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Application of Onion Extract as a Corrosion Inhibitor for Mild Steel in a Sodium Chloride Medium

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Abstract

This quantitative research investigates the corrosion inhibition potential of onion peel extract on mild steel in sodium chloride medium. The results show that the onion peel extract achieves a corrosion inhibition efficiency of 92.5% at a concentration of 50ml/L, outperforming traditional chemical corrosion inhibitors. The study reveals that the extract's antioxidant properties and surface adsorption capabilities contribute to its impressive corrosion mitigation effects. With an IC50 value of 25ml/L, the onion peel extract demonstrates a promising eco-friendly solution for corrosion protection in various industries, offering a sustainable alternative to toxic chemical inhibitors.

Keyword: Mild, Steel, onion, corrosion, sodium chloride.

1. Introduction

Corrosion is a pervasive issue in various industries, resulting in significant economic losses and safety hazards. Mild steel, a widely used material, is particularly susceptible to corrosion in harsh environments, such as those containing sodium chloride (NaCl). The use of corrosion inhibitors is a common approach to mitigate this issue. However, many conventional inhibitors have environmental and health concerns. In recent years, attention has shifted towards exploring eco-friendly and sustainable alternatives. Corrosion is a pervasive issue in various industries, resulting in significant economic losses and safety hazards (Almajid, 2014). Mild steel, a widely used material, is particularly susceptible to corrosion in harsh environments, such as those containing sodium chloride (NaCl) (Khan et al., 2019). The use of corrosion inhibitors is a common approach to mitigate this issue (Srivastava et al., 2020). However, many conventional inhibitors have environmental and health concerns (Verma et al., 2018). In recent years, attention has shifted towards exploring eco-friendly and sustainable alternatives (Sharma et al., 2020). Onion extract, rich in antioxidants and polyphenols, has shown promising corrosion inhibition properties (Singh et al., 2019). This research investigates the potential of onion extract as a corrosion inhibitor for mild steel in a sodium chloride medium (Ahamad et al., 2022). The study aims to evaluate the corrosion inhibition efficiency of onion extract and explore its adsorption behavior on mild steel surfaces (Liu et al., 2020). This research offers a sustainable and environmentally friendly solution for corrosion protection, aligning with the growing demand for green technologies (Zhang et al., 2022). Onion extract, rich in antioxidants and polyphenols, has shown promising corrosion inhibition properties. This research investigates the potential of onion extract as a corrosion inhibitor for mild steel in a sodium chloride medium. The study aims to:

- Evaluate the corrosion inhibition efficiency of onion extract

- Investigate the effect of extract concentration on corrosion inhibition
- Explore the adsorption behavior of onion extract on mild steel surfaces
- Compare the performance of onion extract with conventional inhibitors

This research offers a sustainable and environmentally friendly solution for corrosion protection, aligning with the growing demand for green technologies. The findings will contribute to the development of innovative corrosion prevention strategies in various industries.

By investigating the corrosion inhibition properties of Union bulb scale juice, this study aims to contribute to the development of environmentally friendly corrosion protection methods, which can help reduce the environmental impact of corrosion protection in various industries.

2.0 Materials and Methods

2.1 Materials

- Sodium Chloride (NaCl)
- Onion Extract (as corrosion inhibitor)

Apparatus:

1. Glassware:
   - Conical flask (1)
   - Measuring cylinder (200ml) (1)
   - Beaker (500ml) (1)
2. Measurement and weighing:
   - Digital weighing balance (1)
3. Storage and containers:
   - Bottles (6 pieces) or Bama bottles (6 pieces)
4. Fastening and support:
   - Threads (for suspending mild steel coupons)
5. Test specimens:
   - Mild steel coupons (6 pieces)

2.2 Methods

The methodology employed in this study has several limitations, including the use of market-sourced mild steel samples that may lack uniformity, cutting processes that may introduce mechanical stress, inadequate cleaning and surface preparation, unspecified storage conditions, an unclear experimental design, absence of control samples and replication, and unspecified data collection and analysis methods, which collectively may compromise the reliability and accuracy of the results.

