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## Synthesis of two supramolecular coordination polymers and electrochemical evaluation of their corrosion inhibition performance on corrosion of Carbon Steel in Acidic medium

### ABSTRACT

The effect of the SCPs-[Cu<sup>II</sup>(en)<sub>2</sub>] [Cu<sup>I</sup>(CN)<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>. H<sub>2</sub>O] (SCP1) and {[H<sub>2</sub>DAB] [Cu<sub>4</sub>(CN)<sub>6</sub>].2H<sub>2</sub>O} (SCP2) as corrosion inhibitors for carbon steel (CS) was studied in 1.0M HCl solution. As the synthesized inhibitor dose increases, the inhibition productivity (% $\eta$ ) increases reaching to 90.3% and 89.9% at 21x10<sup>-6</sup>M dose for SCP2 and SCP1, respectively. This result evidenced by mass loss (ML) investigated at three different temperatures 25-35-45°C, while potentiodynamic polarization (PP), electrochemical impedance spectroscopy (EIS), and electrochemical frequency modulation technique (EFM) were tested at 25°C. The synthesized inhibitors adsorbed on the CS surface physically allowing Henry isotherm. The results displayed that the synthesized inhibitors are excellent and their (% $\eta$ ) was significantly increased by raising the dose and decreased by raising the temperature. Polarization curves revealed that the synthesized inhibitors act as mixed type. The thermodynamic parameters were calculated and discussed. The protection was confirmed by the creation of the thin film of inhibitors precipitated on the surface of CS.

**Keywords:** Supramolecular coordination polymers, acid corrosion, carbon steel, Henry isotherm, EIS.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Man has identified steel manufacturing as cost-effective and vital as it is caused by one of the most industrial resistant issues [1]. Several factors influence its various applications, including its inexpensive cost, high energy density, and electrical capacity. In the presence of aggressive media such as HCl, carbon steel is damaged, and corrosion of the metal begins [2]. Many acidic solutions, such as HCl, H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and HNO<sub>3</sub>, are widely employed in a variety of procedures, including metal pickling, boiler cleaning, oil well acidification, and ion exchanger recovery. HCl is one of the acids that is commonly used to increase the productivity (stimulation) of wells in the oil and gas industry [3-6].

Corrosion inhibitors are chemicals that, when added in tiny amounts to corrosion solutions, can decrease or prevent metal contact with these solutions. Corrosion inhibitors have a wide range of applications. Inhibitors are organic compounds that contain heteroatoms such as nitrogen, oxygen, and sulphur atoms in addition to the numerous existing bonds, all of which aid in surface adsorption [7-10]. Later, obtaining synthetic organic inhibitors is low-cost in addition to being ecologically benign, accessible, and affordable, using renewable sources [11,12]. Many studies have been conducted to explore the inhibition of CS dissolving in acid environments using various types of synthetic composites [13], and organic composites have been used for mild steel corrosion prevention [14]. Aluminum [15], copper [16], and stainless steel [17-21] are examples of metals. Inorganic compounds also demonstrated the greatest corrosion resistance for a variety of metals [22]. The use of MOF to improve the anticorrosive characteristics of epoxy coatings has been documented in the literature [23]. In 2017 [24,25],

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the influence of Co, Ni, and Cu based MOFs on mild steel corrosion prevention was reported [26]. According to Fouda et al, a 3D network of silver-based MOF proved adequate for preventing corrosion of carbon steel in 1M HCl. Another research found that MOFs with both Ag and N donors were effective corrosion inhibitors for Cu in HCl solution [27]. In HCl media, a new MOF called Zeolite imidazolate framework nano structure was described as a corrosion inhibitor for carbon steel [28]. A great deal of research is being conducted in order to develop low-cost, environmentally safe, and highly effective inhibitors. Because of the proximity of a metal ion and an organic framework, the MOF appears to be a sustainable inhibitor. Metals that are more electropositive, such as Zn and Mg, can shield the Fe articles. The proximity of a more electropositive metal in an organic system enhances hindrance efficacy. In this paper, the effect of the two supramolecular coordination polymers as corrosion inhibitors for C-steel in 1.0M HCl were studied. In this research, several methods have been used to study the inhibition behavior, including electrochemical and chemical studies.

## 2. EXPERIMENTAL

### 2.1. Materials and solutions

The CS used in this study had the chemical conformation (wt %), Mn 0.6, P 0.04, Si 0.003, and iron rest. The corrosive environment, 1.0M HCl was ready by dilution of analytical grade (37%) HCl with double distilled water. The dose range of the inhibitors utilized was  $1-21 \times 10^{-6}$  M.

$K_3 [Cu (CN)_4]$ ,  $Me_3 Sn Cl$ , ethylenediamine, 1,4-diaminobutane, all BDH grade and purchased from Al-Gomhoria company, Egypt

### 2.2. Solutions

2.2.1. The SCPs- $[Cu^{II}(en)_2] [Cu^I(CN)_2]_2 \cdot H_2O$  (SCP1), and  $\{[H_2DAB] [Cu_4(CN)_6] \cdot 2H_2O\}$  (SCP2) Have been investigated as corrosion inhibitors because they are water soluble, have big molecular weights, and enclose several donating atoms. All the solutions were prepared utilizing AR grade chemicals in double distilled water.  $10^{-3}$ M stock solutions from the synthetic SCPs were prepared by dipping the appropriate weights of the SCP1 and SCP2 in double distilled water; the other concentrations of SCPs ( $1 \times 10^{-6} - 21 \times 10^{-6}$  M) were prepared by dilution with double distilled water and used immediately in the experiments. Crystal data and structure refinement parameters of the examined inhibitors SCP1 and SCP 2 are given in Table 1.

### 2.2.2. Synthesis of $\{[Cu^{II}(en)_2] [Cu^I(CN)_2]_2 \cdot H_2O\}$ , SCP1 4s and $\{[H_2DAB] [Cu_4(CN)_6] \cdot 2H_2O\}$ , SCP2 23s

A solution of 178 mg of  $K_3 [Cu (CN)_4]$  in 10mL water was added, below gentle stirring, to another solution of 380 mg of  $Me_3 Sn Cl$  and 0.63 mmol of ethylenediamine (en), SCP1 or 0.063mL of 1,4-diaminobutane (DAB) SCP2 in 10mL of acetonitrile. After six weeks, deep violet prismatic crystals of **1** and colorless prismatic crystals of **2** started growing from the initially clear solution. After filtration, coating with small quantities of cold  $H_2O$  and overnight drying, the crystals of SCP1 and SCP2 were obtained. Elemental analysis data of SCP1 and SCP2 are cited in Table 1. The IR-bands of SCP1 in  $cm^{-1}$  are 3561 ( $\nu_{OH}$ ), 3306,3272 ( $\nu_{NH}$ ), 2949,28903 ( $\nu_{CH}$ ), 1456,1393 ( $\delta_{CH}$ ), 1577 ( $\delta_{NH}$ ), 2091, 2081 ( $\nu_{CN}$ ), 689,665 ( $\gamma_{NH}$ ), 530 ( $\nu_{CuC}$ ) and for SCP2 in  $cm^{-1}$ : 3490 ( $\nu_{OH}$ ), 3229, 3229 ( $\nu_{NH}$ ), 2921,2867 ( $\nu_{CH}$ ), 2112 ( $\nu_{CN}$ ), 1583 ( $\delta_{NH}$ ), 1509,1476 ( $\delta_{CH}$ ), 743 ( $\gamma_{NH}$ ), 535 ( $\nu_{CuC}$ ).

