Hydrogen and Electrical Energy Storage



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(3) Homework

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Equilibrium electrochemistry

Think of Battery: we have mass flow in the battery (ions) that cause the charge flow. The mass flow is represents chemical work (moving ions) which is converted to electrical work outside the battery.



Therefore, besides volume work the battery does chemical work which converted to electrical work outside:

$$W_{Chem} = \sum_{j} \mu_{j} dn_{j} = -E_{cell} dQ = W_{Elec}$$

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Equilibrium electrochemistry

$$E_{Cell} = -\frac{\sum_{j} v_{j} \mu_{j}}{zF}$$

Application on Daniel element Anode (-): oxidation Zn(s) -> Zn²⁺ + 2e⁻ Cathode (+): reduction Cu²⁺ + 2e⁻ -> Cu(s) Total: Cu²⁺ + Zn(s) -> Cu(s) + Zn²⁺ $E_{Cell} = (\phi_C - \phi_A) = -\frac{\sum_{j}^{V_j \mu_j}}{zF} = -\frac{(\mu_{Cu} + \mu_{Zn^{2+}} - \mu_{Cu^{2+}} - \mu_{Zn})}{2F}$ $E_{Cell} = \frac{(\mu_{Cu^{2+}} - \mu_{Cu})}{2F} - \frac{(\mu_{Zn^{2+}} - \mu_{Zn})}{2F}$ $E_{Cell} = \varepsilon_{Cu/Cu^{2+}} - \varepsilon_{Zn/Zn^{2+}} = \varepsilon_{Cu/Cu^{2+}}^{o} - \varepsilon_{Zn/Zn^{2+}}^{o}$



 $^{\rm O}$ Standard conditions: concentrations 1 mol/l, p=1 bar, T=20°C





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oxidant	reductant	E° volts
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Zn ²⁺ + 2e ⁻ ->	Zn <i>(s)</i>	76
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2 H⁺ + 2e⁻ -> 🛱 ₽	$\operatorname{har}(g)$	0.000
AgCl(s) + e ⁻ ->	Ag <i>(s)</i> + Cl⁻ <i>(aq)</i>	+.222
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Ag+ + e⁻ -> Š	Ag <i>(s)</i>	+.799
$D_2(g) + 4H^+ + 4e^>$	2 H ₂ O(I)	+1.23
Cl ₂ (g) + 2e ⁻ ->	2 Cl⁻(g)	+1.36

What is the potential difference ϵ (Volt, V=J/C) build up?

 $Zn(s) + Cu^{2+} -> Zn^{2+} + Cu(s), E^{\circ}_{cell} = \varepsilon^{\circ}_{Cu/Cu^{2+}} - \varepsilon^{\circ}_{Zn/Zn^{2+}} = 0.337 - (-0.76) = 1.097 V$

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Equilibrium electrochemistry

What is the influence of concentrations (activities) on the electrode potential?

We already found for the potential of a redox reaction:

$$E_{Cell} = -\frac{\sum_{j} v_{j} \mu_{j}}{zF}$$

Using $\mu = \mu^{o} + RT \ln c$ (derived for ideal gas, dilute solutions) this leads to the Nernst equation:

$$E_{Cell} = E^0 - \frac{RT}{zF} \ln \Pi c_j^{\nu} = E^0 - \frac{RT}{zF} \ln(K)$$

Where *K* is the equilibrium constant of the redox reaction



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Basic thermodynamics

Fundamental equation of reversible thermodynamics (combination laws 0-2 and work):

$$dU = \delta Q + \delta W = TdS + \sum_{i} Y_{i} dX_{i}$$

Relevant for batteries (add pressure volume work and chemical work):

$$dU = TdS - pdV + \sum_{i} \mu_{i} dn_{i}$$

Note: determining U by integration is not easy because the natural variables of U are S and V_r which are not easy to control! (*n*: number of moles reacted is easy to control)

Change natural (dependent) variables to p and T (easy to control and constant during battery operation) by Legendre transformation. Define new state variable Gibbs free energy F:

$$G = U - TS + pV$$

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Basic thermodynamics

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$$dG = dU - TdS - SdT + pdV + Vdp$$

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$$dG = Vdp - SdT + \sum_{i} \mu_{i}dn_{i}$$

$$dG = Vdp - SdT + \sum_{j} \mu_{j}dn_{j} \stackrel{\text{Constant p and T}}{=} \sum_{j} \mu_{j}dn_{j}$$

$$dG = \delta W_{chem} = \delta W_{elec} = \sum_{j} \mu_{j}dn_{j} = -EdQ$$
Integrate over n moles