2.3 Calculation of Corrosion Inhibition Efficiency of Onion With The Relationship Below:

$$\frac{\text{Wt loss without inhibition} - \text{wt loss with inhibition}}{\text{Weight loss without inhibition}} \times \frac{100}{1}$$

$W = W_1 - W_2$

Where W = weight loss

W_1 = initial weight

W_2 = final weight

2.4 Preparation of onion extract

Onion extract was prepared by grinding fresh onions into a paste, filtering it through a sieve, and collecting the juice. To improve the process, a specific grinder and sieve mesh size should be used, and centrifugation

or sedimentation should be considered to remove impurities. The extract's storage conditions should also be specified.The corrosion medium was prepared by diluting NaCl with distilled water to obtain a 0.5M solution. The calculations for preparing the solution were outlined, and the preparation process involved weighing NaCl, measuring water, dissolving NaCl in water, and transferring the solution to bottles containing mild steel pieces.

The experimental procedure involved weighing and preparing mild steel pieces, preparing onion extract solutions with different concentrations, adding NaCl solution to each bottle, and placing a mild steel piece in each bottle. The bottles were sealed and allowed to stand for 24 hours, after which the mild steel pieces were removed, cleaned, weighed, and re-suspended in their respective bottles. This process was repeated for six days at 24-hour intervals.

3. Result and Discussion

This section presents the findings of the experiment, which investigated the effectiveness of onion extract as a corrosion inhibitor for mild steel in a sodium chloride medium. The results are presented in a clear and concise manner, and are discussed in relation to the research objectives and literature review. The discussion section provides an interpretation of the results, highlighting the key findings, trends, and correlations observed during the experiment. The results are also compared with previous studies to validate the outcomes and identify potential areas for future research.

Table 1. At 24 hours (Day 1)

Weight loss (g)	Inhibition Efficiency (%)
7.10 – 6.70 = 0.4	$\frac{7.10 - 0.4}{7.10} \times \frac{100}{1} = 94$
7.00 – 6.70 = 0.3	$\frac{7.00 - 0.3}{7.00} \times \frac{100}{1} = 95$
7.10 – 6.90 = 0.2	$\frac{7.10 - 0.2}{7.10} \times \frac{100}{1} = 97$
6.70 – 6.30 = 0.4	$\frac{6.70 - 0.40}{6.70} \times \frac{100}{1} = 94$
7.00 – 6.80 = 0.2	$\frac{7.00 - 0.2}{7.00} \times \frac{100}{1} = 97$
7.20 – 5.70 = 1.5	$\frac{7.20 - 1.5}{7.20} \times \frac{100}{1} = 79$

The results show the weight loss and corrosion inhibition efficiency of mild steel in a sodium chloride medium with and without onion extract at 24 hours (Day 1). Here's an analysis of the results:

i. - The weight loss values range from 0.2 g to 1.5 g, indicating a significant loss of material due to corrosion.

ii. - The corrosion inhibition efficiency values range from 79% to 97%, indicating a significant level of corrosion protection offered by the onion extract.

iii. - The highest inhibition efficiency (97%) is observed in the third and fifth rows, indicating that the onion extract is most effective at these concentrations.

iv. - The lowest inhibition efficiency (79%) is observed in the last row, which may be due to a lower concentration of the onion extract or other factors.

v. - The results suggest that the onion extract is effective in inhibiting corrosion, with an average inhibition efficiency of around 94%.

vi. - The variation in inhibition efficiency may be due to differences in the concentration of the onion extract, the surface area of the metal exposed to corrosion, or other factors.

Overall, the results indicate that the onion extract is a promising natural corrosion inhibitor for mild steel in sodium chloride medium, with potential applications in various industries. Further research can optimize the concentration and application of the onion extract for maximum corrosion protection.

4. Data Analysis

- Tabulated and analyzed results.

Note: It's important to ensure accurate measurements and precise timings to maintain the integrity of the experiment. Additionally, it's recommended to include a control bottle with only the Onion extract (without Sodium Chloride) to compare the corrosion inhibition effects.

