

## UNIT 2

### L Equilibrium

#### PART A

##### PHASE EQUILIBRIUM

- $< 0^\circ\text{C}$  : water is solid
- $0^\circ\text{C} - 100^\circ\text{C}$  : water is liquid
- $> 100^\circ\text{C}$  : water is gaseous

] at 1 atm.

- Increase in pressure, B.P increases
- Most stable state under a certain set of conditions, hard to find.
- Solid  $\rightleftharpoons$  liquid equilibrium; study phase transformation
- Phase with minimum free energy is most stable.  
at  $30^\circ\text{C}$ , liquid  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  has less free energy than solid  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , which is why  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  is at its stablest at in its liquid phase at room temperature.
- Phase diagram for each material - map
- Doping of semiconductors - phase diagram useful
- Doping in ppm, ppb

#### -Phase-

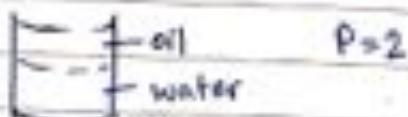
- It is defined as any homogeneous and physically distinct part of a system which is separated from other parts of the system by definite bounding surfaces.
- P = number of phases

## (i) Gaseous state

- gasses diffuse into each other
- form homogeneous solution
- all gases form one phase
- $P = 1$
- gases are completely miscible in each other

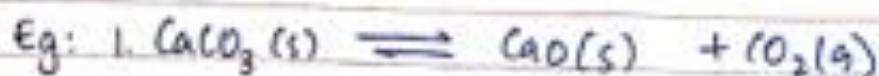
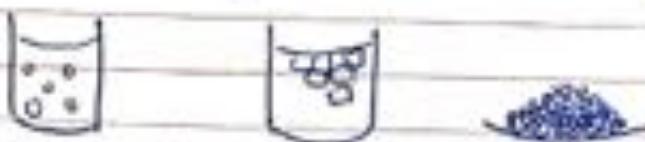
## (ii) Liquid state

- $P = 1$  for completely miscible liquids  
eg:  $H_2O$ ,  $CH_3(CH_2OH)$
- $P = 1$  for salt solutions (unless saturated)
- otherwise,  $P = \text{no. of layers of immiscible liquids}$



## (iii) Solid state.

- $P = 1$  for isomorphous alloys only (solid st.)
- each solid contributes to one phase
- each allotrope/polymorph contributes to one phase.
- Do not consider each particle as a phase.
- Ice cubes in water — only 2 phases
- Oil droplets in water — only 2 phases
- Mixture of sugar and sand — only 2 phases



$P=3$   
(each compound a different phase)



$$P=2$$

- $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}(\text{s})$
- $\text{NH}_3(\text{g}) + \text{HCl}(\text{s})$

### — Component —

- It is the smallest number of independent chemical constituents by means of which composition of each and every phase can be expressed.
- When expressing in terms of components, 0 and negative quantities of components are permissible.
- $C = \text{no. of components}$ .

#### (i) Single component system

• water where  $P=1$

• either ice, water or water vapour

•  $P=1, C=1$ .

• At melting point, solid ice  $\rightleftharpoons$  liquid water

•  $P=2, C=1$

• At boiling point, liquid water  $\rightleftharpoons$  water vapour

•  $P=2, C=1$

• At triple point

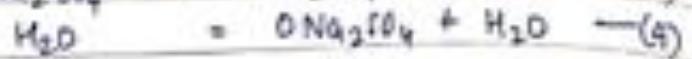
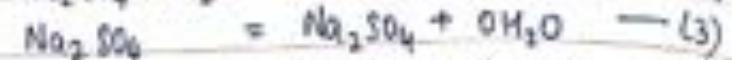
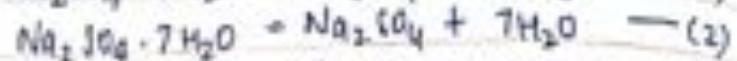
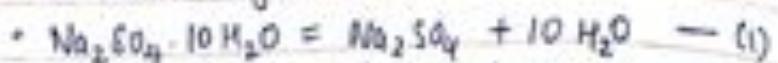
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$P=3, C=1$

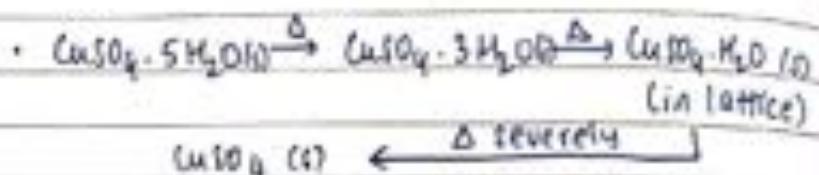
## (ii) Two-component system

## (a) Salt hydrate system

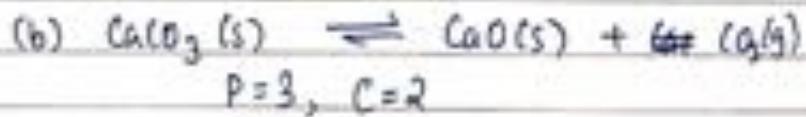
- water of crystallisation



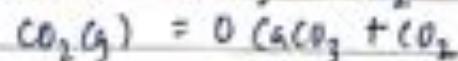
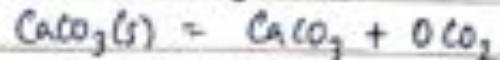
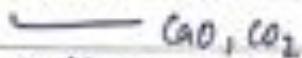
- to describe all the phases,  $C=1$  is insufficient as it fails to describe (1) and (2)
- $C=2$  is the minimum number to describe all the phases of the system



- salt-hydrate systems are, therefore, two-component systems.
- 0 is also allowed.

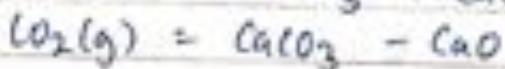
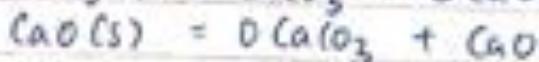
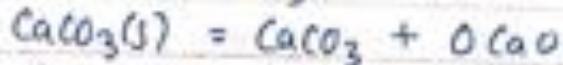
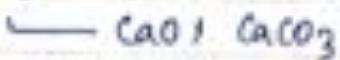


- if any two components are known, third can be found easily



- negative values allowed

- only because of the equilibrium conditions



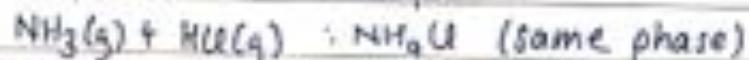
- could have used 3 species, then C=3.

