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# **Experiment 4**

### Aim:-

To understand the working principle of chemical sensors

## **Objectives:-**

- 1. Study the working principle of pH and conductivity sensors
- 2. Calibrate the pH sensor
- 3. Study the effect of temperature on pH measurement
- 4. Study effect of temperature and effect of contamination on conductivity measurement

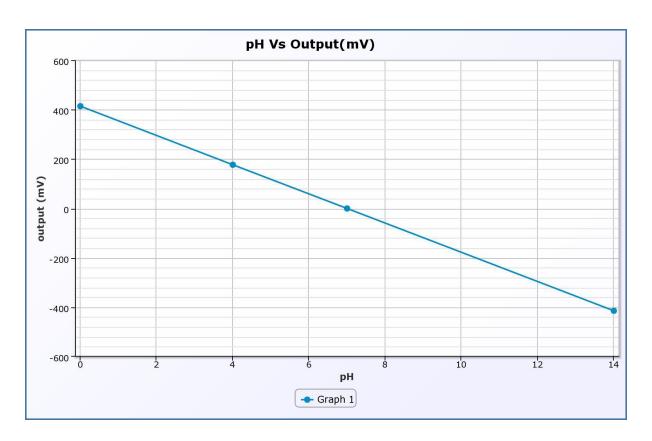
### Level 1: pH probe Calculations

Aim: Study Calibration of pH probe.

Calibrations at 25 C

pH Value: 4

PH	Output voltage (mV)
0	414
4	177
7	0
14	-414



### **Conclusion:**

- 1. A pH calibration is the process of adjusting pH meter by measuring solutions of a known pH value, 2. Calibration should be done regularly to maintain accuracy.
- 3. The Characteristics of electrode change over time and need to be compensated.
- 4. A calibration does this by matching pH meter to the current characteristics of pH sensor.

## Level 2:- Measurement of pH

#### Aim:-

#### Study of Measurement of pH

Sample	PH	Output voltage (mV)
Boric acid	5	118.32
Milk	6.6	23.66
Distilled Water	7	0
Baking Soda	9	-118.32

### **Equation of graph:**

Line equation: y=-59.1625000000001x+414.13250000000005

Formula

Calculation of Output Voltage:

E (millivolts) =(E0 - 2.3026(R \* T/F)\* pHc)\*1000

Where,

E0=standard potential = 0 mV

R=Universal gas constant = 8.3144 J/K

T=Absolute temperature (kelvin)

25 degree Celsius = 298.15 kelvin

F=Faraday's constant = 96485 C/mole

For Effect of Temprature :

 $kelvin = degree\ celsius + 273.15\ pHc = pH\ value\ deviation\ from\ 7$  in the

Formula

### **Conclusion:-**

- $1. Relation \ between \ potential \ and \ voltage \ is \\ V = -59.16250000000001 (pH) + 414.13250000000005$
- 2.At a pH of 7 , the electrodes will produce 0 volts between them. Just like that of Distilled Water.
- 3. At a low pH (acid) a voltage will be developed of one polarity, and at a high pH (caustic) a voltage will be developed of the opposite polarity.
- 4. For pH > 7, i.e basic the output voltage will be negative, it is positive for acidic solutions.

# **Level 3: Effect Of Temperature**

## Aim:-

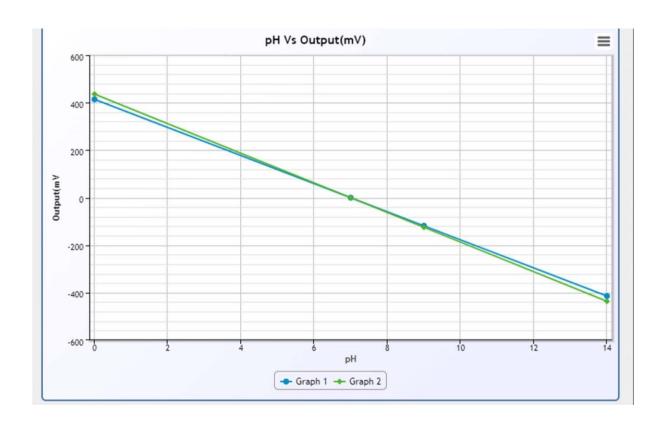
Study the effect of temperature change on measurement of pH.

