

## C12-Redox potential measuring / eH meter

### Principle :

eH measures the quantity of oxidations and reductions in a solution ; it is a voltage measure.

As pH meter sensors, eh sensor consists of 2 electrodes, combined or separated :

- reference electrode ; contrary to pH meter reference, there are a lot of sorts of references : calomel, silver (Ag, AgCl), Hg<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>...

The measured potential must be recalculated in comparison to the standard hydrogen electrode ( $E^\circ \text{H}^+ / \text{H}_2 = 0 \text{ V}$ ).

### Read the notice :

- to know if the indicated value is already expressed in comparison to standard hydrogen electrode

- if it is not, to know the difference with the standard hydrogen electrode :

for example :

\* add 248mV if the reference is calomel at 20°C, + 244.4 mV at 25 °C

\* add 199mV if the reference is Ag, AgCl, at 25°C....

- measuring electrode : platinum wire

### Calibration :

Two kinds of buffers :

\* quinhydrone 1 g . L<sup>-1</sup> in pH 4 buffer : at 25°C :

$E \text{H}^+ / \text{H}_2 = 462 \text{ mV}$

$E \text{ calomel} = 218 \text{ mV}$

\*  $\text{Fe}^{2+} / \text{Fe}^{3+}$  :

- ferrous ammonium sulphate [ $\text{Fe}(\text{NH}_4)_2 (\text{SO}_4)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ] : 39,2g (M = 392 g.mol<sup>-1</sup>)

- ferric ammonium sulphate [ $\text{Fe}(\text{NH}_4)_3 (\text{SO}_4)_2 \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ] : 48,2 g (M = 482 g.mol<sup>-1</sup>)

in 700 mL distilled water

add 28.1 mL concentrated sulphuric acid ( $[\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4]_{\text{final}} = 0.5\text{M}$ )

Fill up to 1L with distilled water

In this buffer,  $\text{Fe}^{2+} = \text{Fe}^{3+} = 0.1\text{mol} / \text{L}$

Then  $E = E^\circ = 0.68\text{V}$  at 25°C

Read potential with reference:

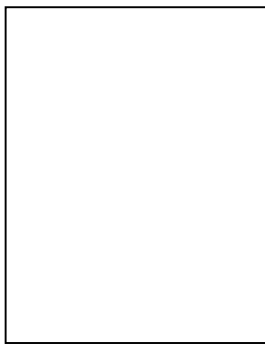
- calomel :  $0.68 - 0.244 = 0.436 \text{ V}$

- AgCl 3.5M :  $0.68 - 0.199 = 0.481 \text{ V}$

- AgCl 1M :  $0.68 - 0.236 = 0.444\text{V}$

Maintenance : regular sensor mechanic cleaning

Field of application : waste waters, activated sludge, sludge methane fermentation...



400 total nitrification  
C removal

250 partial nitrification  
denitrification

150

50 important anaerobiosis