- $\therefore$  min. number is C=2



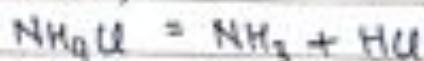
P=2,  $C=2$  X

closed system



- could not be used to describe  $\text{CaCO}_3$  because of different phase

- if C=2,



- one-component system

- add 2 amount of  $\text{NH}_3$ ,  $\text{NH}_4\text{U}$  cannot account for extra  $\text{NH}_3$

- insufficient HCl

- Now, C=2 as C=1 is not good enough

- P=2 still holds

## Degrees of Freedom

- the minimum number of independent variables such as temperature, pressure, composition that must be ascertained so that a given system in equilibrium is defined. (no. of degrees = F)

(a) liquid water: T & P can be varied independently  
 $F=2, P=1$

(b) solid ice  $\rightleftharpoons$  liquid water (melting point)  
 $0^\circ\text{C}, 1\text{ atm}$

either vary temperature or pressure  
P depends on T as M.P. is defined

$$F=1, P=2$$

(c) solid ice  $\rightleftharpoons$  liquid water  $\rightleftharpoons$  water vapor

(triple point); cannot vary T or P

$$F=0 \quad \text{PRESSURE: } 0.01\text{ mm Hg}$$

$$\text{Temp: } 0.0098^\circ\text{C}$$

• Alternate definition: no. of variables that can be changed independently without altering the equilibrium.

- Also known as variance
- (a) is invariant system
- (b) is univariant system
- (c) is bivariant system.

## GIBBS PHASE RULE

- Correlation of  $P, C, F$
- Gibbs, 1876
- Provided the equilibrium in a heterogeneous system is not influenced by external forces (gravity, electrical, magnetic), the number of degrees of freedom,  $F$ , is related to number of components,  $C$ , and number of phases,  $P$ , existing at equilibrium to one another by the equation

$$F = C - P + 2$$

### — Derivation

- All the components  $c$  are in all the phases  $P$
- Equilibrium:
  - (1) Thermal equilibrium —  $T$  is constant.
  - (2) Mechanical equilibrium —  $P$  is constant
  - (3) Chemical / Material equilibrium —  $\mu_i$  is constant

• Problem: Free energy is an extensive property.

• Define a new term: chemical potential

Chemical potential  $\mu$  = partial molar Gibbs free Energy

$$\mu_i = \left( \frac{\partial G}{\partial n_i} \right)_{T, P, n_j}$$

• Chemical potential of component  $c$  in all phases is constant (equal)

$$\mu_i^1 = \mu_i^2 = \mu_i^3$$

At triple point

$$\mu_{\text{solid water}} = \mu_{\text{liquid water}} = \mu_{\text{gaseous water}}$$

At melting point

$$\mu_{\text{solid ice}} = \mu_{\text{liquid water}}$$

(a) What are no. of variables?

T const — 1 var

P const — 1 var

Composition — c components in all P phases  
relative composition (mole fracs)

$$\text{composition: } x_1^* + x_2^* + \dots + x_c^* = 1$$

↳ requires c-1 components in one phase of

$$x_1^P + x_2^P + \dots + x_c^P = 1$$

↳ requires c-1 components in phase P

$$x_1^P + x_2^P + \dots + x_c^P = 1$$

↳ required c-1 components in phase P.

total no. of variables  $P(c-1) + 2$

(b) What are the equations?

$$\mu_1^* = \mu_1^P = \mu_1^r = \dots = \mu_1^P \quad P-1 \text{ equations}$$

$$\mu_2^* = \mu_2^P = \mu_2^r = \dots = \mu_2^P \quad P-1 \text{ equations}$$

$$\mu_c^* = \mu_c^P = \mu_c^r = \dots = \mu_c^P \quad P-1 \text{ equations}$$

total  $C(P-1)$  equations

### Degrees of freedom

- no. of variables that can be varied independently.
- no. of variables - no. of equations

$$F = P(c-1) + 2 - c(P-1)$$

$$= PC - P + 2 - CP + C$$

$$\boxed{F = C - P + 2}$$

Eg: water

$$C = 1$$

— single phase (liquid water / ice / water vapour)  
 $P = 1$

- ∴  $F = 2$
- can change T, P independently
- Both T & P need to be specified to define system

— two phases (melting: ice  $\rightarrow$  water)

$$P = 2$$

$$\therefore F = 1$$

- can either change T or P; not both

— three phases (triple point: ice, water, vapour)

$$P = 3$$

$$\therefore F = 0$$

- neither T nor P can be varied
- invariant

At triple point, three phases are in equilibrium and it is an invariant system

### PHASE DIAGRAM

- A phase diagram summarizes the conditions at which a substance exists as solid, liquid or gas
- It is a map that predicts the conditions under which each phase is stable and also enables us to predict transformation from one phase to another

### 1. Phase diagram of a 1-component system

$$\begin{aligned} C &= 1 \\ \therefore F &= C - P + 2 \end{aligned}$$

(a) 1 phase :  $F = 2$   
represented by  
an area

- solid - high  $P$ , low  $T$
- gas - low  $P$ , high  $T$
- liquid - in between

