

1. You are setting up a laboratory experiment that requires 1 kg of seawater. Since you have no access to the real thing here in MSB, you need to prepare artificial seawater. Only include major ions ( $[C] > 1 \text{ mmol/kg}$ ). The following data is from table 1.4 of Emerson and Hedges for seawater with a salinity of 35:

Ion	Concentration (mmol / kg)
$\text{Na}^+$	469.09
$\text{Mg}^{2+}$	52.82
$\text{Ca}^{2+}$	10.28
$\text{K}^+$	10.21
$\text{Cl}^-$	545.86
$\text{SO}_4^{2-}$	28.34

You have the following salts on hand:

$\text{NaCl(s)}$   
 $\text{MgSO}_4\text{(s)}$   
 $\text{CaCl}_2\text{(s)}$   
 $\text{KOH(s)}$   
 $\text{Mg(OH)}_2\text{(s)}$   
 $\text{HCl}$  (we will assume this exists as a pure solid)

Assume all ions dissociate completely.

**a. How many grams of each solid will you measure out for a 1 kg solution?**

2. Sea level is known to vary significantly from glacial to interglacial episodes. Assume the modern global ocean is a big rectangular bathtub (i.e. no continental shelves) 3790 m deep. In a hypothetical glacial ocean, sea level is 100 m lower than it is today due to the expansion of continental glaciers and ice sheets. Assume that the average salinity in the modern ocean is  $35 \text{ g kg}^{-1}$  and the density of the modern ocean is  $1.025 \text{ g ml}^{-1}$ . Assume the amount of salts in the ocean remains the same.

**a. What is the *molar* concentration of  $\text{K}^+$  in the modern ocean?**

**b. Calculate the salt content of the modern and glacial ocean in grams of salt per liter of solution.**

3. There has been a mercury spill into a stream which drains into an urban lake. The contaminated stream is the only waterway draining into the lake and it has a volume flux of  $50 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ . The concentration of mercury in the stream during the spill is  $10 \text{ } \mu\text{mol/L}$  and the spill duration is 5 days after which the mercury concentration in the stream abruptly falls to  $1 \text{ } \mu\text{mol}$

/L and remains constant. The initial concentration of mercury in the lake is negligible. The lake has a surface area of  $1 \text{ km}^2$  and an average depth of 30 m.

- a. Find the residence time of water in the lake in days with respect to stream inflow.
- b. What is the concentration of mercury in the lake after 5 days?
- c. What is the concentration of mercury in the lake 10 days after the start of the spill?
- d. Plot the mercury concentration over time (from 0 to 20 days) in the lake, highlighting the concentration at 5 and 10 days after the spill.

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