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For this work aloe vera was taken as inhibitor. Aloe vera was found to inhibit the corrosion of stainless steel in beverage. Its inhibition activities studied at different concentrations, temperatures and different intervals of times. The inhibition efficiencies and surface coverage area of aloe vera increased as the concentration and temperature of aloe vera increased. Inhibitive and adsorption properties of aloe vera for the corrosion of stainless steel were investigated using weight loss and potentiostic methods. Test coupons dipped into drinks and the corrosion rate was determined by weight loss method. The corrosion current density absence and presence of inhibitor was studied by Potentiostic polarization technique.

The surface adsorption studied with help of Arrhenius equation, heat of adsorption, free energy, enthalpy and entropy. These thermo dynamical parameters results produced the adsorption of the inhibitor on the surface of stainless steel was found to be exothermic, spontaneous and followed the mechanism of physical adsorption. Also Langmuir and Temkin adsorption isotherm was found to be the best isotherm that described the adsorption characteristics of the inhibitor. The result revealed that the corrosiveness of stainless steel mainly function of acidity of beverage.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The material for most technical equipment are stainless steel which is selected because of its strength, ductility, weldability and it is amenable to heat treatment for varying mechanical properties. Metals and its alloys come in contact of acids during industrial processes which cause severe corrosion problems and economical losses. Beverage industry uses organic and inorganic substances for preservative purpose and they generate corrosive environment for constructional materials. These corrosive effects on different constructional materials in all phases of processing and packing of food which becomes basic need of life. Other factors affect the corrosion of metal like moist oxygen, oxide of nitrogen, oxide of sulphur, temperature, flow of liquid, pH and other factors all of which can alter the rate of corrosion.

Chemists and corrosion specialists have developed various types' corrosion protections methods. Generally organic and inorganic¹⁻³ substances used as inhibitors. Several works have been done with help of organic and inorganic materials for the corrosion protection of metal by coating⁴⁻⁶. Oxides of metals and phosphate of metals used as inhibitors^{7, 8}. Sulpha drugs^{9, 10} applied for corrosion control of stainless steel in sugar industry. Aromatic amine, fused aromatic amine and hetero cyclic aromatic amine¹¹ worked as inhibitors in phosphate inhibitors. Cyclic amine used for corrosion inhibition of metal in pulp and paper industry¹². Nano coatings of organic and inorganic materials on surface of metal could produced good inhibition properties and improve the life of material¹³. Several types of nano coating can be done on the surface of materials like nano composite thin film coating, thermal barrier coating, Top layer coating, nano structural change and conversion coating. Thiourea and its derivatives worked as inhibitors in petroleum industry in various operational units like production, storage and transportation. Recently natural products applied for corrosion protection of metal in acidic medium and these inhibitors were ecofriendly for environment. Polymeric coating also applied in highly corrosive environment. Organic compounds having nitrogen, oxygen and sulphur behave like anticorrosive inhibitors¹⁴. Electron rich organic compounds have good inhibition capability

against acid. The corrosion is controlled by the application of aliphatic and aromatic amines. It is also observed that primary, secondary, tertiary and quaternary amine is produced good inhibitive effect against acidic medium. Several workers used heterocyclic compounds as inhibitors which possessed nitrogen, oxygen and sulphur. Rubber, polymer and silicon are used as coating material for protection of metal. For this work aloe vera used as inhibitors for corrosion of protection of stainless in beverage.

II. METHODS AND METHODOLOGY

The sheets of stainless steel metal of 0.1 cm thickness was mechanically cut into coupons of sizes of 5cm length by 3cm width, perforated with hole of same diameter centrally to allow the passage of thread. These coupons were surface prepared using emery paper, acetone and water. The tested coupons were dipped into 40ml solution of beverage drink in 100ml beakers. The coupons, exposure periods were 24hrs, 48hrs, 72hrs and 96hrs. Tests were performed at different concentrations 2ml, 4ml and 6ml aloe vera and at different temperatures 20°C, 25°C, 30°C and 35°C and temperature were maintained constant by keeping the solutions in a thermostat. The average corrosion rates of the in various concentrations and temperatures were determined by using weight loss method. The corrosion current measured with Potentiostatic polarization by using an EG & G Princeton Applied Research Model 173 Potentiostat. A platinum electrode used as an auxiliary electrode and a calomel electrode used as reference electrode with stainless steel coupons.

