

Calculation of time and power consumption for 1 Nm³ H₂ production.

Assuming the overpotential at 5mA cm⁻² on the HER side is 10mV as the state-of-the-art conditions.¹

1 Nm³ H₂ is equivalent to 44.587 mol H₂ (data from NIST database)².

Amount of charge transferred is:

$$Q = 2Fn_{H_2} = 2 \times 96485 \times 44.6 \approx 8.6 \times 10^6 C$$

Energy consumption is:

$$E_{5 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}} = Q \cdot U_{\text{cell} @ 5 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}}$$

Whereas:

$$U_{\text{cell} @ 5 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}} = E @ 5 \text{ mA cm}^{-2} + \text{HER overpotential} @ 5 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$$

Time consumption is:

$$t = \frac{Q}{A \cdot J @ 1.23V \text{ vs. RHE}}$$

Where A is assumed to be 1 m².

Calculation of anode product value

Calculations are based on prices provided by chemAnalyst.³

O₂ price: 345 \$/MT 0.345 \$/kg

H₂O₂ price: 410 \$/MT 0.410 \$/kg

CH₃OH price: 315 \$/MT 0.315 \$/kg

Amount of anodic product is estimated with faradaic efficiency of 1:

O₂ amount: 22.3 mol 0.71 kg

H₂O₂ amount: 44.6 mol 1.51 kg

CH₃OH amount: 44.6 mol 1.43 kg

Value of anodic product is:

O₂ amount: 0.25 \$

H₂O₂ amount: 0.62 \$

CH₃OH amount: 0.45 \$

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