Answer on Question #54499 – Chemistry – Physical Chemistry

Task:

A quantity of electric charge brings about the decomposition of 4.5 g Al from Al^{+3} at the cathode. How much volume (STP) of $H_2(g)$ from H_2O at the cathode will be produced using the same quantity of electric charge?

Answer:

$$n = \frac{m}{M}$$
M(Al)=27 g/mol

$$n(Al) = \frac{4.5}{27} = 0.17 \text{ mol}$$
Al³⁺ + 3e = Al
E°=-1.663 V/mol
E=-1.663 ·0.17=-0.283 V
2H₂O + 2e = H₂ + 2OH⁻
E°=-0.828 V/mol
M(H₂)=2 g/mol

$$E = \frac{-0.283}{-0.828} = 0.342 \text{ mol}$$

$$n = \frac{V}{22.4}$$

$$V(H_2) = 22.4 \cdot 0.342 = 7.7 \text{ l}$$

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