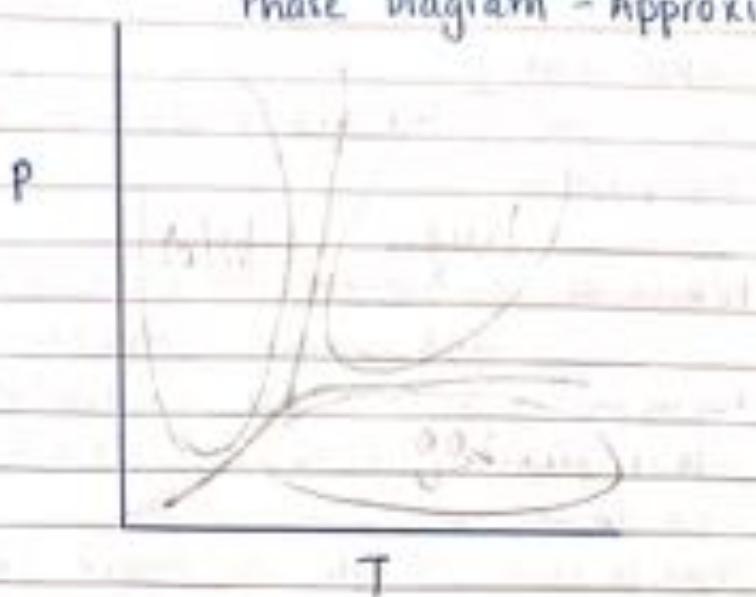
(b) 2 phases :  $F = 1$

represented by  
a curve/line

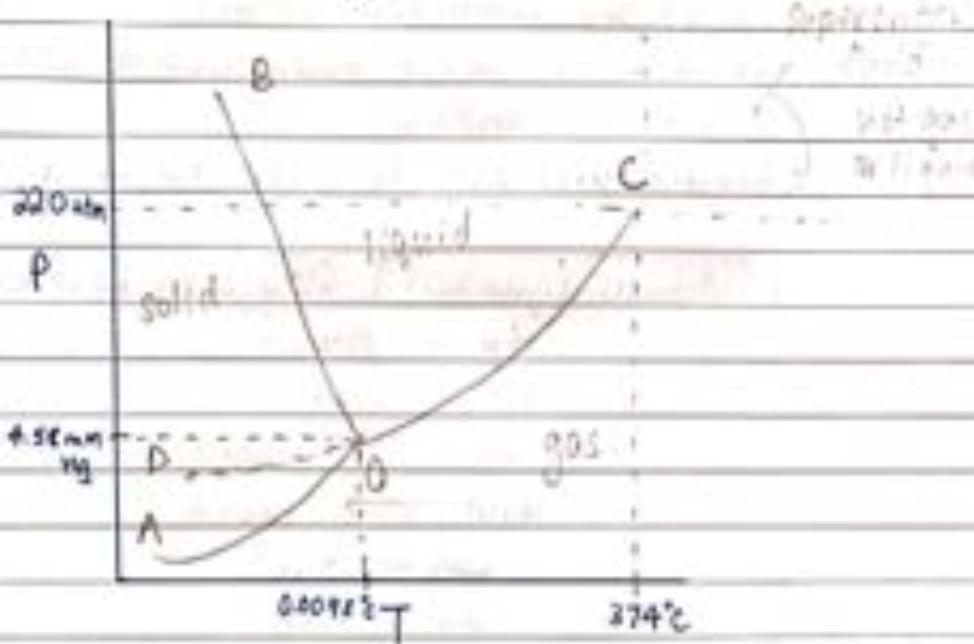
- shows various MP's and BP's and SP's

(c) 3 phases :  $F = 0$   
represents a point

## Phase Diagram - Approximate



## Phase Diagram of Water



DB: melting point curve / fusion curve

DC: boiling point curve / vaporisation curve

DA: sublimation curve

O: triple point

C: critical point (beyond C, no liquid)

Cannot distinguish between liquid & gas

DD: metastable equilibrium (supercooled water;

liquid state below freezing point is at an unstable equilibrium); will ppt with disturbance

- Aerosols & electrolytes sprayed on clouds - cloud seeding
- supercooled water gets disturbed and starts precipitation
- metastable curve
- Phases in equilibrium on metastable curve are liquid and vapour, NOT SOLID
- Rapid cooling, no time for crystallisation
- Vapour pressure of liquid much higher than solid form
- That is why OB line is above OA.

#### Slope of OB

- Melting point curve has a negative slope for water (only for water)
- Solid is less dense than liquid (cage structure due to H-bonding)
- Reduce pressure, converts to solid.

(Clapeyron equation) Clapeyron Equation

$$\frac{dP}{dT} = \frac{\Delta H}{T \Delta V}$$

Solid  $\longrightarrow$  liquid

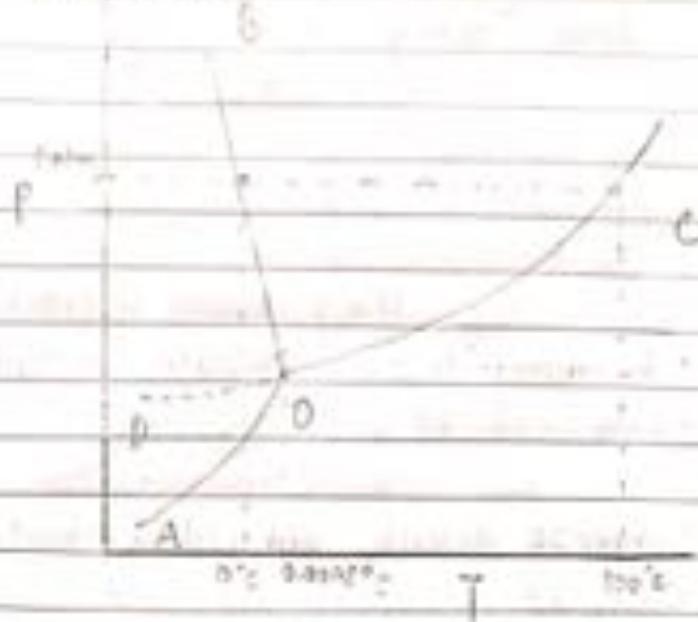
$$\Delta H = +ve$$

$$\Delta V = -ve$$

$$\therefore \frac{dP}{dT} = -ve \text{ "slope of OB"}$$

- As P increases, MP decreases

### Normal Conditions



$$\text{fusion curve: } \frac{dP}{dT} = \frac{\Delta H}{T\Delta V}$$

solid  $\rightarrow$  liquid ]

$\Delta H$ : +ve

$\Delta V$ : -ve

slope is -ve,  
steep  
( $\Delta V$  is small)

$$\therefore \frac{dP}{dT} = -ve$$

vaporisation curve

liquid  $\rightarrow$  gas ]

$\Delta H$ : +ve

$\Delta V$ : +ve

$$\therefore \frac{dP}{dT} = +ve$$

slope is +ve,  
not as steep  
( $\Delta V$  is large)

Normal pressure: 1 atm

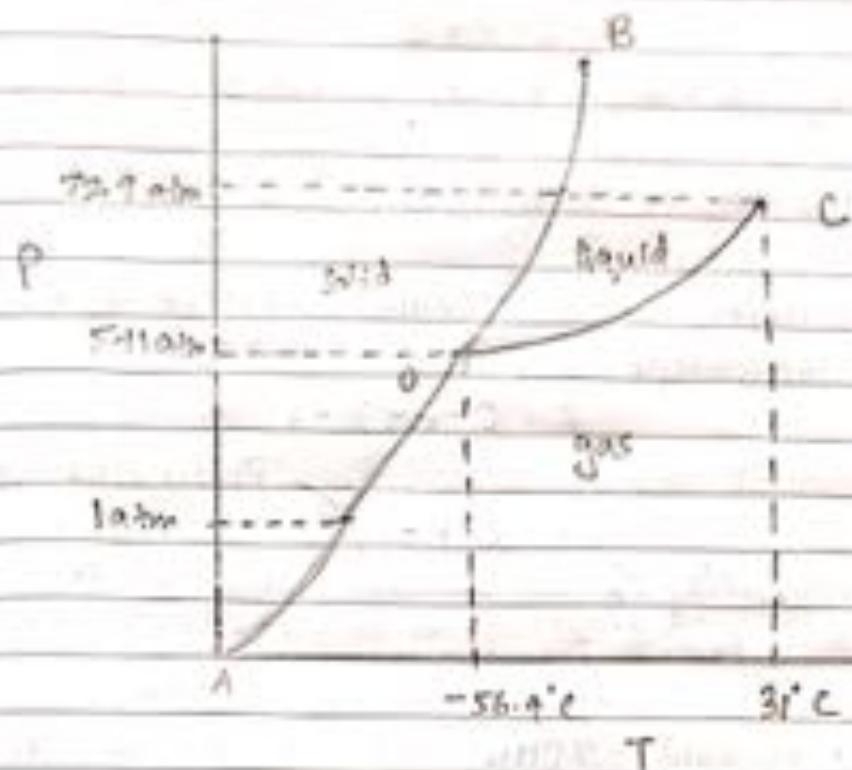
Normal MP and BP: draw a line at  $P = 1$  atm