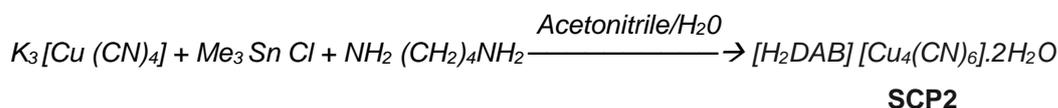
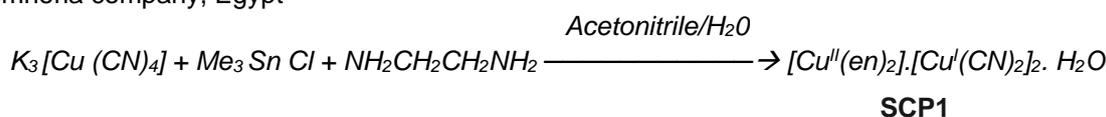


Table 1. Elemental analysis data of SCP1 and SCP2

Tabela 1. Podaci o elementarnoj analizi SCP1 i SCP2

Comp.	Calcd. Values				Found values				
	Mol.Wt	C	H	N	Cu	C	H	N	Cu
SCP1	$C_{10}H_{18}N_8O_2Cu_4$ M.W.=536.492g mol <sup>-1</sup>	22.36	3.38	20.89	47.38	22.30	3.39	20.82	47.40
SCP2	$(C_8H_{18}N_8OCu_3)$ M.W.=432.9 g mol <sup>-1</sup>	22.17	4.15	25.87	44.04	22.10	4.09	25.77	43.95

### 2.3. Methods

#### 2.3.1. Chemical measurements

##### 2.3.1. Mass Loss (ML) Measurements

The seven coins are cut then washed with double distilled water, dried, weighed and put them in solutions prepared from different doses of synthetic compounds (SCP1 & SCP2) from 1 to  $21 \times 10^{-6} \text{M}$ . This occurs in the presence of 1.0M hydrochloric acid to compare with a sample that was putted in a solution of 1.0M HCl without any adding. Coins are left for half an hour in solutions. Then, they were collected and dried, weighed, and then placed again in their solutions. The steps are repetitive till the end of the experiment after 3 hours. Experiments were taken in triplicate to get best reproducibility. The beakers 100ml were utilized for ML tests. Each time ML is measured and drawn. The temperature range is from 25 to 45°C.

##### 2.3.2 Electrochemical measurements

2.3.2.1 Potentiodynamic (PP) investigation technique: was utilized through a cell consisting of three electrodes, which is the working electrode that is studied as before [29,30]. This electrode consists of CS metal, where the method of preparation was explained previously [31], and the surface area exposed in it is  $1 \text{cm}^2$  and before using the electrode it is processed according to the test followed ML, the reference electrode is saturated calomel electrode (SCE) and the auxiliary electrode (Pt foil) is the last. For the CS electrode, it is engaged in the solution utilized at the OCP for 30 minutes, where the stability condition is obtained. PP diagrams were verified at a steady scan rate of  $1 \text{mVs}^{-1}$  initially from -600 to 600mV (SCE). In this test, the current density is utilized for the measurements [32,33].

2.3.2.2. Electrochemical impedance spectroscopy (EIS) test: was performed by using AC signals ranging from 100 kHz to 0.1Hz with an amplitude of peaks 10 mV at OCP. The same cell previously used in PP test was used in EIS test. All the results of impedance using the charge transfer resistance were utilized to calculate ( $\% \eta$ ).

2.3.2.3 Electrochemical frequency modulation (EFM) test: was investigated applying the signal with a capacity of 10mV through two sinus waves from 2 to 5Hz [34]. This technology is fast and not destructive. Corrosion current density ( $i_{\text{corr}}$ ), causal factors CF2 and CF3, and Tafel slopes ( $\beta_a$  &  $\beta_c$ ) were determined through the higher peaks [35]. In electrochemical investigations, the device used was Gamry Potentiostat / Galvanostat / ZRA (PC14-G750). Gamry includes DC105 DC Corrosion Program and EIS300 EIS program, the EFM140 for EFM program, as well as a computer for data collection. Echem Analyst version 5.5 was used to plot, calculate, and synthesize data. All electrochemical studies were applied at 25°C.

## 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### 3.1. Crystal Structure of $[\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}(\text{en})_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}] [\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}(\text{CN})_2]_2$ , SCP1

Violet prismatic crystals of  $[\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}(\text{en})_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}] [\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}(\text{CN})_2]_2$  are organotin-free. The ternary adducts  $\text{K}_3[\text{Cu}(\text{CN})_4]$ ,  $\text{Me}_3\text{SnCl}$  and ethylenediamine (en) react to produce SCP1 [36,37]. So far, all attempts to produce crystals containing the organotin adduct have resulted in SCP1. SCP1 crystallises in the monoclinic space group Cc,  $Z = 4$ , as shown in Table 2. SCP1 has an asymmetric unit. The asymmetric unit of SCP1 is made up of two copper (I) sites linked by four cyanide groups, as shown in Figure 1.

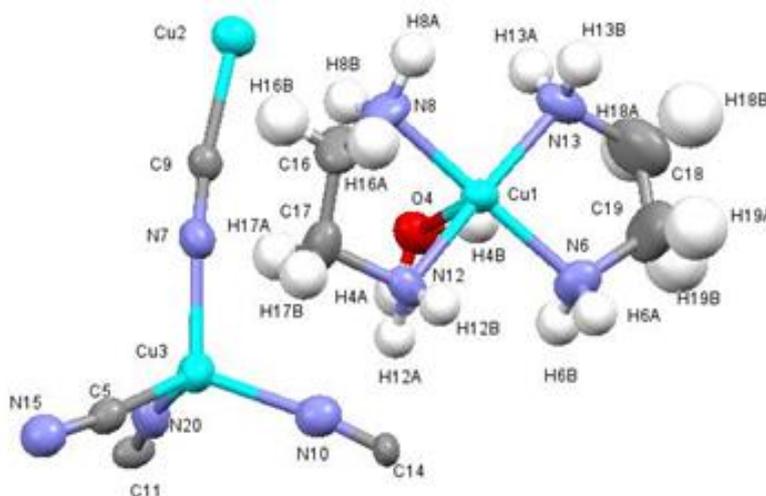


Figure 1. ORTEP plot of the asymmetric unit of SCP1

Slika 1. ORTEP dijagram asimetrične jedinice SCP1

Table 2. Crystal data and structure refinement parameters for SCP2 and SCP1

Tabela 2. Kristalni podaci i parametri preciziranja strukture za SCP2 i SCP1

	SCP2 (A) [H <sub>2</sub> DAB] {[Cu <sub>4</sub> (CN) <sub>6</sub> ].2H <sub>2</sub> O}	SCP1(B) [Cu II (en) <sub>2</sub> ] [Cu <sub>I</sub> (CN) <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> .H <sub>2</sub> O
Empirical formula	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>18</sub> O <sub>2</sub> N <sub>8</sub> Cu <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>18</sub> N <sub>8</sub> OCu <sub>3</sub>
Formula weight	536.492	432.925
Temperature	298 °K	298 °K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	0.71073 Å
Crystal system, space group	Monoclinic, P 2 <sub>1</sub> /c	Monoclinic, Cc
Volume	939.88(11) Å <sup>3</sup>	1513.50(7) Å <sup>3</sup>
Z, calculated density	2, 1.896 Mg / mm <sup>3</sup>	4, 1.900 Mg / mm <sup>3</sup>
Absorption coefficient	4.48 mm <sup>-1</sup>	4.19 mm <sup>-1</sup>
F (000)	532	844
Theta range for data collection	2.910 to 27.485 deg.	2.910 to 27.485 deg.
Limiting indices	0<=h<=9, 0<=k<=11, -21<=l<=18	0<=h<=19, 0<=k<=10, -18<=l<=16
R(int)	0.032	0.027
Absorption correction	None	None
Refinement test	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>
Data / restraints / parameters	929/0/109	1160/0/181
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.743	2.464
Final r indices [I > 2sigma (I)]	R1 = 0.042, wR 2 = 0.083	R1 = 0.04, wR 2 = 0.120
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.093, wR2 = 0.109	R1 = 0.073, wR2 = 0.126
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.82 and -0.84 e. Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.96 and -1.19 e. Å <sup>-3</sup>

Each copper (I) site has distorted tetrahedral geometry, creating a 3D network, Table 3a, with an adamantanoid-shaped structure with six-membered rings, Cu<sub>6</sub>(CN)<sub>6</sub>, including large gaps; ca. 10.433 Å; capable of encapsulating the guest [Cu<sup>I</sup>(en)<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>O] complex, Figure 2.

