

Appendix

A. Electrochemical Equivalent of Metal

Consider a metal of formula weight M with valence change n when oxidized



Quantity of charge produced per mole substance is

$$N_A ne = nF(C) = nF(As) = \frac{nF}{3600}(Ah) \quad (A2)$$

where N_A is the Avogadro's constant and F is the Faraday's constant.

Therefore the oxidation of x -gram of substance would deliver a charge quantity of

$$\frac{nxF}{3600M} = \frac{26.8nx}{M}(Ah) \quad (A3)$$

The electrochemical equivalent of 1-gram of zinc metal is thus

$$\frac{26.8(2)}{65.37} = 0.82(Ahg^{-1}) \quad (A4)$$

B. Theoretical Energy Density of a Zinc-Air Cell

The amount of energy delivered per mole of zinc is

$$nFE = (2)(26.8 Ah)(1.65 V) = 88.44 Wh \quad (A5)$$

Considering the final discharge product as ZnO (81.37×10^{-3} kg/mole), thus the theoretical energy density

$$\frac{88.44(Wh)}{81.37 \times 10^{-3}(kg)} = 1087(Whkg^{-1}) \quad (A6)$$

B. Estimating the discharge duration of a zinc-air cell

The electrochemical equivalent of x -gram of zinc anode is

$$0.82x(Ah) = 820x(mAh) = 49200x(mA\text{-min}) \quad (A7)$$

If the closed circuit discharge current is I (mA), at 100% efficiency, the discharge would last for

$$\frac{820x}{I}(\text{hour}) = \frac{49200x}{I}(\text{min}) \quad (A8)$$

C. Conversion formulas between various concentration units

Solute concentration SOUGHT	Solute Concentration GIVEN				
	A	N	G	M	F
	A	--	$\frac{100N \times E}{N \times E + (1-N)B}$	$\frac{100G \times E}{1000 + G \times E}$	$\frac{M \times E}{10R}$
N	$\frac{\frac{A/E}{(\frac{A}{E}) + \frac{100-A}{B}}}{}$	--	$\frac{B \times G}{B \times G + 1000}$	$\frac{B \times M}{M(B-E) + 1000R}$	$\frac{B \times F}{F(B-E) + 1000R \times E}$
G	$\frac{1000A}{E(100-A)}$	$\frac{1000N}{B-N \times B}$	--	$\frac{1000M}{1000R - (M \times E)}$	$\frac{1000F}{E(1000R - F)}$
M	$\frac{10R \times A}{E}$	$\frac{1000R \times N}{N \times E + (1-N)B}$	$\frac{1000R \times G}{1000 + E \times G}$	--	$\frac{F}{E}$
F	$10AR$	$\frac{1000R \times N \times E}{N \times E + (1-N)B}$	$\frac{1000R \times G \times E}{1000 + G \times E}$	$M \times E$	--

A: Weight % of solute; B: Molecular weight of solvent; E: Molecular weight of solute

F: Grams of solute per liter of solution; G: Molality; M: Molarity; N: Mole fraction

R: Density of solution in grams per milliliter