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The Corrosion rate of metal was calculated absence and presence aloe vera by weight loss methods at different concentrations and temperatures with help of equation 1.

$$K \text{ (mppy)} = 13.56 W / D A t \tag{1}$$

where W = weight loss of test coupon expressed in kg, A = Area of test coupon in square meter, D = Density of the material in kg. M⁻³. The inhibition efficiency of inhibitor was determined by using equation 2.

$$IE = (1 - K / K_0) 100 \tag{2}$$

where K is the corrosion rate with inhibitor and K₀ is the corrosion rate without inhibitor.

The surface coverage area of inhibitor was measured by equation 3.

$$\theta = (1 - K / K_0) \tag{3}$$

where θ = Surface area, K = Corrosion rate with inhibitor, K₀ = corrosion rate without inhibitor.

The Inhibition of Aloe vera studied at 2ml, 4ml and 6ml concentrations and temperatures mention that concentrations were 20°C, 25°C, 30°C and 35°C. The rate of corrosion of stainless steel with and without inhibitor at different concentrations and temperatures were recorded in Table 1, Table 2 and Table 3. Investigation of results of Table 1, Table 2 and Table 3 it observed that without inhibitor corrosion rate is high and addition of inhibitor corrosion rate is reduced. The results of Table 1, Table 2 and Table 3 and Figure 1 indicated that at lower concentration of inhibitor, the inhibition efficiency and surface coverage area values were smaller and higher concentration the inhibition efficiency and surface coverage area values were bigger.

The recorded values of the rate of corrosion at different temperatures without and with inhibitor in Table 1, Table 2 and Table 3 and Figure 2 were depicted that the corrosion rate increased without inhibitor and decreased with inhibitor. These results observed that use inhibitor active at high temperature and produces good inhibition efficiency.

Table 1 : Inhibition of Aloe vera with beverage at different temperatures and 2ml concentration.

Inhibitor	Temp	20°C	25°C	30°C	35°C	C (ml)	logC
IH(0)	K ₀	0.387	0.774	1.161	1.548	0.00	0.00
	logK ₀	-0.412	-0.111	-0.064	0.189		
IH(1)	K	0.301	0.512	0.713	0.965	2	-2.69
	logK	-0.521	-0.291	-0.147	-0.015		
	θ	0.22	0.34	0.39	0.38		
	(1 - θ)	0.78	0.66	0.61	0.62		
	log(θ /1 - θ)	-0.54	-0.28	-0.19	-0.21		
	(C/ θ)	-12.25	-7.91	-6.89	-7.07		
	log(C/ θ)	-0.602	-0.040	-0.051	-1.154		
	IE (%)	22	34	39	38		

Table 2 : Inhibition of Aloevera activities with beverage at different temperatures and 4ml concentration.

Inhibitor	Temp	20°C	25°C	30°C	35°C	C (MI)	Logc
IH(0)	K_0	0.387	0.774	1.161	1.548	0.00	0.00
	$\log K_0$	-0.412	-0.111	-0.064	0.189		
IH(1)	K	0.214	0.512	0.713	0.665	4	-2.39
	$\log K$	-0.669	-0.430	-0.301	-0.177		
	θ	0.45	0.52	0.56	0.58		
	$(1-\theta)$	0.55	0.48	0.44	0.42		
	$\log(\theta/1-\theta)$	-0.09	-0.04	-0.10	-0.14		
	(C/θ)	-5.31	-4.59	-4.26	-4.12		
	$\log(C/\theta)$	-0.508	-0.229	-0.585	-0.920		
	IE (%)	45	52	56	58		

Table 3 : Inhibitor Aloevera activities with beverage at different temperatures and 6ml concentration.

