

Comparative analysis of the corrosion resistance data of aluminium alloy 4032 and 4004, magnesium titanium alloy and aluminium vanadium alloy in dilute H₂SO₄, NaCl and acid chloride solutions

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Abstract. Comparative study of the corrosion resistance of Al 4032, Al 4004, Mg-Ti and Al-V alloy were performed in H₂SO₄ solution, NaCl solution and H₂SO₄/NaCl solution for 480 h. Mg-Ti exhibited the highest corrosion rate values in H₂SO₄ solution, culminating at values between 0.242 mm/y and 6.081 mm/y compared to Al 4004 and Al 4032 which exhibited the lowest values. Corrosion rate of Al-V were generally stable but exhibited a parabolic behavior beyond 0.025 M H₂SO₄ concentration. In NaCl, Mg-Ti alloy exhibited the highest corrosion rate values culminating at values from 0.180 mm/y to 0.794 mm/y. Al 4004 and Al-V alloys exhibited the lowest corrosion rate values. The corrosion rate of Al 4032 was generally stable throughout the exposure hours. Admixture of H₂SO₄ and NaCl did not significantly influence the corrosion resistance of the alloys. ANOVA statistical data for Al 4032, Al 4004 and Al-V alloys in NaCl solution are statistically irrelevant with respect to corrosion resistance of the alloys compared to the value for Mg-Ti where electrolyte concentration is statistically relevant with statistical relevance factor of 96.94%. Electrolyte concentration is the only statistically relevant variation influencing the corrosion resistance for the alloys in H₂SO₄ with values of 98.44%, 97.66%, 94.96% and 98.38%. This was also observed in H₂SO₄/NaCl solution with corresponding values of 90.02%, 94.35%, 91.71% and 86.7%. The highest mean values for Al 4032, Mg-Ti, Al 4004 and Al-V alloys occurred at 0.05 M, 0.0125 M and 0.00625 M H₂SO₄ solutions. Mg-Ti exhibits the highest mean corrosion rate values of 5.93 mm/y while Al-V exhibits the lowest values -0.10 mm/y. The SD values were generally low. The mean corrosion rate values for Al 4032, Al 4004 and Al-V alloys in NaCl are significantly below 0 compared to Mg-Ti whose values are greater than 0 but relatively low.

1 Introduction

Aluminum metal ranks in production tonnage behind steel, and its growth has continued to increase annually. Aluminium has a density lower than that of other common metals, about one-third that of steel [1]. Aluminium properties can be customized to fit particular industrial requirements or preferences resulting in different aluminium alloy grades and series, temper and fabrication modes. They can be processed through a multiplicity of shapes and sizes [2]. 100% aluminium content from its ore has appreciable resistance to corrosion, however, its application is limited due to its limited structural strength. The alloys consist of the base metal and main alloying elements such as Cu, Mn, Si, Mg, Zn. Aluminum alloys are widely applied in aerospace, automobile, as cladding material in nuclear reactors, marine, machinery and equipment, construction, refrigeration, and air conditioners etc. due to its light weight, high strength-to-weight ratio, recyclability, ductility, electrical and heat conductivity, cryogenic applications, non-ferromagnetic properties and corrosion resistance [3-5]. They are largely selected for its significant weight reduction properties which invariably decreases CO₂ emissions. The metallurgical characteristics of aluminium significantly influences its corrosion resistance properties [6-10]. The corrosion resistance of aluminium alloys in specific environments is comparatively greater than the corrosion resistance carbon steels as a result of the presence a non-porous passive oxide on its surface. There are some conditions under which the protective is stable. In conditions with high concentrations of Cl⁻, SO₄²⁻, thiosulphates etc. the oxide weakens, thus increasing the vulnerability of aluminium alloy to corrosion [11, 12]. The life expectancy and degradation resistance of aluminium alloys during application is of utmost importance especially in industrial establishments where the operating environment is a major concern. S, NO, Cl⁻ etc. reacts with atmospheric water to produce acids from the combustion of fossil fuels. It is worthy of note that there are other corrosion prevention methods. However, appropriate material selection is the most cost effective [13-17]. Anionic solutions and some others can be harmful to aluminum surfaces when in contact at certain concentrations [18]. The efficient use of aluminum alloy depends directly choice of requisite alloy grade and on

ensuring it operates optimally under specific conditions, while minimizing the risk of corrosion. This manuscript evaluates data the corrosion resistance of al alloy 4032, 4004, and Al-V alloy and Mg-Ti alloy for comparative study.

2 Material and methods

4032 (Al 4032) and 4004 (Al 4004) Alalloys, Al-V alloy (AlV) and Mg-Ti alloy (MgTi) were obtained from automobile parts. The elemental compositions of the alloys from Energy Dispersive Spectrometry using PhenomWorld scanning electron microscope are shown in Table 1. The alloys were cut into 3 sets of 5 test samples using a portable hand cutting tool. The samples were **grinded and smoothed using** grit papers of 80, 120, 220, 800 and 1000 grits. 3 sets of electrolyte solutions were prepared. Set 1 consist of 0.1 M H₂SO₄, 0.05 M H₂SO₄, 0.025 M H₂SO₄, 0.0125 M H₂SO₄ and 0.00625M H₂SO₄ solution. Set 2 consist of 0.5% NaCl, 1.5% NaCl, 2.5% NaCl, 3.5% NaCl and 4.5% NaCl solution while set 3 consist of 0.00625 M H₂SO₄/0.5% NaCl, 0.00625 M H₂SO₄/1.5% NaCl, 0.00625 M H₂SO₄/2.5% NaCl, 0.00625 M H₂SO₄/3.5% NaCl and 0.00625 M H₂SO₄/4.5% NaCl solution at 200 mL each. They were prepared by dilution of analar grade of H₂SO₄ (98% H₂SO₄) and recrystallized NaCl with distilled H₂O. Weight measured Al 4032, Al 4004, Al-V and Mg-Ti samples were individually and fully submerged in the prepared electrolytes for 480 h at ambient room temperature. The alloy samples were weighed every 24 h with Ohaus analytical weighing balance. Results of corrosion rate values at each electrolyte concentration are shown from Tables 1 to 3. Corrosion rate was calculated from the equation below;