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$$\Delta G = -E\Delta Q = -znFE(n)$$

$$\Delta G^{0} = -zFE^{0}$$
 Standard conditions, 1 mol, RT, 1bar

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Equilibrium electrochemistry: Relation cell voltage and Gibbs Free energy

$$\delta W_{chem} = dG = \sum_{j} \mu_{j} dn_{j} = -EdQ = \delta W_{elec}$$

 $\Delta G = -E\Delta Q$ $\Delta G^{0} = -zFE^{0}$ (⁰ standard conditions, p=1 bar, T=293 K, 1 molair concentrations)

Application on Daniel element (standard conditions)

 $Zn(s) + Cu^{2+} -> Zn^{2+} + Cu(s), \quad E^{\circ}_{cell} = \varepsilon^{\circ}_{Cu/Cu^{2+}} - \varepsilon^{\circ}_{Zn/Zn^{2+}} = 0.337 - (-0.76) = 1.097 V$ $\Delta G^{\circ} = -zFE^{\circ} = -2.96500 \cdot 1.1 = -212.3 \text{ kJ/mol}$

 $\Delta G < 0$ Reaction occurs spontaneous (battery discharge)

General: $\Delta G < 0$: E > 0 : discharge exothermic $\Delta G > 0$: E < 0 : charge, endothermic



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Read Chapters 1 and 2 Advanced Batteries

Practice Electrochemistry:

Plot the voltage of the daniel element as a function of $[Zn^{2+}]$ concentration Assuming starting concentration $c_{Zn2+} = 0.1$ mol/l and $c_{Cu2+} = 1.0$ mol/l (assume $c_{Zn(s)} = c_{Cu(s)} = 1$, and the cell volume 0.01 l).

How much chemical energy was converted to electrical energy?

Consider the following redox reaction: $Cu_{(s)} + Ag^{+}_{(aq)} \rightarrow Cu^{2+}_{(aq)} + Ag_{(s)}$ What is the Gibbs free energy change under standard conditions? (Use standard reduction potentials)



Equilibrium electrochemistry

Examples of using $\varepsilon = (\phi_C - \phi_A) = \varepsilon^O - RT/zF [ln \Pi c_i^v] = \varepsilon^O - RT/zF ln(K)$

Example 1: How does the electrode potential of the reaction $Cu^{2+} + 2e^{-} -> Cu(s)$ depends on the concentration

For $Cu^{2+} + 2e^{-} \rightarrow Cu(s)$ we find: $c_{Cu^{2+}}, v=1, c_{Cu(s)}, v=1$

So: $K = c_{Cu(s)} / c_{Cu2+}$

Hence: $\varepsilon = \varepsilon^{O}_{Cu/Cu2+} - RT/2F [ln (c_{Cu(s)}/c_{Cu2+})] = 0.337 - 0.013 [ln (c_{Cu(s)}/c_{Cu2+})]$

where we used R=8.31 J·mol⁻¹·K⁻¹, F=9.65 10^{4} C ·mol⁻¹

Similar for $Zn^{2+} + 2e^{-} \rightarrow Zn(s)$:

 $\varepsilon = \varepsilon^{O}_{Zn/Zn2+} - RT/2F \left[ln \left(c_{Zn(s)}/c_{Zn2+} \right) \right] = -0.76 - 0.013 \left[ln \left(c_{Zn(s)}/c_{Zn2+} \right) \right]$



$$\begin{split} E_{Cell} &= E^0 - \frac{RT}{zF} \ln \Pi c_j^v \\ \text{Cu}^{2+} + \text{Zn} -> \text{Cu}(\text{s}) + \text{Zn}^{2+} \\ z &= 2, \ v_{Cu2+} = -1, \ v_{Zn} = -1, \ v_{Cu} = 1, \ v_{Zn2+} = 1 \\ R &= 8.31 \text{ J} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}, \ F &= 9.65 \ 10^4 \text{ C} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}, \ T &= 293 \text{ K} \\ E^0 &= \varepsilon^0_{Cu/Cu2+} - \varepsilon^0_{Zn/Zn2+} = 0.337 - (-0.76) = 1.097 \\ E_{Cell} &= 1.097 - 0.013 \ln \frac{c_{Cu(s)}c_{Zn^{2+}}}{c_{Zn(s)}c_{Cu^{2+}}} = 1.097 - 0.013 \ln \frac{c_{Zn^{2+}}}{c_{Cu^{2+}}} \end{split}$$

