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GROUNDWATER WATER REMEDIATION BY STATIC DIFFUSION USING NANO-ZERO VALENT METALS (Fe^0 , Cu^0 , Al^0), $n\text{-FeH}^{n+}$, $n\text{-Fe(OH)}_x$, $n\text{-FeOOH}$, $n\text{-Fe-[O}_x\text{H}_y]^{(n+/-)}$)

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1.1 INTRODUCTION

Zero valent metals (ZVM) and ZVM combinations, including magnetic ZVM [1–4] and reduced ZVM [5–7], are highly efficient water treatment agents [8–12]. They will remove ions, chemicals, compounds, and biota from water. The principal ZVM used in pilot and commercial water treatment are Fe^0 and $\text{Fe}^0 + \text{Cu}^0$ [13–17]. Prices for ZVM powders are a function of commodity prices, particle size, particle shape (e.g., dendritic, spherical, platy, irregular, etc), manufacturing method, source, and quantity ordered. Current (June 2014) prices (k\$ FOB t^{-1}) for powders are (i) 13,000–400,000 nm ($\text{Fe}=0.6\text{--}1.6$; $\text{Cu}=1\text{--}7$; $\text{Al}=5\text{--}20$), (ii) <3,000 to >8,000 nm ($\text{Fe}=5\text{--}15$; $\text{Cu}=9\text{--}18$; $\text{Al}=9\text{--}850$), (iii) 10–1000 nm ($\text{Fe}=30\text{--}1100$; $\text{Cu}=9\text{--}1000$; $\text{Al}=9\text{--}900$). n-ZVM powders are either used to treat water in a reactor [10], or are injected into an aquifer [10, 17], or are placed in a permeable reactive barrier (PRB) within the aquifer [10, 18].

Use of n-ZVM in a fixed (packed) bed reactor (where all the feed water flows through the n-ZVM) is impractical, as n- Fe^0 rapidly corrodes and expands to form hydrated, low-density hydroxides (Fe(OH)_2 , Fe(OH)_3) and peroxides (FeOOH). This results [10] in a decrease in porosity, decrease in permeability, increase in the proportion of dead end pores, and a decrease in pore throat size. Associated gas bubble formation (O_2 , H_2 [10]) results in permeability reduction [18, 19] due to gas occlusion switching water flow from viscous flow to Knudsen diffusion [20–22]. The net effect is a major reduction in permeability (and water flow rate) over a short time period (Fig. 1.1a) in the reactor, or aquifer [10]. Fluid flow ($Q_f, \text{m}^3 \text{m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$) = $k_p D_f$ [20–22]. A list of abbreviations is provided in Appendix 1.A. The dominant fluid flow mechanism switches over a period of 2–6 weeks from viscous flow to Knudsen diffusion due to the generation and presence of trapped nano/micron-sized gas bubbles [10, 20–22].

Changing the reactor type to a diabatic diffusion reactor (where a body of water overlies a static body of ZVM, and all water enters and leaves the reactor through the water body), mimics the situation that occurs in an aquifer, during remediation, following n-ZVM injection. A policy of groundwater abstraction, treatment, and reinjection allows the remediation to be undertaken in a short time period in a controlled environment without creating long-term damage to the aquifer [10]. In an unconfined, diabatic, diffusion environment (e.g., shallow contaminated aquifer or soil), the principal controls on Eh, pH, EC (electrical conductivity), and remediation are [10]: (i) flowing water space velocity ($\text{SV} = Q_{fr}/W_{zvm}$); (ii) the stored water to ZVM ratio, $[\text{SWZ} = S_w/W_{zvm}]$; (iii) the water composition; (iv) atmospheric/groundwater temperature fluctuations; (v) atmosphere composition variation (principally humidity); (vi) atmospheric pressure fluctuation; (vii) vertical infiltration recharge (associated with storm events) into the aquifer/soil; (viii) water losses from the aquifer/soil, due to evaporation, leaching, and the interaction of the n-ZVM (and n-ZVM products) with minerals and biota; and (ix) porosity occlusion resulting from the movement of displaced air as the water levels rise and fall (during and following infiltration recharge) [20–23].

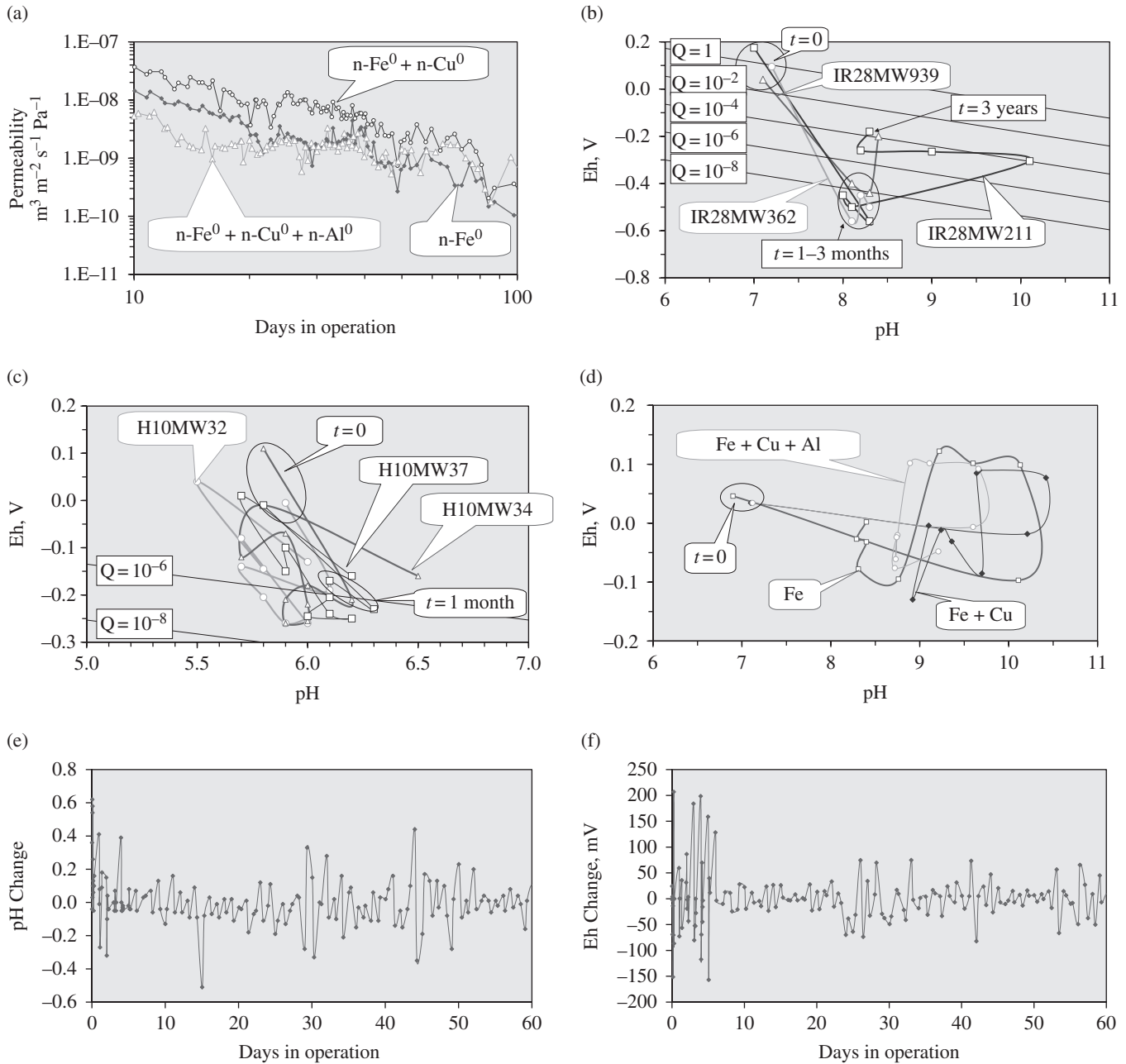


FIGURE 1.1 Nano-Material Behavior During Remediation. (a) n-ZVM permeability decline in a fixed (packed) bed multi-tubular reactor [10]. (b) Impact of 7.2t, pneumatically injected n-Fe⁰ (>1000 nm) into 1839 m³ soil, on Eh and pH with time. Hunters Point, San Francisco, USA) [17]. Q=equilibrium Mol l⁻¹ TCE/DCE; (c) Impact of 7.63kg infiltrated n-Fe⁰ (50–300nm) (containing 0.15% Pd) into 808 m³ soil, on Eh and pH with time (12 months): NAS Jacksonville, Florida, USA [17]. (d) n-ZVM: pH vs. Eh over time in a static diffusion reactor showing typical trajectories. Data points taken at 0, 1, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60 day intervals [135]. (e) pH oscillation with time, n-Fe⁰[135]. Oscillation value=change in pH from previous measurement. (f) Eh oscillation with time, n-Fe⁰: Data: [135]. Oscillation value=change in Eh from previous measurement.

This review considers (i) the contaminants that can be removed by n-Fe⁰; (ii) the factors and mechanisms that impact on the remediation rates; (iii) the interaction between n-Fe⁰, water, ZVM corrosion/remediation products; and (iv) Eh, pH oscillations, and trajectories and their impact on remediation.

1.2 CONTAMINANTS REMOVED BY n-Fe⁰, n-Cu⁰, AND n-Al⁰

Contaminants removed from water in a diffusion environment at temperatures in the range [<0 to $>70^\circ\text{C}$] by n-Fe⁰, n-Cu⁰, and n-Al⁰, include

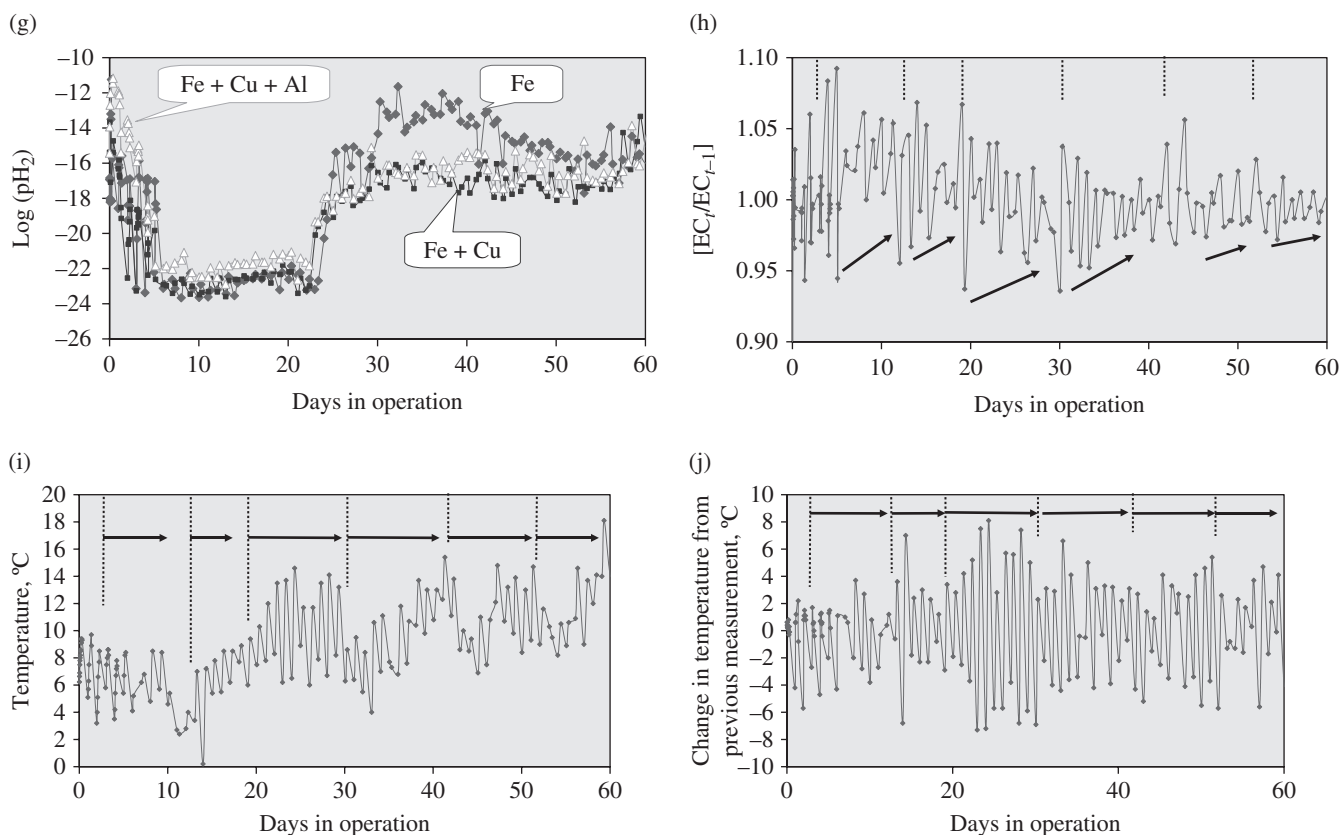


FIGURE 1.1 (Continued) (g) pH_2 vs. time in a static diffusion reactor for nano-ZVM (Fig. 1.1e and f). (h) Typical declining EC oscillations with time. n-Fe⁰ [135]. (i) Variation in temperature with time (Figs. 1.1e–h) (j) Temperature oscillations with time.