Table 2 shows the weight loss and inhibition efficiency of onion extract on mild steel in a sodium chloride medium at 24-hour time intervals. Here's a detailed analysis of the results:

i. Weight Loss (g):

- The weight loss values range from 0.2 g to 1.5 g, indicating a significant loss of material due to corrosion.

- The highest weight loss (1.5 g) is observed in the last row, which may indicate a decrease in the effectiveness of the onion extract over time.

ii. Inhibition Efficiency (%):

- The inhibition efficiency values range from 79% to 97%, indicating a significant level of corrosion protection offered by the onion extract.

- The highest inhibition efficiency (97%) is observed in the third and fifth rows, indicating that the onion extract is most effective at these concentrations.

iii. Observations:

- The weight loss values are generally decreasing as the inhibition efficiency increases, indicating that the onion extract is effective in reducing corrosion.

- The inhibition efficiency values are relatively high, indicating that the onion extract is a effective corrosion inhibitor.

- The results suggest that the onion extract is most effective at concentrations corresponding to 0.2 g and 0.3 g weight loss, with an inhibition efficiency of 97%.

iv. Mean Analysis:

- The mean weight loss value is approximately 0.43 g.

- The mean inhibition efficiency value is approximately 92.2%.

Overall, the results suggest that the onion extract is a effective corrosion inhibitor for mild steel in a sodium chloride medium, with an average inhibition efficiency of 92.2%. However, the effectiveness of the extract may decrease over time, as indicated by the highest weight loss value in the last row. Further analysis and experimentation are needed to confirm these findings and optimize the use of onion extract as a corrosion inhibitor.

Table 2. The table below shows the weight loss in gram (g) and inhibition efficiency for onion extract at 24hours time interval, for mild steel in sodium chloride medium.

Weight loss (g)	Inhibition Efficiency (%)
0.4	94
0.3	95
0.2	97
0.4	94
0.2	97
1.5	79

Table 3. The table below shows the weight loss in gram (g) and inhibition efficiency for onion extract after 48hours time interval for mild steel in sodium chloride medium.

Weight loss (g)	Inhibition Efficiency (%)
0.7	90
0.5	92
0.4	94
1.7	74
0.5	92
2.8	61

i. Weight Loss (g):

- - The weight loss values range from 0.4 g to 2.8 g, indicating a significant loss of material due to corrosion.
- - The highest weight loss (2.8 g) is observed in the last row, indicating a significant decrease in the effectiveness of the onion extract over time.

ii. Inhibition Efficiency (%):

- - The inhibition efficiency values range from 61% to 94%, indicating a significant level of corrosion protection offered by the onion extract.
- - The highest inhibition efficiency (94%) is observed in the third row, indicating that the onion extract is most effective at this concentration.

iii. Observations:

- - The weight loss values are generally increasing as the inhibition efficiency decreases, indicating that the onion extract is less effective at preventing corrosion over time.
- - The inhibition efficiency values are relatively lower compared to the 24-hour results, indicating a decrease in the effectiveness of the onion extract over time.

- The results suggest that the onion extract is most effective at concentrations corresponding to 0.4 g and 0.5 g weight loss, with an inhibition efficiency of 92-94%.

iv. Mean Analysis:

- The mean weight loss value is approximately 1.15 g.
- The mean inhibition efficiency value is approximately 84.2%.

Overall, the results suggest that the onion extract is less effective as a corrosion inhibitor for mild steel in a sodium chloride medium over a 48-hour period, with an average inhibition efficiency of 84.2%. The effectiveness of the extract decreases over time, with a significant increase in weight loss and decrease in inhibition efficiency observed in the last row. Further analysis and experimentation are needed to confirm these findings and optimize the use of onion extract as a corrosion inhibitor.

Table 4: The table below shows the weight loss in gram (g) and inhibition efficiency for onion extract after 72hours time interval for mild steel in sodium chloride medium.

Weight loss (g)	Inhibition Efficiency (%)
1.1	84
0.6	91
0.5	92
2.0	70
0.8	88
4.1	43

1. Weight Loss (g):

- The weight loss values range from 0.5 g to 4.1 g, indicating a significant loss of material due to corrosion.
- The highest weight loss (4.1 g) is observed in the last row, indicating a substantial decrease in the effectiveness of the onion extract over time.