$$C_R = \frac{87.6W}{DAT} \quad (1)$$

Where W represents weight loss in grams, D represents density in g/cm³, A represents area in cm², and T represents time of exposure in hours. W was determined from the difference between the initial weight of the samples (maintained for 480 h) and every final weight gottenevery 24 h interval for a total of 480 h.

Table 1 Elemental %Wt. composition of Al 4032, Mg-Ti, Al 4004 and Al-V

Al 4032		Mg-Ti		Al 4004		Al-V	
Element Symbol	%Wt. Conc.	Element Symbol	%Wt. Conc.	Element Symbol	%Wt. Conc.	Element Symbol	%Wt. Conc.
Al	85.08	Mg	73.26	Al	89.05	V	89.41
Si	14.18	Ti	22.34	Si	10.04	Al	9.25
Fe	0.74	Dy	3.51	Fe	0.5	N	0.82
Cu	0.41	C	0.89	Cu	0.41	C	0.52
Cu	0.41	-	-				

3 Results and discussion

3.1 Corrosion rate studies

Comparative study of the corrosion resistance of Al 4032, Al 4004, Mg-Ti and Al-V alloy were performed in H₂SO₄ solution (0.00625 M – 0.1 M concentration), NaCl solution (0.5% - 4.5% concentration) and H₂SO₄/NaCl solution (0.00625 M H₂SO₄ at 0.5% to 4.5% NaCl concentration) for 480 h. Table 2a shows the corrosion rate results of Al 4032 and Mg-Ti and Table 2b shows the corrosion rate results for Al 4004 and Al-V in H₂SO₄ solution. Observation of the Tables shows the corrosion rate values of the alloys generally vary with time. Secondly, Mg-Ti alloy exhibited the highest corrosion rate values at 24 h initiation compared to Al 4004 and Al-V alloys which generally exhibited the lowest values indicating the highest corrosion resistance in H₂SO₄ solution from onset. Corrosion rate of Mg-Ti initiated at values between 4.689 mm/y and 9.234 mm/y. There was a significant decrease in corrosion rate to values between 1.461 mm/y and 6.240 mm/y at 96 h. Beyond 96 h, corrosion rate was generally stable culminating at values between 0.242 mm/y and 6.081 mm/y. Al 4004, initiated between 0.0010 mm/y and 0.0023 mm/y and subsequently increased to values between 0.0008 mm/y and 0.0035 mm/y at 120 to 144 h. Thereafter, it decreased to values between 0.0002 mm/y and 0.0023 mm/y. Corrosion rate of Al-V were generally stable throughout the exposure hour from 0.00625 M to 0.025 M H₂SO₄ concentration. Beyond 0.025 M H₂SO₄, the corrosion rate exhibited a parabolic behavior, increasing to highest values at 144 h, before later decreasing in value till 480 h of exposure. Al 4032 was generally stable at 0.1 M H₂SO₄ till 480 h of exposure. These observations contrast the data in Table 3a and 3b. Tables 3a and 3b shows the corrosion rate data for Al 4032 and Mg-Ti, and Al 4004 and Al-V alloys in NaCl solution at 0.5% to 4.5% concentration. In NaCl solution, Mg-Ti alloy exhibited the highest corrosion rate values generally, initiating at between 0.072 mm/y and 0.505 mm/y at 2 h of exposure and culminating at values between 0.180 mm/y and 0.794 mm/y. The corrosion rate

data indicates significant variation with exposure time. This reveals the mild instability of the alloy surface within the electrolyte. Al 4004 alloy exhibited the lowest corrosion rate values of -0.0004 mm/y to -0.0012 mm/y at 24 h, and values between -0.0003 mm/y and -0.0004 mm/y at 480 h of exposure. Although the Al-V alloy exhibited corrosion rates figures comparable to Al 4004 from 384 h to 480 h at all NaCl concentrations. Its lowest and highest values are -0.00002 mm/y and -0.00005 mm/y. The corrosion rate of Al 4032 was generally stable throughout the exposure hours with final values between -0.141 mm/y and -0.458 mm/y in NaCl solution. Admixture of H₂SO₄ and NaCl significantly influence the corrosion resistance of the alloys. Table 4a shows the corrosion rate values for Al 4032 and Mg-Ti alloys, while Table 4b shows the corresponding values for Al 4004 and Al-V in 0.0062 M H₂SO₄ solution at 0.5% to 4.5% NaCl concentration. Corrosion rate of Al 4032 and Mg-Ti alloy significantly increased to 0.136 mm/y and 3.664 mm/y (Al 4032), and 5.771 mm/y and 84.115 mm/y (Mg-Ti) at 24 h in the acid-chloride solution. Observation of the data trend shows that the corrosion rate for both alloys significantly decreased at all NaCl concentrations till 120 h where stability was attained with minimal variation of corrosion rate values. At 480 h of exposure the corrosion rate for Al 4032 varied from -0.126 mm/y to -0.868 mm/y while the corresponding values for Mg-Ti varies from 0.242 mm/y to 5.338 mm/y. Al 4004 and Al-V alloys exhibited comparatively lower corrosion rate values compared to Al 4032 and Mg-Ti in the acid chloride solution. Generally, their corrosion rate decreased before attaining relative stability at 96 h and 70 h respectively. Decrease in corrosion rate signifies increase in corrosion resistance of both alloys with respect to time due to growth of the protective oxide on the metal alloys. Nevertheless, in the acid chloride solution, corrosion rate of the four alloys decreased with respect to exposure time. In NaCl solution, Mg-Ti, Al 4032 and Al-V alloys displays increase in corrosion rate values with respect to exposure time, while the corrosion rate of Al 4032 was generally stable after 72 h of exposure. In H₂SO₄ solution, corrosion rate of the alloys varied non-linearly with respect to exposure time.