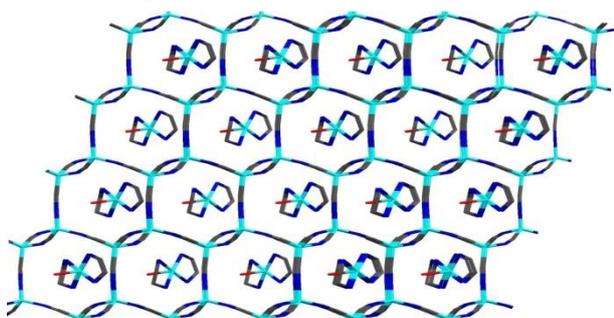


Figure 2. View of the overall 3D-network of 1 showing the encapsulation of the cationic Cu<sup>I</sup>(en)H<sub>2</sub>O unit

Slika 2. Prikaz ukupne 3D mreže 1 koja prikazuje inkapsulaciju katjonske Cu<sup>I</sup>(en)H<sub>2</sub>O

### 3.2. Crystal Structure of {[H<sub>2</sub>DAB] [Cu<sub>4</sub>(CN)<sub>6</sub>].2H<sub>2</sub>O}, SCP2

The 3D-SCP, [H<sub>2</sub>DAB] [Cu<sub>4</sub>(CN)<sub>6</sub>].2H<sub>2</sub>O, 2 crystallises in space group P2<sub>1</sub>/C with unit cell dimensions of a = 7.4307 Å, b = 8.6193 Å, c = 16.4489 Å, and Z = 2. Table No. 2 The asymmetric unit is made up of a [Cu<sub>2</sub>(CN)<sub>3</sub>] unit, half a

molecule of H<sub>2</sub>DAB, and one water molecule, as shown in Figure 3. SCP2 is made up of Cu CN endless zig-zag chains linked by 2-cyanide bridges.

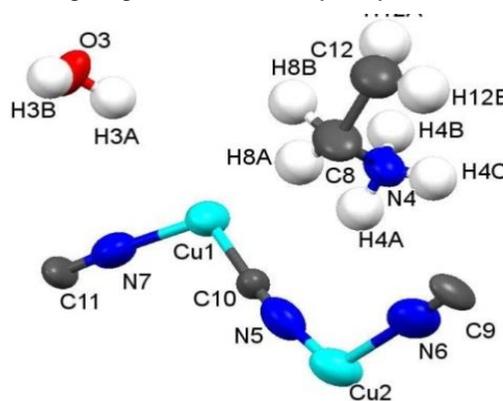


Figure 3. Asymmetric unit of SCP2 showing the atomic labeling scheme

Slika 3. Asimetrična jedinica SCP2 koja prikazuje šemu atomskog obeležavanja

These CuCN chains are linked to create puckered 2D-hexagonal sheets of (CuCN)<sub>6</sub> with all edges shared, as seen in Fig.4. Table 3b shows how each copper (I) site is coordinated to three ordered cyanide groups, resulting in a deformed planar-trigonal shape. The negatively hexagonal sheets form parallel layers with large channels (Ca. 7.41 Å) capable of encapsulating H<sub>2</sub>DAB cations

and water molecules, as seen in Fig. 4. 3D-network structure was stabilised by hydrogen bonding (1.976-2.564 Å), resulting in a honeycomb-like network.

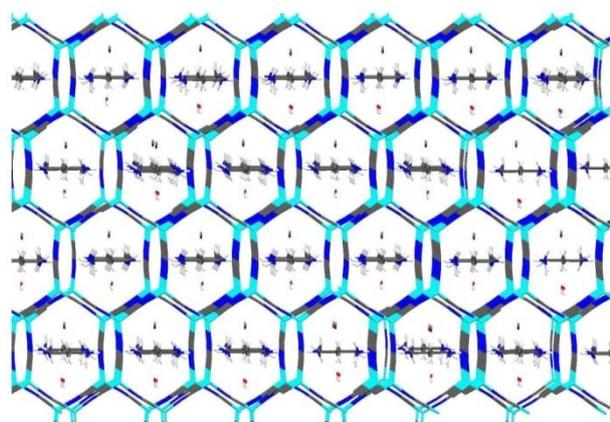


Figure 4. View of the 3D-structure of SCP2 along the a-axis showing the encapsulation of the organic ligand and water molecules in the cavities

Slika 4. Pogled na 3D-strukturu SCP2 duž a-ose koja prikazuje inkapsulaciju organskog liganda i molekula vode u šupljinama

Table 3a. Selected bond lengths (Å) and bond angles (°) of SCP1

Tabela 3a. Odabrane dužine veze (Å) i uglovi veze (°) SCP1

u1	O4	2.463(3)	O4	Cu1	N6	87.24(11)
Cu1	N6	2.008(3)	O4	Cu1	N8	96.11(10)
Cu1	N8	1.982(3)	O4	Cu1	N12	95.46(9)
Cu1	N12	2.035(3)	O4	Cu1	N13	93.68(10)
Cu1	N13	1.995(3)	N6	Cu1	N8	176.62(13)
Cu2	C9	1.973(3)	N6	Cu1	N12	95.14(12)
Cu2	C11	1.937(3)	N6	Cu1	N13	84.52(14)
Cu2	C14	1.982(3)	N8	Cu1	N12	84.11(13)
Cu2	N15	2.098(4)	N8	Cu1	N13	95.68(15)
Cu3	C5	1.971(4)	N12	Cu1	N13	170.83(11)
Cu3	N7	2.007(3)	C9	Cu2	C11	113.32(14)
Cu3	N10	1.975(3)	C9	Cu2	C14	111.83(12)
Cu3	N20	2.042(4)	C9	Cu2	N15	105.25(13)
C5	N15	1.159(5)	C11	Cu2	C14	115.37(14)
N6	C19	1.429(7)	C11	Cu2	N15	102.52(15)
N7	C9	1.163(4)	C14	Cu2	N15	107.40(13)
N8	C16	1.481(6)	C5	Cu3	N7	111.95(14)
N10	C14	1.142(4)	C5	Cu3	N10	118.04(14)
C11	N20	1.165(5)	C5	Cu3	N20	104.86(15)
N12	C17	1.495(5)	N7	Cu3	N10	109.12(12)
N13	C18	1.462(7)	N7	Cu3	N20	104.70(13)
C17	C16	1.479(7)	N10	Cu3	N20	107.13(13)
C18	C19	1.336(9)	Cu3	C5	N15	166.7(3)
Cu3	N7	C9	171.3(3)			

Table 3b. Selected bond lengths (Å) and bond angles (°) of SCP2

Tabela 3b. Odabrane dužine veze (Å) i uglovi veze (°) SCP2

u1	N7	1.949(5)	N7	Cu1	C10	116.6(2)	
Cu1	C11	1.884(4)	N7	Cu1	C11	121.6(2)	
Cu2	N6	1.942(5)	C10	Cu1	C11	121.0(2)	
N4	C8	1.483(6)	N5	Cu2	N6	120.8(2)	
N5	C10	1.154(6)	N5	Cu2	C9	116.9(2)	
N7	C11	1.146(6)	N6	Cu2	C9	121.5(2)	
Cu1	N7	1.949(5)	C8	N4	C12	35.8(2)	
Cu1	C11	1.884(4)	Cu2	N5	C10	173.0(4)	
Cu2	N6	1.942(5)	Cu2	N6	C9	169.9(5)	
N4	C8	1.483(6)	Cu1	N7	C11	176.4(4)	
N5	C10	1.154(6)	N4	C8	C12	108.2(4)	
N7	C11	1.146(6)	Cu2	C9	N6	176.5(4)	
Cu1	C11	N7	170.5(5)	Cu1	C10	N5	174.1(3)
N4	C12	C8	36.0(2)				

### 3.3. ML Measurements

ML is one of the important methods in determining the efficiency of the inhibitor to inhibit the corrosion of CS the experiments were conducted on altered doses of the synthetic compounds in 1.0 molar hydrochloric acid. "Experiments were conducted at altered temperatures (25-35-45°C). Table 4 shows the results obtained in a time of 120 minutes as an example of the study. The results showed that by increasing the doses from  $1 \times 10^{-6}$ M to  $21 \times 10^{-6}$ M, the inhibition efficiency increases in contrast to the corrosion rate (C.R), which lowered with increasing doses of inhibitors. By increasing the temperature, the %  $\eta_{ML}$  broke down, while the C.R (Figure 5) for synthetic inhibitor SCP1 rises, similar curves gotten from another synthetic inhibitor SCP2 23S (not display). The increased %  $\eta_{ML}$  with raised dose of synthetic inhibitors can be qualified to the creation of a layer of the inhibitors on the CS surface by adsorption. This layer is formed by the pairs of free electrons present on the oxygen and nitrogen atoms in the inhibitor molecules as well as the  $\pi$ -electrons of the aromatic rings". Decrease in the %  $\eta_{ML}$  with a higher temperature may likely be due to an increased rate of desorption meaning that is physical adsorption. The degree of coverage of CS surface ( $\theta$ ) and the (%  $\eta$ ) were measured utilizing the next eq.:

$$\% \eta_{ML} = \theta \times 100 = [1 - (\Delta W_u / \Delta W_i)] \times 10 \quad (1)$$

where  $\Delta W_u$  and  $\Delta W_i$  are the ML per unit area of uninhibited and inhabited solution, correspondingly. The data of C.R and %  $\eta$  were gotten from synthetic compounds at altered doses and temperature are summarized in Table (4).