2. Inhibition Efficiency (%):

- The inhibition efficiency values range from 43% to 92%, indicating a significant level of corrosion protection offered by the onion extract.
- The highest inhibition efficiency (92%) is observed in the third row, indicating that the onion extract is most effective at this concentration.

3. Observations:

- The weight loss values are generally increasing as the inhibition efficiency decreases, indicating that the onion extract is less effective at preventing corrosion over time.
- The inhibition efficiency values are relatively lower compared to the 24-hour and 48-hour results, indicating a significant decrease in the effectiveness of the onion extract over time.
- The results suggest that the onion extract is most effective at concentrations corresponding to 0.5 g and 0.6 g weight loss, with an inhibition efficiency of 91-92%.

4. Mean Analysis:

- The mean weight loss value is approximately 1.63 g.

- - The mean inhibition efficiency value is approximately 79.5%.

Table 5: At 48 hours (Day 2)

Weight loss (g)	Inhibition Efficiency (%)
7.10 – 6.40 = 0.7	$\frac{7.10 - 0.7}{7.10} \times \frac{100}{1} = 90$
7.00 – 6.50 = 0.50	$\frac{7.00 - 0.5}{7.00} \times \frac{100}{1} = 92$
7.10 – 6.70 = 0.4	$\frac{7.10 - 0.4}{7.10} \times \frac{100}{1} = 94$
6.70 – 5.00 = 1.70	$\frac{6.70 - 1.70}{6.70} \times \frac{100}{1} = 74$
7.00 – 6.50 = 0.5	$\frac{7.00 - 0.5}{7.00} \times \frac{100}{1} = 92$
7.20 – 4.40 = 2.8	$\frac{7.20 - 2.80}{7.20} \times \frac{100}{1} = 61$

The results show the weight loss and corrosion inhibition efficiency of mild steel in a sodium chloride medium with and without onion extract at 48 hours (Day 2). Here's an analysis of the results:

- - The weight loss values range from 0.4 g to 2.8 g, indicating a significant loss of material due to corrosion.
- - The corrosion inhibition efficiency values range from 61% to 94%, indicating a significant level of corrosion protection offered by the onion extract.
- - The highest inhibition efficiency (94%) is observed in the third row, indicating that the onion extract is most effective at this concentration.
- - The lowest inhibition efficiency (61%) is observed in the last row, which may be due to a lower concentration of the onion extract or other factors.
- - The results suggest that the onion extract is effective in inhibiting corrosion, with an average inhibition efficiency of around 86%.
- - The variation in inhibition efficiency may be due to differences in the concentration of the onion extract, the surface area of the metal exposed to corrosion, or other factors.

Overall, the results indicate that the onion extract continues to show promise as a natural corrosion inhibitor for mild steel in sodium chloride medium, even after 48 hours. However, there may be a decrease in inhibition efficiency over time, suggesting the need for reapplication or supplementation to maintain optimal corrosion protection.

Table 5: The table below shows the weight loss in gram (g) and inhibition efficiency for onion extract after 96hours time interval for mild steel in sodium chloride medium.

Weight loss (g)	Inhibition Efficiency (%)
1.6	77
0.9	87
0.6	91
2.2	67
0.8	88
5.2	27

i. Weight Loss (g):

- The weight loss values range from 0.6 g to 5.2 g, indicating a significant loss of material due to corrosion.

- The highest weight loss (5.2 g) is observed in the last row, indicating a substantial decrease in the effectiveness of the onion extract over time.

ii. Inhibition Efficiency (%):

- - The inhibition efficiency values range from 27% to 91%, indicating a significant level of corrosion protection offered by the onion extract.
- - The highest inhibition efficiency (91%) is observed in the third row, indicating that the onion extract is most effective at this concentration.

iii. Observations:

- - The weight loss values are generally increasing as the inhibition efficiency decreases, indicating that the onion extract is less effective at preventing corrosion over time.
- - The inhibition efficiency values are relatively lower compared to the previous time intervals (24, 48, and 72 hours), indicating a significant decrease in the effectiveness of the onion extract over time.
- - The results suggest that the onion extract is most effective at concentrations corresponding to 0.6 g and 0.9 g weight loss, with an inhibition efficiency of 87-91%.

iv. Mean Analysis:

- - The mean weight loss value is approximately 2.06 g.
- - The mean inhibition efficiency value is approximately 74.2%

Table 6: At 72 hours (Day 3)

Weight loss (g)	**Inhibition Efficiency (%)**
7.10 – 6.00 = 1.10	$\frac{7.10 - 1.10}{7.10} \times \frac{100}{1} = 84$
7.00 – 6.40 = 0.60	$\frac{7.00 - 0.60}{7.00} \times \frac{100}{1} = 91$
7.10 – 6.60 = 0.5	$\frac{7.10 - 0.5}{7.10} \times \frac{100}{1} = 92$
6.70 – 4.70 = 2.00	$\frac{6.70 - 2.00}{6.70} \times \frac{100}{1} = 970$
7.00 – 6.20 = 0.80	$\frac{7.00 - 0.80}{7.00} \times \frac{100}{1} = 88$
7.20 – 3.10 = 4.10	$\frac{7.20 - 4.10}{7.20} \times \frac{100}{1} = 43$

The results show the weight loss and corrosion inhibition efficiency of mild steel in a sodium chloride medium with and without onion extract at 72 hours (Day 3). Here's an analysis of the results:

i. - The weight loss values range from 0.5 g to 4.1 g, indicating a significant loss of material due to corrosion.

ii. - The corrosion inhibition efficiency values range from 43% to 97%, indicating a significant level of corrosion protection offered by the onion extract.

iii. - The highest inhibition efficiency (97%) is observed in the fourth row, indicating that the onion extract is most effective at this concentration.

iv. - The lowest inhibition efficiency (43%) is observed in the last row, which may be due to a lower concentration of the onion extract or other factors.

v. - The results suggest that the onion extract is effective in inhibiting corrosion, with an average inhibition efficiency of around 83%.

vi. - The variation in inhibition efficiency may be due to differences in the concentration of the onion extract, the surface area of the metal exposed to corrosion, or other factors.

Overall, the results indicate that the onion extract continues to show promise as a natural corrosion inhibitor for mild steel in sodium chloride medium, even after 72 hours. However, there may be a decrease in inhibition efficiency over time, suggesting the need for reapplication or supplementation to maintain optimal corrosion protection.

Table 7: The table below shows the weight loss in gram (g) and inhibition efficiency for onion extract after 120 hours time interval for mild steel in sodium chloride medium.

Weight loss (g)	Inhibition Efficiency (%)
2.4	66
1.2	82
0.8	88
2.2	67
1.0	87
6.1	15

i. Weight Loss (g):

- - The weight loss values range from 0.8 g to 6.1 g, indicating a significant loss of material due to corrosion.
- - The highest weight loss (6.1 g) is observed in the last row, indicating a substantial decrease in the effectiveness of the onion extract over time.

ii. Inhibition Efficiency (%):

- - The inhibition efficiency values range from 15% to 88%, indicating a significant level of corrosion protection offered by the onion extract.
- - The highest inhibition efficiency (88%) is observed in the third row, indicating that the onion extract is most effective at this concentration.

iii. Observations:

- - The weight loss values are generally increasing as the inhibition efficiency decreases, indicating that the onion extract is less effective at preventing corrosion over time.
- - The inhibition efficiency values are relatively lower compared to the previous time intervals (24, 48, 72, and 96 hours), indicating a significant decrease in the effectiveness of the onion extract over time.
- - The results suggest that the onion extract is most effective at concentrations corresponding to 0.8 g and 1.2 g weight loss, with an inhibition efficiency of 82-88%.

iv. Mean Analysis:

- - The mean weight loss value is approximately 2.53 g.
- - The mean inhibition efficiency value is approximately 70.2.

Table 8: The table below shows the weight loss in gram (g) and inhibition efficiency for onion extract after 144hours time interval for mild steel in sodium chloride medium.

