

1 **Non-purged voltammetry explored with AGNES**

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10 **Supporting Information**

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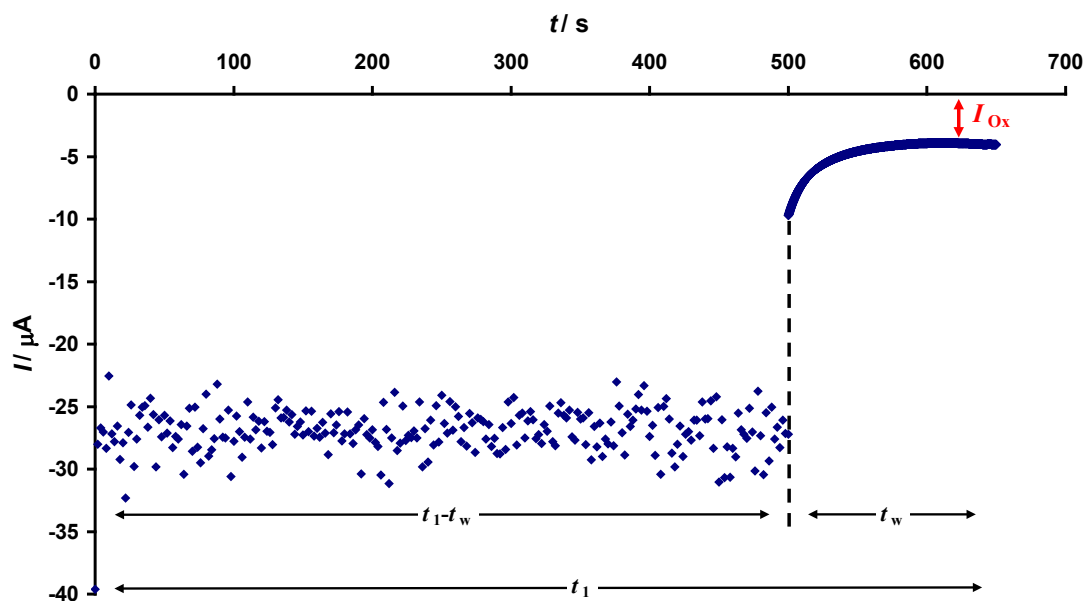
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13 Table SI-1. Computed experimental and theoretical pH^S and estimated *g* factors and metal surface concentrations for
 14 various Zn²⁺ and Cd²⁺ solutions in presence of different ligands and buffers. 10% of uncertainty has been considered
 15 in all the performed measurements in order to compute the pH range.
 16 ^a Visual MINTEQ predicts formation of insoluble metal hydroxides

M ²⁺	c _{T,M} / μM	c _{T,buffer} / M	c _{T,ligand} / μM	pH*	<i>g</i>	[M ²⁺] ^S / nM	AGNES pH ^S	Model pH ^S
Zn	1.5	No buffer	No ligand	2.1	1.15	1300	2.1 to 8.2	2.1
Zn	1.5	No buffer	No ligand	4.9	2710	0.551	10.2 to 10.3	10.4
Zn	1.5	[MES]=0.01	[NTA]=1.5	5.0	2.16	322	5.8 to 6.0	5.9
Zn	1.5	[MES]=0.01	[NTA]=1.5	5.5	1.89	237	6.0 to 6.2	6.2
Zn	1.5	[MES]=0.01	[NTA]=1.5	6.0	3.74	75.2	7.1 to 7.3	6.7
Zn	1.5	[MES]=0.01	[NTA]=1.5	6.4	4.53	37.1	7.4 to 7.6	7.9
Zn	1.0	[MOPS]=0.01	[glycine]=200	7.6	7.18	112	8.7 to 8.9	8.8
Cd	1.5	No buffer	No ligand	2.2	1.07	1350	2.2 to 9.3	2.2
Cd	1.5	No buffer	No ligand	4.1	4.15	347	10.0 to 10.2 ^a	9.8
Cd	1.5	No buffer	No ligand	5.1	6.90	207	10.2 to 10.3 ^a	10.3 ^a
Cd	1.0	No buffer	No ligand	6.6	15.1	69.0	10.4 to 10.6 ^a	10.3 ^a
Cd	2.5	[MES]=0.01	[NTA]=1.5	5.0	1.50	1310	5.7 to 6.2	5.8
Cd	2.5	[MES]=0.01	[NTA]=1.5	6.0	1.24	1080	6.3 to 8.4	6.4
Cd	2.5	[MES]=0.01	[NTA]=1.5	6.6	1.23	900	7.7 to 9.5	7.8