Sample: Baking Soda.

At  $25^{\circ}$  C Output mV = -118.32.

V=-59.16250000000001(pH)+414.13250000000005

Temperature	pН	Output
35	9.09	-122.29
20	8.96	-116.33
41	9.107	-124.67



### **Conclusion:-**

- 1. The output voltage depends upon the temperature.
- 2. As the temperature rises, molecular vibrations increase which results in the ability of water to ionise and form more hydrogen ions. As a result, the pH drops.
- 3. In case of Baking Soda OH ion increases thus pOH drops and pH increases as observed in above data.

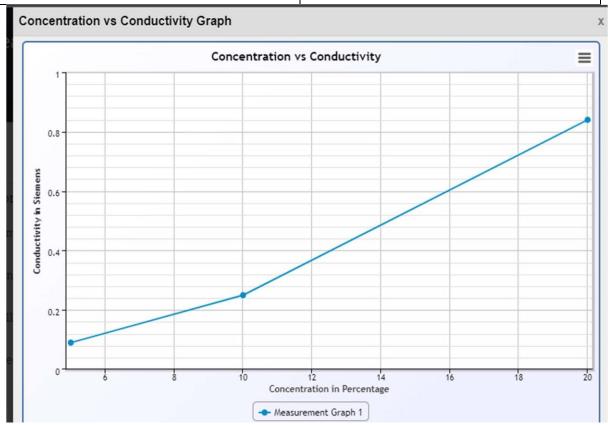
## Part II

# **Measurement Of Conductivity**

Level 1: Measurement

Sample: KCL

Concentration	<b>Specific Conductance</b>
5	0.09
10	0.25
20	0.84



### **Conclusion:**

1. Specific Conductance of substance depends on concentration of a substance. And relation is given by

Formula,

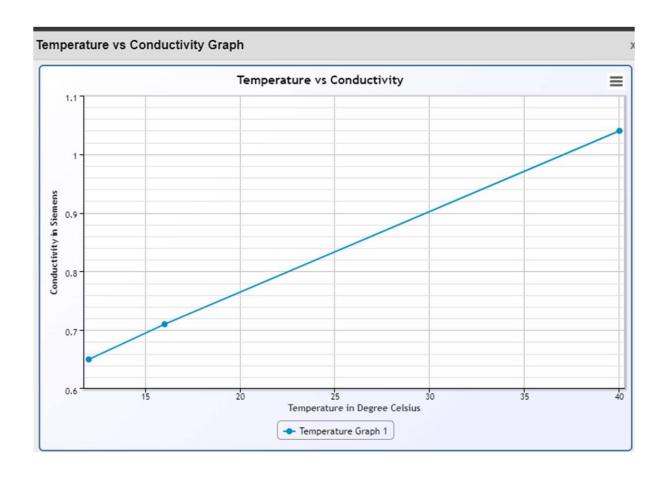
Specific Conductance at  $25^{\circ}$ C = 1000 C  $A_0(1-a\sqrt{C+bC})$ (Siemems)

 $A_0$ , a and b are constants for details refer to theory tab. C= Normality = Parts per million concentration \* Density / (1000 \* Equivalent weight)

2. Specific Conductivity decreases with a decrease in concentration. Since the number of ions per unit volume that carry current in a solution decrease on dilution.

**Level 2: - Variation of conductivity of temperature:** 

Temperature	Conductivity
40	1.04
12	0.65
16	0.71



### **Conclusion:**

- 1. An increase in temperature will result in an increase in the number of ions in solution due to dissociation of molecules.
- 2. An increase in the solution's temperature will lead to an increase in its conductivity.
- 3. A decrease in temperature will also result in decrease of dissociation of molecules, leading to low conductance.

### **Level 3:-**

Contamination	Specific Conductance	Modified specific conductance value
0.1	0.84	0.76
0.2	0.84	0.69
0.3	0.84	

### Aim:-

Study the effect of contamination on measurement of pH.

Sample: KCL

Concentration: 20%

#### **Conclusion:**

- 1. Specific Conductance value decreases due to additional layer on electrode.
- 2. As contamination increases specific conductance decrease because ion concentration decreases.