- Quenching: don't want a crystal to form; sudden cooling - metallurgy

### Applications of Phase Diagrams

- Ice skating: sharp blades increase the pressure
- At lower higher pressure, melting point decreases
- Lubricant to move around
- Freeze drying: get rid of water to preserve
- Heated, flavours are lost
- Below 4.55 mm Hg, ice directly vaporises
- Becomes dry
- Keep food below triple point, directly sublimes
- Note: lowest pressure for liquid water is 4.55 mm
- Phase diagram of Carbon
  - graphite can be converted to diamond (200,000 atm, 4000 K)
  - Only in a volcano
  - Practically impossible
  - ( $10^9$  atm, 1000 K) most practical conditions - synthetic - diagram
  - Graphite more stable than diamond (lower  $\Delta G$ )
  - All diamond slowly converts to graphite, kinetically impossible
  - Diamond is metastable equilibrium

## Phase Diagram of $\text{CO}_2$



- $\text{CO}_2$  sublimes at normal pressure as triple point pressure is 5.11 atm, which is greater than 1 atm.

PHASE DIAGRAM OF A TWO-COMPONENT SYSTEM

$$F = C - P + 2$$

$$C = 2, \quad P = 1, \quad F = 3$$

- 3 degrees of freedom; 3-D graph difficult to visualise
- Therefore, we assume pressure to be constant (ambient pressure)

$$F = C - P + 2 - 1$$

$F = C - P + 1$

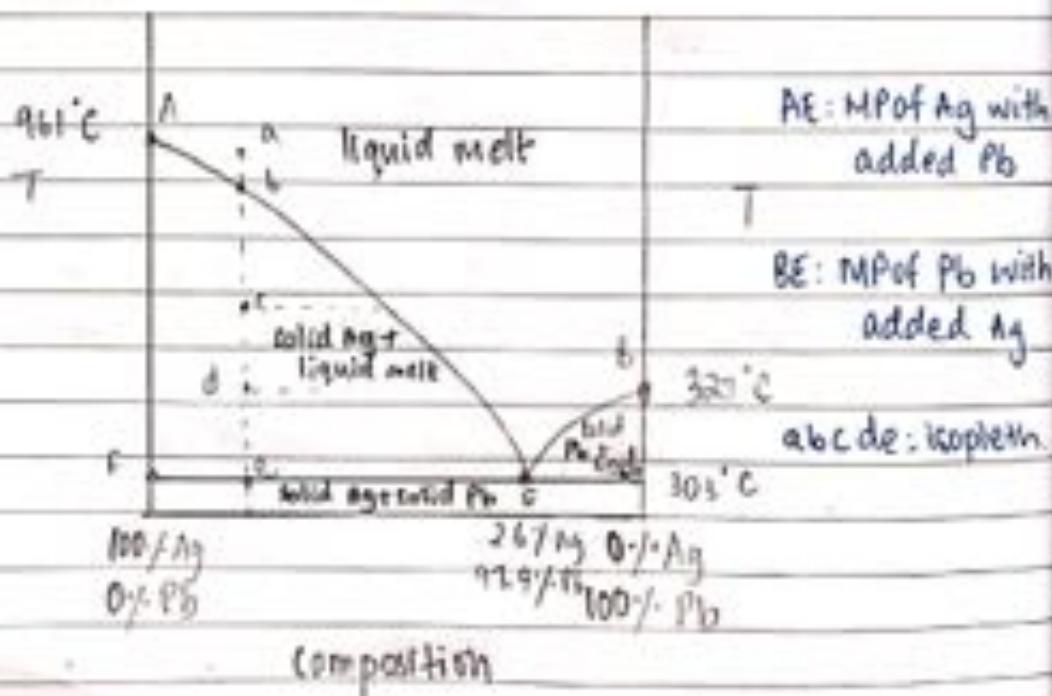
Also called  
Condensed phase rule

Phase rule for  
2-component  
System  
(Reduced phase rule)

- Assume pressure changes do not affect equilibrium
- solid, liquid equilibria (condensed systems)

## (1) Ag-Pb system - simple eutectic system

$$F = C - P + 1$$



— 1: Eutectic point

- Eutectic means easily melting - Greek

— Liquid melt

- in the liquid melt, Pb & Ag are completely miscible (single phase)

— Solid form

- Pb & Ag are completely immiscible.

### EUTECTIC POINT

- Eutectic or Eutectic mixture is a mixture of two or more phases at a composition that has the lowest melting point and where the phases simultaneously crystallise from the molten solution at this temperature

At eutectic Point,

$$C=2$$

$$P=3$$

$$F=C-P+1$$

$$F=0$$

$\therefore E$  is invariant;

fixed point

(fixed Temperature,

composition)

- at a particular pressure, Eutectic point is an invariant
- 2.6% Ag and 97.4% of Pb
- Temperature remains constant until all the liquid melt gets converted into solid form
- Usually happens only for pure compounds.
- People thought a compound was being formed due to sharp melting point.
- An indication that this was a mixture was the fact that it changed with a change in pressure.

- If impurities are added, melting point should decrease
  - But, from E to 100% Pb, MP increases
  - Liquid behaves like a pure compound at Eutectic point — sharp MP
  - Can be related to Azeotropes
  - At other temperatures, the mixture crystallizes over a range.
- 
- Eutectics are similar to Azeotropes
  - Cannot separate Ag & Pb any further
  - Best composition has 2.6% Ag
- 
- Can calculate amount of Ag ppt. out using lever rule
- 
- Even though AEF is an area, degrees of freedom F=1 (solid Ag + liquid melt)

Q: Why doesn't Pb ppt at 327°C when coming from 100% Ag side?