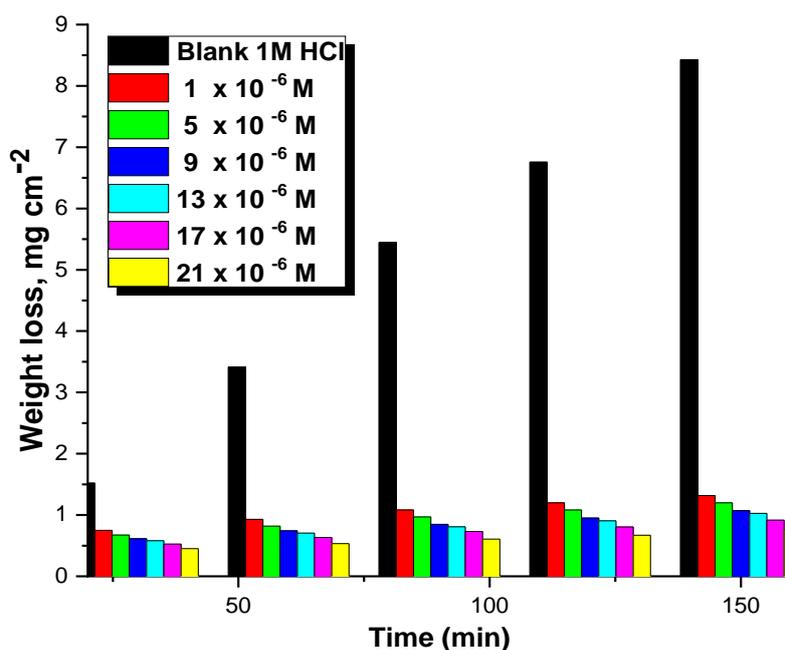


Figure 5. ML-time diagrams for the dissolution of CS absence and presence altered doses of compound SCP1 at 25°C

Slika 5. ML-vremenski dijagrami za rastvaranje CS odsustva i prisustva izmenjenih doza jedinjenja SCP1 na 25°C

Table 4. Outcome data of ML of CS in 1.0M HCl for various doses of synthetic inhibitors after 120 min. at (25, 35, 45°C)

Tabela 4. Podaci o ishodu ML CS u 1.0M HCl za različite doze sintetičkih inhibitora nakon 120 min. na (25, 35, 45°C)

Temp., °C	Conc., x 10 <sup>-6</sup> M	SCP2		SCP1	
		C.R. x 10 <sup>2</sup> mg cm <sup>-2</sup> min <sup>-1</sup>	% η <sub>ML</sub>	C.R. x 10 <sup>2</sup> mg cm <sup>-2</sup> min <sup>-1</sup>	% η <sub>ML</sub>
25	1	1.00	82.2	1.16	79.3
	5	0.90	84.0	1.07	81.1
	9	0.79	85.9	0.96	83.0
	13	0.75	86.6	0.92	83.7
	17	0.67	88.1	0.84	85.2
	21	0.56	90.1	0.72	87.2
35	1	1.43	76.2	1.59	73.4
	5	1.30	78.3	1.47	75.5
	9	1.06	82.3	1.23	79.5
	13	0.99	83.5	1.16	80.7
	17	0.91	84.9	1.07	82.1
	21	0.78	87.0	0.95	84.2
45	1	3.44	71.8	3.61	70.4
	5	3.15	74.2	3.32	72.7
	9	2.77	77.3	2.94	75.9
	13	2.56	79.0	2.73	77.6
	17	2.18	82.1	2.35	80.7
	21	1.83	85.0	2.01	83.5

### 3.4. Adsorption Isotherm Behavior

The nature of corrosion inhibition has been deduced in terms of the adsorption characteristics of the inhibitors. The outcome data gotten from synthetic compounds designate that the corrosion protection was caused by the components of synthetic composite tending to interact and adsorb on the interface among CS / solution. One or more of the three main types of adsorptions can occur:  $\pi$  bonding, chemical and physical adsorption [38]. The adsorption process increases if the inhibitor compounds contain hetero- atoms such as nitrogen, sulfur, and oxygen where these atoms give one pair of electrons which leads to electrostatic adsorption on the surface of CS creating an insoluble layer which reduces the dissolution of CS. Through appropriate isothermal process, adsorption situation of synthetic compound can be detected on the CS surface. At various temperatures, data for ML tests was utilized, and they were prepared in various mathematical adsorption isotherm expressions to identify the more suitable adsorption isotherms". From this research for altered adsorption isotherms the more suitable adsorption isotherms for synthetic compounds were Henry isotherms Figure 6. According to this isotherm, the  $\theta$  is related to inhibitor dose by:

$$\theta = KC \quad (2)$$

The symbols in these equations C,  $K_{ads}$  express on the dose of synthetic compound and equilibrium constant of adsorption process, correspondingly. "The investigative data in Table 5, the value of  $R^2$  for the Henry isotherm was more exactly closer to the unit. So, Henry adsorption isotherm was known to be the excellent explanation of the inhibitor adsorption behavior studied on the surface of CS. In Table 5, the symbol  $K_{ads}$  shows the molecular strength of the adsorbed layer and indicates the strength of adsorption. Small values of  $K_{ads}$ , however, reveal that such interactions

between adsorbing inhibitor molecules and the metal surface are weaker", indicating that the inhibitor molecules are easily removable by the solvent molecules from the metal surface.

In current study, free energy was used to study the interaction of synthetic compounds (1&2) molecules, and this was done using the following formula:

$$\Delta G^0_{ads} = -RT \ln (55.5x K_{ads}) \quad (3)$$

In this equation the value 55.5 reveals the water concentration in the bulk solution where it is expressed in mol/L [39]. Table 5 shows the adsorption parameters for the obtained synthetic compounds. The data of the table confirm the spontaneous adsorption of synthetic compounds on the CS surface, through the negative values obtained free energy. From literature survey, the results obtained from  $\Delta G^0_{ads}$  confirm that the kind of adsorption lead to physical adsorption as it is known when they are less than 20 kJ/mol are physisorption and this resembles to the data obtained [34]. Vant't Hoff equation can be used to measure  $\Delta H^0_{ads}$  and  $\Delta S^0_{ads}$  expressed by:

$$\ln K_{ads} = \frac{-\Delta H^0_{ads}}{RT} + const \quad (4)$$

Figure 7 demonstrations the relation among  $\log K_{ads}$  and  $1/T$ , the change of the standard adsorption enthalpy was determined ( $-\Delta H^0_{ads}$ ) and the entropy value was specified ( $-\Delta S^0_{ads}$ ) calculated from next balance:

$$\Delta G^0_{ads} = \Delta H^0_{ads} - T \Delta S^0_{ads} \quad (5)$$

In the current research, we know that the data of enthalpy is negative, which means that adsorption molecules of synthetic inhibitors are exothermic. The exothermic process can refer to physical or chemical adsorption, but the  $\Delta H^0_{ads}$  are less than 100 kJ/mol, representing that the adsorption is chiefly physical adsorption [40].