1. Pollutants of the form MO_x , where $M=S, N, C, P, Cl$ (e.g., nitrates [24–30], nitrites [30–33], perchlorates [34–37], carbonic acids [38–45], phosphates [46], sulfates [47–50]). Pollutants are removed within green rust, or ZVM-hydroxide/peroxide structures, or polyoxometallate (POM) structures, by cation/anion substitution, or by layer accretion [38–50]. Green rusts are highly reactive structures comprising [38–50] alternating positively and negatively charged hydroxide/peroxide layers and hydrated anion layers with the general composition $[Cation_a^I Cation_c^{II} Cation_b^{III} (OH)_m (OOH)_d]^{x+} [(A_{y/mv} y_i H_2O)^{x-}]$. Cations and anions can be substituted [38–50]. A is an anion (e.g., Cl^- , SO_4^{2-} , CO_3^{2-} , Br^- , I^- , NO_3^- , ClO_4^- , SO_3^{2-} , SeO_4^{2-} , PO_4^{2-} , OH^- , OOH^- , O_x^{y-} , etc.); nv = valency; y_i = the inter-layer water and is typically between 2 and 4. A typical green rust forms as plates 5–2000 nm in diameter and about 40 nm thick, for example, [50]. Green rusts (ZVM degradation products) are highly efficient anion and cation scavengers and may be as reactive, or more reactive, than Fe⁰ [9, 49]. During scavenging operations, the “green rusts” can incorporate cation layers of the form $[Cation_e^I(OH)_m (OOH)_d]^{x+}$ and $[Cation_f^{IV}(OH)_m (OOH)_d]^{x+}$ and higher valent cation hydroxides/peroxides.
2. Gases, including H_2S [51], O_2 [52], CO_2 [53], CO [53], H_2 [53].
3. Halogenated ions of the form $[halogen]_x O_y$ (e.g., chlorates, bromates, perchlorates, etc.), and $C_x[Halogen]_y O_z$ [34–37] and halogenated organic compounds of the general form $C_x H_y [Halogen]_z$, where y can be 0. The halogen is one or more of Cl, Br, I, F. [54–57], for example, chloromethane (CM), trichloromethane (TCM), dichloromethane (DCM), tetrachloromethane; perchloroethylene (PCE), trichloroethylene (TCE), dichloroethylene (DCE); vinyl chloride (VC); hexachloroethane, tetrachloroethane, trichloroethane, dichloroethane, chloropropane (etc.), chlorobutane (etc.), chlorobenzene, (etc.), ethylene dibromide (EDB), perchlorate, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB’s). The end degradation products take the generic form $C_x H_y$ (e.g., methane, ethyne, ethene, ethane, propane, butane, pentane, hexane, heptane, octane). These may be further altered to form products of the form: $H_x C_y O_z$ or ring structures.
4. Organic peroxides (e.g., triacetone triperoxide (TATP))[58].
5. Organic nitrogenous compounds, including azo dyes [59–61], atrazine [62, 63], cyclonite/hexogen (RDX) [14, 64], dinitrotoluene (DNT) [65, 66], nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA) [67, 68], nitrocellulose [69], tetramethylenetetranitramine (HMX) [70–72], trinitrotoluene (TNT) [73–75], disinfection by-products (DBPs) [76, 77], fertilizers [78, 79], pesticides [80–83], herbicides [84, 85], fungicides [86].

6. Organic compounds including Methyl *tert*-butyl Ether (MTBE) [87], aromatics (e.g., BTEX) [88–91], hydrocarbons [21, 92–98], hormonal pollutants [99]. Metal carbonyl pollutants (e.g., $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_5$, $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_4$) can be reduced to n- Fe^0 (5–15 nm) by thermolysis in the presence of functional polymers [100].
7. Most metals, metalloids, and nonmetals, including their oxides, hydrides, hydroxides, peroxides, nitrates, nitrites, sulfides, sulfates, halides, carbonates, bicarbonates, and phosphates. ZVM is used to adjust the Eh and pH. This shifts the water redox environment into a redox environment, which will allow either direct precipitation, or precipitation by substitution of Fe in a precipitated Fe corrosion product [10, 101–113]. Examples of contaminant ions and the associated precipitated products, which can be formed by the presence of ZVM, are summarized in Appendix 1.B.
8. Microbiota [10, 114–128] including *Escherichia coli* [115–118, 123, 124, 128], colliforms (e.g., *Enterococcus faecium*, *Enterococcus faecalis*) [128], *Klebsiella pneumoniae* [125], *Salmonella typhimurium* [10], *Salmonella enterica* [124], *Salmonella paratyphi* [125], *Shigella* spp. [125], *Salmonella* spp. [124], *Staphylococcus aureus* [117, 118], *Streptococci* spp. [126], *Bacillus cereus* [118], *Bacillus subtilis* var. *niger* [116, 119, 123], *Dehalococcoides* spp. [123], *Pseudomonas* spp. [118], *Pseudomonas fluorescens* [116, 118, 123], *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* [125], *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* [118], *Vibrio cholerae* [126], phiX174/FX174 [120, 128], T1 [121], Aichi virus [120], adenovirus 41 [120], MS-2 [116, 120, 128], Hepatitis A [122], norovirus [122], rotavirus [122], f2 virus [128], *Alcaligenes eutrophus* [123], *Aspergillus versicolor* [116, 119, 122], *Cryptosporidium* spp. [126], *Naeglaeria* spp. [126], *Naeglaeria fowleri* [128], *Giardia* spp. [126], *Hartmannella veriformis* [128], *Tetrahymena pyriformis* [128], *Daphnia magna* [116], *Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata* [116], *Dunaliella tertiolecta* [116], *Thalassiosira pseudonana* [116], *Isochrysis galbana* [116], fungi [127], prions [127], viruses [127], protozoa [127], bacteria [127], algae [127], etc. n- Fe^0 (20–30 nm) rapidly inactivates microorganisms by coating them with $\text{Fe}(\text{OOH})$ [119]. Inactivation is by one or more of Eh:pH changes and the interaction of Fe corrosion products (oxides, hydroxides, and peroxides), for example, [114, 119].
9. Macrobiota. n- Fe^0 in soil (0.1 to >1 g n- Fe^0 kg⁻¹ soil) adversely affect worms (e.g., *Eisenia fetida* and *Lumbricus rubellus*) and springtails (e.g., *Folsomia candida*) [123].
10. Plants. Concentrations of n- Fe^0 in excess of 250 mg kg⁻¹ soil have been found to stunt the growth of rye grass and clover [123].

1.3 REMEDIATION MECHANISMS

The mechanisms associated with ZVM remediation are the subject of conflicting, overlapping, and competing hypotheses, and more than one mechanism applies in each remediation environment. The principal hypotheses are

1. *Catalyst Model*: ZVM acts as a Langmuir-Hinshelwood catalyst (e.g., [55, 95], that is, adsorption of reactants on ZVM surface and desorption of products [55, 130, 131]), or Eley-Rideal catalyst (e.g., [95, 129], i.e., adsorption of one or more reactants on the ZVM surface with reaction of the adsorbed species with one or more fluid-phase reactants that are not adsorbed on the ZVM surface to produce a product [129–131]), or acid catalyst (Fe-H^{n+}) [10, 21, 96–98].
2. *Redox Model*: ZVM changes the water Eh and pH, thereby forcing remediation by changing both K and ΔG for the remediation reaction [10]. Under this model, n-ZVM reactions are essentially fluid phase electrochemical reactions, or contact surface reactions [10].
3. *Galvanic Model*: ZVM ionization (Appendix 1.B, Appendix 1.C) results in n-ZVM acting as self-charging galvanic cells (Fig. 1.2) that adjust the water pH and Eh. This adjustment forces a change in the cation:anion equilibrium state within the water [10]. The change in equilibrium state forces the reduction/oxidation of specific cations and anions, and a change in the Gibbs Free Energy associated with the remediation reaction [103, 104]. The presence of ZVM (and ZVM-ion adducts) in water creates (in a diabatic environment) a perpetual oscillation between higher and lower Eh and higher and lower pH [10] (Fig. 1.1b–j). This oscillation, which can be interpreted as alternating charging and discharging of the galvanic cells (Fig. 1.2): (i) creates, discharges, and adsorbs H^+ (protons, H_3O^+ , H_5O_2^+ , H_7O_3^+ , H_9O_4^+ , FeH_2^+ , FeH_2^+), e^- (H^- , H_2O^- , electrons), O^- , O^{2-} , O_2^- , H_2O_2 , OH , OH^- , O_2H , and O_2H^- ; (ii) creates a unique (ZVM specific) trajectory of Eh/pH change with both residence time and space velocity [10]. This galvanic discharge–recharge mechanism results in substantial water consumption (>0.18 t H_2O t⁻¹ n- Fe^0), but drives fluid phase (and ZVM/ion surface) Fenton Reactions, electron shuttle reactions, proton shuttle reactions, and oxide ($\text{H}_x\text{O}_y^{(c+/−)}$) shuttle reactions within water [10, 96]. These reactions undertake the reduction/oxidation of pollutants,

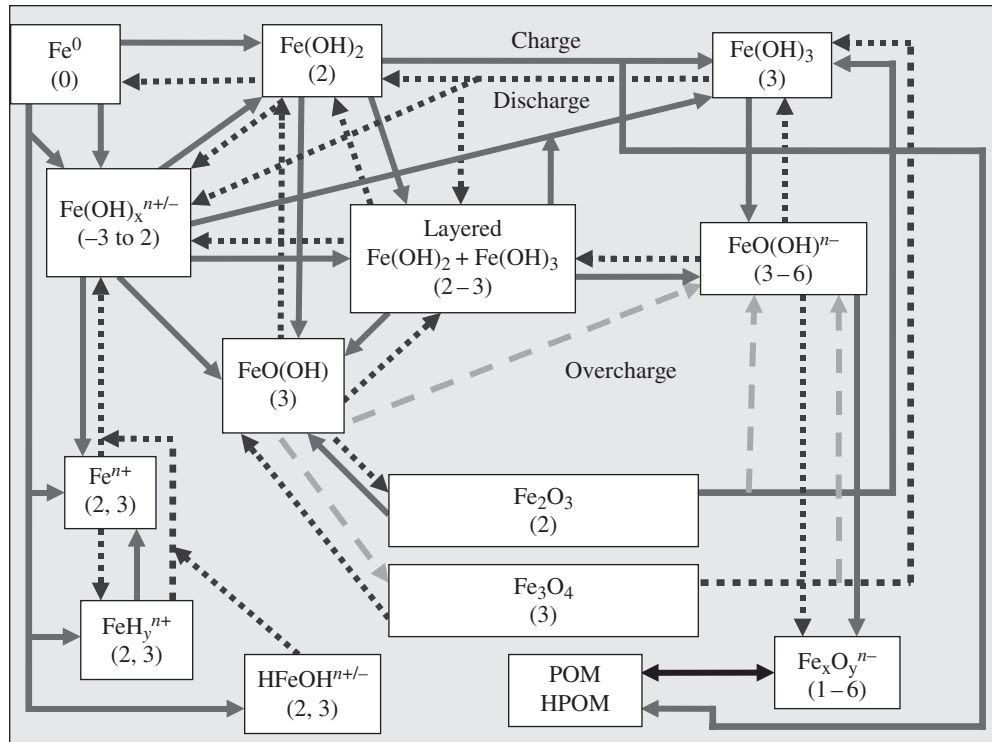


FIGURE 1.2 Fe-Hydrogen Redox Cell: Simplified relationship between $n\text{-Fe}^0$, Fe^0 products, oxidation number (brackets), and stored charge in the various ZVM components.

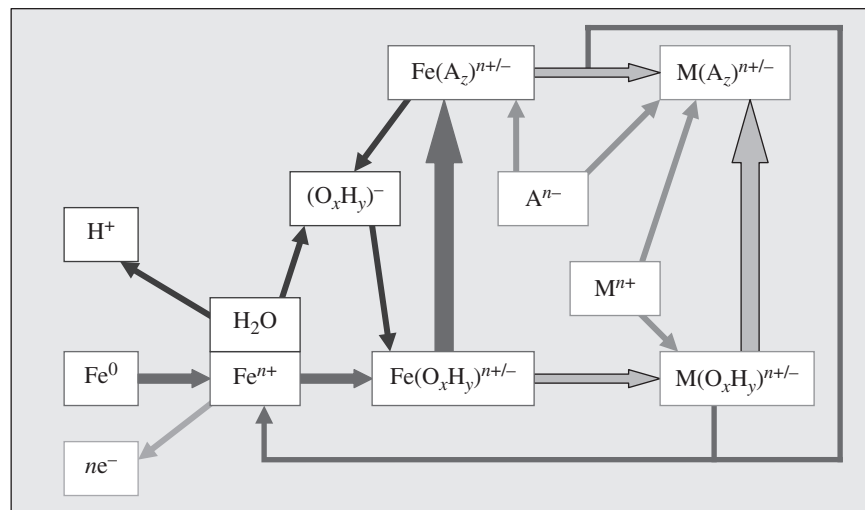


FIGURE 1.3 Fe-water Redox cell, simplified sequence of anion and cation exchange.

removal by incorporation into hydroxide/peroxide precipitates of anions and cations, and the reformulation of organic pollutants into simple alkanes and alkenes [10, 21, 95–98].