Inhibitor	Temp	20°C	25°C	30°C	35°C	C (MI)	Logc
IH(0)	K_0	0.387	0.774	1.161	1.548	0.00	0.00
	$\log K_0$	-0.412	-0.111	-0.064	0.189		
IH(1)	K	0.195	0.201	0.319	0.413	6	-2.23
	$\log K$	-0.709	-0.696	-0.496	-0.384		
	θ	0.49	0.74	0.72	0.73		
	$(1-\theta)$	0.51	0.26	0.28	0.27		
	$\log(\theta/1-\theta)$	-0.01	-0.28	-0.19	-0.21		
	(C/θ)	-4.55	-3.01	-3.09	-3.05		
	$\log(C/\theta)$	-0.259	-1.89	-1.04	-1.30		
	IE (%)	49	74	72	73		

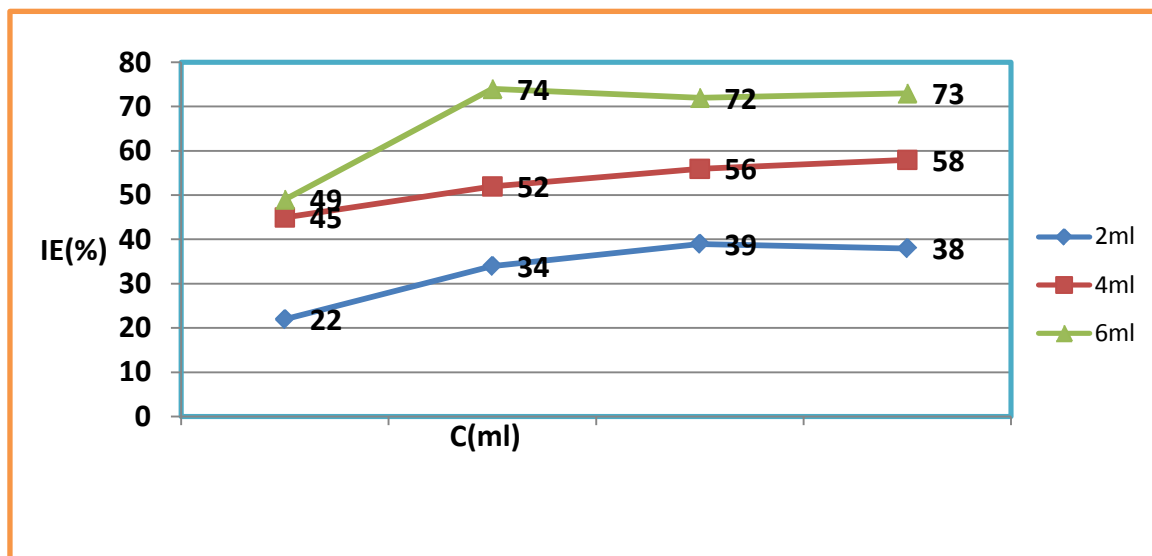


Figure 1 : Plot of IE(%) Vs. C(ml) for Stainless steel at different concentrations