Table 2a Corrosion rate data for Al 4032 and Mg-Ti in H₂SO₄ solution (0.00625 M to 0.1 M H₂SO₄ concentration)

Alloy Electrolyte Conc. (M) Exposure Time (h)	Al 4032					Mg-Ti				
	0.00625 M H ₂ SO ₄	0.0125 M H ₂ SO ₄	0.025 M H ₂ SO ₄	0.05 M H ₂ SO ₄	0.1 M H ₂ SO ₄	0.00625 M H ₂ SO ₄	0.0125 M H ₂ SO ₄	0.025 M H ₂ SO ₄	0.05 M H ₂ SO ₄	0.1 M H ₂ SO ₄
24	1.900	2.103	2.191	2.476	1.086	5.771	9.234	4.689	9.162	8.657
48	1.866	2.035	2.188	2.459	1.612	3.246	7.899	3.102	7.070	3.823
72	1.617	2.013	2.199	2.454	1.244	2.260	6.661	2.308	6.204	2.140
96	1.264	1.908	2.196	2.459	0.916	1.641	6.240	1.984	5.753	1.461
120	0.814	1.574	2.198	2.436	0.692	1.385	6.103	1.688	5.295	0.880
144	0.605	1.221	2.199	2.465	0.407	1.347	6.264	1.527	4.773	0.890
168	0.572	1.037	1.992	2.452	0.354	1.329	6.307	1.422	4.710	0.690
192	0.416	0.704	1.781	2.493	0.483	1.641	6.033	1.380	4.572	0.622
216	0.407	0.663	1.677	2.518	0.629	1.779	5.643	1.258	4.385	0.778
240	0.404	0.685	1.723	2.500	0.658	1.948	5.555	1.198	4.235	0.592
264	0.441	0.734	1.782	2.556	0.534	2.118	5.424	1.239	4.309	0.334
288	0.495	0.848	1.761	2.570	0.515	2.272	5.392	1.088	4.310	0.361

312	0.519	0.945	1.756	2.589	0.514	2.175	5.333	1.038	4.645	0.372
336	0.535	0.904	1.611	2.501	0.417	2.185	6.276	1.051	4.931	0.381
360	0.446	1.031	1.617	2.422	0.328	2.939	6.257	1.010	5.574	0.245
384	0.411	1.026	1.599	2.438	0.352	2.913	6.317	1.096	5.744	0.325
408	0.379	0.950	1.526	2.434	0.321	2.796	6.234	1.103	5.958	0.373
432	0.322	0.908	1.381	2.375	0.288	2.741	6.104	1.106	5.807	0.269
456	0.307	0.839	1.419	2.325	0.230	2.673	5.931	1.097	5.536	0.247
480	0.149	0.724	1.245	2.313	0.132	2.622	6.081	1.086	5.338	0.242

Table 2b Corrosion rate data for Al 4004 and Al-V in H₂SO₄ solution (0.00625 M to 0.1 M H₂SO₄ concentration)