4. *Adsorption Model:* ion substitution (Fig. 1.3) of ZVM corrosion products and nano-molecular growth in self-assembly molecules nucleating around ZVM corrosion products results in the removal (by substitution/adsorption) of pollutant ions [38–50, 101, 102]. This model is treated in this study as a subset (Figs. 1.2 and 1.3) of the Galvanic Model.

The generic remediation reaction takes the form $aA + bB = dD + eE$. If $C_{t=0}$ = the contaminant at time, $t=0$, then the observed rate of reaction (k_{observed}), between $t=0$, and $t=m$, can be determined [130, 131] as

$$k_{\text{observed}} = \frac{(C_{t=m} / C_{t=0})}{(t = m(\text{s}))} \quad (1.1)$$

$$\text{Ln} \left(\frac{C_{t=0}}{C_{t=m}} \right) = [k_{\text{observed}}] t \quad (1.2)$$

Equations 1.1, 1.2 apply to each remediation model.

1.3.1 Catalyst Model

The hypothesis [48] that ZVM acts as a catalyst will result in decreasing particle size, increasing particle surface area, and/or increasing the quantity of ZVM, automatically increasing the observed rate of reaction (k_{observed}) [48, 55, 129–131]:

$$k_{sa} = \frac{k_{\text{observed}}}{a_{s(t=n)} P_m} [\text{Normalised Reaction Rate}] \quad (1.3)$$

$$k_{sa} = A_{sa} \exp \left(\frac{-E_{a(sa)}}{RT} \right) \quad (1.4)$$

$$k_{\text{observed}} = A_{(\text{observed})} \exp \left(\frac{-E_{a(\text{observed})}}{RT} \right) \quad (1.5)$$

$$\text{Reaction rate, } v, (\text{mol l}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}) = k [A]^m [B]^n [C_a]^p \quad (1.6)$$

It is commonly assumed that if a plot of $\ln(k_{sa}$ or k_{observed}) vs. time and pollutant concentration can be interpreted as a negative, or positive, zero-, first-, second- or third-order reaction [130, 131], then the ZVM must be acting as a catalyst. However, the primary interaction of the ZVM is with water (e.g., $n\text{-Fe}^0 + \text{H}_2\text{O} = \text{HFeOH}^{2+} + 2e^-$), and this interaction generates e^- [103] (Appendix 1.C). e^- is a powerful catalyst (used in electron shuttle reactions) [130]. It is therefore possible that much of the catalytic activity attributed to $n\text{-Fe}^0$ (and other ZVM) has been misattributed, and the actual catalytic activity/remediation reactions are undertaken by e^- [10] (as the availability of e^- is directly linked to the corrosion of ZVM (Appendix 1.B, 1.C)).

The catalytic model assumes that the remediation reactions may take the form, $A + \text{ZVM} = \{A[\text{ZVM}]\} = \text{products}$, or $A + \text{ZVM} \text{ hydride, oxide, hydroxide, peroxide} = \{A[\text{ZVM} \text{ hydride, oxide, hydroxide, peroxide}]\} = \text{products}$. The associated reaction rates are [130]: $k_d = A + \text{ZVM} = \{A[\text{ZVM}]\}$; $k_{-d} = \{A[\text{ZVM}]\} = A + \text{ZVM}$; $k_r = \{A[\text{ZVM}]\} = \text{products}$. The overall rate of reaction (v) = $k_r [\{A[\text{ZVM}]\}] = k_d k_r [A\{ZVM\}] / (k_{-d} + k_r)$ [130] and the overall rate coefficient $k_{\text{observed}} = v / \{A[\text{ZVM}]\} = k_d k_r / (k_{-d} + k_r)$ [130]. The equilibrium constant ($K_{\{A[\text{ZVM}]\}}$) for the encounter pair $\{A[\text{ZVM}]\}$ is k_d / k_{-d} and $k_{\text{observed}} = k_r K_{\{A[\text{ZVM}]\}}$ [130].

In groundwater, the ZVM diffusion environment results in $k_{\text{observed}} (\text{m}^3 \text{s}^{-1}) = 4\pi r_{\{A[\text{ZVM}]\}} D_{\{A[\text{ZVM}]\}}$ [130]. Transition state theory (absolute rate theory) [130] defines: $k_{\text{observed}} = k_B T / h \exp(-\Delta G^\ddagger / RT)$. The concentration of dissolved ions in the water impacts directly on the reaction rate (k), that is, $k_{\text{observed}} = (k_B T / h) K^\ddagger (\gamma_A \gamma_{\text{ZVM}} / \gamma_{\{A[\text{ZVM}]\}})$ [130]. These interactions are rarely accounted for in studies that suggest that ZVM acts as a remediation catalyst.

1.3.2 Redox Model

In groundwater [103, 104, 131]:

$$\Delta E(\text{Eh}) = \Delta E^\circ - \frac{RT}{nF} \ln[Q] = \frac{\Delta G}{(nF)} = -\Delta E^\circ - \frac{RT}{nF} \ln[K] \quad (1.7)$$

$$\Delta E^\circ = \frac{RT}{nF} \ln[K] = \frac{\Delta G^\circ}{(nF)} \quad (1.8)$$

A non-catalytic redox remediation reaction can be expressed as $a[A] + mH^+ + ne^- = b[B] + c[H_2O]$. This generic equation allows the relationship between Eh, pH, E , ΔG° , and $([B]^b/[A]^a)$ associated with each remediation reaction to be summarized [103, 131] as

1. when A is an aqueous ion (oxide, hydroxide, peroxide) and B is a precipitate as $Eh = \Delta G^\circ/(nF) + (0.0591/n) \log([B]^b/[A]^a) + (-0.0591m/n [pH])$; where $\Delta G^\circ/(nF) = \Delta E^\circ = -RT \ln[K]$; $pH = -\log H^+$; $(H_2O)^c = 1$
2. when [A] and [B] are dissolved substances ($M L^{-1}$), and $m > 0$ and $n = 0$, then, $\log([B]^b/[A]^a) = \Delta E^\circ + m[pH]$
3. when [A] and [B] are dissolved substances ($M L^{-1}$), and $m = 0$ and $n > 0$, then, $Eh = \Delta E^\circ + (0.0591/n) \log([B]^b/[A]^a)$
4. when [A] and [B] are dissolved substances ($M L^{-1}$), and $m > 0$ and $n > 0$, then, $Eh = \Delta E^\circ + (0.0591/n) \log([B]^b/[A]^a) + (-0.0591m/n [pH])$
5. when [A] and [B] are solid substances, and $m > 0$ and $n > 0$, then, $Eh = \Delta E^\circ + (-0.0591m/n [pH])$
6. when [B] is a solid substance and [A] is a dissolved substance ($M L^{-1}$), and $m > 0$ and $n = 0$, then, $\log([A]) = \Delta E^\circ + m [pH]$
7. when [B] is a solid substance and [A] is a dissolved substance ($M L^{-1}$), and $m > 0$ and $n > 0$, then, $Eh = \Delta G^\circ/(nF) + (0.0591/n) \log([A]) + (-0.0591m/n [pH])$.

The partial pressure of the gaseous reactants/ions (e.g., H, O, CO, CO₂, C_xH_y, etc.) alters k_{observed} , as $k_{\text{observed}} = k(P_p)^{xm}$ and $K_p = K(RP)^{cp}$, [21, 131].

The interactions between Eh, pH, partial pressure of (p_{H_2}), and partial pressure of [O_2] (p_{O_2}) are defined by the relationships [103]: (i) Hydrogen: $Eh = 0.00 - 0.0591 pH - 0.0295 \log(p_{H_2})$ [$2H^+ + 2e^- = H_2(g, aq)$], (ii) Oxygen: $Eh = 1.228 - 0.0591 pH + 0.0147 \log(p_{O_2})$ [$2H_2O = O_2(g, aq) + 4H^+ + 4e^-$].

These relationships imply [10, 103, 104] that if ZVM is able to alter the Eh and pH of water, that the resultant remediation (e.g., Appendix 1.B) is both non-catalytic, and a natural consequence of an Eh, pH modification of pore water chemistry. This model assumes that the primary role of ZVM during the remediation process is to alter the water Eh and pH [10].

1.3.3 Galvanic Model

The presence of ZVM creates two primary products in water [103, 104]. They are e^- and H^+ . Secondary products include H, H₂, O, O₂, O₂⁻, O²⁻, OH, OH⁻, O₂H, O₂H⁻, H₂O₂ [103, 104, 132]. The ZVM gradually degrades to produce ZVM ions [Feⁿ⁺, Al³⁺, Cuⁿ⁺] and associated ion adducts [103, 104, 132].

1.3.3.1 Diabatic Environment Remediation by ZVM injection into soil, or groundwater (<25 m depth), takes place in a diabatic environment where the temperature, T , is a function of atmospheric temperature [133, 134]. T varies during the day and seasonally over the year [133, 134]. Daily variations in T decrease with increasing depth [133]; daily variations of T are within the range <1 to >15°C; annual variations are within the range <1 to >50°C. Changing T will change the partial pressures of H₂ (and O₂) and one or more of pH, Eh, K, Q, k_{observed} [103, 104, 131, 132]. Where the remediation reaction is reversible, and $E_a > 0$, decreases in temperature may result in $k_d < k_{-d}$ and reversal of the remediation reaction (and vice versa). When Eh and pH are largely unaffected by changes in T , and ion removal is by precipitation (Appendix 1.B) then, a change in T of 1°C changes $\log([B]^b/[A]^a)$ by $(R \ln[K])/(0.0591/n)$ [103]. Consideration of temperature variation is therefore a major variable when predicting the effectiveness of a groundwater remediation program.

1.3.3.1.1 Redox Trajectory Placement of n-ZVM in a diabatic groundwater environment results in a gradual change in Eh, pH over time [10, 17, 135] as the oxidation state of the Fe⁰ increases (Fig. 1.1b–d). The redox trajectory is a function of Fe⁰ particle size [10, 17, 135] (Fig. 1.1b and c), Fe⁰:water ratio [10, 17] (Fig. 1.1b and c) and ZVM composition [10, 135] (Fig. 1.1d) [10, 135]. Daily variations in temperature [134] force an oscillation in both Eh and pH [10, 96, 135] (Fig. 1.1e and f), while maintaining a relatively constant hydrogen partial pressure (p_{H_2}) (Fig. 1.1g). p_{H_2} can be independent of ZVM composition (Fig. 1.1g).

The general redox oscillation (Fig. 1.1e and f) is accompanied by a cyclic oscillation in EC [10, 135] (Fig. 1.1h), which reflects adjusting Fe(OH)_x, FeOOH, Fe_xO_y composition [10, 96, 135]. Each oscillation cycle commences with a large swing in EC, which dampens with time (Fig. 1.1h). These EC oscillations (Fig. 1.1h) reflect oscillations in Eh, pH, K, $\log([B]^b/[A]^a)$ and are directly linked to cyclic changes in temperature (Fig. 1.1i and j).

1.3.3.2 Remediation Types Fe⁰ remediation reactions fall into two basic groups: (i) irreversible, ZVM, or e^- , catalyzed reactions, or reaction sequences (Type A) (e.g., nitrate, PCE removal [10]), and (ii) reversible redox, or ZVM (oxide, hydroxide,

peroxide) substitution reactions (Type B) [10, 101–104]. Type A reactions are described by the Catalyst model, Redox model, and Galvanic model, while Type B reactions are described by the Redox model, Galvanic model, and Adsorption model.

1.3.3.2.1 Galvanic Type A Reactions Type A reactions require e^- , or H^+ , or O_2 (e.g., electron shuttle and Fenton Reactions [10, 135]) to produce a product. They are favored by changes to the redox (Eh:pH) environment as [103]

$$\log\left(\frac{[B]^b}{[A]^a}\right) = Eh - \Delta E^\circ + \frac{[-0.0591m / n[pH]]}{0.0591 / n} \quad (1.9)$$

Type A reactions are theoretically reversible, but in practice many are effectively irreversible (e.g., nitrate removal [10, 24–33, 129], TCE removal [10, 17, 54–57, 136]). For example [57], PCE (C_2Cl_4) degrades to C_2Cl_2 and TCE (C_2CH_3H). TCE degrades to DCE ($C_2Cl_2H_2$) and C_2ClH . DCE degrades to VC (C_2ClH_3), C_2H_2 , and C_2H_4 . VC degrades to C_2H_4 . C_2Cl_2 degrades to C_2ClH , which then degrades to C_2H_2 , which is then hydrogenated to C_2H_4 . C_2H_2 and C_2H_4 are hydrogenated to C_2H_6 and C_xH_y [94, 96]. E_a for nitrate removal is in the range 21–46 kJ mol⁻¹ [6, 30]. E_a for PCE/TCE/chlorinated hydrocarbon removal is in the range 9.8–80 kJ mol⁻¹ [11, 136]. Since $\Delta E^\circ = -RT \ln[K]$ and $\ln[K] = \Delta E^\circ / RT$ [103, 104], it follows that increasing temperature, while maintaining a constant Eh and pH (when $\Delta E^\circ > 0$), will decrease the equilibrium ratio ($[B]^b/[A]^a$). It will also increase the reaction rate (k_{observed}) (Eq. 1.4).