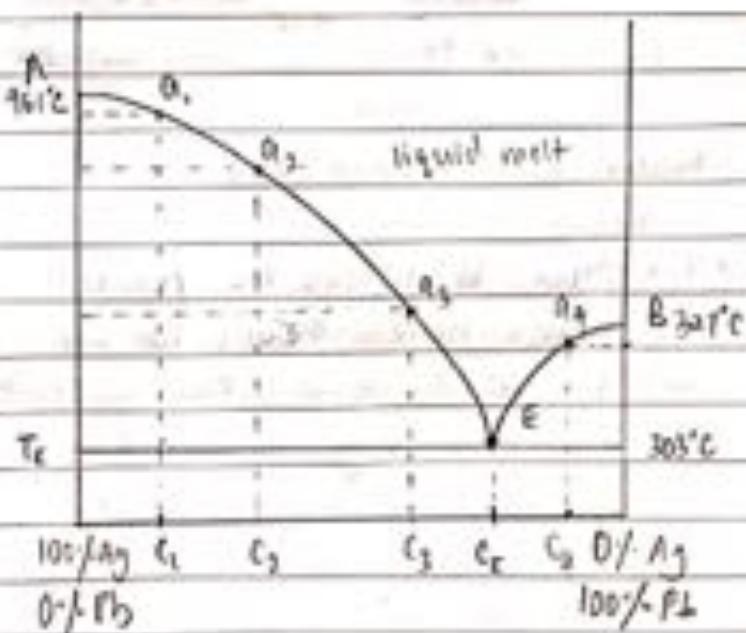
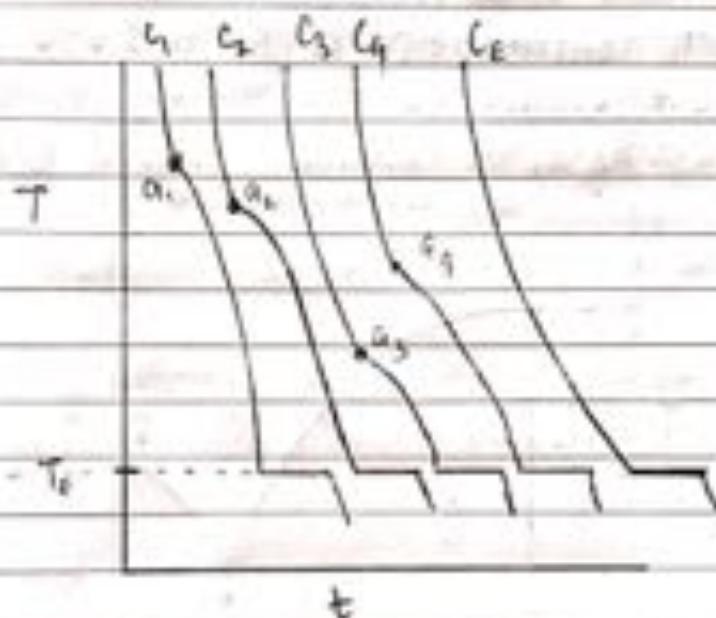
A: Have to reach MP of Pb in the mixture of the composition

Q: Three salient features of Eutectic point.

- Invariant point (97.4% Pb, 2.6% Ag, 303°C)
- Lowest MP of all Ag-Pb mixtures
- Sharp MP

## Thermal Analysis

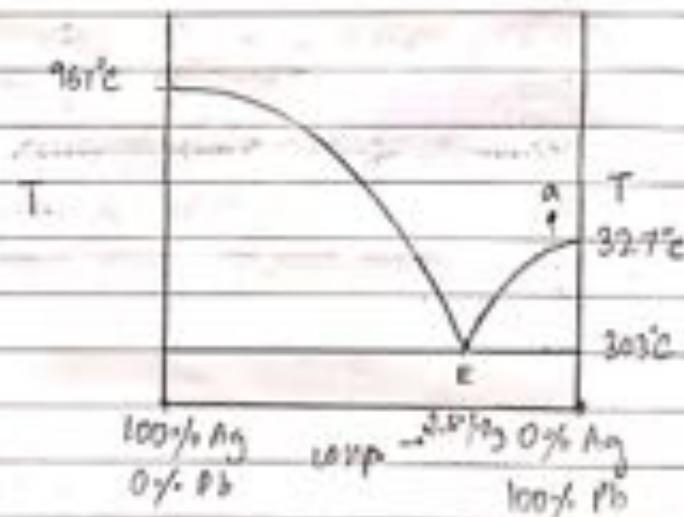
- Cooling curve: a graph of  $T$  vs  $t$
- constructed experimentally
- In the lab, we take naphthalene, biphenyl and perform experiments
- Both MP's below 100°C & both are simple eutectics
- keep recording  $T$  every 30s.



## Application of Ag-Pb Phase Diagram

### Pattinson's Process - Desilverisation of Pb

- Argentiferous Pb ore - 0.1% silver
- mix heated to above curve and then cooled
- Pb precipitates and liquid melt is more concentrated in Ag
- increase [Ag] from 0.1% to 2.6%
- best concentration of Ag is 2.6% at Eutectic point, cannot be concentrated further.
- 0.1% Ag is at extreme right of phase diagram

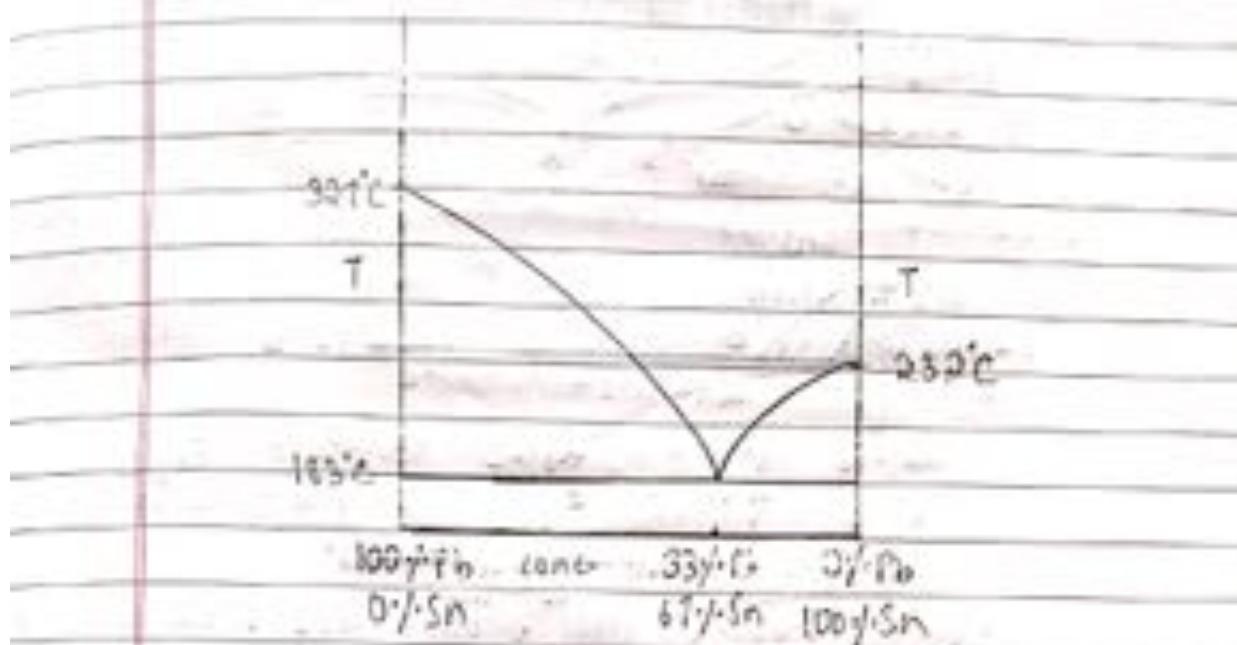


heated upto around 327°C

The process of raising the relative proportion of Ag in the Argentiferous Pb ore by heating the ore containing a small quantity of Ag (0.1%) and cooling it to get a liquid melt richer in Ag