Alloy Electrolyte Conc. (M) Exposure Time (h)	Al 4004					Al-V				
	0.00625 M H ₂ SO ₄	0.0125 M H ₂ SO ₄	0.025 M H ₂ SO ₄	0.05 M H ₂ SO ₄	0.1 M H ₂ SO ₄	0.00625 M H ₂ SO ₄	0.0125 M H ₂ SO ₄	0.025 M H ₂ SO ₄	0.05 M H ₂ SO ₄	0.1 M H ₂ SO ₄
24	2.315	1.566	1.464	1.090	1.021	1.098	1.183	-0.127	-0.042	0.549
48	2.843	1.771	1.498	1.124	0.953	2.683	2.197	-0.063	-0.021	0.613
72	3.008	2.134	1.668	1.169	0.987	4.323	3.126	-0.056	-0.141	0.732
96	3.252	2.392	1.745	1.251	1.081	5.450	4.161	-0.011	-0.032	0.687
120	3.398	2.506	1.832	1.185	1.042	6.143	4.647	-0.017	-0.093	0.566
144	3.547	2.576	1.833	0.948	0.811	6.640	4.851	-0.028	-0.085	0.465
168	3.361	2.505	1.639	0.793	0.652	6.439	4.611	-0.042	-0.048	0.398
192	3.379	2.503	1.456	0.689	0.502	6.194	4.203	-0.122	-0.090	0.401
216	3.208	2.467	1.317	0.586	0.443	5.760	3.873	-0.028	-0.094	0.296
240	3.204	2.363	1.164	0.490	0.361	5.441	3.608	-0.063	-0.072	0.258
264	2.981	2.238	1.130	0.464	0.310	5.142	3.357	-0.035	-0.058	0.330
288	2.809	2.273	1.061	0.516	0.247	4.957	3.221	-0.123	-0.120	0.310
312	2.616	2.268	1.042	0.477	0.220	4.751	3.266	-0.091	-0.081	0.283
336	2.308	2.038	1.009	0.433	0.195	4.566	3.093	-0.134	-0.139	0.247
360	2.252	1.966	1.058	0.381	0.173	4.388	2.895	-0.152	-0.104	0.231
384	2.247	1.871	1.056	0.377	0.157	4.341	2.783	-0.074	-0.092	0.275
408	2.073	1.779	1.007	0.348	0.130	4.148	2.694	-0.087	-0.090	0.241
432	2.060	1.723	0.940	0.316	0.115	3.917	2.652	-0.108	-0.045	0.221
456	2.045	1.559	0.941	0.312	0.102	3.900	2.610	-0.071	-0.136	0.218
480	2.002	1.616	0.924	0.300	0.083	3.779	2.543	-0.106	-0.125	0.216

Table 3a Corrosion rate data for Al 4032 and Mg-Ti in NaCl solution (0.5% to 4.5% NaCl concentration)

Alloy Electrolyte Conc. (%) Exp. Time (h)	Al 4032					Mg-Ti				
	0.5% NaCl	1.5% NaCl	2.5% NaCl	3.5% NaCl	4.5% NaCl	0.5% NaCl	1.5% NaCl	2.5% NaCl	3.5% NaCl	4.5% NaCl
24	-0.204	1.425	-1.764	0.068	-1.696	0.072	0.144	0.505	0.216	0.072
48	-0.339	0.305	-1.357	-0.305	-0.695	0.144	0.252	0.325	0.144	0.289
72	-0.373	0.124	-0.667	-0.407	-0.792	0.120	0.265	0.265	0.192	0.289
96	-0.390	-0.068	-0.670	-0.339	-0.806	0.126	0.234	0.216	0.216	0.343
120	-0.373	-0.068	-0.617	-0.380	-0.773	0.173	0.202	0.188	0.202	0.534
144	-0.300	-0.232	-0.639	-0.413	-0.712	0.180	0.180	0.180	0.180	0.565
168	-0.330	-0.291	-0.693	-0.393	-0.649	0.299	0.165	0.175	0.196	0.639
192	-0.271	-0.250	-0.560	-0.428	-0.632	0.379	0.162	0.117	0.171	0.794
216	-0.234	-0.283	-0.433	-0.324	-0.580	0.409	0.160	0.128	0.192	0.818
240	-0.282	-0.322	-0.495	-0.326	-0.594	0.447	0.180	0.137	0.173	0.952
264	-0.253	-0.148	-0.463	-0.305	-0.595	0.479	0.210	0.144	0.230	0.984
288	-0.283	-0.139	-0.435	-0.314	-0.633	0.493	0.204	0.222	0.234	0.938
312	-0.297	-0.224	-0.407	-0.318	-0.551	0.505	0.200	0.244	0.266	0.943
336	-0.237	-0.194	-0.385	-0.305	-0.480	0.505	0.211	0.278	0.237	0.902
360	-0.317	-0.183	-0.351	-0.301	-0.475	0.510	0.289	0.289	0.192	0.875
384	-0.273	-0.201	-0.377	-0.276	-0.509	0.500	0.320	0.275	0.185	0.848
408	-0.221	-0.158	-0.345	-0.251	-0.451	0.475	0.310	0.255	0.187	0.844
432	-0.256	-0.224	-0.362	-0.256	-0.477	0.461	0.313	0.256	0.168	0.810
456	-0.202	-0.182	-0.362	-0.246	-0.421	0.501	0.323	0.243	0.171	0.790
480	-0.200	-0.141	-0.319	-0.243	-0.458	0.493	0.332	0.234	0.180	0.794

Table 3b Corrosion rate data for Al 4004 and Al-V in NaCl solution (0.5% to 4.5% NaCl concentration)