From Equation 1.3, it follows that the principal controls on a Type A remediation program are ZVM particle size, particle type, mass ratio of pollutant:injected ZVM, and the injected ZVM:water/gas slurry concentration (g l) [137]. A relatively small reduction in particle size (from >1000 to 50–300 nm) can allow a major reduction in the amount of ZVM required to remove greater than 99% of the TCE in the groundwater (Fig. 1.1b and c).

From Equation 1.9, it follows that remediation is enhanced by increasing the availability of e^- by increasing the O_2 saturation of the pore water [138, 2, 139–141], while maintaining a constant, or decreasing, pH, and/or decreasing the aquifer pH by injection of CO_2 [94, 96, 2, 139–141] or addition of acidic components, for example, $FeCl_3$, while maintaining a constant or decreasing Eh [[10], [21], [95], [103], [142]]. It also follows (from Eqs. 1.3–1.5) that increasing the groundwater temperature by water injection, steam injection, or gas injection may reduce the time and amount of n-ZVM required to achieve a specific level of remediation from, for example, 100 days, to between <1 day and >50 days.

1.3.3.2.1.1 GALVANIC TYPE A REACTIONS: IMPACT OF OXYGENATION In oxygenated water, n- Fe^0 behaves as an iron–oxygen redox cell [138], where the overall reaction is $Fe^0 + 0.5O_2 + H_2O = Fe(OH)_2$ [Cathode {+} reaction : $0.5O_2 + H_2O + 2e^- = 2OH^-$; Anode [-] reaction: $Fe^0 + 2OH^- = Fe(OH)_2 + 2e^-$; pH = <10.53]. $Fe^0 = Fe^{2+} + 2e^-$; $Fe^{2+} + 2OH^- = Fe(OH)_2$ when the Fe^{2+} concentration is greater than ($\log(Fe^{2+}) = 13.29 - 2pH$ [103]). At a pH > 10.53, $FeOOH + H^+ = Fe(OH)_2$ when the $FeOOH^-$ concentration is greater than ($\log(FeOOH^-) = -18.30 - pH$ [103]). The relative stability of the Fe^{2+} and $FeOOH^-$ ions is provided by the molar relationship $\log[FeOOH^-/Fe^{2+}] = -31.58 + 3pH$ [103]. The addition of oxygen into the iron–air cell modifies the standard redox cell used to produce $Fe(OH)_2$ from: (i) $Fe + 2H_2O = Fe(OH)_2 + 2H^+ + 2e^-$ (Eh for phase boundary is [103]: $Eh = -0.047 - 0.0591 pH$) to; (ii) $Fe^0 + 0.5O_2 + H_2O = Fe(OH)_2$ (Eh for phase boundary is [103]: $Eh = -1.29 - 0.0591 pH$). The net effect is an increase in the availability of e^- , and an increase in the associated remediation rates. At any given time, the concentration of e^- in the water is [103]: $e^- [M l^{-1}] = 10^{(Eh(\text{water}) + 1.125)/0.0295 - pH(\text{water})}$. Magnetised n- Fe^0 will preferentially attract O_2 (e.g., $Fe^0 + O_2 + 2H^+ = Fe^{2+} + H_2O_2$; $Fe^{2+} + H_2O_2 = Fe^{3+} + 2HO + e^-$) [2]. Chlorinated organics are removed from oxygenated water by an electron shuttle mechanism using Fe^0 or Al^0 . A simple shuttle mechanism, where e^- acts as a catalyst [130], is provided as $H_xC_xCl_y + e^- + H = [H_{x+1}C_xCl_{y-1}] + Cl + e^-$. The electron shuttle model predicts that increasing the availability of e^- by oxygenation, or another mechanism, will increase the remediation rate. Experiments have established that oxygenation increases the rate of remediation reaction (for As removal) by greater than 4 fold (over a 60-min period) but does not necessarily reduce Eh [139–141], through the reversible equilibrium reactions $Fe^0 + 2H_2O = Fe^{2+} + H_2 + 2OH^-$; $Fe^{2+} + H + e^- = FeH^+$; $FeH^+ + O = FeOH^+$; $Fe^0 + 2H_2O + O_2 = 2Fe^{2+} + 4OH^-$; $2Fe^{2+} + nOH^- = Fe(OH)_n$, etc. (Fig. 1.2). Effective anion removal (e.g., As) is enhanced in an acidic environment [101–104, 2, 139–141]. This can be achieved by acidifying the water by CO_2 injection [139–141] or acid injection [2, 139–141], prior to n- Fe^0 injection, and oxidation [139–141]. e^- generation through a strategy of cyclic n- Fe^0 oxidation and reduction appears to be effective over greater than 4000 redox cycles [138].

1.3.3.2.2 Galvanic Type B Reactions Type B remediation reactions occur when (i) the interaction of T, Eh, pH changes resulting from the presence of ZVM, results in a change in K, which allows pollutant ions to be precipitated as oxides, peroxides, hydroxides, sulfides, carbonates, etc (e.g., Appendix 1.A), and (ii) when the Fe^0 corrodes to one or more of n- FeH^{n+} , n- $Fe(OH)_x$, n- $FeOOH$, n- $Fe-[O_xH_y]^{(n+/-)}$ (Fig. 1.2). Subsequent Fe ion substitution/adsorption (or Fe ion adduct formation) of cations and

anions (Fig. 1.3) results in pollutant cation/anion removal from the water, with precipitation within a $n\text{-Fe-[O}_x\text{H}_y]$ structure–Adsorption Model [101, 102].

At any specific (constant) pH (e.g., pH=7), both cations and anions are removed [143]. The total amount of cations removed may increase, or decrease, with changing temperature [144], and may be a function of both pollutant concentration, and the concentration of other anions (e.g., humic acids) within the groundwater [144]. Anion and cation removal increases with time [145], and the ratio of cations:anions removed by incorporation/substitution varies with the pollutant ion adduct:Feⁿ⁺ ratio in the water [144]. Fe(II) ions (and other cations) hydrolyze on the surface of FeOOH particles [146].

1.3.3.2.2.1 GALVANIC TYPE B REACTIONS: POM AND HPOM PRODUCTS Polyoxometalates (POMs) (Fig. 1.2) are self-assembly accretionary molecules that take the form of a sandwich composed of a central core fragment $\text{Fe}_n^{\text{II}}\text{Fe}_m^{\text{III}}\text{O}_z(\text{H}_2\text{O})_y$ surrounded by external fragments of $\text{Fe}_n^{\text{II}}\text{Fe}_m^{\text{III}}\text{O}_z\text{H}_2\text{O}_y$ linked by two distinct edge sharing dimeric clusters of $(\text{Fe}(\text{OH})_2)$ [147, 148]. The formation of POMs greatly increases the rate of n-ZVM water remediation by serving as an electron shuttle and ion chelating agent [149]. A POM (Fig. 1.2) may potentially remove (Fig. 1.3) greater than 10 g Cation g⁻¹ n-Fe⁰. The associated by-product Type A reactions, involving e⁻ catalysis, may remove greater than 1 g pollutant g⁻¹ n-Fe⁰.

Heteropolyoxometalates (HPOM) are derived from metal cages of the form $(\text{MO}_n)_x$, which incorporate anion templates of the form (AO_x^{n-}) [150]. However, their pentagonal building blocks form around a pentagonal bipyramidal core (MO_n) , which can be hydrated [150]. A typical HPOM nucleates around a cluster of 2 Fe ions (oxidation state 2⁺ or 3⁺ or 4⁺). They seed a linkage, which allows clusters of pentagonal, or another structural form, of $\text{M}(1)\text{O}_n$ to accrete [150]. In saline water, the monomer may take the form $[\text{K}_{8+3x}\text{Na}_{9+y}\text{H}_{29+z}[\text{H}_{34}\text{M}(1)_{119}\text{M}(2)_8\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_{420}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{34+n}]]^{(8-x-y-z)-}$; the dimer may take the form $[\text{K}_{16+3x}\text{Na}_{18+6y}\text{H}_{57+2z}[\text{H}_{34}\text{M}(1)_{119}\text{M}(2)_8\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_{420}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{74+n}]]^{(16-x-y-z)-}$ [150]. M(1) and M(2) are different metal cations incorporated in the HPOM from the water. An individual HPOM molecule may have a size of less than 3 nm [150]. HPOM formation is slow and conversion of 4% of the n-Fe⁰ to HPOM may take greater than 4 weeks [150]. However, they are highly effective remediation agents [149] with a potential absorption capacity of greater than 100 g pollutant cation g⁻¹ n-Fe [150]. Injection of 100 kg n-Fe⁰ into groundwater can potentially result in greater than 400 kg of pollutant cations being removed in HPOM structures over a 4-week period.

1.3.3.2.2.2 GALVANIC TYPE B REACTIONS: IMPACT OF HYDROGEN In poorly oxygenated water, the n-Fe⁰ gradually corrodes (Appendix 1.C, Fig. 1.2) to form a corrosion zone of Fe-hydroxides and peroxides at the n-Fe⁰–water interface [10]. The interface acts as a hydrogen electrode (cathode) and the Fe⁰ acts as a current electrode (anode). During remediation, Fe/Cu acts as a cathode to an Al anode. The Cu acts as a cathode to a Fe anode [151–154]. The basic process involves charge transfer (and OH ion formation) at the ZVM–water interface and includes electron transfer via conduction, electron insertion into active sites, and conduction by hopping through electron-deficient lattice sites within the active material [151].

In a diabatic environment, the perpetual oscillation and change in temperature (Fig. 1.1i and j), results in a perpetual oscillation between forward and backward reactions (Fig. 1.2). This oscillation allows the hydrides/hydroxides/peroxides/oxides (Fig. 1.2) to be used as stores of protons (H⁺) and electrons (e⁻) [151–154], which can be accessed for Type A remediation reactions. All changes that increase the oxidation number of the ZVM ion adducts, effectively result in electron storage (charging) occurring and vice versa [151] (Fig. 1.2). Ions (aqueous or solid) that contain an oxidation number greater than the stoichiometric charge are overcharged [151] (Fig. 1.2).

1.3.3.2.2.3 GALVANIC TYPE B REACTIONS: DISCHARGE During discharge, electrons flow from the current electrode (Fe⁰ particles $[\text{Fe}^0 = \text{Fe}^{n+} + ne^-]$ and other ZVM and ZVM adducts (Figs. 1.2 and 1.3, Appendix 1.C)), through the hydroxides, peroxides (Fig. 1.2)–charge transfer sites [e.g., $\text{FeOOH} + \text{H}_2\text{O} + e^- = \text{Fe}(\text{OH})_3 + e^-$; $\text{FeOOH} + \text{OH}^- + \text{H}^+ + e^- = \text{Fe}(\text{OH})_3 + e^-$] to the hydrogen electrode (Cu⁰ particles) [151]. Hydrogen generation occurs at the particles, which act as a hydrogen electrode $[2\text{H}_2\text{O} + 2e^- = 2\text{H}^+ + 2\text{OH}^- + 2e^-$; $2\text{H}_2\text{O} + 2e^- = \text{H}_2 + 2\text{OH}^-]$.

1.3.3.2.2.4 GALVANIC TYPE B REACTIONS: RECHARGE During recharge, the electron flow is reversed [151] and oxygen forms at the cathode as a by-product of electron generation [cathode–electron generation: $4\text{OH}^- = \text{O}_2(\text{g}) + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} + 4e^-$; hydroxide reduction to peroxide in the charge transfer sites: $\text{Fe}(\text{OH})_3 = \text{FeOOH} + \text{H}_2\text{O} + e^-$; Fe ion reduction to Fe⁰] [151].

1.3.3.2.2.5 GALVANIC TYPE B REACTIONS: GAS EVOLUTION During recharge, oxygen accumulates in the charge transfer sites [151]. During discharge, hydrogen accumulates in the charge transfer sites [151]. Both gases show very different morphologies at the ZVM–water interface [10]. Oxygen bubbles tend to form in, and are commonly encased by, the cathodic particles (e.g., Cu) [10], and form rapidly after a ZVM mixture (Fe+Cu, Fe+Cu+Al (Fig. 1.4a–d)) is placed in the reactor. The initial corrosion reactions are recharge reactions forming FeOOH. The FeOOH forms active charge sites. The formation of hydrogen gases initially results in the adsorption of the O₂ gas bubbles, with no hydrogen gas discharge (i.e., $2\text{H}_2 + \text{O}_2 = 2\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{heat}$) [151].