Weight loss (g)	Inhibition Efficiency (%)
2.9	59
1.50	78
0.9	87
2.2	67
1.0	85
6.9	4

Here's a detailed analysis of the results:

i. Weight Loss (g):

- - The weight loss values range from 0.9 g to 6.9 g, indicating a significant loss of material due to corrosion.
- - The highest weight loss (6.9 g) is observed in the last row, indicating a substantial decrease in the effectiveness of the onion extract over time.

ii. Inhibition Efficiency (%):

- - The inhibition efficiency values range from 4% to 87%, indicating a significant level of corrosion protection offered by the onion extract.
- - The highest inhibition efficiency (87%) is observed in the third row, indicating that the onion extract is most effective at this concentration.

iii. Observations:

- - The weight loss values are generally increasing as the inhibition efficiency decreases, indicating that the onion extract is less effective at preventing corrosion over time.
- - The inhibition efficiency values are relatively lower compared to the previous time intervals (24, 48, 72, 96, and 120 hours), indicating a significant decrease in the effectiveness of the onion extract over time.
- - The results suggest that the onion extract is most effective at concentrations corresponding to 0.9 g and 1.5 g weight loss, with an inhibition efficiency of 78-87%.

iv. Mean Analysis:

- - The mean weight loss value is approximately 2.98 g.
- - The mean inhibition efficiency value is approximately 63.4%.

This table shows the weight of mild steel in each bottle at various time intervals (Days 1-6). Here's a brief analysis:

- - Bottle 1: The weight decreases steadily from 7.10g to 4.20g over 6 days.
- - Bottle 2: The weight decreases gradually from 7.00g to 5.50g over 6 days.

- - Bottle 3: The weight remains relatively stable, ranging from 7.10g to 6.20g over 6 days.
- - Bottle 4: The weight decreases significantly from 6.70g to 4.50g over 6 days, with a rapid drop between Days 2 and 3.
- - Bottle 5: The weight decreases initially from 7.00g to 6.20g, then remains stable until Day 5, and increases slightly to 6.50g on Day 6.
- - Bottle 6: The weight decreases rapidly from 7.20g to 0.30g over 6 days, indicating significant corrosion.

This data suggests that the mild steel in each bottle is undergoing corrosion at different rates, possibly due to variations in the onion extract concentrations or other factors. Further analysis and experimentation are needed to understand the corrosion mechanisms and optimize the use of onion extract as a corrosion inhibitor.

Table 9: section is analyzing the results of the experiment and interpreting the data.

No of Bottles	**Initial V of mild steel**	**Day 1**	**Day 2**	**Day 3**	**Day 4**	**Day 5**	**Day 6**
1	7.10	6.70	6.40	6.00	5.50	4.70	4.20
2	7.00	6.70	6.50	6.40	6.10	5.80	5.50
3	7.10	6.90	6.70	6.60	6.50	6.30	6.20
4	6.70	6.30	5.00	4.70	4.50	4.50	4.50
5	7.00	6.80	6.50	6.20	6.20	6.10	6.50
6	7.20	5.70	4.40	3.10	2.00	1.10	0.30

The discussion section is analyzing the results of the experiment and interpreting the data. Here's a breakdown of the points being made:

a. The Table shows that the weight loss of mild steel in NaCl solution decreases with increasing concentration of onion extract, indicating a successful corrosion inhibition.
b. The weight loss is highest in the NaCl medium and lowest at 50ml concentration of onion extract, suggesting a proportional relationship between inhibitor concentration and corrosion inhibition.
c. Table 9 shows that weight loss increases with time, with the most significant increase observed in the NaCl medium. However, the presence of onion extract reduces weight loss, and increasing the concentration of the extract leads to a corresponding decrease in weight loss.
d. The inhibitive effect of onion extract is attributed to the formation of a protective adsorption film on the mild steel surface, which blocks metal dissolution. This is possible due to the active components present in the extract, including proteins, flavonoids, tannins, phenolic compounds, glycosides, sterols, and triterpenoids.
e. The results show a retardation of weight loss with increasing concentration of extract, indicating a successful corrosion inhibition. However, the inhibition efficiency decreases with increasing time.
f. The extract is more active at higher concentrations, but its effectiveness decreases over time, suggesting a need for further optimization and investigation.

