METAL-AIR BATTERY PERFORMANCE COMPARISON USING ZINC (Zn) AND IRON (Fe) ANODES WITH VARIATIONS OF ELECTROLYTE SOLUTIONS

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Abstract

This research aims to analyze the performance of metal-air batteries using iron (Fe) and zinc (Zn) anodes using various electrolyte solutions of 2M NaCl, 2M H_2SO_4 , and 2M NaOH with tests in the form of voltage and current measurements. Voltage and current measurements are carried out every 10 minutes for 1 hour and for current measurements using a load in the form of a 5W7 Ω 5J resistor. This research shows that with an anode made of iron (Fe), if the voltage is sorted from highest to lowest according to variations in the electrolyte solution, it is using a solution of NaCl (0.37 V), NaOH (0.06 V), and H_2SO_4 (0.01 V). For the zinc anode, it is a solution of NaOH (1.05 V), H_2SO_4 (0.83 V), and NaCl (0.56 V). Meanwhile, if the current is sorted, for the iron anode it is a solution of NaCl (59.0 mA), H_2SO_4 (9.8 mA), and NaOH (3.9 mA), and for the zinc anode, it is a solution of H_2SO_4 (124.3 mA), NaOH (54.4 mA), and NaCl (42.8 mA).

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