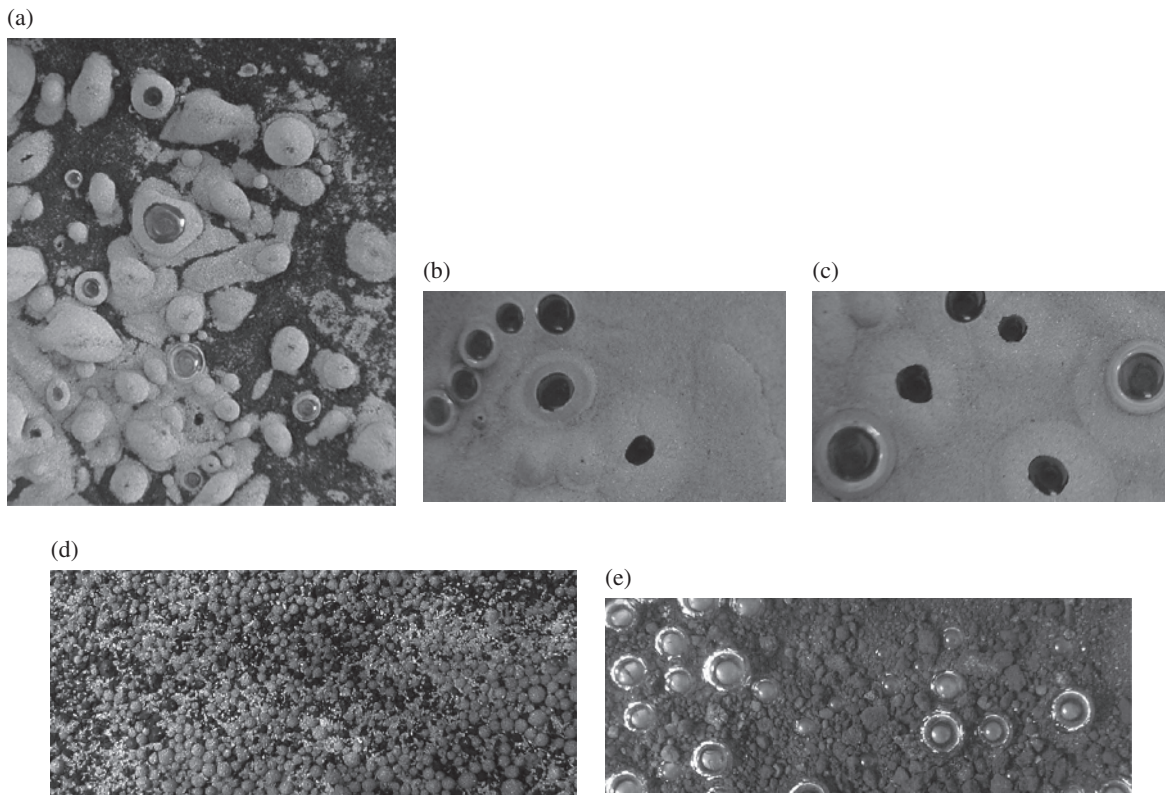


FIGURE 1.4 Morphology of common gas bubbles associated with n-Fe⁰ (Nanofer Star (supplied by nanoiron s.r.o.; www.nanoiron.cz), 50 nm, BET=20m² g⁻¹; mixed with n-Al⁰ and n-Cu⁰) (a) Oxygen bubbles encased by Cu⁰ on the surface of n-Fe⁰ [5 g n-Fe⁰+5 g n-Cu⁰+0.25l saline H₂O [Eh=0.095 V; pH=7.01; EC= 1.993 mS cm⁻¹; T=12.8 C – gas composition checked using TCD GC]]. (b) O₂ gas venting where n-Al⁰ rests on top of n-Fe⁰. The O₂ gas bubbles are encased by n-Cu⁰. [5 g n-Fe⁰+5 g n-Cu⁰+5 g n-Al⁰+0.25l saline H₂O [Eh=0.073 V; pH=7.00; EC= 1.981 mS cm⁻¹; T= 12.9 C– gas composition checked using TCD GC]]. (c) O₂ gas venting where n-Al⁰ rests on top of n-Fe⁰. [5 g n-Fe⁰+5 g n-Cu⁰+5 g n-Al⁰+0.25l saline H₂O [Eh=0.073 V; pH=7.00; EC= 1.981 mS cm⁻¹; T= 12.9 C– gas composition checked using TCD GC]]. (d) O₂ filled spheres of n-Cu⁰ developing on the n-Fe⁰ – water interface, 5 min after loading into a reactor. [40% n-Fe⁰+20% n-Cu⁰+40% n-Al⁰]. (e) H₂ gas bubbles developing on the ZVM-water interface (Fig. 1.4d), 3 weeks after loading [H₂ composition verified by TCD GC]. Part of the n-Fe⁰ has been corroded to form agglomerated FeOOH and Fe₃O₄ nodules or clods (0.5–4 mm in diameter). Some of the nodules are coated with n-Cu⁰. Each nodule forms an accreting galvanic cell (Fig. 1.2) with an anodic core (e.g., n-Fe⁰, n-Al⁰, Fe(OH)₂) and a cathodic exterior (e.g., n-Cu⁰, n-FeOOH, n-Fe₃O₄). Individual gas bubbles are 3–6 mm in diameter.

After the FeOOH corrosion products (Fig. 1.2) reach a critical mass, the ZVM switches from operating in a net recharge mode, to operation in a net discharge mode. During this phase, distinctive hydrogen gas bubbles form on the ZVM/FeOOH surface (Fig. 1.4e). Unlike the O₂ bubbles, H₂ bubbles are not associated with a specific cathodic ZVM, but instead form on the surface (and in) active charge transfer sites (e.g., FeOOH, Fe₃O₄ (Fig. 1.4e)).

1.3.3.2.2.6 GALVANIC TYPE B REACTIONS: HYDROGEN EVOLUTION The amount of hydrogen generated is a function of ZVM composition, water composition, and operating conditions (pressure, temperature) [155–157]. The maximum hydrogen production occurs when the n-ZVM is reduced to the ZVM oxide (Fig. 1.2). For example, $x\text{ZVM} + y\text{H}_2\text{O} = \text{ZVM}_x\text{O}_y + y\text{H}_2$. For the reaction $3\text{Fe} + 4\text{H}_2\text{O} = \text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4 + 4\text{H}_2$ (Figs. 1.2 and 1.4e), 167 g n-Fe⁰ (50 nm) + 72 g H₂O = Fe₃O₄ + 8 g H₂ (89.64l) [158]. This process can be undertaken over a short time period using n-Fe⁰ (50 nm). Increasing the temperature of a water:n-Fe⁰ mixture from <20 to 350°C over a 90-min period, in a sealed diffusion reactor, will result in a H₂ yield of about 450–540 m³ H₂ t⁻¹ n-Fe⁰, and a gas pressure of greater than 5 MPa [159]. Cooling the reactor to 20°C provides a deliverable H₂ gas at less than 3 MPa [159]. Reduction of the Fe₃O₄ to Fe⁰ allows the cycle to be repeated (e.g., Fe₃O₄ + 4CO = 3Fe⁰ + 4CO₂; Fe₃O₄ + 4H₂ = 3Fe⁰ + 4H₂O) [159, 160]. In a confined diffusion reactor, the general reactions (Fig. 1.2), result (at T=<50°C) in low levels of pressurized H₂ gas evolution as the Fe⁰ oscillates between charged (Fe^{III}) and discharged (Fe^{II}) states [155–157].

The oscillating combination of H⁺ and e⁻ generation from the cathodic sites during recharge and discharge [151, 153] creates the driving force for chlorinated hydrocarbon (and other Type A) remediation [161].

1.4 REMEDIATION MARKET

Contaminated sites (soils and groundwater) vary in size from <100 m² to >10 km². The number of contaminated sites, which could benefit from n-ZVM treatment, is estimated at 350,000–400,000 in Europe, 235,000–355,000 in the United States [136, 162]. There are probably a similar number of contaminated sites in Canada, S. America, China, Russia, India, The Middle East, Asia, Australia, and Africa. To date, only a few sites have been treated using n-ZVM.

1.4.1 Remediation Costs

A typical PCE/TCE/DCE groundwater remediation costs around \$200–\$700/kg n-Fe⁰ used [137, 162], and utilizes less than 1–280 t n-Fe⁰ for each t PCE/TCE/DCE in the soil/aquifer [17, 137]. The cost comprises a n-Fe⁰ cost (e.g., \$30–\$100 kg⁻¹) + injection/infiltration + monitoring costs. Since the radius of influence of an injection well/infiltration point source is typically less than 40 m [22, 23], reducing the n-Fe⁰ cost will not necessarily reduce the costs associated with injection/infiltration and monitoring. Remediation adds value by either allowing the land to be rehabilitated, for industrial, domestic, or agricultural applications, or by allowing the water to be used for municipal, industrial or agricultural purposes. The sustainable remediation cost is a function of the overall value added by the remediation.

1.4.1.1 Reduction of Type A Remediation Costs Type A remediation costs are reduced by (i) reducing both particle size and the amount of ZVM injected (Eq. 1.3). Compare with Figures 1.1b, c, which both achieved greater than 99% removal of 25–88 mg TCE l⁻¹ H₂O [17]; (ii) increasing groundwater temperature [130] (Eq. 1.4, and/or oxygen levels [138, 2, 139–141], and/or increasing groundwater acidity [10, 103, 104, 135, 142] (Eqs. 1.4 and 1.9), in order to both accelerate the remediation and reduce the overall amount of n-Fe⁰ required. The catalytic model assumes that 1 mol n-Fe⁰ can only generate 2 or 3 mol e⁻ (Appendix 1.C) and that increasing particle size will increase the active life of the n-Fe⁰ [163]. The galvanic model assumes that the perpetual oscillations [10] within the groundwater will allow a substantially greater amount of e⁻ and H⁺ to be formed using a cyclic process. That is,

1. $\text{H}_2\text{O}^- + \text{Fe}^{2+} = \text{FeH}^{2+} + \text{OH}^-$; $\text{H} + \text{Fe}^{2+} = \text{FeH}^{2+}$;
2. $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+ + \text{FeH}^{2+} = \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{H}_2 + \text{Fe}^{3+}$; $\text{H}_2 = 2\text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^-$; $\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^- = \text{H}$
3. $\text{H} + \text{Fe}^{3+} = \text{H}^+ + \text{Fe}^{2+}$ [132]

Fresh oxygen contained in recharge water entering the remediation zone will be initially removed [132] as $\text{O}_2 + \text{Fe}^{2+} = \text{O}_2^- + \text{Fe}^{3+}$; $\text{O}_2 + \text{FeOH}^+ = \text{O}_2^- + \text{FeOH}^{2+}$; $\text{O}_2 + \text{Fe}(\text{OH})_2 = \text{O}_2^- + \text{Fe}(\text{OH})_2^+$; $\text{O}_2 + \text{Fe}(\text{OH})_3^- = \text{O}_2^- + \text{Fe}(\text{OH})_3$, etc. The O_2^- interacts with $\text{FeO}_x\text{H}_y^{n+/}$, H_2O , O_2H , OH and H to form O^- , O^{2-} , O_2 , O_2H , OH , H_2O_2 and $\text{FeO}_x\text{H}_y^{n+/}$ [132]. This allows recharge of oxygenated water (from surface precipitation and subsurface flow) to provide a natural drive for the galvanic cell.

1.4.1.1.1 Reduction of Type A Remediation Costs: Catalytic Model The cathodic model focuses on reducing particle size and increasing temperature to increase remediation rates and reduce the amount of ZVM required. Figures 1.1b, c demonstrate that the same degree of TCE remediation can be achieved using 3.9 kg n-Fe⁰ (>1000 nm) m³ soil and 0.009 kg n-Fe⁰ (50–300 nm) m³ soil. The total n-Fe⁰ surface area in Figure 1.1b is about 20 times greater than the n-Fe⁰ surface area in Figure 1.1c. Brownfield development land may economically sustain a remediation cost of \$3–\$6 MM/acre (i.e., \$75–\$1500 m³ soil/aquifer), depending on location and final use. Comparative costs for surface reactor treatment of industrial water and agricultural water to remove chlorinated hydrocarbons and nitrates using ZVM in fixed/packed bed reactors are in the order of \$0.03 m⁻³ H₂O for greater than 90% removal [10, 13].