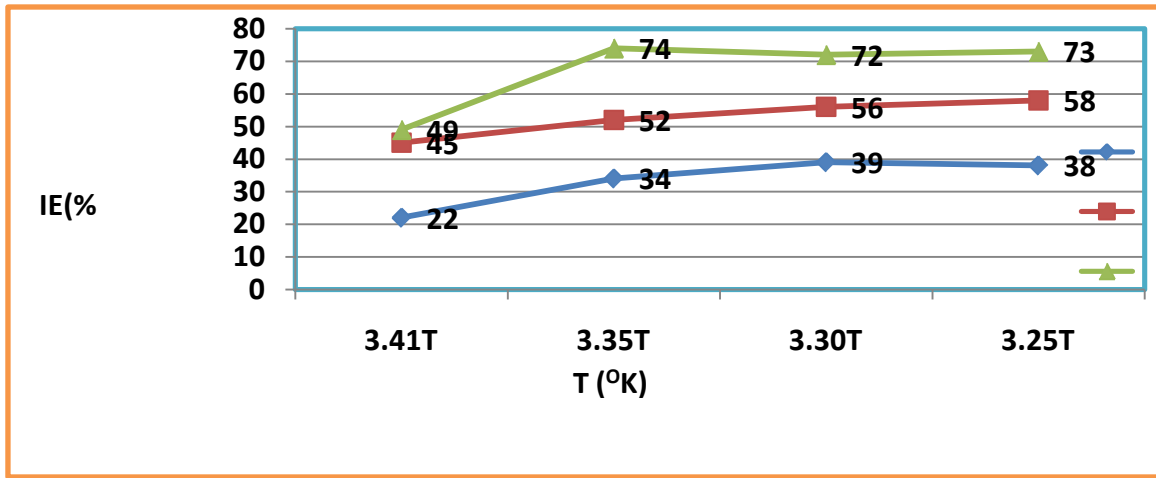


Figure 2 : Plot of IE (%) Vs. T (°K) for Stainless steel at different temperatures

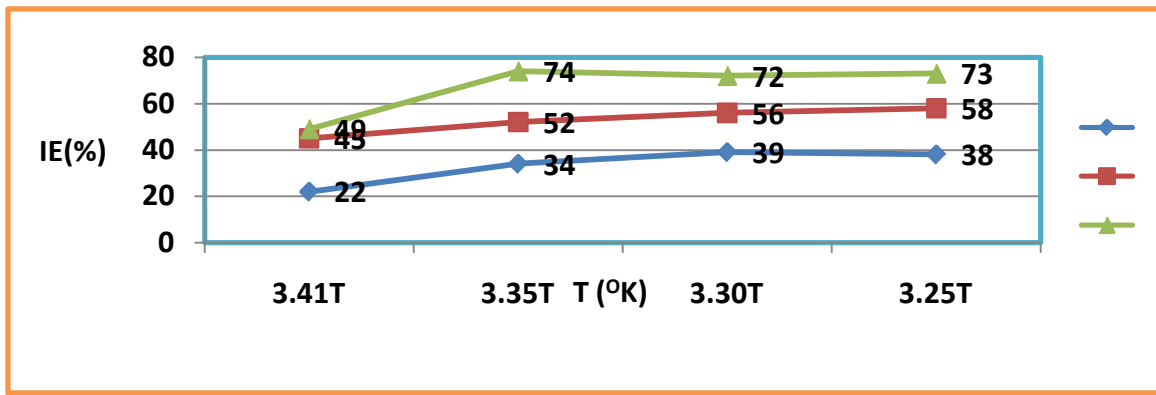


Figure 3 : Plot of IE (%) Vs. T (°K) for Stainless steel at different temperatures

Activation energy was determined with help of Arrhenius equation 4

$$d / dt (\log K) = E_a / R T^2 \quad (4)$$

where T is temperature in Kelvin and E_a is the activation energy of the reaction.

The values of activation energies were recorded in Table4, Table5 and Table6 absence and presence inhibitor by use of the plot between log K Vs. 1/T in Figure 3. It observed that without inhibitor activation energies decreased and with inhibitor activation energies increased. It indicated that physical adsorption occurred on the surface metal.