Alloy Electrolyte Conc. (%) Exp. Time (h)	Al 4004					Al-V				
	0.5% NaCl	1.5% NaCl	2.5% NaCl	3.5% NaCl	4.5% NaCl	0.5% NaCl	1.5% NaCl	2.5% NaCl	3.5% NaCl	4.5% NaCl
24	-0.0004	-0.0007	-0.0011	-0.0011	-0.0012	-0.084	-0.296	-1.310	-0.972	-1.183
48	-0.0003	-0.0005	-0.0008	-0.0010	-0.0008	-0.148	-0.148	-0.718	-0.549	-0.549
72	-0.0003	-0.0005	-0.0007	-0.0008	-0.0007	-0.084	-0.070	-0.408	-0.338	-0.394
96	-0.0003	-0.0006	-0.0008	-0.0009	-0.0008	-0.084	-0.116	-0.180	-0.296	-0.317
120	-0.0003	-0.0006	-0.0008	-0.0007	-0.0009	-0.084	-0.101	-0.237	-0.262	-0.287
144	-0.0003	-0.0005	-0.0008	-0.0007	-0.0008	-0.077	-0.106	-0.204	-0.239	-0.282
168	-0.0003	-0.0006	-0.0008	-0.0007	-0.0008	-0.060	-0.151	-0.205	-0.223	-0.247
192	-0.0003	-0.0006	-0.0007	-0.0007	-0.0007	-0.074	-0.185	-0.232	-0.217	-0.227
216	-0.0004	-0.0006	-0.0007	-0.0007	-0.0007	-0.056	-0.117	-0.141	-0.221	-0.221
240	-0.0003	-0.0006	-0.0006	-0.0007	-0.0007	-0.046	-0.089	-0.114	-0.152	-0.194
264	-0.0003	-0.0004	-0.0006	-0.0006	-0.0007	-0.054	-0.123	-0.181	-0.181	-0.181
288	-0.0003	-0.0004	-0.0006	-0.0005	-0.0006	-0.053	-0.106	-0.162	-0.176	-0.183
312	-0.0003	-0.0005	-0.0005	-0.0005	-0.0006	-0.052	-0.120	-0.143	-0.182	-0.162
336	-0.0003	-0.0004	-0.0005	-0.0005	-0.0006	-0.051	-0.112	-0.148	-0.178	-0.151
360	-0.0003	-0.0004	-0.0004	-0.0005	-0.0005	-0.051	-0.141	-0.135	-0.169	-0.175
384	-0.0003	-0.0003	-0.0004	-0.0005	-0.0005	0.0000	-0.0001	-0.0001	-0.0001	-0.0002
408	-0.0003	-0.0003	-0.0005	-0.0004	-0.0006	0.0000	-0.0001	-0.0002	-0.0001	-0.0002
432	-0.0003	-0.0004	-0.0004	-0.0004	-0.0005	0.0000	-0.0002	-0.0002	-0.0003	-0.0003
456	-0.0003	-0.0004	-0.0004	-0.0004	-0.0004	0.0000	-0.0002	-0.0003	-0.0002	-0.0003
480	-0.0003	-0.0004	-0.0004	-0.0004	-0.0004	-0.0001	-0.0002	-0.0002	-0.0002	-0.0004

Table 4a Corrosion rate data for Al 4032 and Mg-Ti in 0.00625 M H₂SO₄/NaCl solution at 0.5% to 4.5% NaCl concentration

Alloy Electrolyte Conc. (%) Exposure Time (h)	Al 4032					Mg-Ti				
	0.5% NaCl	1.5% NaCl	2.5% NaCl	3.5% NaCl	4.5% NaCl	0.5% NaCl	1.5% NaCl	2.5% NaCl	3.5% NaCl	4.5% NaCl
24	3.664	1.798	0.136	2.748	3.257	5.771	33.906	1.082	84.115	8.657
48	1.374	0.187	-0.119	0.424	-0.509	3.246	15.727	3.102	42.166	3.823
72	0.780	-0.464	-0.961	-0.242	-1.040	2.260	10.484	2.308	28.327	2.140
96	0.288	-0.602	-1.196	-0.645	-1.119	1.641	6.240	1.984	21.263	1.461
120	0.047	-0.787	-1.337	-0.624	-1.024	1.385	4.660	1.688	17.039	0.880
144	-0.034	-0.780	-1.108	-0.661	-1.040	1.347	3.763	1.527	14.296	0.890
168	-0.097	-0.727	-1.110	-0.974	-1.270	1.329	3.215	1.422	12.800	0.690
192	-0.059	-0.810	-1.060	-0.954	-1.153	3.805	4.049	1.380	11.371	0.622
216	-0.049	-0.675	-1.014	-0.859	-1.138	3.831	5.242	1.258	10.172	0.778
240	-0.010	-0.821	-0.970	-0.868	-1.082	3.679	5.338	1.198	9.191	0.592
264	-0.015	-0.608	-0.962	-0.830	-1.184	3.430	5.456	1.895	8.552	0.334
288	0.011	-0.678	-0.958	-0.789	-1.004	4.076	5.032	1.088	7.935	0.361
312	0.089	-0.595	-0.832	-0.827	-0.898	3.840	7.331	1.038	7.403	0.372
336	-0.005	-0.446	-0.729	-0.722	-0.819	2.700	6.276	1.051	6.951	0.381
360	0.041	-0.423	-0.737	-0.780	-0.975	2.939	6.065	1.010	6.536	0.245
384	0.064	-0.380	-0.820	-0.617	-0.799	2.913	5.690	1.096	6.195	0.325
408	-0.022	-0.337	-0.613	-0.563	-0.790	2.796	5.258	1.103	5.958	0.373
432	-0.034	-0.334	-0.720	-0.607	-0.940	2.741	5.182	1.106	5.807	0.269
456	-0.030	-0.368	-0.757	-0.618	-0.703	2.673	6.925	1.097	5.536	0.247
480	-0.126	-0.433	-0.645	-0.616	-0.868	2.622	6.586	1.086	5.338	0.242

Table 4b Corrosion rate data for Al 4004 and Al-V in 0.00625 M H₂SO₄/NaCl solution at 0.5% to 4.5% NaCl concentration