1.4.1.1.2 Reduction of Type A Remediation Costs: Galvanic Model The galvanic model indicates that the concentration of Fe²⁺, FeO_xH_y^{n+/} ions and the presence of a controlled instability in the groundwater following ZVM injection (e.g., temperature variation, oxygen variation, acidification) controls the rate of Type A remediation. These factors facilitate remediation through electron shuttle reactions [164–166]. A galvanic cell of this type (Fig. 1.2) can be sustained through greater than 200,000 cycles/oscillations [151]. Application of this model to brownfield site remediation will (i) reduce the amount of n-Fe⁰ required to achieve a specific level of remediation within a specific timeframe; and (ii) reduce the remediation time required using a specific amount of n-Fe⁰. Remediation time frames for TCE removal can be potentially reduced from >1 year to <1 week.

1.4.1.2 Reduction of Type B Remediation Costs Type B remediation (Appendix 1.B, Fig. 1.3) can be undertaken using n-ZVM or ZVM corrosion products (Fig. 1.2). The remediation occurs over a long timeframe (days to years), which is controlled by the ZVM concentration, Eh, pH, and ion type. The amount of contaminant removed increases with time, and is typically in the range less than 0.01–0.3 g contaminant g⁻¹ n-Fe⁰. The galvanic model allows the timeframe required to remove specific pollutants (Appendix 1.B), and the total amount of pollutant removed to be reduced by controlling the Eh, pH environment, and ZVM composition with time. Remediation rates during active galvanic management can potentially exceed 1 g pollutant g⁻¹ n-Fe⁰. Active subsurface Eh:pH management using the galvanic model may be able to reduce the treatment costs to less than \$2 MM/acre (i.e., \$5–\$150 m³ soil/aquifer).

1.5 CONCLUSIONS

Groundwater remediation (Type A and B) using ZVM is typically undertaken by ZVM infiltration, or pneumatic injection of ZVM [17, 137] using a passive process of injection followed by monitoring over a number of years. This approach, which assumes that the catalytic model applies, provides little, or no, effective day to day control over the rate of remediation. The observation that bimetallic ZVM (e.g., n-Fe⁰+one or more metals where $E^\circ < E^\circ \text{Fe}^{\text{II}}$ (Appendix 1.C)) shows increased reactivity (and delayed rates of Fe⁰ oxidation) when compared with n-Fe⁰ [179] is consistent with the galvanic model. The close proximity of the cathodic and anodic species coupled with diabatic oscillations results in continual oscillating reduction and oxidation of the bi-metal species. In mono n-Fe⁰ the initial oxidation (formation of Fe-(OH)₂) (associated with galvanic oscillation between Fe^{II} and Fe^{III} (Appendix 1.C)) results initially in exponential particle growth [179]. This switches to logarithmic particle growth as the cathodic species Fe(OH)₃, FeOOH, and Fe_xO_y start to form [179]. The associated by-products, which react [10] to remove contaminants, are [e.g., 103] e⁻, H, H⁺, OH, OH⁻, O₂H, O₂H⁻, H₂O₂, O, O⁻, O₂⁻, and O²⁻. Particle growth and agglomeration is rapid with 50 nm particles forming agglomerations of greater than 1 mm within 21 days (e.g., Fig. 1.4e, see also [10]). n-FeO_xH_y expulsion with (H₂, O₂) gas bubbles results in a rapid and effective dispersion of colloidal Fe^{II}–Fe^{III} galvanic cells throughout the water column. These grow with time (Figs. 1.2 and 1.3) to form colloidal particles greater than 1 mm in diameter, which settle on the ZVM–water interface [10]. The n-colloid clouds in the water within the diffusion environment tend to be mono-specific, color coordinated (e.g., white=Fe(OH)₂; yellow/orange=Fe(OH)₃; blue-green=green rust; dark-red brown/black=FeOOH; oxygenated blood red=Fe₂O₃; grey/black=Fe₃O₄), and indicate the galvanic charge status within the reaction environment (Fig. 1.2). The dominant colloid species changes with Eh, pH, and charge status of the water. The accreting growing colloidal particles, which can grow from 50 nm to greater than 5 mm, obtain buoyancy from H and O, which are present on the active sites.

An understanding of the corrosion of n-Fe⁰ in the remediation environment and the controls that allow the net reaction directions (Fig. 1.1e–h) to be switched between recharge (formation of Fe^{III} ion adducts) and discharge (formation of Fe^{II} ion adducts) (Figs. 1.2 and 1.3) is an essential prerequisite to understanding how to reduce the cost and increase the efficiency of the remediation program.

The galvanic model requires active post-injection management of the groundwater Eh, pH temperature, and oxygenation levels. It has the potential to allow 15–100 nm Fe⁰, Cu⁰, Al⁰ (typically spherical/blocky) particles with a surface area of 10–80 m² g⁻¹, and costing \$20,000–\$850,000 t⁻¹, to be restructured and replaced by specific galvanic components (5–80 nm) with a layered structure [(e.g., Fe(OH)_x, FeOOH, etc. (Fig. 1.2)) and a surface area of <100 to >30,000 m² g⁻¹ Fe⁰, costing around \$300–\$15,000 t⁻¹]. The net effect of this restructuring is to reduce the amount of n-Fe⁰ required, the rate of remediation, the time frame for remediation, and the overall cost of the remediation while increasing the amount of pollutant removed g⁻¹ n-Fe⁰.

APPENDIX 1.A LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND EQUATION SYMBOLS

1. $a, b, d, e, m, n,$ and p are constants which are determined experimentally. In a simple non-catalytic example where $b=0$, m =the reaction order [130]. The reaction order is calculated as $m+n+p$ [130].
2. A' =a constant (0.509 dm^{1.5} mol^{-0.5} at 298K);
3. A_f =pre-exponential factor [$E_{a(sa)}$ & $A_{(sa)}$ = normalized for p_m and a_s ; $E_{a(observable)}$ & $A_{(observable)}=E_a$ and A_f calculated without correction or normalization for p_m and a_s].
4. $a_{s(t=n)}$ = ZVM surface area(m² gm) at time t . $a_{s(t=n)}$ decreases with increasing time as the ZVM surfaces become oxidized;
5. B' =a constant; a = radius of the ion;
6. C_a =catalyst (e.g., ZVM);
7. $C_{t=n}$ =contaminant concentration at time, $t=n$ (seconds) [mg l⁻¹, M l⁻¹];

8. $C_{t=0}$ = initial contaminant concentration at $t=0$ [mg l^{-1} , M l^{-1}];
9. c_i = concentration (mol dm^{-3} ; mol l^{-1}) of the i th ion of charge, z_i .
10. cp = moles gaseous reactants - moles gaseous products;
11. $D_{\{A\{ZVM\}}}$ = diffusion coefficient = $k_B T / \pi \beta \eta r_s$;
12. D_f = Driving force, Pa (1 m head = 10,000 Pa);
13. E_a = Activation energy (kJ Mol^{-1});
14. F = Faraday constant;
15. H = Planck's constant;
16. I = ionic strength of the water = $0.5 \sum c_i Z_i^2$;
17. $\log(\gamma_A) = -A' z_A^2 I^{0.5}$ (lower ionic strengths);
18. $\log(\gamma_A) = -A' z_A^2 I^{0.5} / (1 + B' a I^{0.5})$ (higher ionic strengths);
19. $\log(k_{\text{observed}}/k_o) = 1.018 z_A z_B I^{0.5}$;
20. k_B = Boltzmann's constant;
21. k_o = the rate coefficient at zero ionic strength = $k_r K_{AB}$;
22. k_{observed} = observed contaminant removal rate constant [proportion removed s^{-1}]; k_{observed} can also be expressed as $\text{mg removed } s^{-1}$, or [moles removed mole reactant $^{-1} s^{-1}$], or another suitable set of units;
23. k_p = permeability, $\text{m}^3 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ Pa}^{-1}$;
24. k_{sa} = reaction rate constant which has been normalized for ZVM surface area and ZVM concentration in the water;
25. K, K_{AB} = Equilibrium constant;
26. K_p = equilibrium constant adjusted for pressure;
27. $K^\ddagger (\gamma_A \gamma_{ZVM} / \gamma_{\{A\{ZVM\}}}) = \exp(-\Delta G^\ddagger / RT)$ and $RT(\ln(K^\ddagger (\gamma_A \gamma_{ZVM} / \gamma_{\{A\{ZVM\}}})) = -\Delta G^\ddagger$;
28. n = number of electrons transferred;
29. P = pressure;
30. P_p = reactant partial pressure;
31. p_m = mass concentration of ZVM at t (g l^{-1}). p_m decreases as ZVM ions are removed with the product water and as ZVM is replaced with ZVM-hydroxides, peroxides, oxides, carbonates, sulphates, sulphides, etc.;
32. Q = reaction quotient;
33. Q_{fr} = flow rate, $\text{m}^3 \text{ hr}$;
34. R = gas constant;
35. $r_{\{A\{ZVM\}}}$ = encounter radius (nm) of the reactant [A]: ZVM interaction;
36. r_s = hydrodynamic radius (nm) of the diffusing species;
37. SV = space velocity, $\text{m}^3 \text{ hr}^{-1} \text{ t}^{-1} \text{ ZVM}$;
38. SWZ = stored water to ZVM ratio in the reaction environment, $\text{m}^3 \text{ H}_2\text{O } \text{t}^{-1} \text{ ZVM}$;
39. S_w = Volume of water contained in the reaction environment, m^3 ;
40. T = Temperature, K;
41. t (time) can be expressed in seconds, minutes, hours, days;
42. W_{zvm} = weight (t) of ZVM in the reaction environment;
43. Xm = number of moles of the gaseous reactant;
44. z_A = charge number of ion species;
45. z_B = charge number of ion species, B;
46. ZVM = zero valent metal;
47. H = viscosity;
48. B = a constant (continuum solvent, $\beta=6$; molecular diffusion, $\beta=4$);
49. K = transmission coefficient (e.g., 1.0);
50. ΔE° = standard potential for the reaction; $\Delta E = Eh$;
51. ΔG^\ddagger = overall Gibbs free energy of activation = $\Delta G^\circ_{\{A\{ZVM\}} + \Delta G^\ddagger$;
52. ΔG° = standard Gibbs free energy for a reaction;

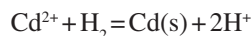
53. $\Delta G^\circ_{\{A\{ZVM\}}}$ = free energy change on forming the encounter pair;
 54. ΔG^\ddagger = free energy of activation from the encounter pair;
 55. $\Delta G = \Delta H - T \Delta S$;
 56. ΔH = heat of reaction;
 57. ΔS = entropy;

APPENDIX 1.B IONS (OXIDES, HYDRIDES, PEROXIDES, AND HYDROXIDES) REMOVED BY PRECIPITATION DUE TO THE ALTERATION OF Eh AND pH IN GROUNDWATER BY ZVM

Data Sources: [10, 103, 104, 167–175]

In the simplest case, n-ZVM addition leaves pH effectively unaltered (e.g., Fig. 1.1c).

Eh prior to addition of n-ZVM = Eh [103, 104, 131] = $\Delta E^\circ + (0.0591/n) \log([B]^b/[A]^a)_{t=0}$. For an example contaminant removal reaction,



(the half reactions are $\text{Cd}^{2+} + 2e^- = \text{Cd}^0$ and $\text{H}_2 = 2\text{H}^+ + 2e^-$; see Appendix 1.C); $K = Q = [\text{H}^+]^2/([\text{Cd}^{2+}]P_{\text{H}_2}) = B^b/A^a$ [131]. After n-ZVM addition, at time $t = m$, the Eh changes (Fig. 1.1b–d) result in a new equilibria, where the new $\log([B]^b/[A]^a)_{t=m} = (\text{Eh} - \Delta E^\circ)/(0.0591/n)$; ΔE° is corrected to the actual groundwater temperature. In this example, if the groundwater at $t = 0$ contains a 0.001 M Cd^{2+} l⁻¹ and an Eh of 0.13 V (Fig. 1.1c), then $\text{Eh} = 0.13 = \Delta E^\circ (-0.4\text{V} - \text{Appendix 1.B}) + 0.0591/2 \log Q$; that is, $\log Q = 18$; if $-\log(\text{H}^+) = \text{pH}$ [103, 131], then for $\text{pH} = 6.5$, at $t = 0$, $P_{\text{H}_2} = 10^{-22}$. Changing the Eh to -0.2V (Fig. 1.1c) after 1 month, while maintaining a pH of 6.5, changes $\log Q$ to 6.7. The Cd^{2+} concentration in the water at time, $t = 1$ month, is therefore a function of P_{H_2} in the groundwater resulting from the presence of n-Fe⁰ (Fig. 1.4e). Increasing P_{H_2} to 10^{-10} could achieve the observed Eh (-0.2V) while leaving the Cd^{2+} concentration unchanged. Increasing P_{H_2} to 10^{-8} reduces the Cd^{2+} concentration in water to 0.00001 M Cd^{2+} l⁻¹ from 0.001 M Cd^{2+} l⁻¹; that is, the effectiveness of the n-Fe⁰ treatment program for any specific Eh and pH, where the product is a zero valent metal (Appendix 1.B), is maximized by increasing the H₂ partial pressure. The alternative remediation strategy of using O₂ injection to oxidize cations (e.g., $\text{Cd}^{2+} + 0.5\text{O}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} = \text{Cd}(\text{OH})_2$, where $0.5\text{O}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} + 2e^- = 2\text{OH}^-$; $\text{Cd}^{2+} + 2\text{OH}^- = \text{Cd}(\text{OH})_2$, and $\text{H}_2 = 2\text{H}^+ + 2e^-$) effectively changes Q to $Q = [\text{H}^+]^2/([\text{Cd}^{2+}] P_{\text{H}_2} P_{\text{O}_2})$, and ΔE° to 0.4V [177]. This alternative strategy uses the n-Fe⁰ to control the groundwater pH (i.e., H⁺ and P_{H_2}) and the P_{O_2} associated with O₂ injection to control the rate and degree of remediation [139–141]. For example, if at $t = 0$, Eh = 0.13 V, pH = 6.5, and the water contains 0.001 M Cd^{2+} l⁻¹ and $P_{\text{H}_2} = 10^{-22}$, $P_{\text{O}_2} = 0$, then instigation of an oxygen injection scheme following n-Fe⁰ injection into the groundwater, while maintaining a constant Eh and pH, will result in both P_{H_2} and P_{O_2} increasing [e.g., [139–141]]. Once P_{H_2} and P_{O_2} have exceeded a critical level (e.g., 10^{-11}), any subsequent increases in partial pressure will be compensated for by either decreases in Eh, or the removal of Cd^{2+} as $\text{Cd}(\text{OH})_2$. Increasing P_{H_2} and P_{O_2} to 10^{-9} , will reduce the molar concentration of Cd^{2+} to 0.0000001 M Cd^{2+} l⁻¹ (i.e., 0.146 g $\text{Cd}(\text{OH})_2$ l⁻¹ H₂O will have been precipitated into the ZVM bed). This simple example has been used to demonstrate how a traditional ZVM remediation program [e.g., [17]] can be modified using the galvanic model [138, 2, 139–141] to both accelerate and control the rate of remediation. Once the bulk of the cations have been converted to oxides/hydroxides/peroxides, the diabatic galvanic model (Figs. 1.2 and 1.3) controls the rate of remediation.

