



1H-Pyrrole, Furan, and Thiophene Molecule Corrosion Inhibitor Behaviors

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ABSTRACT

The corrosion inhibitor behaviors of the molecules 1H-Pyrrole, Furan, and Thiophene were examined using the computational quantum method. The density functional theory (DFT) was applied to the 6-31G (d, p) basis set, parameters such as the energy of the highest occupied molecular orbital (E_{HOMO}), the energy of the lowest unoccupied molecular orbital (E_{LUMO}), the energy difference (ΔE) and the dipole moment (μ) were calculated. These parameters are correlated with the corrosion effects of organic compounds that are mainly investigated in molecular geometry and electronics. Besides, the chemical hardness (η), softness (σ), electronegativity (χ) has been determined. The transmitted electrons fraction (ΔN) has been determined between copper surface and the 1H-Pyrrol, Furan and the Thiophene molecule. The parameters that have a direct relation with inhibition efficiency are described. The collected data indicate that 1H-Pyrrole inhibitor provides a good inhibition activity which can be used as a good anti-corrosion agent. There is an inverse relationship between the transmitted electrons fraction (ΔN) and electronegativity (χ) of inhibitor. The behavior of the corrosion inhibitor can therefore be predicted without an experimental analysis.

1. INTRODUCTION

Corrosion inhibitors prevent metals from the corrosion. Inhibitors are substances that are added to corrosive media to slow or stop metal corrosion [1-4]. Corrosion processes cause multiple casualties, mostly in the manufacturing sector. It is obvious that the only way to deal with it is to discourage it. Of the different strategies for avoiding or preventing the destruction or oxidation of metal surfaces, the corrosion inhibitors are one of the most well-known and effective in the industry [5-7].

Inhibitors have long been used in industry because of their excellent anti-corrosive properties. However, many occurred as a side effect, causing environmental damage. As a result, scientists started looking for environmentally friendly agents, such as organic inhibitors [8-15].

Experimentally and/or by theoretically using calculation chemistry, the efficiency of the inhibitor can be examined. Various methods are typically used to perform experimental measurements of corrosion inhibition efficiency and to monitor the inhibition mechanism such as weight loss, linear polarization, potentiodynamic polarization, electrochemical impedance spectroscopy (EIS), UV-visible spectroscopy, scanning electron microscope (SEM), X-ray spectroscopy (EDX) [16] and cyclic voltammetry [17]. Using just experimental procedures, on the other hand, is costly, time-

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consuming, and dangerous to the environment [18]. For this cause, many researchers have been involved in computational chemistry [19].

Structure properties of organic corrosion inhibitors, which are related to corrosion inhibition properties, are determined using quantum chemical calculations [19]. Density functional theory (DFT) is a quantum chemical method that is used to measure a molecule's electronic parameters and analyze inhibitor/surface relationships in corrosion inhibition studies. For theoretical studies of corrosion inhibition properties and to help experimental measurements, different electronic parameters obtained by quantum chemistry methodologies are used [20-28].

In this research, the computational quantum method was used to investigate the corrosion inhibitor characteristics of the molecules 1H-pyrrole, Furan, and Thiophene using the density functional theory (DFT) at 6-31G (d, p) basis set. The parameters that are directly related to inhibition efficiency are defined.

2. METHODOLOGY

Multiple calculations can be done with the Gaussian 09 software [23-28]. The energy of the maximum occupied molecular orbital (E_{HOMO}), the energy of the lowest unoccupied molecular orbital (E_{LUMO}) [29-31], the energy difference (E),

and the dipole moment (μ) were all determined using density functional theory (DFT) at the 6-31G (d, p) basis set. Chemical hardness (η), softness (σ), and electronegativity (χ) have also been determined. The transmitted electron fraction (ΔN) between the copper surface and the 1H-pyrrol, Furan, and Thiophene molecules has been calculated.

