Steel with chemical composition (wt%): 0.23 C, 0.60 Mn, 0.040 P, 0.050 S, Bal. Fe. Steel AISI 1020 has a size of 20 x 20 x 10 mm. While the Aluminium 8011 chemical composition is (wt%): 0.50 Si, 0.6 Fe, 0.20 Mn, 0.1 Cu, 0.05 Mg, 0.05 Cr, 0.1 Zn, 0.08 Ti, Bal. Al. The size of the Aluminum 8011 specimen is 20 x 60 x 0.04. Magnesium AZ31 (Mg) specimens have chemical composition (wt%): 3.00 Al, 1.00 Zn, 96.00 Mg. Magnesium AZ31 specimen dimensions are 20 x 20 x 0.08 mm. The Zn specimen used is pure zinc with a chemical composition Zn (wt%) 100. Zinc has a size of 20 x 20 x 0.9 mm. Electrolytes used in this experiment were well water (pH = 6.28), PDAM water (pH = 7.04) and river water (pH = 7.21). The experimental procedure is shown in Figure 1.

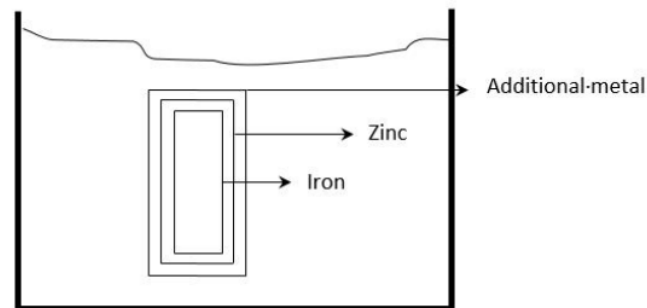


Figure 1. Trial procedure

2.2. Measurement

The corrosion rate expression used in this experiment is the calculation of weight loss per unit time. Specimens submerged in water within 2 months. All three metals weighed their initial weight before being coupled and soaked. The coupling was done with an easy-to-disassemble arrangement, making it easier to measure metal after immersion. The corrosion rate is expressed as follows:

$$CR = \frac{\Delta W}{t} \times 100\% \quad (1)$$

In which: CR =Corrosion Rate, ΔW = Weight loss (gram), t = Immersion time (Month)

3. Results And Discussions

The results of this study were the corrosion rates on AISI 1020, Zinc and Magnesium AZ31 steels, when magnesium AZ31 is used as an additional metal in cathodic protection of Steel AISI 1020 with zinc sacrificial anodes as shown in Table 1 and Figure 2. Corrosion rates were also calculated when metal Additional was replaced with aluminum 8011 as shown in Table 2 and Figure 3. The results were as follows:

Table 1. Corrosion Rate on AISI 1020, Zinc and Magnesium AZ31 Steel with Magnesium AZ31 as addition metal

Electrolyte	Corrosion rate (%)		
	River water	PDAM water	Well water
Iron	0	0	0
Zinc	0	0	0
Magnesium	0.0138667	0.0083	0.0444333

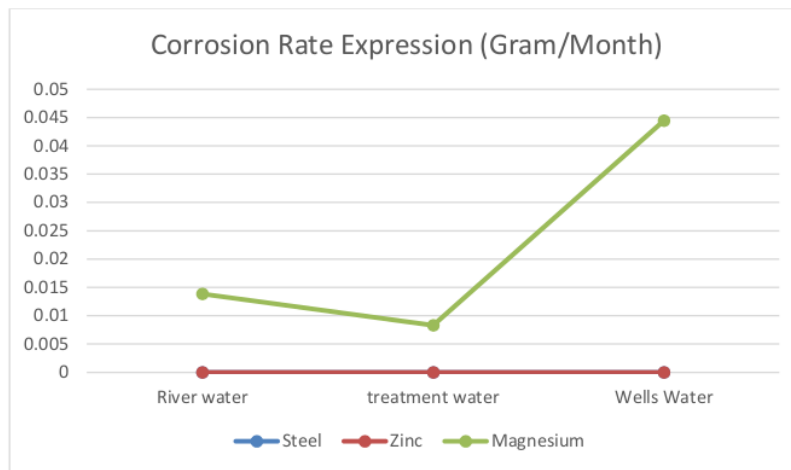


Figure 2. Corrosion Rate on AZ31 AISI 1020, Zinc and Magnesium Steel with additional metal Magnesium AZ31

Table 2. Corrosion Rate on AISI 1020 Steel and Aluminum 8011 with additional metal Aluminum 8011

Electrolyte	Corrosion rate (%)		
	River water	PDAM water	Well water
Iron	0	0	0
Zinc	0	0	0
Magnesium	0	0	0