Contaminant Ion/Ion Adduct	Potentially precipitated by ZVM as
Ac ³⁺ , AcOH ²⁺ , Ac(OH) ₂ ⁺	Ac(OH) ₃ , AcOOH
Ag ⁺ , AgO ⁺ , AgO ⁻ , AgOH, AgOH ₂ ⁻ , AgCl ₂ ⁻	Ag, AgCl, AgOH, Ag ₂ O, Ag ₂ O ₂ , Ag ₂ O ₃
Al ³⁺ , HAlO ₂ , AlO ₂ ⁻ , AlOH ²⁺ , AlOH ₃ , Al(OH) ₂ ⁺ , Al(OH) ₄ ⁻	Al(OH) ₃ , AlOOH, Al ₂ O ₃
Am ³⁺ , AmOH ²⁺ , AmO ₂ ⁺ , Am(OH) ₂ ⁺	Am(OH) ₃ , Am(OH) ₄ , AmO ₂
AsH ₃ , HAsO ₂ , AsO ⁺ , H ₃ AsO ₄ ⁻ , H ₂ AsO ₄ ²⁻ , HAsO ₄ ²⁻ , AsO ₂ ⁻ , AsO ₄ ³⁻	As, AsO ₃
Au ³⁺ , H ₂ AuO ₃ , H ₂ AuO ₃ ⁻ , HAuO ₂ ²⁻	Au, Au(OH) ₃ , AuOOH, AuO ₂
Ba ²⁺ , BaOH ⁺	Ba(OH) ₂ , BaO
Be ²⁺ , Be ₂ O ₂ ⁻	Be(OH) ₂ , BeO, Be ₂ O(OH) ₂
Bi ³⁺ , BiOH ²⁺ , BiO ⁺ , BiO ₂ ⁻ , BiO ₃ ⁻	Bi, Bi(OH) ₃ , BiOOH, Bi ₂ O ₃ , Bi ₂ O ₅ , Bi ₄ O ₇ , Bi ₂ O ₄
Ca ²⁺ , CaOH ⁺	Ca(OH) ₂ , CaO ₂ , CaCO ₃ , CaSO ₄
Cd ²⁺ , CdOH ⁺ , HCdO ₂ ⁻	Cd, Cd(OH) ₂
Ce ³⁺ , CeO ⁺ , Ce(OH) ₃ ⁺ , Ce(OH) ₂ ²⁺	Ce(OH) ₃ , CeOOH, Ce ₂ (CO ₃) ₃ , CeO ₂
Cm ³⁺ , CmOH ²⁺ , Cm(OH) ₂ ⁺	Cm(OH) ₃ , CmOOH

Contaminant Ion/Ion Adduct	Potentially precipitated by ZVM as
Co ²⁺ , HCoO ₂ ⁻	Co, CoO ₂ , Co(OH) ₂ , Co(OH) ₃ , CoOOH, CoS
Cr ⁿ⁺ , Cr ₂ O ₇ ⁻ , Cr ₂ O ₄ ²⁻ , CrO ₄ ²⁻ , HCrO ₄ ⁻ , CrO ₂ ⁻ , CrO ₃ ³⁻ , CrOH ²⁺ , Cr(OH) ₂ ⁺ , Cr(OH) ₄ ⁻	Cr, Cr(OH) ₂ , Cr(OH) ₃ , Cr(OH) ₄ , CrOOH, Cr ₂ O ₃
Cs ⁺	CsO ₂
Cu ⁿ⁺ , Cu(OH) ⁺ , HCuO ₂ ⁻ , CuO ₂ ²⁻ , CuCl ₂ ⁻ , Cu(OH) ₂ ⁻ , Cu(OH) ₄ ²⁻	Cu, Cu(OH) ₂ , CuO, Cu ₂ O, CuCl ₂ ·3Cu(OH) ₂
Dy ³⁺ , DyOH ²⁺ , DyO ⁺ , DyO ₂ ⁻	Dy(OH) ₃ , DyOOH, Dy ₂ O ₃ , Dy ₂ (CO ₃) ₃
Er ³⁺ , ErOH ²⁺ , ErO ⁺ , ErO ₂ ⁻	Er(OH) ₃ , ErOOH, Er ₂ O ₃
Eu ⁿ⁺ , EuOH ²⁺ , EuO ⁺ , EuO ₂ ⁻	Eu(OH) ₃ , EuOOH, EuO ₃ H ₃ , Eu ₂ (CO ₃) ₃
Fe ⁿ⁺ , FeO _x H _y ^{n+/+} , FeSO ₄ ⁺ , FeSO ₄ , Fe(SO ₄) ₂ ⁻	Fe ₂ O ₃ , Fe ₃ O ₄ , Fe(OH) _x , FeOOH, Fe ₈ O ₈ (OH) ₆ SO ₄ , Fe ₆ (OH) ₁₂ SO ₄ , FeCO ₃ , FeS ₂ , FeS, Fe(HS) ₂
Ga ³⁺ , GaOH ²⁺ , GaO ⁺ , GaO ₂ ⁻ , HGaO ₃ ²⁻ , GaO ₃ ³	Ga(OH) ₃ , GaOOH, Ga ₂ O ₃
Gd ⁿ⁺ , GdOH ²⁺ , GdO ⁺ , GdO ₂ H, GdO ₂ ⁻	Gd(OH) ₃ , GdOOH, Gd ₂ O ₃ , Gd ₂ (CO ₃) ₃
Ge ²⁺ , H ₂ GeO ₃ , HGeO ₃ ⁻ , GeO ₃ ²⁻	Ge, Ge(OH) ₂ , GeO, GeO ₂
Hf ⁴⁺ , HfO ²⁺ , HHfO ₂ ⁻ , HHfO ₃ ⁻ , HfO ²⁻	Hf(OH) _n , HfO(OH) ₂ , HfO ₂
Hg ²⁺ , HHgO ₂ ⁻ , Hg(OH) ₂	Hg, HgO, HgO ₂
Ho ³⁺ , HoOH ²⁺ , HoO ⁺ , HoO ₂ H, HoO ₂ ⁻	Ho(OH) ₃ , HoOOH, Ho ₂ O ₃
In ³⁺ , In ⁺ , InOH ²⁺ , In(OH) ₂ ⁺ , HInO ₂ , InO ⁺ , InO ₂ ⁻	In, In(OH) ₃ , InOOH, In ₂ O ₃
Ir ³⁺ , IrO ₄ ²⁻	Ir, IrO ₂
La ³⁺ , LaOH ²⁺ , LaO ⁺ , LaO ₂ H, LaO ₂ ⁻	La(OH) ₃ , LaOOH, La ₂ (CO ₃) ₃ , La ₂ O ₃
Lu ³⁺ , LuOH ²⁺ , LuO ⁺ , LuO ₂ ⁻	Lu(OH) ₃ , LuOOH, Lu ₂ O ₃
Mg ⁿ⁺ , MgOH ⁺	MgO ₂ , Mg(OH) ₂ , MgCO ₃
Mn ²⁺ , HMnO ₂ ⁻ , MnO ₄ ⁻ , MnO ₄ ²⁻ , MnOH ⁺ , Mn(OH) ₃ ⁻ , Mn(OH) ₄ ²⁻ , MnO, MnOH, MnO ₂ ²⁻	Mn(OH) ₂ , MnO ₂ , Mn ₂ O ₃ , Mn ₃ O ₄ , MnS, MnHCO ₃ , MnCO ₃
Mo ³⁺ , HMoO ₄ ⁻ , MoO ₄ ²⁻ , MoO ₂ ⁺ , H ₂ MoO ₄ , MoO ₂ OH ⁺	Mo, Mo(OH) ₂ , Mo(OH) ₃ , Mo(OH) ₄ , MoO(OH) ₂ , MoO(OH) ₃ , MoOOH, MoS ₂ , H ₂ MoO ₄ , MoO ₂ , MoO ₃
Nb ⁿ⁺ , NbO ₂ ⁿ⁺ , Nb(OH) ₅ , NbO ₃ ⁻ , HNbO ₃ , Nb(OH) ₆ ⁻	Nb, NbO, NbO ₂ , Nb ₂ O ₅
Nd ³⁺ , NdOH ²⁺ , NdO ⁺ , NdO ₂ H, NdO ₂ ⁻	Nd(OH) ₃ , Nd ₂ O ₃ , NdOOH, Nd _n O _m , Nd ₂ (CO ₃) ₃
Ni ²⁺ , HNiO ₂ ⁻ , NiO ₂ ²⁻ , Ni(OH) ₃ ⁻ , Ni(OH) ₄ ²⁻ , NiOH ⁺	Ni, NiO ₂ , Ni(OH) ₂ , Ni(OH) ₃ , NiS, Ni ₃ O ₄ , Ni ₂ O ₃ , Ni ₂ H, Ni ₂ O ₄
Np ⁿ⁺ , NpO ₂ OH, NpO ₂ OH ⁺ , NpOH ³⁺ , Np(OH) ₅ ⁻ , NpO ₂ OH ₂ ⁻ , NpO ₂ ⁺ , NpO ₂ ²⁺ , NpO ₂ F ⁺ , NpF ₂ ²⁺ , NPO ₂ CO ₃ ⁻ , NpO ₂ (CO ₃) ₂ ³⁻ , NpO ₂ (CO ₃) ₃ ⁵⁻	NpO ₂ , NpO ₃ , NpO ₅ , Np(OH) ₄
OsO ₄ ²⁻ , H ₂ OsO ₅ , HOsO ₅ ⁻ , OsO ₅ ²⁻	Os, OsO ₂ , OsO ₄
Pa ⁴⁺ , PaOH ³⁺ , Pa(OH) ₂ ²⁺ , Pa(OH) ₃ ⁺ , PaO(OH) ₃ , PaO(OH) ₂ , PaOOH ²⁺ , PaO ₂ ⁺	Pa _x O _y , Pa(OH) _x
Pb ²⁺ , HPbO ₂ ⁻ , PbO ₃ ²⁻ , PbOH ⁺ , HPbO ₂ ⁻ , Pb(OH) ₃ ⁻	Pb, PbO, Pb(OH) ₂ , PbO ₂ , Pb ₂ O ₃
Pd ⁿ⁺ , PdOH ⁺ , PdO ₂ ²⁻ , PdO ₃ ²⁻ , PdCl ₄ ²⁻	Pd, Pd ₂ H, PdO ₃ , Pd(OH) ₂ , Pd(OH) ₄
Pm ³⁺	Pm(OH) ₃ , PmOOH, Pm _n O _m
Po ²⁺ , Po(OH) ₂ ⁴⁺ , PoO ₃ ²⁻	Po, PoO ₂ , PoO ₃ , H ₂ PoO ₃ , Po(OH) ₄ , PoO(OH) ₂
Pr ³⁺ , Pr(OH) ₂ ⁺ , PrOH ²⁺ , PrO ⁺ , PrO ₂ H, PrO ₂ ⁻	Pr(OH) ₃ , PrOOH, PrO ₂ , Pr ₂ (CO ₃) ₃ , Pr ₂ O ₃
Pt ²⁺ , PtO, Pt(OH) ⁿ⁺ , PtO ₂ ²⁻ , PtO ₂ ⁻	Pt, Pt(OH) ₂ , PtO ₂ , PtO ₃
Pu ³⁺ , PuOH ²⁺ , PuO ₂ (OH) ₂ , PuO ₂ ⁺ , PuO ₂ ²⁺ , PuF ₃ ⁺ , PuO ₂ F ₃ ⁻ , PuO ₂ (OH) ₂ H	PuO ₂ , PuO ₃ , Pu ₂ O ₃ , Pu(OH) ₃ , Pu(OH) ₄
CO ₃ ⁻ , PuO ₂ OH ⁺ , Pu(OH) ₅ ⁻	
Re ⁻ , Re ⁺ , ReO ₄ ⁻	Re, ReO ₂ , ReO ₃ , Re ₂ O ₃
Rh ⁿ⁺ , RhOH ⁺ , RhO, RhO ⁺ , RhO ₄ ²⁻	Rh, RhO ₂ , Rh ₂ O ₃
Ru ³⁺ , RuO ⁺ , H ₂ RuO ₅ , HRuO ₅ ⁻ , Ru(OH) ₂ ⁺ , Ru(OH) ₂ ²⁺ , H ₂ RuO ₅ , HRuO ₅ ⁻ , RuO ₄ ²⁻ , RuO ₄ ⁻ , RuO ₄ ²⁻	Ru, RuO ₂ , RuO ₄ , RuOOH, Ru(OH) ₃
SbO ₂ ⁺ , SbO ⁺ , SbO ₃ ⁻ , SbO ₂ ⁻ , HSbO ₂	Sb, Sb ₂ O ₅ , Sb ₂ O ₃ , HSb(OH) ₆
Sc ³⁺ , ScO ⁺ , HScO ₂ , ScO ₂ ⁻ , ScOH ²⁺	Sc(OH) ₃ , ScOOH, Sc ₂ O ₃
H ₂ Se, HSe ⁻ , SeO ₄ ²⁻ , H ₂ SeO ₃ , HSeO ₄ ⁻ , HSeO ₃ ⁻ , SeO ₃ ²⁻	Se
Sm ⁿ⁺ , SmOH ²⁺ , Sm(OH) ₂ ⁺ , SmO ⁺ , SmO ₂ ⁻	Sm ₂ O ₃ , Sm(OH) ₃ , SmOOH, Sm ₂ (CO ₃) ₃
Sn ²⁺ , Sn ⁴⁺ , SnOH ⁺ , SnOOH ⁺ , Sn(OH) ₂ ²⁺ , Sn(OH) ₃ ⁺ , Sn(OH) ₅ ⁻ , Sn(OH) ₅ ²⁻ , SnO, HSnO ₂ ⁻ , SnO ₃ ²⁻	Sn, Sn(OH) ₂ , Sn(OH) ₄ , SnO ₂
Sr ²⁺ , SrOH ⁺	Sr(OH) ₂ , SrO ₂
Tb ³⁺ , TbOH ²⁺ , TbO ⁺ , TbO ₂ H, TbO ₂ ⁻	Tb(OH) ₃ , TbOOH, Tb ₂ O ₃ , Tb ₇ O ₁₂ , Tb ₆ O ₁₁ , TbO ₂ , Tb ₂ (CO ₃) ₃
Tc ²⁺ , TcO ₄ ⁻ , TcOOH ⁺ , TcOOH ₃ ⁻ , TcO(OH) ₂ , TcO(OH) ₃ ⁻ , TcO ²⁺	Tc, Tc ₃ O ₄ , TcOH, Tc ₄ O ₇ , TcO ₂ , Tc(OH) ₂
Te ²⁻ , Te ⁴⁺ , H ₂ TeO ₄ , HTeO ₄ ⁻ , Te(OH) ₃ ⁺ , TeO ₄ ²⁻ , HTeO ₂ ⁺ , HTeO ₃ ⁻ , TeO ₃ ⁻	Te, TeO ₂ , TeO ₃ ·3H ₂ O, H ₂ TeO ₄
Th ⁴⁺	Th(OH) _n , ThO ₂