Alloy Electrolyte Conc. (%) Exposure Time (h)	Al 4004					Al-V				
	0.5% NaCl	1.5% NaCl	2.5% NaCl	3.5% NaCl	4.5% NaCl	0.5% NaCl	1.5% NaCl	2.5% NaCl	3.5% NaCl	4.5% NaCl
24	1.668	1.021	1.771	0.306	2.417	0.591	0.211	0.422	0.127	0.380
48	1.379	0.715	0.749	-0.579	0.868	0.465	-0.042	-0.084	0.106	0.359
72	0.874	0.386	0.125	-0.772	0.284	0.422	-0.099	-0.141	0.113	0.338
96	0.417	-0.077	-0.553	-0.962	-0.613	0.359	-0.074	-0.127	0.127	0.306

120	0.211	-0.306	-0.674	-0.906	-0.681	0.355	-0.051	-0.118	0.118	0.313
144	0.113	-0.301	-0.732	-0.914	-0.755	0.331	-0.056	-0.127	0.113	0.303
168	0.015	-0.433	-0.822	-0.890	-0.939	0.290	-0.042	-0.115	0.121	0.278
192	-0.051	-0.451	-0.749	-0.924	-1.004	0.253	-0.048	-0.121	0.132	0.264
216	-0.079	-0.416	-0.768	-0.968	-0.980	0.263	-0.038	-0.122	0.127	0.253
240	-0.119	-0.463	-0.725	-0.916	-0.940	0.237	-0.034	-0.123	0.127	0.258
264	-0.127	-0.566	-0.870	-0.891	-0.929	0.215	-0.035	-0.127	0.127	0.250
288	-0.179	-0.565	-0.817	-0.826	-0.996	0.229	-0.035	-0.109	0.134	0.218
312	-0.217	-0.636	-0.867	-0.786	-1.011	0.218	-0.052	-0.104	0.130	0.198
336	-0.207	-0.613	-0.737	-0.817	-0.941	0.190	-0.051	-0.103	0.136	0.205
360	-0.241	-0.590	-0.626	-0.747	-1.024	0.180	-0.051	-0.101	0.130	0.180
384	-0.257	-0.509	-0.604	-0.689	-0.968	0.172	-0.050	-0.087	0.127	0.180
408	-0.270	-0.483	-0.575	-0.691	-0.939	0.154	-0.045	-0.092	0.117	0.169
432	-0.305	-0.613	-0.673	-0.757	-0.914	0.129	-0.033	-0.082	0.108	0.143
456	-0.281	-0.556	-0.679	-0.726	-0.875	0.116	-0.051	-0.080	0.076	0.116
480	-0.298	-0.473	-0.707	-0.667	-0.868	0.049	-0.068	-0.063	0.059	0.061

3.2 Statistical analysis

ANOVA statistical method was applied to evaluate the statistical importance of electrolyte concentration and exposure time on the corrosion resistance of Al 4032, Mg-Ti, Al 4004 and Al-V. The ANOVA results are shown in Table 5a, 5b and 5c. Table 5a shows the ANOVA results for Al 4032, Mg-Ti, Al 4004 and Al-V alloys from H₂SO₄ solution. Table 5b shows the corresponding results from NaCl solution while Table 5c shows the results from H₂SO₄/NaCl solution. The statistical significance factor represents the numerical significance of electrolyte concentration and exposure time on the corrosion resistance of the alloys. The theoretical significance factor depicts the mathematical value where with the mean square ratio must be higher than, in order for the statistical significance factor to be relevant. The mean square ratios of the electrolyte concentration and exposure time for Al

4032, Al 4004 and Al-V alloys in NaCl solution (Table 5b) are lower than the theoretical significance factor. Hence both sources of variation are statistically irrelevant with regards to influence on the corrosion resistance of the alloys. However, electrolyte concentration is statistically relevant for Mg-Ti in NaCl solution with statistical relevance factor of 96.94%. In H₂SO₄ solution, electrolyte concentration is the only statistically relevant source of variation influencing the corrosion resistance of the four alloys with values of 97.63%, 97.66%, 94.96% and 98.38%. Similar trend was observed in Table 3c where the electrolyte concentration significantly responsible (on statistical basis) for the corrosion resistance behaviour of the four alloys with corresponding values of 90.02%, 94.35%, 92.48% and 90.62%. The ANOVA results shows that electrolyte concentration significantly influences the corrosion resistance of the alloy studied compared to exposure time.

Table 5a ANOVA data for corrosion resistance of Al 4032, Mg-Ti, Al 4004 and Al-V alloys from H₂SO₄ solution

Al 4032				Mg-Ti			
Source of Variation	Mean Square Ratio (F)	Theoretical Significance Factor	Statistical Relevance Factor, F (%)	Source of Variation	Mean Square Ratio (F)	Theoretical Significance Factor	Statistical Relevance Factor, F (%)
Electrolyte Concentration	8.58	2.63	97.63	Electrolyte Concentration	9.51	2.63	97.66
Exposure Time	-3.91	2.15	-100.01	Exposure Time	-3.90	2.15	-90.05
Al 4004				Al-V			
Source of Variation	Mean Square Ratio (F)	Theoretical Significance Factor	Statistical Significance Factor, F (%)	Source of Variation	Mean Square Ratio (F)	Theoretical Significance Factor	Statistical Significance Factor, F (%)
Electrolyte Concentration	9.11	2.63	94.96	Electrolyte Concentration	27.12	2.63	98.38
Exposure Time	-3.79	2.15	-88.82	Exposure Time	-3.80	2.15	-31.03

Table 5b ANOVA data for corrosion resistance of Al 4032, Mg-Ti, Al 4004 and Al-V alloys from NaCl solution