17 Table SI-2. Experimental g factors in different calibrations and speciation experiments performed
18 with AGNES under non-purged conditions.
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M^{2+}	Experiment	$c_{T,M}/\mu\text{M}$	$c_{T,\text{buffer}}/\text{M}$	$c_{T,\text{ligand}}/\mu\text{M}$	pH*	g
Cd	Calibration	From 0 to 0.3	No buffer	No ligand	6.0	20.0
Cd	Speciation	0.3	No buffer	[NTA]=0.13	6.0	25.7
Cd	Speciation	0.3	No buffer	[NTA]=0.20	6.0	35.0
Cd	Calibration	From 0 to 1.0	[MES]=0.01	No ligand	6.7	1.30
Cd	Speciation	1.0	[MES]=0.01	[NTA]=0.19	6.7	1.32
Cd	Speciation	1.0	[MES]=0.01	[NTA]=0.43	6.7	1.39
Cd	Speciation	1.0	[MES]=0.01	[NTA]=0.62	6.7	1.40
Zn	Calibration	From 0 to 1.0	[MOPS]=0.01	No ligand	7.6	5.97
Zn	Speciation	1.0	[MOPS]=0.01	[glycine]=200	7.6	7.18
Zn	Speciation	1.0	[MOPS]=0.01	[glycine]=500	7.6	7.39
Zn	Speciation	1.0	[MOPS]=0.01	[glycine]=750	7.6	7.73



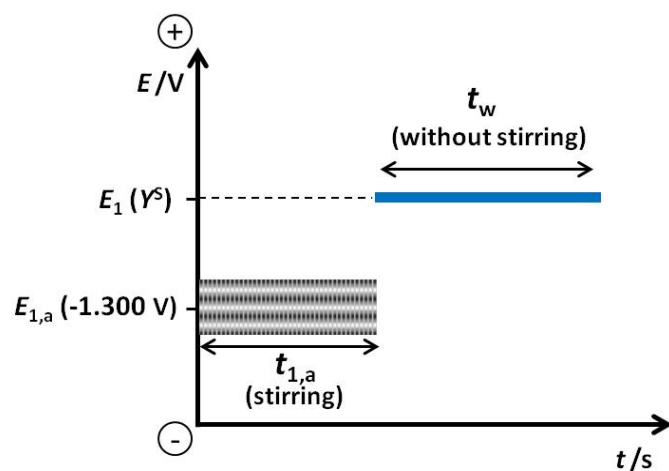
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22 Figure SI-1 Currents measured during the deposition stage: with stirring ($t_1 - t_w$) and without
23 stirring or waiting stage (t_w) in an AGNES experiment for a $1 \mu\text{M}$ Zn solution, showing how the
24 oxidants current I_{Ox} can be obtained at the end of the t_w step.