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Contaminant Ion/Ion Adduct	Potentially precipitated by ZVM as
Ti ⁿ⁺ , HTiO ₃ ⁻	Ti(OH) ₃ , TiOOH, TiO ₂
Tl ³⁺ , Tl ⁺ , TlOH, TlO ₂ ⁻ , HTlO ₂	Tl, Tl(OH) ₃ , TlOOH, TlOH, Tl ₂ O ₄
Tm ⁿ⁺ , TmOH ²⁺ , TmO ⁺ , TmO ₂ H, TmO ₂ ⁻	Tm(OH) ₃ , TmOOH, Tm ₂ O ₃
U ⁿ⁺ , UO ₂ F ⁺ , UO ₂ ⁺ , U(OH) _x ^{n+/+} , H ₂ O ₁₃ U ₃ ⁻ , UO ₂ ²⁺ , UO ₂ ²⁻ , HUO ₄ ⁻ , H ₃ O ₅ U ⁻ , UO ₂ ⁺ , UO ₂ (OH) ₂ , UO ₂ (OH) ₃ ⁻ , UO ₂ (CO ₃) ₂ ²⁻ , UO ₂ (CO ₃) ₃ ⁴⁻	U(OH) ₄ , UO ₂ , UO ₃ , UO ₄ , U ₃ O ₈ , U ₄ O ₉ , UF ₄ , UO ₂ CO ₃
V ⁿ⁺ , VO ₂ ⁺ , VO ²⁺ , VOH ²⁺ , VO ⁺ , H ₃ V ₂ O ₇ ⁻ , H ₂ VO ₄ ⁻ , HVO ₄ ²⁻ , VO ₄ ²⁻ , VOOH ⁺ , (VO) ₂ (OH) ₅ ⁻ , V(OH) _m ^{n+/+} , HV ₂ O ₅ ⁻	V(OH) _n , V ₂ O ₅ , V ₂ O ₄ , V ₂ O ₃ , V ₃ O ₅ , V ₂ O ₂
WO ₄ ²⁻ , WO ₅ ²⁻	W, WO ₂ , W ₂ O ₅ , WO ₃
Y ³⁺ , YO ²⁺ , YO ⁺ , HYO ₂ , YO ₂ ⁻	Y(OH) ₃ , YO ₃ H ₃ , YOOH, Y ₂ (CO ₃) ₃ , Y ₂ O ₃
Yb ⁿ⁺ , YbOH ²⁺ , YbO ₂ , YbO ₂ ⁻	Yb(OH) ₃ , YbOOH
Zn ²⁺ , HZnO ₂ ⁻ , ZnOH ⁺ , Zn(OH) ₃ ⁻ , Zn(OH) ₄ ²⁻ , ZnO ₂ ²⁻	Zn, ZnS, Zn(OH) ₂ , ZnO ₂
Zr ⁿ⁺ , ZrO ²⁺ , HZrO ₂ ⁺ , HZrO ₃ ⁻	Zr(OH) _n , ZrO ₂

APPENDIX 1.C HALF REACTIONS AND REDOX POTENTIALS ASSOCIATED WITH ZVM

All ZVM, when present in the water form redox half cells with the potentials indicated. These form separate hydrogen cells, which interact with the ZVM and ZVM corrosion products (Figs. 1.2 and 1.3). Species that act as cathodes to n-Fe⁰ have E° < E° Fe⁰. Fe⁰ can act as both a cathode (Fe^{III}) and an anode (Fe^{II}). Species that act as anodes to n-Fe⁰ have E° > E° Fe. Each ZVM species acts as a cathode or anode to one or more ZVM species present in the water. Figure 1.2 illustrates the dominant corrosion species types associated with the anodic ZVM species. Similar relationships exist between ZVM, hydroxides, oxides, and peroxides (where appropriate) for each species listed in Appendix 1.B and 1.C in the diffusion remediation environment.

Data Source: [131, 176–178]

Half Reaction	E°(V)	Half reaction	E°(V)	Half reaction	E°(V)
Sr ⁰ =Sr ⁺ +e ⁻	4.10	Hf ⁰ =Hf ⁴⁺ +4e ⁻	1.55	Ge ⁰ =Ge ⁴⁺ +4e ⁻	-0.12
Ca ⁰ =Ca ⁺ +e ⁻	3.80	Zr ⁰ =Zr ⁴⁺ +4e ⁻	1.45	Ge ⁰ =Ge ²⁺ +2e ⁻	-0.24
Li ⁰ =Li ⁺ +e ⁻	3.04	Mn ⁰ =Mn ²⁺ +2e ⁻	1.19	Re ⁰ =Re ³⁺ +3e ⁻	-0.30
Cs ⁰ =Cs ⁺ +e ⁻	3.03	V ⁰ =V ²⁺ +2e ⁻	1.18	Bi ⁰ =Bi ³⁺ +3e ⁻	-0.31
Rb ⁰ =Rb ⁺ +e ⁻	2.98	Nb ⁰ =Nb ³⁺ +3e ⁻	1.10	Cu ⁰ =Cu ²⁺ +2e ⁻	-0.34
K ⁰ =K ⁺ +e ⁻	2.93	Cr ⁰ =Cr ²⁺ +2e ⁻	0.91	Tc ⁰ =Tc ²⁺ +2e ⁻	-0.40
Ba ⁰ =Ba ²⁺ +2e ⁻	2.91	Zn ⁰ =Zn ²⁺ +2e ⁻	0.76	Ru ⁰ =Ru ²⁺ +2e ⁻	-0.46
Sr ⁰ =Sr ²⁺ +2e ⁻	2.90	Cr ⁰ =Cr ³⁺ +3e ⁻	0.74	Bi ⁰ =Bi ⁺ +e ⁻	-0.5
Ca ⁰ =Ca ²⁺ +2e ⁻	2.87	Ta ⁰ =Ta ³⁺ +3e ⁻	0.60	Cu ⁰ =Cu ⁺ +e ⁻	-0.52
Na ⁰ =Na ⁺ +e ⁻	2.71	Ga ⁰ =Ga ³⁺ +3e ⁻	0.55	Te ⁰ =Te ⁴⁺ +4e ⁻	-0.57
Mg ⁰ =Mg ⁺ +e ⁻	2.70	Fe ⁰ =Fe ²⁺ +2e ⁻	0.44	Rh ⁰ =Rh ²⁺ +2e ⁻	-0.60
La ⁰ =La ³⁺ +3e ⁻	2.38	Cd ⁰ =Cd ²⁺ +2e ⁻	0.40	Rh ⁰ =Rh ⁺ +e ⁻	-0.60
La ⁰ =La ³⁺ +3e ⁻	2.38	In ⁰ =In ³⁺ +3e ⁻	0.34	Tl ⁰ =Tl ³⁺ +3e ⁻	-0.74
Mg ⁰ =Mg ²⁺ +2e ⁻	2.37	Tl ⁰ =Tl ⁺ +e ⁻	0.34	Rh ⁰ =Rh ³⁺ +3e ⁻	-0.76
Ce ⁰ =Ce ³⁺ +3e ⁻	2.33	Co ⁰ =Co ²⁺ +2e ⁻	0.28	Po ⁰ =Po ⁴⁺ +4e ⁻	-0.76
Th ⁰ =Th ⁴⁺ +4e ⁻	1.90	Ni ⁰ =Ni ²⁺ +2e ⁻	0.26	Ag ⁰ =Ag ⁺ +e ⁻	-0.80
Be ⁰ =Be ²⁺ +2e ⁻	1.85	Ga ⁰ =Ga ⁺ +e ⁻	0.20	2Hg ⁰ =Hg ₂ ²⁺ +2e ⁻	-0.80
U ⁰ =U ³⁺ +3e ⁻	1.80	Mo ⁰ =Mo ³⁺ +3e ⁻	0.20	Pd ⁰ =Pd ²⁺ +2e ⁻	-0.95
Al ⁰ =Al ³⁺ +3e ⁻	1.66	In ⁰ =In ⁺ +e ⁻	0.14	Ir ⁰ =Ir ³⁺ +3e ⁻	-1.16
Md ⁰ =Md ³⁺ +3e ⁻	1.65	Fe ⁰ =Fe ³⁺ +3e ⁻	0.04	Pt ⁰ =Pt ²⁺ +2e ⁻	-1.18
Ti ⁰ =Ti ²⁺ +2e ⁻	1.63	H ₂ =2H ⁺ +2e ⁻	0.00	Au ⁰ =Au ³⁺ +3e ⁻	-1.50
Hf ⁰ =Hf ⁴⁺ +4e ⁻	1.55	2H ⁺ +2e ⁻ =H ₂	0.00	Au ⁰ =Au ⁺ +e ⁻	-1.69
Zr ⁰ =Zr ⁴⁺ +4e ⁻	1.45	W ⁰ =W ³⁺ +3e ⁻	-0.10		

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