## (2) Solder - Pb-Sn system (simple eutectic)

- lowest MP of mixture =  $183^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Eutectic composition = 67% Sn, 33% Pb
- Pure MP: Pb =  $327^{\circ}\text{C}$ , Sn =  $232^{\circ}\text{C}$



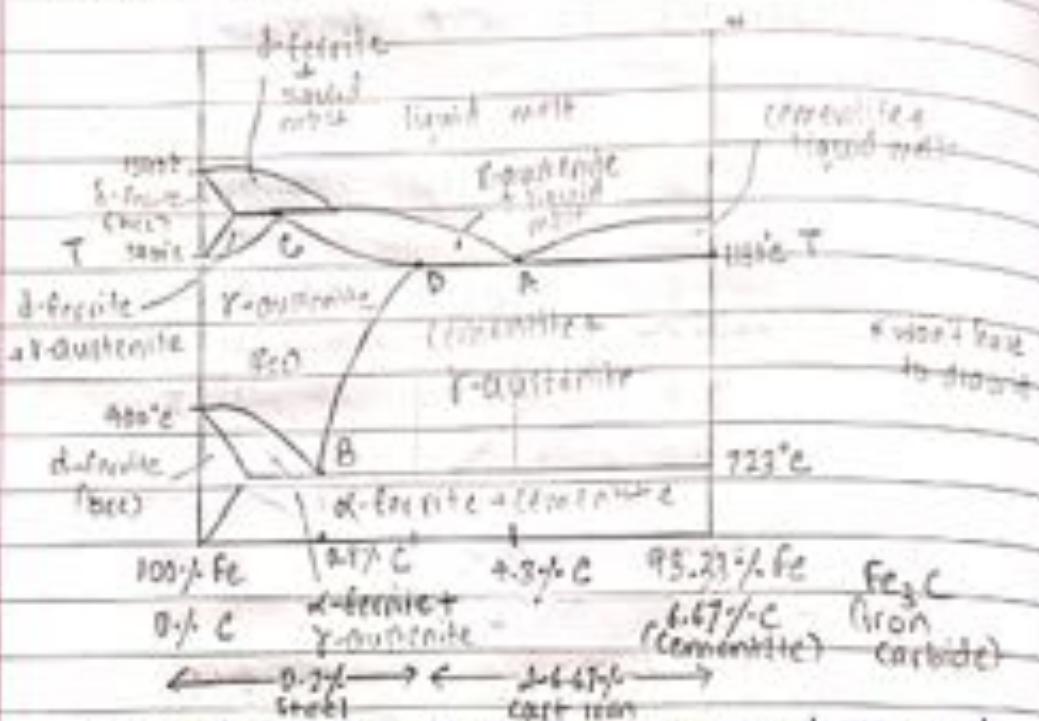
- Eutectic composition is always chosen for soldering electrical joints
- Lowest MP, least energy used
- Sharp melting point / solidify point
- Can solidify fast
- Earlier, pipes used to be soldered at a different composition (~50%)
- No sharp MP, melts over range, get more time to work with the pipe
- Some Pb will precipitate in the process

## (3) Fe-C system (steel &amp; more)

reduced phase rule

$$F = C - P + 1$$

draw HR line



- beyond 6.67% C, steel becomes very brittle and is of no use to us
- As Fe is heated, crystal structure changes

Point A:

- three phases in equilibrium ( $P=3$ )
- liquid melt  $\rightarrow \gamma$ -austenite + cementite

liquid melt  $\Rightarrow \gamma$ -austenite  $\Rightarrow$  cementite

$$\bullet F = C - P + 1 = 2 - 3 + 1 = 0$$

$\therefore F = 0$ ; invariant system at A.

+ Eutectic temperature = 1130°C

Eutectic composition = 4.3% Carbon

Point B:

- three phases in equilibrium
- $\gamma$ -austenite  $\rightarrow$   $\alpha$ -ferrite + cementite
- $\gamma$ -austenite  $\rightleftharpoons$   $\alpha$ -ferrite  $\rightleftharpoons$  cementite
- $f = C - P + I - 2 \cdot 3 + I = 0$   
 .  $f = 0$ ; invariant system at B
- Eutectic temperature: } NOT A EUTECTIC;  
 Eutectic composition: } NO LIQUID SOLIDIFIES/  
 MELTS
- Correct word: Eutectoid
- Eutectoid temperature:  $723^{\circ}\text{C}$   
 Eutectoid composition: 0.8% Carbon

Point C:

- Peritectic point - fixed point
- Three phases in equilibrium

Q1: Lowest T at which  $\gamma$ -austenite can exist,  
 (b) liquid melt can exist-

A: (a)  $723^{\circ}\text{C}$  (b)  $1130^{\circ}\text{C}$

Q2: What is the maximum concentration of C in  
 $\gamma$ -austenite?

A: Max. solubility of C in  $\gamma$ -austenite is point D,  
 at 2% C

Q3: What is the most stable structure of Fe at room temp?  
 A:  $\alpha$ -ferrite

- Rarest form of Fe available - 0.008% C ( wrought iron)
- used for swords, Iron pillar in Delhi, 1600 years old.
- Built by King Chandragupta

## PART B

### ELECTROCHEMICAL EQUILIBRIUM

- Electrical energy  $\rightarrow$  chemical energy
- Source of power - batteries
- Corrosion - controlling is very crucial.
- Amount of resources gone into controlling corrosion is comparable to the amount spent on natural disasters.
- Three main requirements

#### 1. Redox Reaction

- oxidation — loss of  $e^-$
- reduction — gain of  $e^-$

#### 2. Electrodes

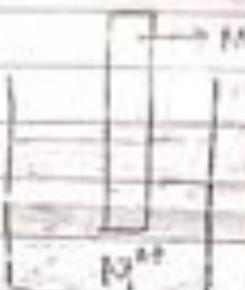
- surface for rxn to occur
- rxns should not occur at the same place; need to utilise energy
- anode — oxidation
- cathode — reduction
- simultaneously, in different compartments