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Cu(s) + 2Ag⁺ -> Cu²⁺ + 2Ag(s),
$$E^{\circ}_{cell} = \varepsilon^{\circ}_{Ag/Ag^+} - \varepsilon^{\circ}_{Cu/Cu^{2+}} = 0.799 - 0.337 = 0.462$$
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$$\Delta G^{\circ} = -zFE^{\circ} = -2.96500 \cdot 0.462 = -89.2 \text{ kJ/mol}$$

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Modern batteries: Solid state reaction mechanisms in batteries

Electrolyte concentrations of charge carrying ions <u>does not change</u> => Nernst is useless determining the voltage

=> Structural and morphological changes in the electrodes





Solid state reaction mechanisms in batteries

Reconstitution reactions:	Formation reactions:	A+B = AB
	Displacement reactions:	A+BX = AX + B

Insertion reactions:

 $xA + BX = A_xBX$

Apply to Li-ion batteries:

(1) Morphology change/phase diagrams(2) Relation morphology and voltage shape(3) Capacity and Energy density



Solid state reactions



A Electrolyte AB B

A Electrolyte	AB	В
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А	Electrolyte	AB	В
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Electrolyte AB	Electrolyte	AB
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 $\Delta G_f^{o} < 0$ Requires A and B diffusion through AB

Left:
$$A = A^+ + e^-$$

Right: $B + A^+ + e^- = AB$
Total: $A + B + A^+ + e^- = AB + A^+ + e^-$
 $A + B = AB$



Question electrochemistry 4

Left: $A = A^+ + e^-$ Right: $B + A^+ + e^- = AB$

13. What is the anode and what reaction occurs at the anode?

(a) Right, oxidation(b) Right, reduction(c) Left, oxidation(d) Left, reduction(e) no clue



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Question electrochemistry 4

13. What is the anode and what reaction occurs at the anode?

Left: $A = A^+ + e^- = AB$ Right: $B + A^+ + e^- = AB$

=> oxidation/anode c)



Reconstitution-formation reactions A+B = AB



Reconstitution-formation: Example Si

Discharge Li -> Li⁺ + e^- (oxidation/anode) Si+ 4.4Li⁺ + 4.4 e^- -> Li_{4.4}Si (reduction/cathode)

Total Si + 4.4Li -> Li_{4.4}Si





Reconstitution-formation: Example Si





Intermezzo: Strategies Alloy anode







 Space for Li_{4.4}Sn volume expansion
 No loss of contact due to confinement in Carbon sphere





Reconstitution-formation reactions

General characteristics:

Host structure is radically changed due to alloying reaction, huge volume changes, short cycle life

Relatively large amount of Li per host atom, relatively high specific capacities (high energy density)

Usually metals (Si, Sb, ...) good electronic conductivity (next lectures)



Reconstitution-displacement reactions A+BX = AX + B



Reconstitution-displacement reactions: Example: RuO₂

(a) $Li^+ + e^- + RuO_2 -> LiRuO_2$

(b) $3Li^+ + 3e^- + LiRuO_2 \rightarrow 2Li_2O + Ru$ (reconsititution-displacement)

(c1) $Li^+ + e^- + electrolyte -> SEI(Li)$

(Li-insertion, see later)

(supercapacitive behavior, later)

Host material decomposes in Li₂O and metal

SEI: Solid electrolyte interface: forms during first (dis)charge cycles, decomposed electrolyte (later)

$$\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{B}$$

 $4Li + RuO_2 \rightarrow 2Li_2O + Ru$



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Reconstitution-displacement reactions: Example: RuO₂





Reconstitution-displacement reactions

General characteristics:

Host structure is radically changed due to alloying reaction, huge volume changes, segregation metal and Li₂O short cycle life

Relatively large amount of Li per host atom, relatively high specific capacities (high energy density)

Good electronic conductivity metal, but poor electronic and ionic mobility Li_2O . To make this reversible requires very short Metal- Li_2O distances


Insertion reactions $xA + BX = A_xBX$



Insertion reactions

Anode and Cathode are intercalation compounds (rocking chair system):



 \sim 3.6 V battery. This is ~3 times higher than that of NiCd and NiMH (-> high energy density)

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Li-ions intercalate into a host material