Table 5. Parameters of Henry adsorption for adsorption of investigated polymers on the CS surface at altered temperatures

Tabela 5. Parametri Henrijeve adsorpcije za adsorpciju ispitivanih polimera na površini CS na promenjenim temperaturama

Comp.	Temp. °C	Adsorption parameter			
		$K_{ads}, M^{-1}$	$-\Delta G^0_{ads}, kJ mol^{-1}$	$-\Delta H^0_{ads}, kJ mol^{-1}$	$-\Delta S^0_{ads}, J mol^{-1} K^{-1}$
SCP2	25	3.8	13.2	22	44
	35	5.4	14.6		47
	45	6.5	15.6		49
SCP1	25	3.3	12.9	21	43
	35	4.8	14.3		46
	45	5.7	15.3		48

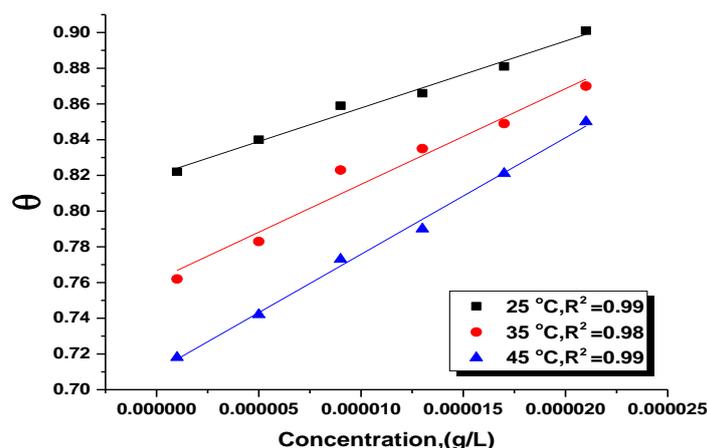


Figure 6. Plots as  $(\theta)$  vs.  $C$  of the synthetic compounds for dissolution of CS in 1.0M HCl solution from ML tests at 25°C

Slika 6. Krive  $(\theta)$  u odnosu na  $C$  sintetičkih jedinjenja za rastvaranje CS u 1,0M HCl iz ML testova na 25°C

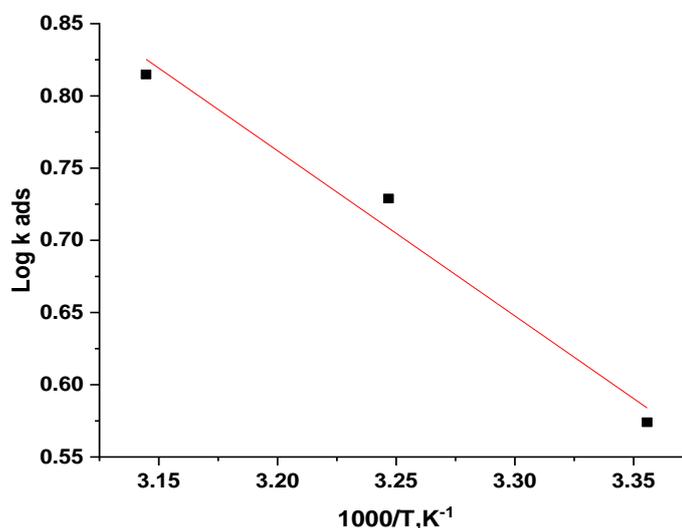


Figure 7.  $(\log K_{ads})$  vs.  $(1/T)$  for the liquefaction of CS in 1.0M HCl in the existence of compound SCP2

Slika 7.  $(\log K_{ads})$  vs.  $(1/T)$  za ukapljivanje CS u 1,0M HCl u postojanju jedinjenja SCP2

### 3.5. Effect of Temperature

In this examination, the effect of temperature on the dissolution of CS coins utilized in the synthetic compounds and dipped in 1.0M of hydrochloric acid was studied in the presence and absence of altered doses of synthetic compounds ( $1 \times 10^{-6}$  –  $21 \times 10^{-6}$  M) at 25–35–45°C. "It has been found that the C.R rises with raising temperatures. The activation energy ( $E_a^*$ ) measured from the slope of the diagrams utilized the Arrhenius eq. (6) was used [41],

$$\log C. R. = \log A - E_a^*/2.303RT \quad (6)$$

while the symbol (A) was utilized for the term exponential factor of Arrhenius. Arrhenius diagrams

are illustrated in Figure 8 [ $\log (C.R)$  against  $1/T$ ], in which the energy of the activation is derived from the slopes of straight lines [ $- E_a^*/2.303R$ ]. Using the transitional state equation, the changes in entropy and enthalpy were calculated [42]

$$\log (C.R/T) = [\log(R/Nh) + \Delta S_a^*/2.303R] - \Delta H_a^*/2.303RT \quad (7)$$

Figure 9 shows a plotting  $\log (C.R/T)$  against  $1000/T$ , where this Figure shows the transitional state of the synthetic compound. Slopes are utilized to calculate enthalpy ( $-\Delta H_a^*/2.303R$ ), and the activation entropy of the process is calculated utilizing intersections of the lines [ $\log(R/Nh) + \Delta S_a^*/2.303R$ ]. The analysis of the results was

obtained in Table 6, from Table note that rise in the  $E_a^*$  by improving the dose of synthetic compound. This increase is due to the adsorption synthetic compound on the CS surface and corresponds to the physical adsorption of the synthetic compounds. The results in Table 6 also showed

that entropy values are negative in the existence of synthetic compounds and these negative values showed that the activated complex in the rate-determining step prefers association rather than dissociation step [43].

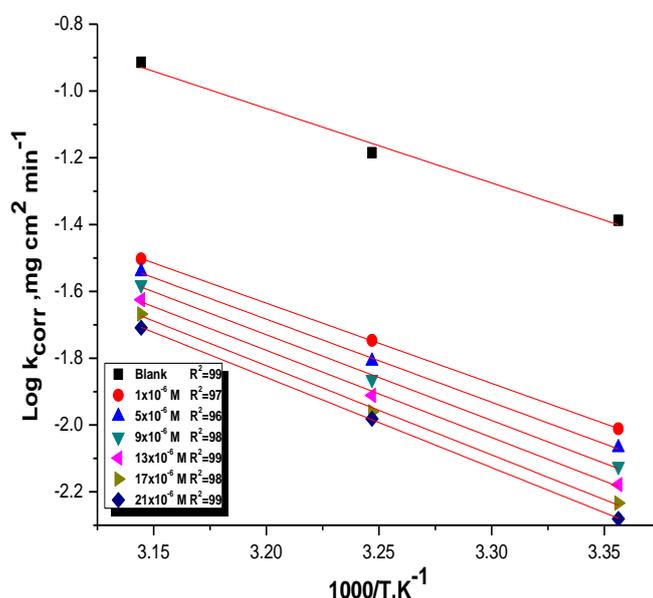


Figure 8. Plots ( $\log k_{corr}$  vs.  $1/T$ ) for the dissolution of CS with and without altered doses of compound SCP2

Slika 8. Krive ( $\log k_{corr}$  vs.  $1/T$ ) za rastvaranje CS sa i bez izmenjenih doza jedinjenja SCP2

Table 6. Thermodynamic parameters of Arrhenius equation and transition state equation

Tabela 6. Termodinamički parametri Arrenijusove jednačine i jednačine prelaznog stanja

Inhibitor	Conc., x 10 <sup>6</sup> M	Activation parameters		
		$E_a^*$	$\Delta H^*$	$-\Delta S^*$
		kJ mol <sup>-1</sup>	kJ mol <sup>-1</sup>	J mol <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup>
blank	0.0	42.64	40.23	137
SCP2	1	45.96	43.57	135
	5	47.58	45.19	133
	9	49.10	46.72	129
	13	49.95	47.57	127
	17	51.13	48.76	124
	21	51.64	49.27	123
SCP1	1	44.37	41.97	141
	5	45.49	43.09	138
	9	47.35	44.96	133
	13	48.34	45.96	130
	17	49.32	46.94	127
	21	51.17	48.81	122

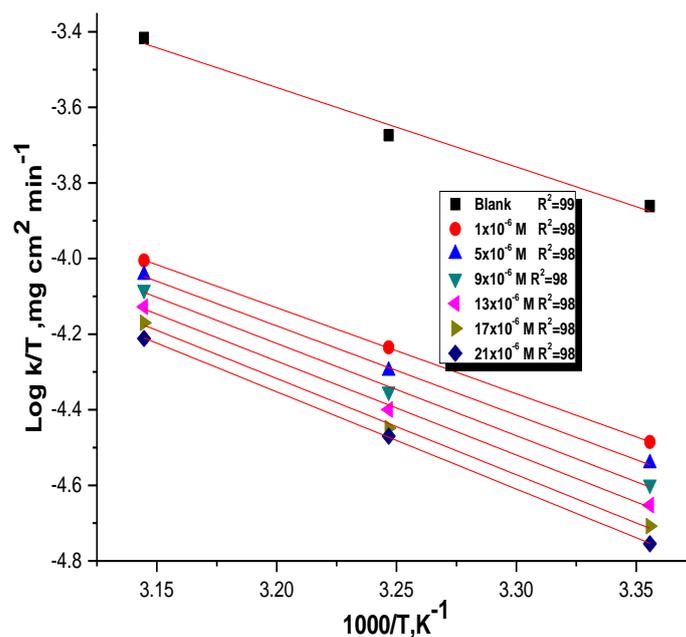


Figure 9. Plots of  $(\log k_{\text{corr}} / T)$  vs.  $1/T$  for the dissolution of CS with and without altered doses of compound SCP1