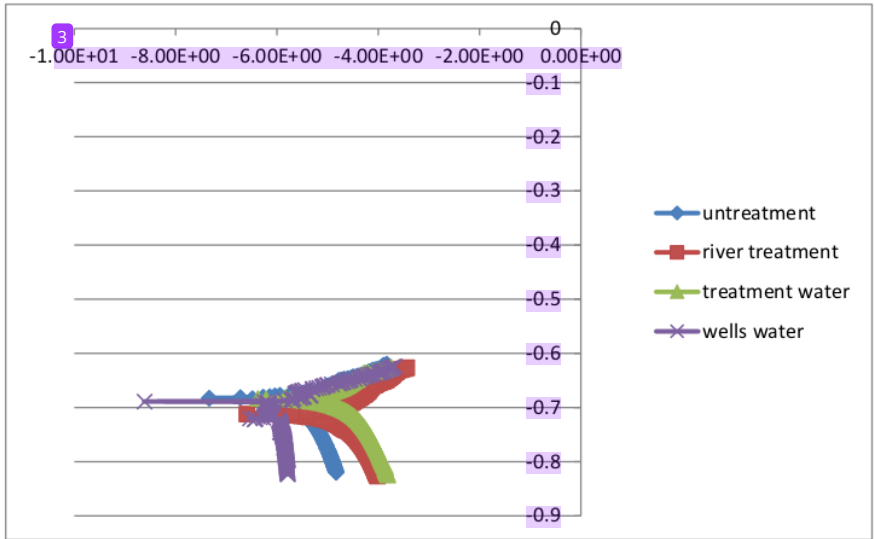


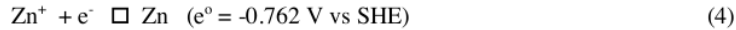
Figure 3. Corrosion Rate on AISI 1020 Steel in various environments

When AISI 1020 Steel protection with zinc sacrificial anode coupled with additional Magnesium AZ31 metal and submerged in electrolytes for 2 months, steel and zinc did not experience corrosion. This is different from Magnesium when it is soaked on all three electrolytes. However, when additional metal was replaced with aluminum 8011 and was given the same treatment; steel, zinc and aluminum did not experience corrosion

When zinc comes into contact with iron, steel acts as a cathode that receives electrons and zinc acts as an anode. The reactions that occur are as follows:



At the same time, zinc came into contact with aluminum, so zinc acts as a cathode that accepts electrons and aluminum acts as an anode. The reactions that occur are as follows:



Thus, two anodes and two cathodes occur. Zinc acts as an anode at the same time as a cathode. The potential value of the cell is as follows

$$E_{sel}^0 = E_{Fe/red}^0 + E_{Zn/oks}^0 + E_{Zn/red}^0 + E_{Al/oks}^0 \quad (6)$$

$$E_{sel}^0 = (-0.44) + 0.762 + (-0.762) + 1.662 \quad (7)$$

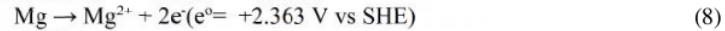
$$= +1.222 \text{ V vs SHE}$$

Because E_{sel}^0 value is positive then the Gibbs free energy value is negative. This shows that corrosion will occur spontaneously. Thus aluminum will experience corrosion. However aluminum is a passivation metal, so that the corrosion film layer on the aluminum surface will block the electrons to flow towards the steel [3,5].

Corrosion still occurs in Aluminum when Aluminum is added / affixed to zinc which is coupled to steel. However, a corrosion film product layer from aluminum that blocks electrons flows to the anode, so the corrosion rate stops [5]. In this case the steel is protected because of its role as a cathode. The crushed zinc should be corroded by flowing the electrons towards the steel. At the same time zinc

functions as a cathode that receives electrons from aluminum. Thus zinc does not undergo corrosion [5].

The same thing will happen when additional metal is replaced with magnesium. Magnesium will act as an anode when attached to zinc, the anodic reaction is as follows



The potential cell values are as follows:

$$E_{sel}^{0} = E_{Fe/red}^{0} + E_{Zn/oks}^{0} + E_{Zn/red}^{0} + E_{Mg/oks}^{0} \quad (9)$$

$$E_{sel}^{0} = (-0.44) + 0.762 + (-0.762) + 2.363 \quad (10)$$

= +1.923 V vs SHE

Thus the free energy value is negative and magnesium will corrode spontaneously

Corrosion occurs in magnesium when magnesium is added / affixed to zinc which is coupled to steel. In this case the steel is protected because of its role as a cathode. The crushed zinc should be corroded by flowing the electrons towards the steel [5]. At the same time zinc functions as a cathode that receives electrons from aluminum. Thus zinc does not experience corrosion.

4. Conclusions

Corrosion still occurs in Aluminum when Aluminum is added/affixed to zinc which is coupled to steel. However, the corrosion film layer of aluminum that blocks electrons from flowing to the anode, so the corrosion rate stops. In this case the steel is protected because of its role as a cathode. The sacrificed zinc should be corroded by flowing the electrons towards the steel. At the same time zinc functions as a cathode that receives electrons from aluminum. Thus zinc does not experience corrosion.

Corrosion also occurs with magnesium when magnesium is added/affixed to zinc which is coupled to steel. In this case the steel is protected because of its role as a cathode. The sacrificed zinc should be corroded by flowing the electrons towards the steel. At the same time zinc functions as a cathode that receives electrons from aluminum. Thus zinc does not experience corrosion.

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