Overall, the discussion section is highlighting the key findings of the experiment and interpreting the results in the context of corrosion inhibition and the properties of onion extract.

Table 10: At 96 hours (Day 4)

Weight loss (g)	**Inhibition Efficiency (%)**
7.10 – 5.50 = 1.60	$\frac{7.10 - 1.60}{7.10} \times \frac{100}{1} = 77$
7.00 – 6.10 = 0.90	$\frac{7.00 - 0.90}{7.00} \times \frac{100}{1} = 87$
7.10 – 6.50 = 0.6	$\frac{7.10 - 0.6}{7.10} \times \frac{100}{1} = 91$
6.70 – 4.50 = 2.20	$\frac{6.70 - 2.20}{6.70} \times \frac{100}{1} = 67$
7.00 – 6.20 = 0.8	$\frac{7.00 - 0.8}{7.00} \times \frac{100}{1} = 88$
7.20 – 2.00 = 5.20	$\frac{7.20 - 5.20}{7.20} \times \frac{100}{1} = 27$

The results show the weight loss and corrosion inhibition efficiency of mild steel in a sodium chloride medium with and without onion extract at 96 hours (Day 4). Here's an analysis of the results:

- - The weight loss values range from 0.6 g to 5.2 g, indicating a significant loss of material due to corrosion.
- - The corrosion inhibition efficiency values range from 27% to 91%, indicating a significant level of corrosion protection offered by the onion extract.
- - The highest inhibition efficiency (91%) is observed in the third row, indicating that the onion extract is most effective at this concentration.
- - The lowest inhibition efficiency (27%) is observed in the last row, which may be due to a lower concentration of the onion extract or other factors.
- - The results suggest that the onion extract is effective in inhibiting corrosion, with an average inhibition efficiency of around 80%.
- - The variation in inhibition efficiency may be due to differences in the concentration of the onion extract, the surface area of the metal exposed to corrosion, or other factors.

Overall, the results indicate that the onion extract continues to show promise as a natural corrosion inhibitor for mild steel in sodium chloride medium, even after 96 hours. However, there may be a decrease in inhibition efficiency over time, suggesting the need for reapplication or supplementation to maintain optimal corrosion protection.
Note: The inhibition efficiency values are generally lower compared to previous time intervals, indicating a potential decrease in the effectiveness of the onion extract over time.

Table 11: At 120 hours (Day 5)

Weight loss (g)	**Inhibition Efficiency (%)**
7.10 – 4.70 = 2.40	$\frac{7.10 - 2.40}{7.10} \times \frac{100}{1} = 66$
7.00 – 5.80 = 1.20	$\frac{7.00 - 1.20}{7.00} \times \frac{100}{1} = 82$
7.10 – 6.30 = 0.80	$\frac{7.10 - 0.80}{7.10} \times \frac{100}{1} = 88$
6.70 – 4.50 = 2.2	$\frac{6.70 - 2.20}{6.70} \times \frac{100}{1} = 67$
7.00 – 6.10 = 1.00	$\frac{7.00 - 1.00}{7.00} \times \frac{100}{1} = 87$
7.20 – 1.10 = 6.10	$\frac{7.20 - 6.10}{7.20} \times \frac{100}{1} = 15$

The results show the weight loss and corrosion inhibition efficiency of mild steel in a sodium chloride medium with and without onion extract at 120 hours (Day 5). Here's an analysis of the results:

i. The weight loss values range from 0.8 g to 6.1 g, indicating a significant loss of material due to corrosion.
ii. The corrosion inhibition efficiency values range from 15% to 88%, indicating a significant level of corrosion protection offered by the onion extract.
iii. The highest inhibition efficiency (88%) is observed in the third row, indicating that the onion extract is most effective at this concentration.
iv. The lowest inhibition efficiency (15%) is observed in the last row, which may be due to a lower concentration of the onion extract or other factors.
v. The results suggest that the onion extract is effective in inhibiting corrosion, with an average inhibition efficiency of around 75%.
vi. The variation in inhibition efficiency may be due to differences in the concentration of the onion extract, the surface area of the metal exposed to corrosion, or other factors.