Slika 9. Krive  $(\log k_{\text{corr}} / T)$  vs.  $1/T$  za rastvaranje CS sa i bez izmenjenih doza jedinjenja SCP1

### 3.6. Electrochemical Measurements

#### 3.6.1. Potentiodynamic Polarization (PP) Technique

PP test is carrying out in 1.0M hydrochloric medium with and without altered doses of synthetic compounds at 25°C. The outcome data are collected in Table 7. The following parameters were obtained: electrochemical corrosion  $[i_{\text{corr}}]$ , corrosion potential ( $E_{\text{corr}}$ ), and cathodic and Tafel anode constants ( $\beta_c$  and  $\beta_a$ ). Figure 10 depicts the polarisation curves in the absence and presence of synthetic SCP2, SCP1, and it was discovered that the presence of inhibitors causes changes in the polarisation behaviour of CS and pushes cathodic curves to lower current densities when compared to those in pure acid solution. The inclusion of these chemicals reduces the corrosion potential to more negative values while maintaining the anodic domain current density nearly unchanged. This finding implies that the presence of these chemicals inhibits solely the cathodic reaction of hydrogen evolution while having no effect on the anodic dissolution of the CS. According to the results in Table 7, the presence of various dosages of synthetic compounds produces a decrease in current density with increasing doses of these compounds, as well as the formation of a layer on

the CS surface. Furthermore, the data of the cathode and anode Tafel slopes show no significant change in the presence of different synthetic chemical dosages (Figure 10). This can be explained by the fact that the corrosion process is caused by covering the active sites located on the surface of the CS. This indicates a dissolution mechanism that is not affected by the presence of synthetic compounds. If the change in corrosion potential ( $E_{\text{corr}}$ ) values is greater than  $\pm 85$  mV in the presence and absence of synthetic molecule, the inhibitor molecules are classified as cathodic or anodic type, and this did not happen because the corrosion potential values displacement less than  $\pm 85$  mV. The corrosion current density diminished with increasing the doses of the synthetic compounds but the small change of the  $E_{\text{corr}}$  (63 mV) and the slightly change of ( $\beta_a$  &  $\beta_c$ ) on rising the doses of the utilized inhibitors, this revealed that these compounds act as mixed type inhibitors [44,45]. The ( $\eta_{\text{Tafel}}$  %) was calculated from PP curves as follows:

$$\eta_{\text{Tafel}}\% = [1 - (i_{\text{corr}} / i_{\text{corr}}^0)] \times 100 \quad (8)$$

where  $i_{\text{corr}}^0$  and  $i_{\text{corr}}$  correspond to the uninhibited and inhibited corrosion current densities, correspondingly and determined by extrapolation of both Tafel lines to the corrosion potential.

Table 7. Parameters attained from PP technique for the corrosion of CS in the absence and presence of altered doses of synthetic compounds (SCP1 & SCP2) at 25°C

Tabela 7. Parametri dobijeni PP tehnikom za koroziju CS u odsustvu i prisustvu izmenjenih doza sintetičkih jedinjenja (SCP1 i SCP2) na 25°C

Comp	Conc.x 10 <sup>-6</sup> M	<i>i</i> <sub>corr</sub> , μA cm <sup>-2</sup>	- E <sub>corr</sub> , mV vs SCE	β <sub>a</sub> mV dec <sup>-1</sup>	-β <sub>c</sub> mV dec <sup>-1</sup>	C.R mpy	Θ	% η
SCP2	1	125.0	420	118	173	65	0.747	74.7
	5	112.0	423	116	186	51	0.773	77.3
	9	88.0	422	120	196	41	0.822	82.2
	13	69.0	425	123	184	38	0.860	86.0
	17	58.0	420	122	181	31	0.883	88.3
	21	48.0	425	121	187	29	0.903	90.3
SCP1	1	134.0	426	110	163	71	0.729	72.9
	5	121.0	423	123	176	53	0.755	75.5
	9	97.0	421	118	186	49	0.804	80.4
	13	78.0	425	118	174	43	0.842	84.2
	17	63.0	422	115	181	37	0.872	87.2
	21	50.0	420	116	177	32	0.899	89.9

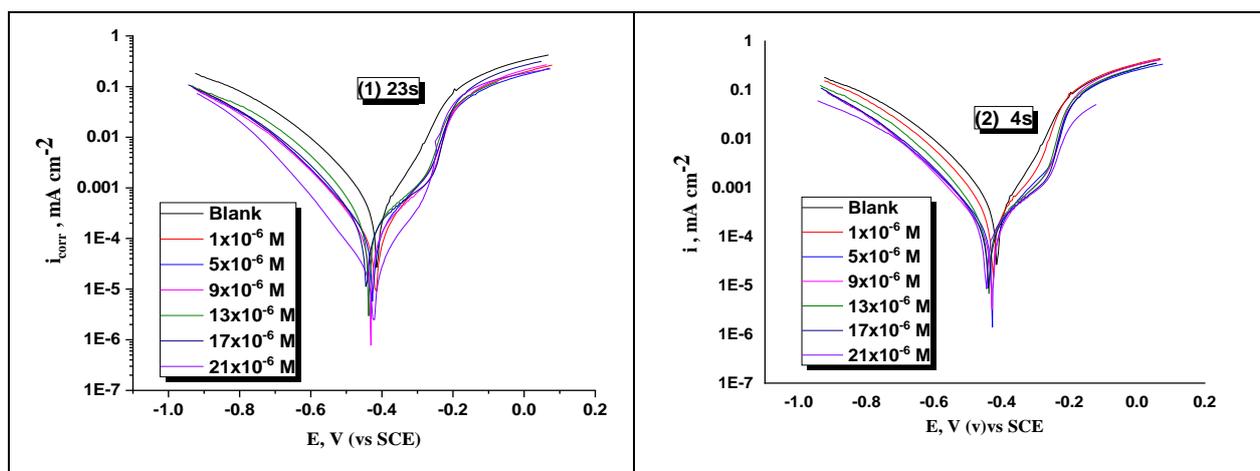


Figure 10. PP curves for the dissolution of CS in the absence and presence of altered doses of synthetic compounds (SCP1 & SCP2) at 25°C

Slika 10. PP krive za rastvaranje CS u odsustvu i prisustvu izmenjenih doza sintetičkih jedinjenja (SCP1 i SCP2) na 25°C

### 3.6.2. Electrochemical Impedance Spectroscopy (EIS) Technique

EIS test were carried out at 25°C in acid medium with and without synthetic inhibitors. Figure 11 shows the impedance values of the CS resulting from equivalent circuit tests when there are altered doses of synthetic compounds. In this circuit, constant phase elements (CPE) are used as a substitute for capacitors to provide multiple types

of homogenizations that are not ideal for electrode corrosion, such as grain boundaries, surface impurities and roughness, a lower in polishing. From the following equation the capacitance double layer ( $C_{dl}$ ) was designed:

$$C_{dl} = (1/2\pi f.R_{ct}) \quad (9)$$

Table 8 displays the findings obtained from impedance data for CS in 0.1 M hydrochloric acid

in the presence and absence of changed synthetic component dosages. The charts produced by [Nyquist and Bode] for CS in the absence and presence of various dosages of the synthetic chemicals employed are presented in Figs (11,12). According to the Nyquist plot in Figure 11, the radius of the circle grows as the dosage of the synthetic chemical increases, as does the charge transfer resistance ( $R_{ct}$ ) in corrosion processes. According to the current findings, high resistance has been created as a result of synthetic chemical

adsorption at the CS -solution/interface [46]. The divergence of the Nyquist curves from semicircles is caused by the CS surface heterogeneity and frequency dispersion [47]. According to Figure 11, all of the Nyquist plots have a single incomplete semicircle, which corresponds to one time constant in the Bode plots. This indicates that the corrosion of CS in HCl solution was regulated by a single charge transfer mechanism, and the addition of inhibitors to the system had no effect [48].

