

Electrodialysis

Data from Visser's thesis

Electric energy consumption 0.3 kWh/mol NaOH
or 7500 kWh/t NaOH

Product ratio	1 t	NaOH	1 mol	theoretical
	0.91 t	HCl	1 mol	
	0.025 t	Hydrogen	0.5 mol	

Chlor alkali electrolysis

(Data from chapter on Chlorine in Kirk Othmer)

Electric energy consumption 1950 to 2300 kWh/t NaOH
or 0.078 to 0.092 kWh/mol NaOH

Product ratio	1 t	NaOH	1 mol	theoretical
	0.91 t	Chlorine	0.51 mol	
	0.025 t	Hydrogen	0.5 mol	

The hydrogen and chlorine can be used to produce 0.93 t HCl per t NaOH

Hydrogen by water electrolysis

Electric energy consumption 55 kWh/kg H₂

0.025 t Hydrogen requires 1375 kWh for electrolysis

By conventional chlor alkali electrolysis, reacting chlorine and hydrogen to HCl and by producing hydrogen by water electrolysis it is possible to produce with 3325 to 3675 kWh of electricity

1 t	NaOH
0.93 t	HCl
0.025 t	Hydrogen

Conclusion

Production of NaOH, HCl and H₂ by electrodialysis (in the product ratio given above) requires at least twice the electric energy needed to produce the same quantity of NaOH, HCl and H₂ by conventional chlor alkali electrolysis, hydrochloric acid synthesis and water electrolysis.

Ref: Electrodialytic Recovery of Acids And Bases by Cornelis Ronald Visser 2001, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen

Thesis work on a simple non-optimized system with wire mesh electrodes and wide electrode spacing demonstrated $\sim 36\%$ efficiency for hydrogen generation compared with $\sim 70\%$ for optimized industrial electrolyzers.