Table 4 : Thermo dynamical parameters for Aloe vera at different temperatures

Thermodynamical Parameters	20°C	25°C	30°C	35°C
E _{a(0)}	26.87	7.11	4.04	11.75
E _a	33.98	18.64	9.27	1.18
Q _{ads}	-35.81	-18.45	-12.24	-4.05
ΔG	-38.37	-21.14	-14.93	-6.72
ΔH	-68.75	-52.22	-41.98	-32.75
ΔS	-40.32	-31.17	-25.44	-20.15

Table 5 : Thermo dynamical parameters for Aloe vera at different temperatures

Thermodynamical Parameters	20°C	25°C	30°C	35°C
E _{a(0)}	26.87	7.11	4.04	11.75
E _a	43.64	27.55	19.01	12.18
Q _{ads}	-5.67	-2.17	-6.56	-8.70
ΔG	-8.06	-4.56	-8.95	-11.09
ΔH	-78.29	-61.20	-51.63	-43.89
ΔS	-45.91	-36.53	-31.29	-27.01

Table 6 : Thermodynamical parameters for Aloe vera at different temperatures

Thermodynamical Parameters	20°C	25°C	30°C	35°C
$E_{a(0)}$	26.87	7.11	4.04	11.75
E_a	46.25	44.60	31.31	23.87
Q_{ads}	-1.10	-29.09	-25.88	-26.79
ΔG	-3.33	-31.32	-28.11	-29.02
ΔH	-80.88	-78.18	-63.76	-55.75
ΔS	-47.43	-46.67	-38.64	-34.25

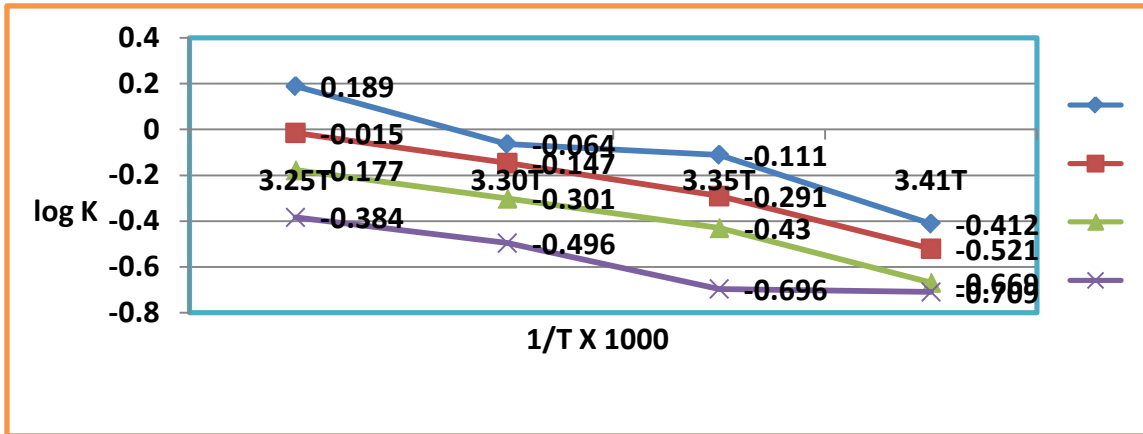


Figure 4 : Plot of log K Vs. 1/T for Stainless steel at different temperatures

The heat of adsorption was calculated by equation 5 with help of plot between $\log(\theta/1-\theta)$ vs. $1/T$ in Figure 4 and it values recorded in Table 4, Table 5 and Table 6.