#### 3. Electrolyte

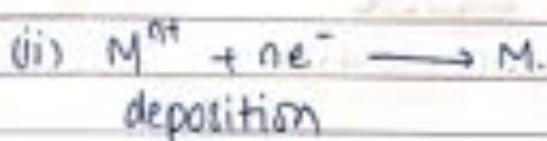
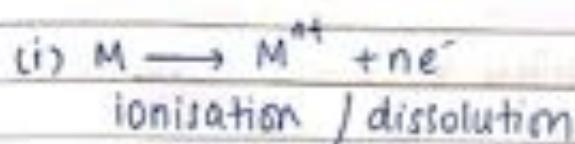
- electrons cannot move through electrolyte
- ions are the charge carriers
- electrical wires provide electrons at electrodes
- electrolytes offer high resistance
- electrodes carry electrons, electrolyte carries ion.
- cations — cathode ] move towards anions — anode ]
- substance that allows movement of ions

## Electrode Potential

- The potential developed at the interface between the metal and the solution when it is in contact with a solution of its own ions, and it is denoted by  $E$

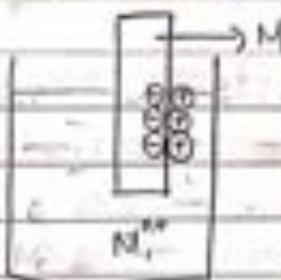
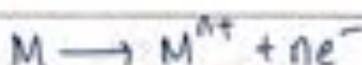


Two types of reactions on the electrode



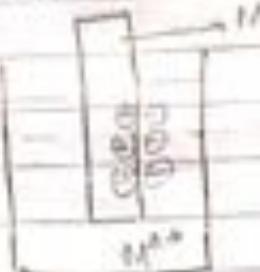
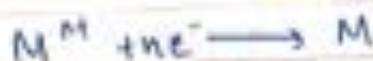
— Case I:

(i) > (ii) faster (tendency)



- electric double layer formed at surface due to charge separation
- Helmholtz double layer

- $M^{n+}$  goes into solution, leaving -ve charge on the metal, attracting +ve charge from the solution.

Case II(ii)  $\rightarrow$  (i)

- Helmholtz electric double layer

- $M^{n+}$  from solution combine with  $e^-$  from the metal and deposits on the surface of the metal

Factors on which E depends on

1. Nature of electrode

- oxidation / reduction

2. Concentration of ions

3. Temperature

4. Pressure

- need to define new quantity with fewer variables

- Standard electrode potential

Pressure - 1 atm

Temperature - 298 K

Concentration - 1 M

$\therefore$  only depends on nature of electrode

## Standard Electrode Potential ( $E^\circ$ )

- The potential developed at the interface between the metal and the solution when it is in contact with a solution of its own ions at a concentration of 1 M (unit concentration), at 298 K and 1 atm, and is denoted by  $E^\circ$ .
- At an electrode, only one of either oxidation or reduction occurs, not both.
- But oxidation & reduction cannot occur independently.
- Only working system can be a combination of 2 electrodes.
- Measure potential difference.
- One electrode has greater oxidation tendency, other has a greater reduction tendency.

## Cell Potential

- In an electrochemical cell, the difference in potential that causes electrons to flow from one electrode to another is called cell potential.
- It is denoted by  $E_{cell}$ .

## Standard cell Potential ( $E_{cell}^\circ$ )

- $E_{cell}^\circ$  is defined as emf of a galvanic cell when reactants and products of the cell reaction are at unit concentration at 298 K at 1 atm pressure.

- All cell reactions are due to  $E_{cell}$ .
- For spontaneity,  $\Delta G$  must be negative

$$\Delta G = -nFE_{cell}$$

- $E_{cell}$  must, therefore, be +ve

### TYPES OF CELLS

#### Galvanic cell

- chemical  $\rightarrow$  electrical energy
- redox: spontaneous rxn
- uses: batteries, fuel cells

#### Electrolytic cell

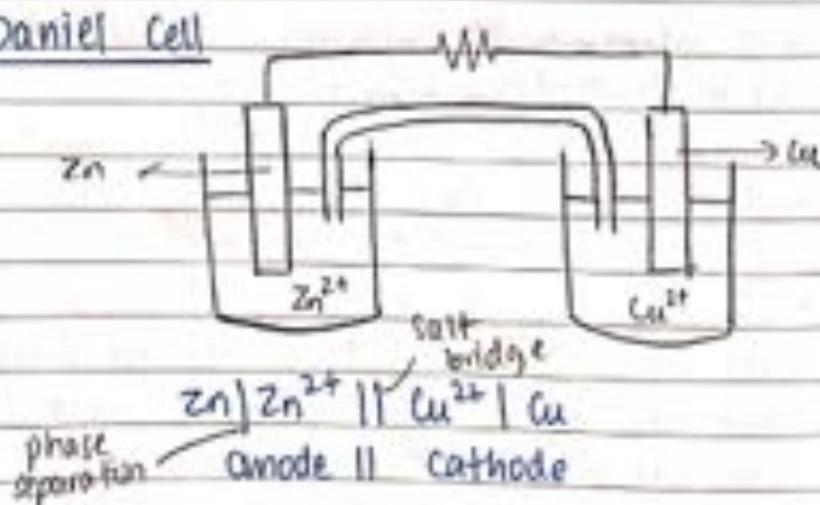
- electrical  $\rightarrow$  chemical energy
- redox: non-spontaneous rxn; expend energy
- uses: electroplating, electrowinning (Cu), electroforming

N.B.

- Galvanisation is NOT an electrolytic process

### GALVANIC CELL

#### Daniel Cell



$\text{Fe}^{3+}, \text{Fe}^{2+} / \text{Pt}$  → no phase separation between  $\text{Fe}^{2+}, \text{Fe}^{3+}$

$$E_{\text{cell}} = E_{\text{cathode}} - E_{\text{anode}}$$

$$\Rightarrow E_{\text{RHS}} - E_{\text{LHS}}$$

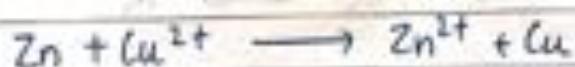
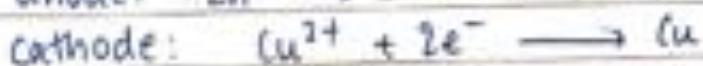
$$E_{\text{Zn}^{2+}/\text{Zn}}^{\circ} \approx -0.76 \text{ V}$$

$$E_{\text{Cu}^{2+}/\text{Cu}}^{\circ} = +0.34 \text{ V}$$

$$E_{\text{cell}}^{\circ} \approx +1.10 \text{ V} \quad \text{--- +ve value}$$

∴ rxn is spontaneous

Cell reaction



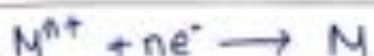
- series where standard electrode potentials have been tabulated

### Electrochemical series

- In order to predict the electrochemical behaviour of electrode-electrolyte systems, the relative value of single electrode potential are listed in ascending order

- Standard potentials in ascending order.