3. Results

The structure of 1H-pyrrol, Furan, and Thiophene molecules were drawn by Chem. Bio Ultra Draw 14.0 (Fig. 1). The first step of the computational research is to find the optimized molecular structure. The quantum chemical parameters of the molecules such as the energies of highest occupied molecular orbital (E_{HOMO}) and the lowest unoccupied molecular orbital (E_{LUMO}), the energy gap (ΔE), dipole moment (μ), absolute electronegativity (χ), chemical hardness (η), global electrophilicity index (ω), chemical softness (S) and fraction of electrons transferred (ΔN) were calculated (Table 1)

The relation between the highest occupied molecular orbital (HOMO) and the lowest unoccupied molecular orbital (LUMO) determines chemical reactivity, according to the frontier molecular orbital theory. Figure 2 displays the frontier molecular orbital diagrams of molecule 1, 2, and 3. The order of E_{HOMO} for the three compounds is $1 > 2 > 3$, meaning that 1 has the most electrons transferred (ΔN). The better inhibitor is correlated with the largest fraction of electrons transferred.

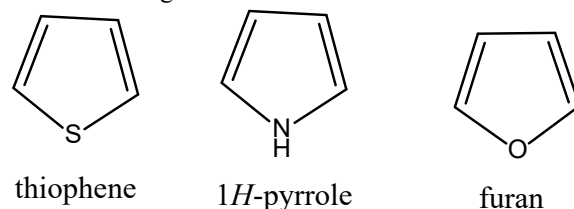


Figure 1: The chemical structure of the molecules

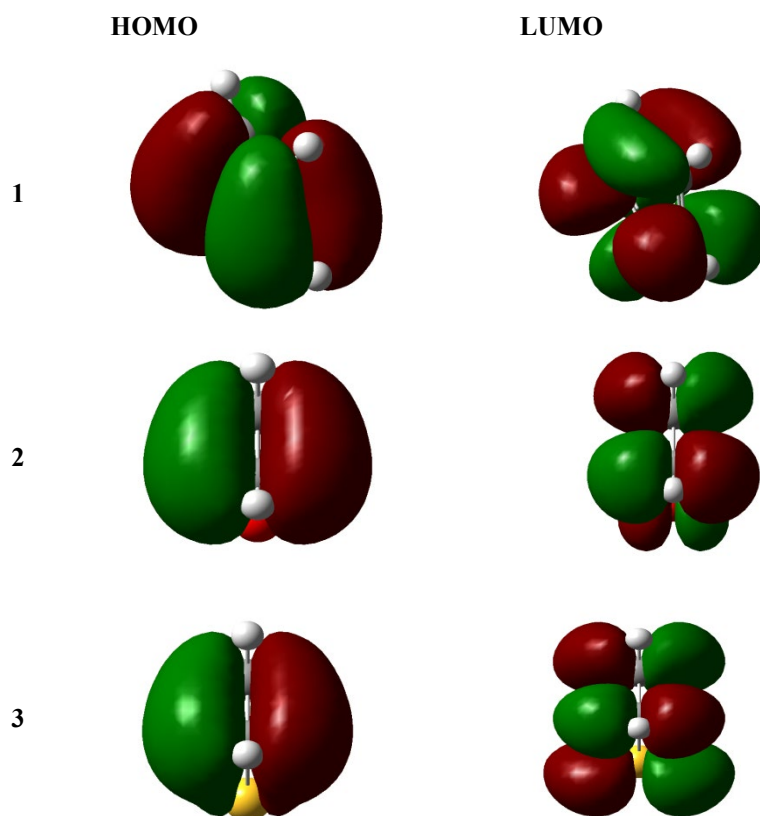


Figure 2: Frontier molecular orbital diagrams of 1, 2 and 3

Table 1: Quantum chemical parameters of the molecules using B3YLP/ 6-31G (d, p) basis set

Molecule Name	1H-Pyrrole (1)	Furan (2)	Thiophene (3)
Total Energy (a.u)	-210.176	-230.027	-553.009
μ (D)	1.902	0.63	0.623
E_{HOMO} (eV)	-5.503	-6.122	-6.35
E_{LUMO} (eV)	1.346	0.505	-0.229
ΔE (eV)	6.849	6.627	6.121
χ (eV)	2.079	2.809	3.29
η (eV)	3.424	3.314	3.06
σ (eV)	0.292	0.302	0.327
Pi (eV)	-2.079	-2.809	-3.29
ω (eV)	0.631	1.19	1.768
ε (eV)	-7.118	-9.306	-10.068

ΔN	0.825	0.742	0.725
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4. Conclusion

As per the data obtained, it is reported that the inhibitor of Molecule 1 (1H-Pyrrole) has good inhibition activity that can be used as a good anti-corrosion agent, using density functional theory (DFT) at B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) level.

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