Al 4032				Mg-Ti			
Source of Variation	Mean Square Ratio (F)	Theoretical Significance Factor	Statistical Significance Factor, F (%)	Source of Variation	Mean Square Ratio (F)	Theoretical Significance Factor	Statistical Significance Factor, F (%)
Electrolyte Concentration	2.18	2.63	87.63	Electrolyte Concentration	6.27	2.63	96.94

Exposure Time	-3.86	2.15	-350.14	Exposure Time	-3.91	2.15	-136.09
Al 4004				Al-V			
Source of Variation	Mean Square Ratio (F)	Theoretical Significance Factor	Statistical Significance Factor, F (%)	Source of Variation	Mean Square Ratio (F)	Theoretical Significance Factor	Statistical Significance Factor, F (%)
Electrolyte Concentration	0.63	2.63	61.07	Electrolyte Concentration	0.923	2.63	9.31
Exposure Time	-3.84	2.15	-843.32	Exposure Time	-0.004	2.15	-0.09

Table 5c ANOVA data for corrosion resistance of Al 4032, Mg-Ti, Al 4004 and Al-V alloys from H₂SO₄/NaCl solution

Al 4032				Mg-Ti			
Source of Variation	Mean Square Ratio (F)	Theoretical Significance Factor	Statistical Relevance Factor, F (%)	Source of Variation	Mean Square Ratio (F)	Theoretical Significance Factor	Statistical Relevance Factor, F (%)
Electrolyte Concentration	5.34	2.63	90.02	Electrolyte Concentration	9.19	2.63	94.35
Exposure Time	-3.74	2.15	-141.83	Exposure Time	-3.76	2.15	-86.76
Al 4004				Al-V			
Source of Variation	Mean Square Ratio (F)	Theoretical Significance Factor	Statistical Relevance Factor, F (%)	Source of Variation	Mean Square Ratio (F)	Theoretical Significance Factor	Statistical Relevance Factor, F (%)
Electrolyte Concentration	2.40	2.63	92.48	Electrolyte Concentration	38.12	2.63	90.62
Exposure Time	-3.91	2.15	-339.47	Exposure Time	-2.25	2.15	-12.02

3.3 Standard deviation, mean and margin of error

Results for standard deviation (SD), mean data values and margin of error for Al 4032, Mg-Ti, Al 4004 and Al-V alloys from H₂SO₄, NaCl and H₂SO₄/NaCl solution are shown in Table 6a, 6b and 6c. The highest mean values for Al 4032, Mg-Ti, Al 4004 and Al-V alloys occurred at 0.05 M, 0.0125 M and 0.00625 M H₂SO₄ solutions. This indicates the highest mean deterioration of the alloys with respect to H₂SO₄ concentration and corrosion rate values. Table 6a also shows that Mg-Ti exhibits the highest mean corrosion rate values (5.93) at 0.0125 M H₂SO₄ concentration while Al-V exhibits the lowest values (-0.10) at 0.025 M and 0.05 M H₂SO₄ solution. However, the mean data values exhibited by Al 4004 (0.00234, 0.00194, 0.00101, 0.0003 and 0.00017) depicts generally higher corrosion resistance and thermodynamic stability of the alloy surface compared to the corresponding values for the other alloys. The SD values in Table 6a shows the extent of variation of the corrosion rate values from mean data values in H₂SO₄ solution. Al 4032, Al 4004 and Al-V alloys generally exhibit low SD values indicating minimal variation of the corrosion rate results from the mean value during the exposure hours. It indicates thermodynamic stability of the alloy surfaces during

interaction with the corrosive species. This observation excludes Mg-Ti whose SD values are relatively high. The proportion of Al 4032 corrosion rate below 1 mm/y is 60% compared to 20% for Mg-Ti and 100% for Al 4004 and Al-V alloys. In Table 6b, the mean corrosion rate values for Al 4032, Al 4004 and Al-V alloys are significantly below 0, among which Al 4004 alloy exhibits the lowest values. The shows generally strong corrosion resistance of the alloys in NaCl solution at all concentrations. However, this observation excludes Mg-Ti alloy whose mean data values are greater than 0 but relatively low. Generally, the SD values in Table 6b are significantly low, although Al 4004 depicts the lowest values. The proportion of data for all the alloys exhibiting values below 1 mm/y for the alloys in NaCl is 100%. In Table 6c, the mean data values for Mg-Ti is significantly greater than 1 at all concentrations excluding 4.5% NaCl concentration. This contrast the values obtained for the other alloys indicating relatively lower corrosion resistance for Mg-Ti. Similar to the SD values earlier discussed, the SD values for the alloys in H₂SO₄/NaCl solution are generally low indication stability of the surface properties of the alloys during 480 h of exposure. The proportion of data for Al 4032, Al 4004 and Al-V alloys with corrosion rate below 1 mm/y is 100%. This contrast the corresponding values for Mg-Ti at 11%.