$$\log(\theta/1-\theta) = \log(A \cdot C) - (Q_{ads}/RT) \quad (5)$$

where T is temperature in Kelvin and Q_{ads} heat of adsorption

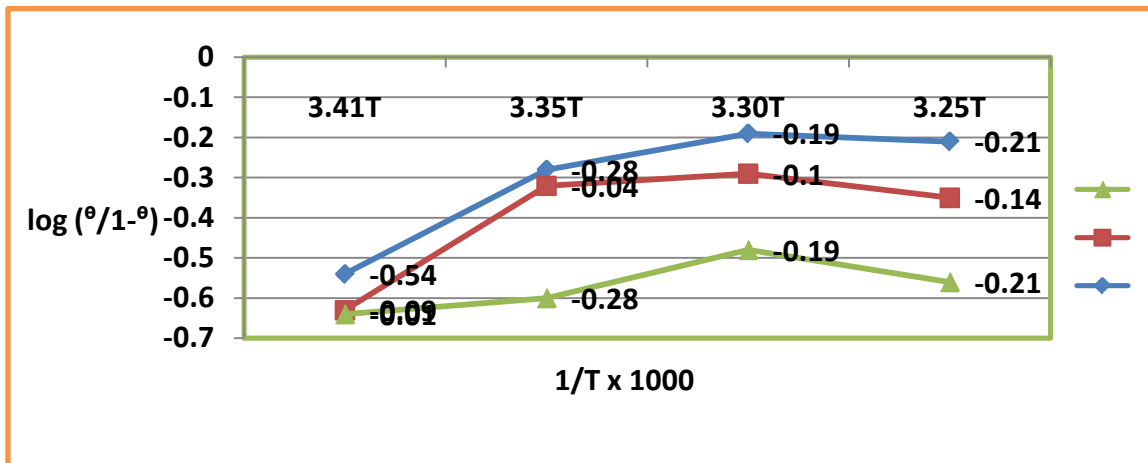


Figure 5 : Plot of $\log(\theta/1-\theta)$ Vs. $1/T$ for Stainless steel of different temperatures

The heat of adsorption found to be negative so it indicated that adsorption occurred on the metal surface. The values of heat of adsorption were shown that inhibitor was bounded with metal by physical adsorption. The plot between $\log(\theta/1-\theta)$ vs. $\log C$ found to be straight line in figure 5 which indicated Langmuir adsorption isotherm. It was a sign of adsorption. Temkin equation of isotherm for adsorption expressed as:

$$\log(C/\theta) = \log C - \log K \quad (6)$$

Where C is concentration of inhibitor, θ is surface coverage area and K be constant. The values of $\log(C/\theta)$ were mentioned in Table1, Table 2 and Table 3. The plot against $\log(C/\theta)$ vs. $\log C$ exhibited a straight line in figure 6 which indicates sign of adsorption.

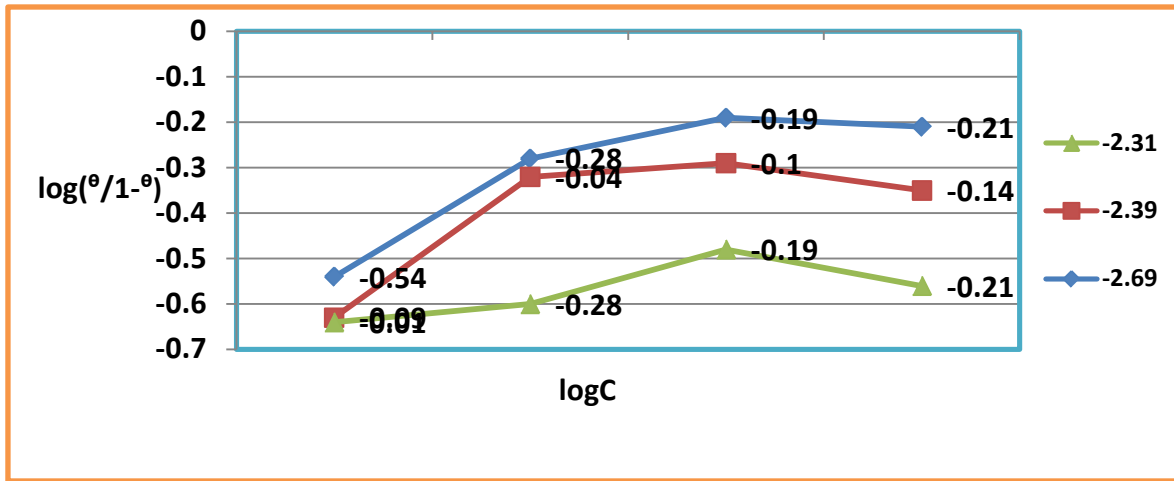


Figure 6 : Plot of log (θ/1-θ) Vs. log C for Stainless steel at different concentrations