Overall, the results indicate that the onion extract continues to show promise as a natural corrosion inhibitor for mild steel in sodium chloride medium, even after 120 hours. However, there may be a decrease in inhibition efficiency over time, suggesting the need for reapplication or supplementation to maintain optimal corrosion protection.

Note: The inhibition efficiency values are generally lower compared to previous time intervals, indicating a potential decrease in the effectiveness of the onion extract over time. The lowest inhibition efficiency (15%) observed in the last row may indicate a significant decrease in the effectiveness of the onion extract at this concentration.

Table 12: At 144 hours (Day 6)

Weight loss (g)	Inhibition Efficiency (%)
7.10 – 4.20 = 2.9	$\frac{7.10 - 2.90}{7.10} \times \frac{100}{1} = 59$
7.00 – 5.50 = 1.50	$\frac{7.00 - 1.50}{7.00} \times \frac{100}{1} = 78$
7.10 – 6.20 = 0.9	$\frac{7.10 - 0.9}{7.10} \times \frac{100}{1} = 87$
6.70 – 4.50 = 2.2	$\frac{6.70 - 2.20}{6.70} \times \frac{100}{1} = 67$
7.00 – 6.00 = 1.00	$\frac{7.00 - 1.00}{7.00} \times \frac{100}{1} = 85$
7.20 – 0.30 = 6.9	$\frac{7.20 - 6.90}{7.20} \times \frac{100}{1} = 4$

The results show the weight loss and corrosion inhibition efficiency of mild steel in a sodium chloride medium with and without onion extract at 144 hours (Day 7). Here's an analysis of the results:

i. The weight loss values range from 0.9 g to 6.9 g, indicating a significant loss of material due to corrosion.
ii. The corrosion inhibition efficiency values range from 4% to 87%, indicating a significant level of corrosion protection offered by the onion extract.
iii. The highest inhibition efficiency (87%) is observed in the third row, indicating that the onion extract is most effective at this concentration.
iv. The lowest inhibition efficiency (4%) is observed in the last row, which may be due to a lower concentration of the onion extract or other factors.

v. The results suggest that the onion extract is effective in inhibiting corrosion, with an average inhibition efficiency of around 70%.

vi. The variation in inhibition efficiency may be due to differences in the concentration of the onion extract, the surface area of the metal exposed to corrosion, or other factors.

Overall, the results indicate that the onion extract continues to show promise as a natural corrosion inhibitor for mild steel in sodium chloride medium, even after 144 hours. However, there may be a decrease in inhibition efficiency over time, suggesting the need for reapplication or supplementation to maintain optimal corrosion protection.

Note: The inhibition efficiency values are generally lower compared to previous time intervals, indicating a potential decrease in the effectiveness of the onion extract over time. The lowest inhibition efficiency (4%) observed in the last row may indicate a significant decrease in the effectiveness of the onion extract at this concentration.

5. Conclusion

In conclusion, this study has demonstrated the effectiveness of onion extract as a corrosion inhibitor for mild steel in 0.5ml NaCl solution. The results show that the inhibition efficiency of the extract improves with increasing concentration, with a maximum efficiency of 97% observed at a concentration of 50ml. The inhibition efficiency was highest on the first day, with a gradual decrease in efficiency over subsequent days. This suggests that the extract is most effective in the initial stages of corrosion and may require reapplication or supplementation to maintain its inhibitive effects over time. The weight loss measurements revealed a consistent increase in corrosion with time, indicating a retardation in inhibitor efficiency over time. However, the onion extract showed an average increase in inhibition efficiency of 25% from a concentration of 40ml, indicating a significant improvement in corrosion protection at higher concentrations. Overall, this study highlights the potential of onion extract as a natural and environmentally friendly corrosion inhibitor for mild steel in NaCl solutions. Further research is recommended to optimize the concentration and application of onion extract for maximum corrosion protection and to explore its potential applications in various industries.

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