

Efek penambahan emas pada timbal terhadap struktur kristal dan sifat elektrokimia dalam larutan asam sulfat = Effects of gold addition to lead crystal structure and electrochemical behavior in sulfuric acid.

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Abstrak

Timbal masih digunakan secara luas sebagai bahan material aktif untuk baterai asam timbal. Timbal dan *auric chloride* ($PbCl_3$) digabungkan untuk menjadi komposit timbal-emas sebagai usaha untuk meningkatkan performa baterai asam timbal. Perilaku elektrokimia dari komposit Pb-Au dalam larutan asam sulfat diselidiki. Au diilih sebagai penguat karena sifatnya yang memiliki konduktivitas tinggi dan ketahanan terhadap reaksi kimia. Penyampuran bubuk Pb dan *auric chloride* ($PbCl_3$), dan metode *hot-press* digunakan untuk membuat komposit Pb-Au. Karakterisasi struktur material dilakukan dengan teknik *X-Ray Diffraction* (XRD). Perilaku elektrokimia dari sampel diselidiki dengan teknik *Cyclic Voltammetry* (CV) dan *Linear Sweep Voltammetry* (LSV) di dalam larutan H_2SO_4 dengan variasi temperatur 10°C, 25°C, and 40°C. Hasil menunjukkan bahwa struktur kristal dari komposit Pb-Au adalah *face-centered cubic* (FCC) dengan ukuran kristal bernilai antara 63,31 dan 79,54 nanometer. Selain itu, penambahan Au juga menggeser I_{Corr} , E_{Corr} , dan potensial reduksi dan oksidasi. Laju korosi dari komposit Pb-Au bernilai antara 0,081 dan 2,706 mm/tahun. Reaksi elektrokimia irreversibel dari komposit Pb-Au telah diamati.

.....Lead is still widely used as an active material for lead-acid batteries. Lead and auric chloride ($PbCl_3$) solution were mixed to become lead-gold composite in efforts to improve the performance of lead-acid batteries. The electrochemical behaviors of Pb-Au composite in sulfuric acid solution were investigated. Au was chosen as reinforcement because of its high conductivity and resistance to chemical reaction. The mixing of Pb powders and auric chloride ($PbCl_3$) solution, and hot-pressing method was applied to fabricate Pb-Au composites. Material structure characterizations were performed using X-ray diffraction technique. The electro-chemical properties of the samples were investigated by cyclic voltammetry technique (CV) and linear sweep voltammetry technique (LSV) in H_2SO_4 solution with various solution temperature 10°C, 25°C, and 40°C. The results show that the crystal structure of lead-gold composite are face-centered cubic (FCC) structure with crystallite size of around 63.31 to 79.54nm. Also, the addition of Au shift the I_{cor} , E_{cor} and the oxidation and reduction potential. The corrosion rates of Pb-Au composites are found to be around 0.081 and 2.706 mm/year. The irreversible electrochemical reaction Pb-Cu composite have been observed.