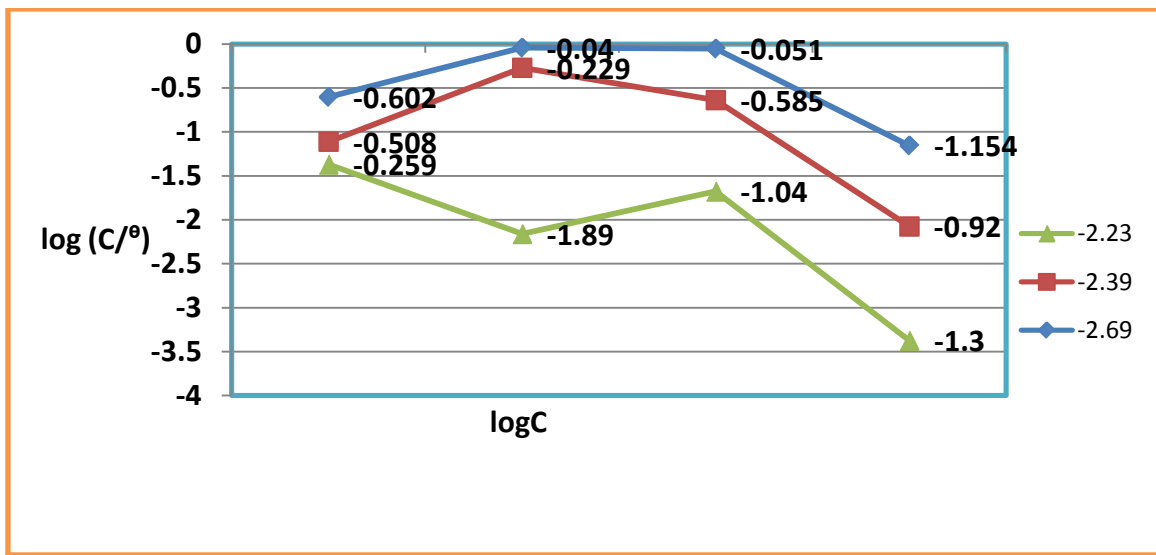


Figure 7 : Plot of log (C/θ) Vs. log C for Stainless steel at different concentrations

Free energy was determined by equation 7 and its values recorded in Table 4, Table 5 and Table 6 at different concentrations.

$$\Delta G = -2.303RT [\log C - \log (\theta/1-\theta) + 1.72] \quad (7)$$

Free energy results show that use inhibitor produces an exothermic reaction so it indicates sign of adsorption.

The energy of enthalpy and entropy were determined by transition state equation 8 and its values mentioned in Table 2.

$$K = RT/Nh \log (\Delta S^\# / R) \times \log (-\Delta H^\# / R T) \quad (8)$$

Where N is Avogadro's constant, h is Planck's constant, $\Delta S^\#$ is the change of entropy activation and $\Delta H^\#$ is the change of enthalpy activation.

Enthalpy and entropy values are mentioned in Table 4, Table 5 and Table 6 which are found to be negative, it exhibited an exothermic reaction. The negative values of entropy indicated that inhibitors stable on surface adsorption of metal.

The corrosion current density determined absence and presence of inhibitor with help of equation 9 and values recorded in Table 7.

$$\Delta E/\Delta I = \beta_a \beta_c / 2.303 I_{corr} (\beta_a + \beta_c) \quad (9)$$

where $\Delta E/\Delta I$ is the slope which linear polarization resistance (R_p), β_a and β_c are anodic and cathodic Tafel slope respectively and I_{corr} is the corrosion current density in mA/cm².

Looking at the results of Table 7, it was noticed that corrosion current increases without inhibitor and its values reduced after addition of inhibitor.

