

Answer on Question #39473, Chemistry, Other

Question

If a water electrolysis cell operates at a current of 7.7A. how long will it take to generate 25.0L of hydrogen gas at a pressure of 27.0 atm and a temperature of 25 degrees celcius

Answer

$$PV=nRT$$

$$V = 25.0 \text{ l} = 25 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3; P = 27.0 \text{ atm} = 27.0 \cdot 1.013 \cdot 10^5 = 2.74 \cdot 10^6 \text{ Pa}; T = t + 273 = 25 + 273 = 298 \text{ K}. R = 8.314 \text{ J}/(\text{K} \cdot \text{mol}).$$

$$n(\text{H}_2) = PV/RT = 2.74 \cdot 10^6 \cdot 25 \cdot 10^{-3} / (8.314 \cdot 298) = 27.6 \text{ mol}$$

$$n(\text{electrons}) = 2 \cdot n(\text{H}_2) = 55.2 \text{ mol}$$

$$n(\text{electrons}) = I \cdot t / F, F = 96500 \text{ C/mol}$$

$$t = F \cdot n(\text{electrons}) / I = 96500 \cdot 55.2 / 7.7 = 6.9 \cdot 10^5 \text{ (seconds)}.$$

Answer: $6.9 \cdot 10^5 \text{ s}$.