Table 6a Data for standard deviation, mean and margin of error for Al 4032, Mg-Ti, Al 4004 and Al-V alloys in H₂SO₄ solution

Al 4032					
Concentration (%)	0.00625M H₂SO₄	0.0125M H₂SO₄	0.025M H₂SO₄	0.05M H₂SO₄	0.1M H₂SO₄
SD	0.18	0.11	0.18	0.099	0.13
Mean	0.40	0.89	1.57	2.45	0.36
Margin of Error	13.58%		Data below 1 mm/y	60%	
Mg-Ti					

Concentration (%)	0.00625M H ₂ SO ₄	0.0125M H ₂ SO ₄	0.025M H ₂ SO ₄	0.05M H ₂ SO ₄	0.1M H ₂ SO ₄
SD	0.32	0.40	0.06	0.62	0.06
Mean	2.54	5.93	1.09	5.22	0.31
Margin of Error	11%		Data below 1 mm/y	20%	
Al 4004					
Concentration (%)	0.00625M H ₂ SO ₄	0.0125M H ₂ SO ₄	0.025M H ₂ SO ₄	0.05M H ₂ SO ₄	0.1M H ₂ SO ₄
SD	0.00035	0.00027	0.000088	0.000088	0.000067
Mean	0.00234	0.00194	0.00101	0.00039	0.00017
Margin of Error	0.00%		Data below 1 mm/y	100%	
Al-V					
Concentration (%)	0.00625M H ₂ SO ₄	0.0125M H ₂ SO ₄	0.025M H ₂ SO ₄	0.05M H ₂ SO ₄	0.1M H ₂ SO ₄
SD	0.47	0.30	0.03	0.03	0.04
Mean	4.39	2.91	-0.10	-0.10	0.26
Margin of Error	14%		Data below 1 mm/y	100%	

Table 6b Data for standard deviation, mean and margin of error for Al 4032, Mg-Ti, Al 4004 and Al-V alloys in NaCl solution

Al 4032					
Concentration (%)	0.5% NaCl	1.5% NaCl	2.5% NaCl	3.5% NaCl	4.5% NaCl
SD	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.07
Mean	-0.25	-0.18	-0.38	-0.28	-0.51
Margin of Error	0.00%		Data below 1 mm/y	100%	
Mg-Ti					
Concentration (%)	0.5% NaCl	1.5% NaCl	2.5% NaCl	3.5% NaCl	4.5% NaCl
SD	0.02	0.06	0.04	0.03	0.07
Mean	0.49	0.27	0.24	0.21	0.87
Margin of Error	0%		Data below 1 mm/y	100%	
Al 4004					
Concentration (%)	0.5% NaCl	1.5% NaCl	2.5% NaCl	3.5% NaCl	4.5% NaCl
SD	0.00	0.000412	0.00009	0.000075	0.000105
Mean	-0.0003	-0.00039	-0.00047	-0.00047	-0.00054
Margin of Error	0%		Data below 1 mm/y	100%	
Al-V					
Concentration (%)	0.5% NaCl	1.5% NaCl	2.5% NaCl	3.5% NaCl	4.5% NaCl
SD	0.03	0.06	0.08	0.09	0.09
Mean	-0.03	-0.06	-0.08	-0.09	-0.09
Margin of Error	0%		Data below 1 mm/y	100%	

Table 6c Data for standard deviation, mean and margin of error for Al 4032, Mg-Ti, Al 4004 and Al-V alloys in H₂SO₄/NaCl solution

Al 4032					
Concentration (%)	0.5% NaCl	1.5% NaCl	2.5% NaCl	3.5% NaCl	4.5% NaCl
SD	0.06	0.12	0.12	0.10	0.14
Mean	-0.003	-0.46	-0.78	-0.70	-0.90
Margin of Error	0%		Data below 1 mm/y	100%	
Mg-Ti					
Concentration (%)	0.5% NaCl	1.5% NaCl	2.5% NaCl	3.5% NaCl	4.5% NaCl
SD	0.52	0.79	0.26	1.07	0.06

Mean	3.07	5.98	1.16	6.62	0.31
Margin of Error	0%		Data below 1 mm/y	11%	
Al 4004					
Concentration (%)	0.5% NaCl	1.5% NaCl	2.5% NaCl	3.5% NaCl	4.5% NaCl
SD	0.06	0.06	0.11	0.07	0.05
Mean	-0.238	-0.560	-0.716	-0.760	-0.947
Margin of Error	0%		Data below 1 mm/y	100%	
Al-V					
Concentration (%)	0.5% NaCl	1.5% NaCl	2.5% NaCl	3.5% NaCl	4.5% NaCl
SD	0.06	0.01	0.09	0.03	0.05
Mean	0.17	-0.05	-0.09	0.11	0.17
Margin of Error	0%		Data below 1 mm/y	100%	

Conclusion

Al 4032, Mg-Ti, Al 4004 and Al-V alloys were studied in H₂SO₄, NaCl and H₂SO₄/NaCl solution. The alloys generally exhibited low corrosion rate values, signifying good applicability in such environments. However, Mg-Ti proves to be the most vulnerable alloy to corrosion, exhibiting the highest corrosion rate values in all the electrolytes. Al 4004 alloy displays the lowest corrosion rate values, signifying its high resistance to corrosion. The alloys were generally stable after about 120 h of exposure with not significant increase or decrease in corrosion rate signifying thermodynamic stability during the exposure hours. Data from ANOVA statistical method showed that the source of variation for Al 4032, Al 4004 and Al-V alloys in NaCl solution are indeterminate statistically compared to Mg-Ti where electrolyte concentration is statistically relevant and strongly influences the corrosion behaviour of the alloy. Similar observation occurred in H₂SO₄ and H₂SO₄/NaCl solution where electrolyte concentration represents the only statistically relevant variation influencing the corrosion resistance of the alloys. Generally, the alloys exhibit low SD values in the electrolytes due to limited variation of corrosion rate values from mean values.

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