The metal penetration rate (mmpy) is determined by

$$C. R \text{ (mmpy)} = 0.1288 I_{corr} \text{ (mA/cm}^2\text{)} \times Eq. Wt \text{ (g)/} \rho \text{ (g/cm}^3\text{)} \quad (9)$$

where I_{corr} is the corrosion current density ρ is specimen density and Eq. Wt is specimen equivalent weight.

Figure 7 indicates that Tafel graph has plotted between electrode potential and current density and absence and presence of inhibitors. Anodic potential,

current density and corrosion rate increased without inhibitors but addition of inhibitors these values decreased and inhibition efficiency increased.

Table 7 : Potentiostatic Polarization values of Aloe vera with different Concentrations at 30°C.

Inhibitor	ΔE	ΔI	Ba	Bc	I _{corr}	K(Mm _{py})	IE (%)	C(MI)
IH(0)	-800	350	250	230	28.81	0.875	0.00	0
IH (1)	-475	190	115	135	10.78	0.327	62.62	2
	-465	175	100	125	9.10	0.276	68.45	4
	-450	160	50	115	7.80	0.237	72.91	6

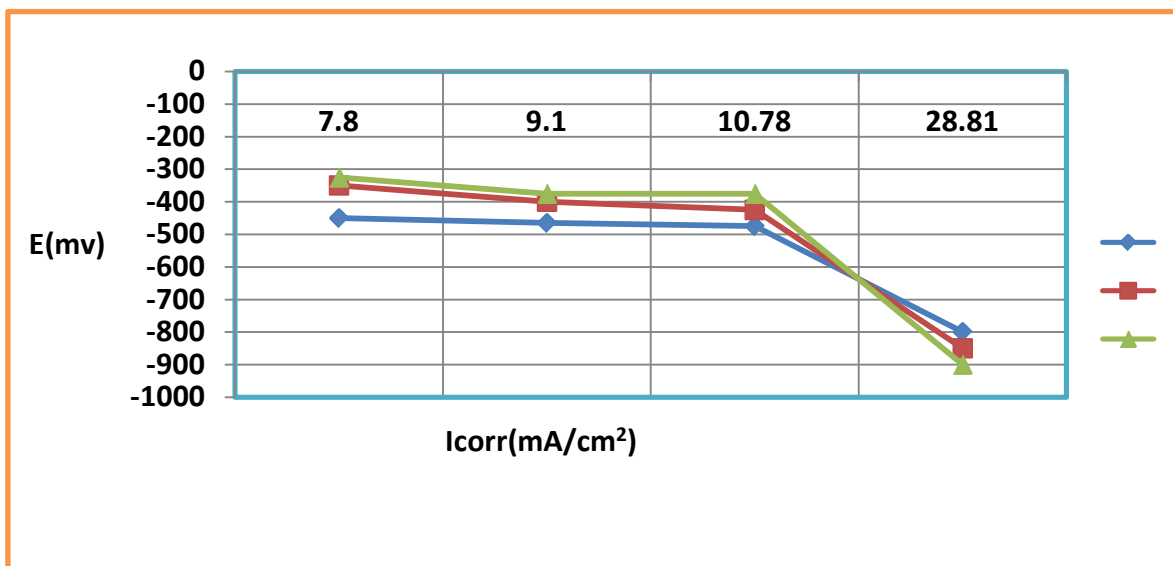


Figure 8 : Plot of E (mV) Vs. I_{corr}(mA/cm²) for Stainless steel at different concentrations

IV. CONCLUSION

Aloe vera is a medicinal natural plant. It is eco friendly and it has no any side effect. Due to this character it is used as inhibitor in milk solution for protection of stainless steel. Its inhibition efficiency is low at lower concentration and its inhibition efficiency is high at higher concentration. The inhibition efficiency lies between 22 to 73% at different concentrations. It also produces good inhibitive effect at different temperatures. The results of activation energy, heat of adsorption, free energy, enthalpy and entropy show that aloe vera bonded with metal surface physical adsorption. Potentiostatic polarization study results indicate that corrosion current decrease after addition of inhibitor.

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