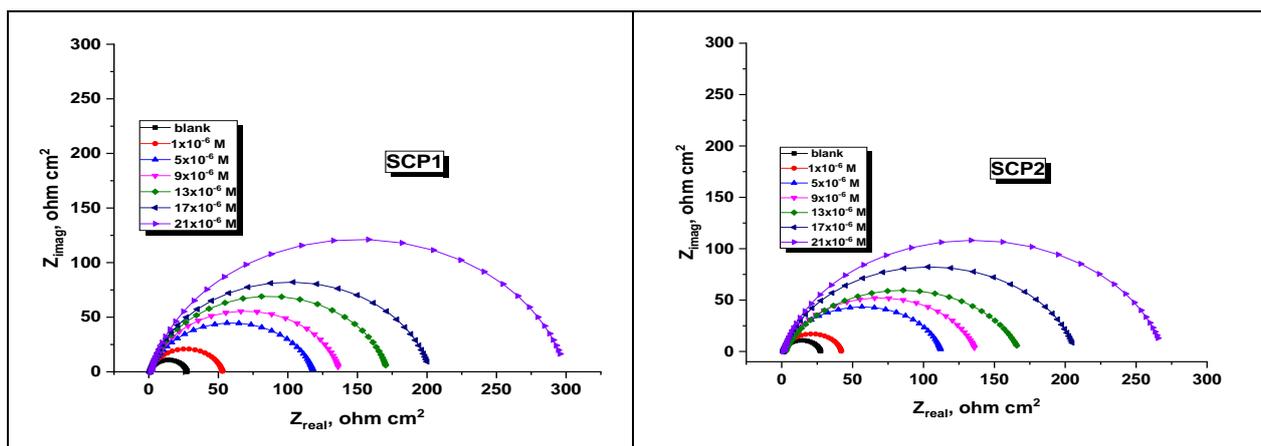


Figure 11. The Nyquist plots for CS dissolution in 1.0M HCl with and without altered doses of SCP2 and SCP1 at 25°C

Slika 11. Nyquist-ovi dijagrami za rastvaranje CS u 1,0M HCl sa i bez izmenjenih doza SCP2 i SCP1 na 25°C

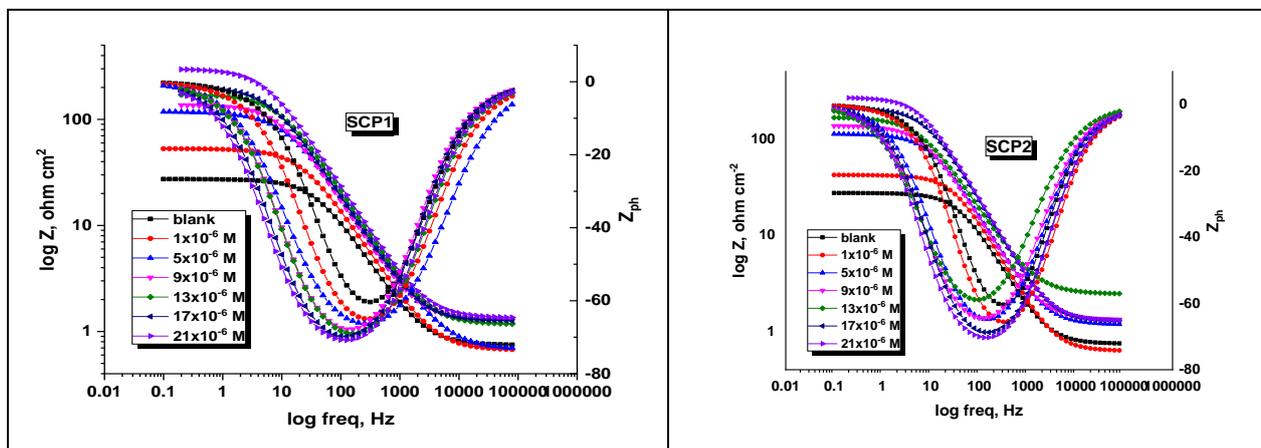


Figure 12. The Bode plots for CS dissolution in 1.0M HCl with and without altered doses of SCP2 and SCP1 at 25°C

Slika 12. Bode-ovi dijagrami za rastvaranje CS u 1,0M HCl sa i bez izmenjenih doza SCP2 i SCP1 na 25°C

When compared to the free acid, the value of Bode plots and phase angles increased in Figure 12. This might be attributed to inhibitor molecule adsorption at the metal surface [49]. Table 8

shows a decrease in  $C_{dl}$  data as the dose of synthetic chemical increases, which may be explained by a decrease in the local dielectric constant and/or an increase in the thickness of the

electrical double layer [50]. This is related to the adsorption of synthetic chemical molecules on the CS/solution interface." Table 8 shows a decrease in Cdl data as the dose of synthetic chemical increases, which may be explained by a decrease in the local dielectric constant and/or an increase in the thickness of the electrical double layer [51]. This is due to the adsorption of synthetic chemical molecules on the CS/solution interface." The Table also shows that (n) values fluctuate directly with the inhibitor dosage. (n) value is a measure of surface roughness [52], and its rise in our case might imply a reduction in the heterogeneity of the CS surface due to inhibitor adsorption. EIS parameters and %  $\eta$  were calculated from eqn. (10):

$$\% \eta = (1 - R_{ct}/R_{ct}^0) \times 100 \quad (10)$$

Where  $R_{ct}$  and  $R_{ct}^0$  are the charge-transfer resistances the inhibited and uninhibited values, correspondingly.

It is noted that the profile of all the plots with and without inhibitors are similar and again support

the assertion from PP and ML studies that addition of inhibitors did not actually change the mechanism of CS dissolution in the studied environment. Equivalent circuit models shown in Figure 13 are used to simulate obtained impedance data. Equivalent circuit models shown in Figure 13 are used to simulate obtained impedance data.

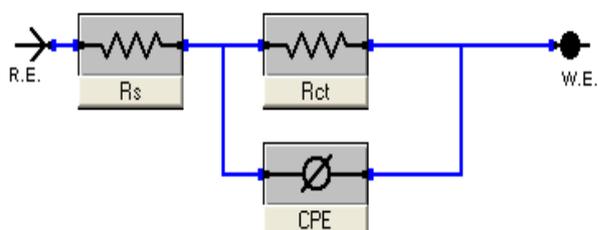


Figure 13. Equivalent circuit utilized to fit the impedance data

Slika 13. Ekvivalentno kolo koje se koristi za uklapanje podataka o impedansi

Table 8. Parameters of EIS for dissolution of CS in 1.0M HCl with and without altered doses of synthetic compounds (SCP2 and SCP1)

Tabela 8. Parametri EIS-a za rastvaranje CS u 1,0 M HCl sa i bez izmenjenih doza sintetičkih jedinjenja (SCP2 i SCP1)

Comp	Conc., $\times 10^6$ M	$R_{ct}$ , $\Omega \text{ cm}^2$	$C_{dl}$ , $\mu\text{F cm}^{-2}$	n	$\theta$	% $\eta$
Blank	0	27	165	0.824	----	----
SCP2	1	68	136	0.844	0.608	60.8
	5	110	124	0.863	0.758	75.8
	9	136	122	0.871	0.804	80.4
	13	161	118	0.880	0.834	83.4
	17	187	109	0.884	0.857	85.7
	21	269	102	0.886	0.901	90.1
SCP1	1	55	148	0.923	0.515	51.5
	5	104	136	0.934	0.744	74.4
	9	128	129	0.941	0.792	79.2
	13	155	121	0.943	0.828	82.8
	17	181	113	0.944	0.853	85.3
	21	257	108	0.945	0.896	89.6

### 3.6.3. Electrochemical Frequency Modulation (EFM) Technique

EFM is characterized by speed and greatly accuracy in calculating the current data [53]. Figure 14, indicates the EFM of CS in 1.0 M HCl solution and altered doses of synthetic SCP1. Similar curves were obtained for another SCP (not shown). The EFM parameters such as (CF-2 and CF-3), ( $\beta_c$  and  $\beta_a$ ) and ( $i_{corr}$ ) can be measured from the higher

current peaks. The CF is closer to the standard data proved the validity of the calculated data [54,55]. The %  $\eta$  increases with the raising of synthetic compound and was calculated and listed Table 9. The data presented in Table 9, by increasing concentration of synthetic compound, the current density has a noticeable decrease, and hence %  $\eta$  increased. Using this technique, the following was extracted: With an increased dose of

synthetic compounds, there is a noticeable lowered in the intensity of the corrosion current and a clear increase in the %  $\eta$ . The calculated %  $\eta$  obtained

from WL, PP and EIS methods are in best agreement with that obtained from EFM test.