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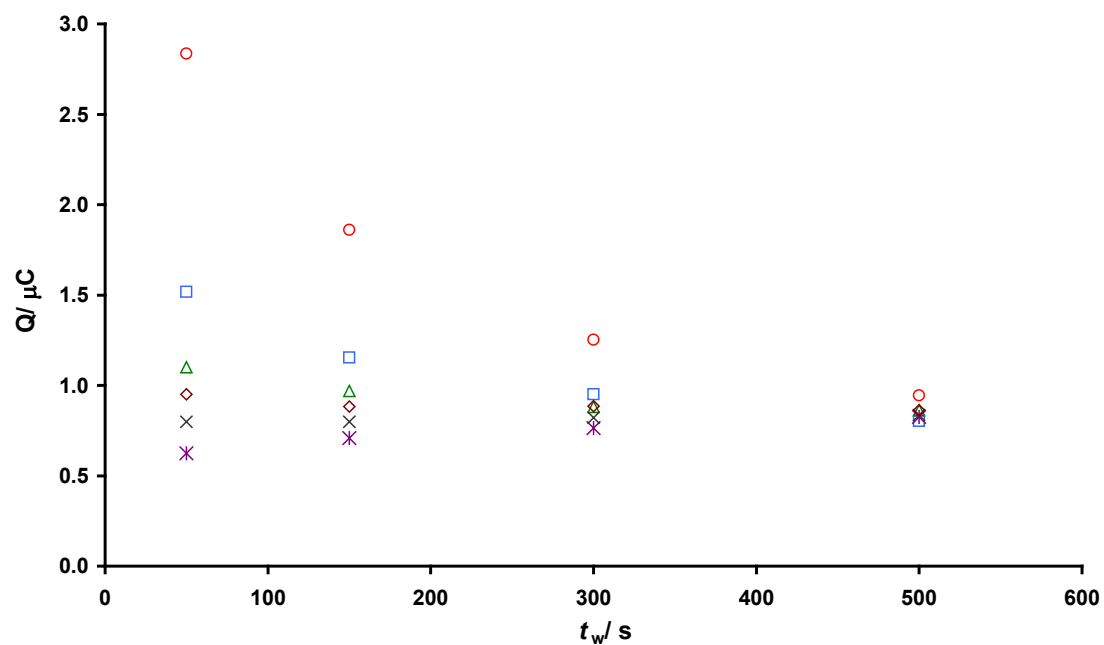
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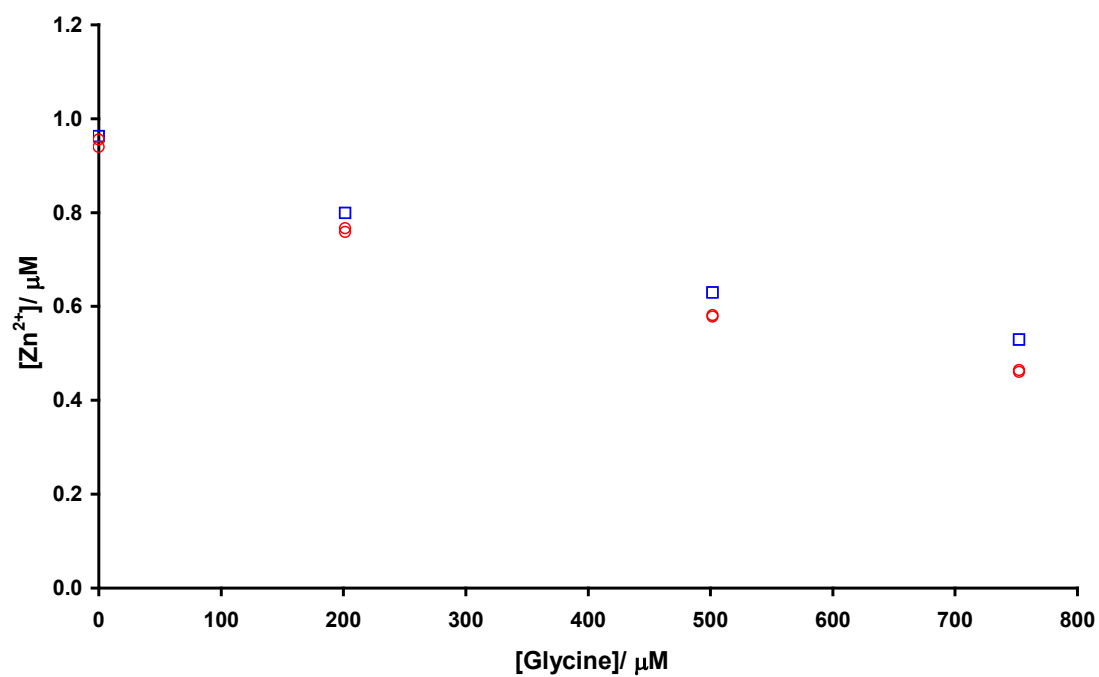
29 Figure SI-2: Outline of the potential and stirring 2-Pulse program applied in the strategy of splitting
30 the deposition stage into two potential steps with SPE in non-purged solutions. $E_{1,a}$ (applied for a
31 time $t_{1,a}$) is a deposition potential under diffusion limited conditions for accumulation. E_1 (during
32 t_w without stirring) is the deposition potential controlling the gain Y^S .
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35 Figure SI-3: Search of the optimal deposition time under diffusion limited conditions ($t_{1,a}$) in a 2-
36 Pulses AGNES procedure without purging in a sample with $c_{\text{T,Zn}}=0.75 \mu\text{M}$ at $\text{pH}^*=4.35$. AGNES
37 conditions were $E_{1,a}=-1.300 \text{ V}$, $t_{1,a} = 10 \text{ s}$ (*), 20 s (x), 25 s (◊), 30 s (Δ), 60 s (□) and 120 s (○), $E_1 = -$
38 1.180 V and t_w between 50 and 500 s. An optimal $t_{1,a}=25 \text{ s}$ has been found.
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42 Figure SI-4: Free Zn²⁺ concentration in a titration of a solution $c_{T,Zn}=1.0 \mu\text{M}$ with increasing
43 amounts of glycine without purging. [MOPS] = 0.01 M; pH* = 7.6. Parameters $E_1=-1.110 \text{ V}$ and
44 $t_1=650-1150 \text{ s}$ and $t_w=150 \text{ s}$. Blue squares indicate the value predicted by Visual Minteq and red
45 circles stand for AGNES results.

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