Usually host is crystalline transition metal oxide/phosphate/silicate

Transition metal provides redox

Requirements host material:

- Ionic and electronic conductor
- Large specific Li-ion capacity
- High voltage difference
- Abundant
- Non-toxic

Insertion Reaction Example: LiFePO₄



o Constant voltage



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"Host reaction" Example: LiFePO₄



LiFePO₄



Volume change: $\sim 5 \%$



Insertion Reactions

General characteristics:

Host structure provides framework, if volume change is small, long cycle life

Host structure is extra weight to carry, relatively low specific capacities (low energy density)

Metals have no voids, insertion hosts are usually semi conductors, poor electronic conductivity (next lectures)



Phase Diagrams

What are they, how they work



Binary Phase Diagrams



- The components A and B are completely miscible
- A and B have a different melting point



Binary Phase Diagrams, lever rule



Phase fraction Liquid: $F_L = L/(L+S) \sim 0.75$, Phase fraction Solid: $F_S = S/(S+L) \sim 0.25$

Back calculation overall composition: $A_x B_{1-x}$ with x=0.95xF_S+0.35xF_L=0.5



Question Phase Diagram 1

14. Suppose we cool down what will happen:

- a) nothing
- b) contents A of liquid phase will decrease
- c) contents B of liquid phase will decrease d) no clue





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Result





Question Phase Diagram 1



14. Suppose we cool down what will happen =>

In liquid phase B increases so A decreases (also in the solid phase!) => b)



Example Insertion Phase diagram: LiFePO₄





Voids for Li-ions

T: LiFePO₄









Question phase diagram 2



15. How is the material best described in point A?

mole Si/(Li+Si)

- a) homogeneous composition with Si/(Li+Si) between 0.24 and 0.3
- b) constant composition Li_7Si_3
- c) coexisting Li_7Si_3 and $Li_{13}Si_{14}$
- d) no clue

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Result





Example Reconstitution-formation phase diagram: Li-Si





Relation Voltage Profile with Phase Diagram

Gibbs phase rule





Anode (Ox): $\text{Li} = \text{Li}^+ + \text{e}^-$ Cathode (Red): $\text{Li}^+ + \frac{1}{2} \text{I}_2 + \text{e}^- = \text{LiI}$

Total: $\text{Li} + \frac{1}{2} \text{I}_2 = \text{LiI}$

Note LiI is the electrolyte!

$$\begin{split} E_{Cell} &= -\Delta G_r \, / zF \\ \Delta G_r &= \Delta G_r (LiI) = -269.7 \, kJ / mol \; at \; 25 \, ^oC \\ E_{Cell} &= 2.8 \, V \end{split}$$





Why is the voltage constant?



Gibbs Phase Rule

$$F = C - P + 2$$

- *F:* Number of degrees freedom
- *C:* Number of components (e.g. elements)
- *P:* Number of phases present in this system

Number of degrees freedom: Number of intensive thermodynamic parameters that must be specified to define the system.



Question Thermodynamics 3

16. Examples of Intensive thermodynamic parameters are: (a) G, μ (b) G, S, U (c) T, p, μ (d) no clue



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Result





Question Thermodynamics 3

16. Examples of Intensive thermodynamic parameters are: (a) G, μ (b) G, S, U (c) T, p, μ (d) No clue

Intensive variables do not scale with the system => c)





F = C - P + 2

Number of degrees freedom Number of components (e.g. elements) Number of phases present in this system

LiI becomes the electrolyte



LiI

 I_2

Li

Li	LiI	I ₂
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Li-metal, negative electrode: C = 1, P = 1 => F=2

I₂, positive electrode:
$$C = 1$$
, $P = 1 => F=2$

If p, T are specified, the chemical potential is defined (fixed)













17. How many relevant components are present in this phase diagram?

a) 1
b) 2
c) 3
d) 4
e) no clue





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Result







2 components: Li and FePO₄ => answer b)



- 18. What is true in the region H+T?
- a) The voltage varies
- b) The voltage is constant
- c) Nothing can be said about the voltage
- d) no clue





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F = C - P + 2 = 2 (Li and FePO₄) – 2 (H and T) + 2 = 2, T,p specified => E_{cell} = constant => b)







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Consider the following phase diagram for a cathode, and assume that the anode has a constant voltage independent of the composition:

a) Apply the Gibbs Phase Rule along T_1 in the regions

- $\alpha{+}\beta$ and $\beta,$ is the potential constant?
- b) Sketch the voltage diagram