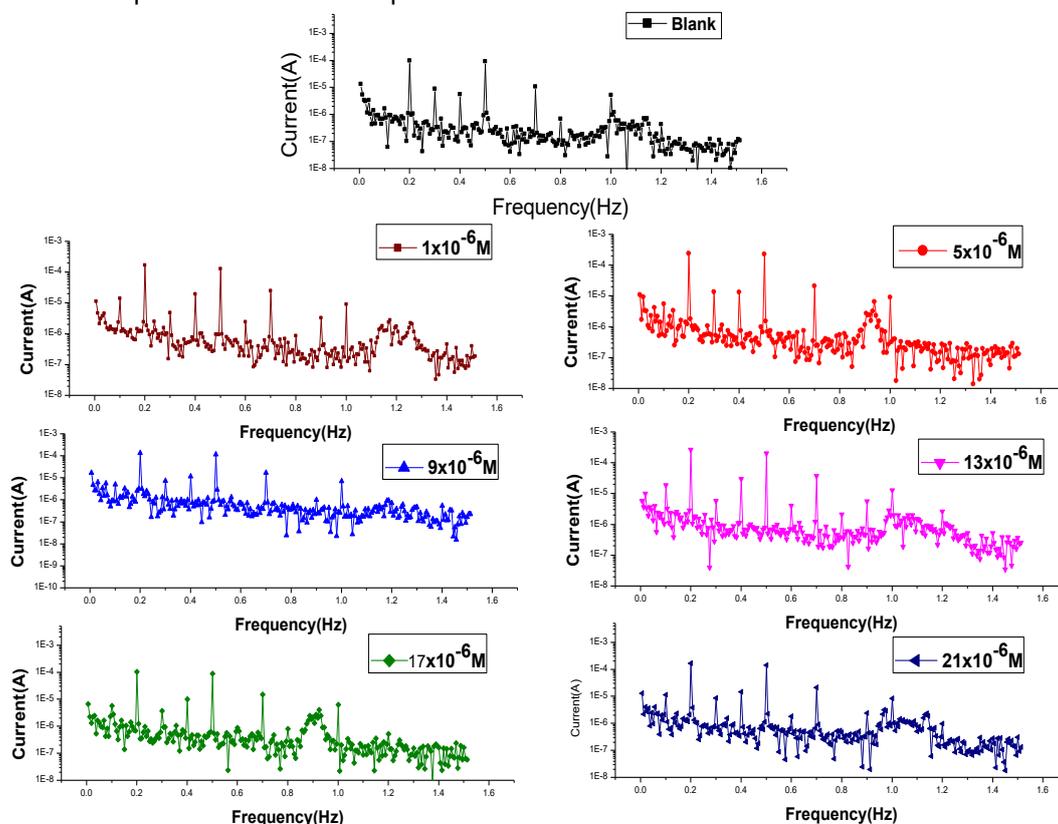


Figure 14. EFM spectra for CS dissolution in 1.0M HCl with and without altered doses of synthetic compound SCP1 at 25°C

Slika 14. EFM spektri za rastvaranje CS 1,0M HCl sa i bez izmenjenih doza sintetičkog jedinjenja SCP1 na 25°C

Table 9. EFM data for CS dissolution in 1.0M HCl with and without altered doses of synthetic compounds (SCP2 & SCP1)

Tabela 9. EFM podaci za rastvaranje CS u 1,0M HCl sa i bez izmenjenih doza sintetičkih jedinjenja (SCP2 & SCP1)

Comp	Conc. $\times 10^{-6}$ M	$i_{\text{corr}}$ $\mu\text{Acm}^{-2}$	$\beta_a$ , mVdec $^{-1}$	$\beta_c$ , mVdec $^{-1}$	C.R, mpy	CF-2	CF-3	$\theta$	%IE
Blank	0.0	543	125	153	255	1.8	3.1	-----	-----
SCP2	1	222	123	144	120	2.0	3.1	0.591	59.1
	5	168	118	159	105	1.9	3.1	0.691	69.1
	9	138	115	154	87	2.0	2.8	0.746	74.6
	13	93	113	149	65	1.9	2.9	0.829	82.9
	17	79	116	139	44	1.8	3.0	0.855	85.5
	21	56	120	144	34	2.0	2.9	0.897	89.7
SCP1	1	252	122	144	129	2.0	2.9	0.536	53.6
	5	186	113	159	110	1.9	3.1	0.657	65.7
	9	151	110	154	95	1.9	2.8	0.722	72.2
	13	108	111	149	77	2.1	3.0	0.801	80.1
	17	83	120	139	75	2.0	2.9	0.847	84.7
	21	61	118	144	48	1.9	3.0	0.888	88.8

### 3.7. Mechanism of Corrosion Inhibition

The adsorption figure is known to be affected by numerous factors, the most important of which are: "the chemical composition of the solution, the nature of the CS surface, and the electrochemical potential at the CS / solution interface." Bonding, chemical adsorption, and physical adsorption are the three primary forms of adsorption that may occur. In general, if the inhibitor compounds contain heteroatoms such as nitrogen, sulphur, and oxygen, these atoms may protonate in acid medium, resulting in electrostatic adsorption of these protonated molecules on the CS surface (which is recharged by negative charge due to the adsorption of  $\text{Cl}^-$  ions on it), forming an insoluble layer that reduces the dissolution of the metal. The inhibitive properties of such synthetic compounds depend on the electron densities around the active centers. The inhibitory effects of such synthetic substances are determined by the electron densities surrounding the active centres." The two compounds yielded nearly identical percentages, while compound (1) yielded a pitifully low percentage. The polar effect [56] can explain for this order of decreasing percentage of synthetic additives. This might be because compound SCP2 has a larger molecular size than compound SCP1, and the presence of O and N atoms, as well as the presence of a benzene ring.

## 4 CONCLUSIONS

The investigated synthetic compounds (1, 2) display good performance as corrosion inhibitors for CS in HCl solution. Polarization research displayed that these synthetic compounds perform as mixed type inhibitors for CS in HCl solution. Impedance data designated that  $R_{ct}$  data raised, while  $C_{dl}$  data depressed in the presence of the synthetic inhibitors. The adsorption of these compounds had recognized to follow the Henry isotherm signifying that the inhibition process happens via adsorption. The %  $\eta$  achieved from ML, PP, EIS and EFM are in excellent agreement.

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## IZVOD

### Sinteza dva supramolekularna koordinaciona polimera i elektrohemijaska procena njihovog učinka inhibicije korozije na koroziju ugljeničnog čelika u kiseloj sredini

*Efekat SCPs-[Cu<sup>I</sup>(en)<sub>2</sub>] [Cu<sup>I</sup>(CN)<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>. H<sub>2</sub>O (SCP1) i {[H<sub>2</sub>DAB] [Cu<sub>4</sub>(CN)<sub>6</sub>].2H<sub>2</sub>O} (SCP2) kao inhibitori korozije za ugljenični čelik (CS) proučavani su u 1,0 M rastvoru HCl. Kako se doza sintetizovanog inhibitora povećava, produktivnost inhibicije (%η) raste dostižući 90,3% i 89,9% pri dozi od 21x10<sup>-6</sup>M za SCP2 i SCP1, respektivno. Ovaj rezultat je dokazan gubitkom mase (ML) ispitivanim na tri različitim temperatura 25-35-45°C, dok su potenciodinamička polarizacija (PP), spektroskopija elektrohemijske impedanse (EIS) i tehnika elektrohemijske modulacije frekvencije (EFM) testirani na 25°C. Sintetizovani inhibitori adsorbovani na površini CS fizički dozvoljavajuću Henrijevu izoterma. Rezultati su pokazali da su sintetisani inhibitori odlični i da je njihov (%η) značajno povećan povećanjem doze i smanjen povećanjem temperature. Polarizacione krive su pokazale da sintetisani inhibitori deluju kao mešoviti tip. Termodinamički parametri su izračunati i diskutovani. Zaštita je potvrđena stvaranjem tankog filma inhibitora taloženog na površini CS.*

**Ključne reči:** Supramolekularni koordinacioni polimeri, kiselna korozija, ugljenični čelik, Henrijeva izoterma, EIS.

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