- By convention, we use standard reduction potential.





- Zn has a tendency to get oxidised, not reduced.
- $Cu^{2+}$  has a greater tendency to undergo reduction.
- Metal can never undergo reduction, only metal ions.
- Electrochemical series — standard condition.
- Potential under nonstandard conditions

Q4: Derive Nernst Equation using thermodynamic principles

A: Single electrode reduction



$$-\Delta G = W_{\text{max}}$$

- The max. work that can be obtained from a system is the decrease in free energy

$W_{\text{max}} = \text{total charge} \times \frac{\text{energy available}}{\text{unit charge}}$

$$W_{\text{max}} = nF \times E$$

$$-\Delta G = nFE$$

In standard conditions

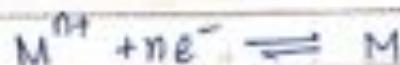
$$-\Delta G^\circ = nFE^\circ$$

## Vant Hoff Reaction Isotherm

$$\Delta G = \Delta G^\circ + RT \ln Q$$

- How the free energy changes from the standard value as the reaction proceeds

$Q$  = reaction quotient / extent of reaction  
 $Q = \frac{[\text{Products}]}{[\text{Reactants}]}$



$$Q = \frac{[M]}{[M^{n+}]}$$

$$-nFE = -nFE^\circ + RT \ln \left( \frac{[M]}{[M^{n+}]} \right)$$

$$E = E^\circ - \frac{RT}{nF} \ln \frac{[M]}{[M^{n+}]}$$

- For a pure substance,  $[M]$  is taken as 1 as the concentration doesn't change over time

$$E = E^\circ - \frac{RT}{nF} \ln \frac{1}{[M^{n+}]}$$

$$E = E^\circ + \frac{RT}{nF} \ln [M^{n+}]$$

$E = E^\circ + \frac{2303RT}{nF} \log [M^{n+}]$
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• At standard conditions

$$T = 298 \text{ K} \quad (\text{absolute temperature})$$

$$F = 96500 \text{ C mol}^{-1}$$

$$R = 8.314 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$$

$$E = E^\circ + \frac{0.0591}{n} \log [M^{n+}]$$

for the reduction of  $M^{n+} + ne^- \rightarrow M$

### NERNST EQUATION FOR A CELL



• To derive it for a cell,

$$-\Delta G = W_{\max}$$

$$W_{\max} = nFE$$

$$\Delta G = -nFE$$

$$\Delta G = \Delta G^\circ + RT \ln Q$$

$$Q = \frac{[C]^c [D]^d}{[A]^a [B]^b}$$

$$\Delta G = \Delta G^\circ + RT \ln Q$$

$$-nFE = -nFE^\circ + RT \ln \frac{[C]^c [D]^d}{[A]^a [B]^b}$$

$$E = E^\circ - \frac{RT}{nF} \ln \frac{[C]^c [D]^d}{[A]^a [B]^b}$$

$$E = E^{\circ} - \frac{2.303RT}{nF} \log \frac{[C]^c [D]^d}{[A]^a [B]^b}$$

- At standard conditions

$$E = E^{\circ} - \frac{0.0591}{n} \log \frac{[C]^c [D]^d}{[A]^a [B]^b}$$

NERNST EQUATION FOR DANIEL CELL (at 25°C)

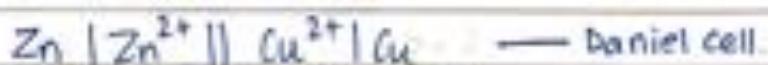
$$-\Delta G = W_{\max}$$

$W_{\max}$  = total charge  $\times$  energy available  
unit charge

$$W_{\max} = nF \times E$$

$$-\Delta G = nFE$$

$$-\Delta G^{\circ} = nFE^{\circ}$$



$$\Delta G = \Delta G^{\circ} + RT \ln Q$$

$$Q = \frac{[\text{Zn}^{2+}] [\text{Cu}]}{[\text{Cu}^{2+}] [\text{Zn}]} = \frac{[\text{Zn}^{2+}]}{[\text{Cu}^{2+}]}$$

$$\Delta G = \Delta G^{\circ} + RT \ln \left( \frac{[\text{Zn}^{2+}]}{[\text{Cu}^{2+}]} \right)$$

$$-nFE = -nFE^{\circ} + RT \ln \frac{[\text{Zn}^{2+}]}{[\text{Cu}^{2+}]}$$

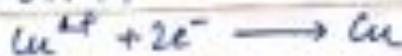
$$E = E^{\circ} - \frac{2.303RT}{nF} \log \frac{[\text{Zn}^{2+}]}{[\text{Cu}^{2+}]}$$

$$E = E^\circ - \frac{0.0591}{n} \log \frac{[Zn^{2+}]}{[Cu^{2+}]}$$

- For ESR, write half reactions & full reaction

Q5: Calculate standard potential of  $Cu^{2+}/Cu$  if its electrode potential at  $25^\circ C$  is  $0.296 V$

$$[Cu^{2+}] = 0.015 M$$



A:  $E = E^\circ + \frac{0.0591}{n} \log [Cu^{2+}]$

$$0.296 = E^\circ + \frac{0.0591}{2} \log [0.015]$$

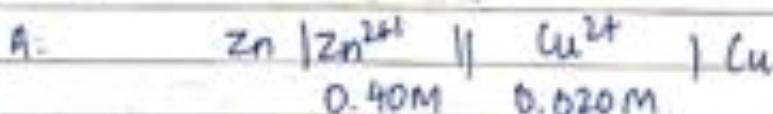
$$0.296 = E^\circ + \frac{0.0591}{2} (\log 1.5 - 2)$$

$$= E^\circ + \frac{0.0591}{2} (-1.8239)$$

$$0.296 \rightarrow E^\circ - 0.05389$$

$$E^\circ = 0.35 V$$

Q6: Find emf of Daniell cell at  $25^\circ C$



$$E_{cell}^\circ = 1.1 V$$



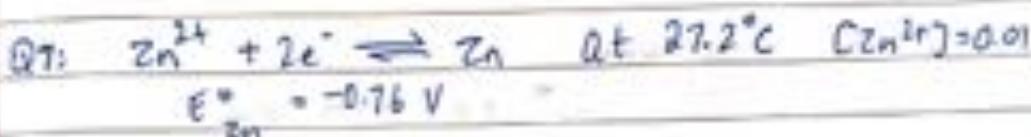
$$E = E_{cell}^{\circ} - \frac{0.0591}{n} \log \frac{[Zn^{2+}]}{[Cu^{2+}]}$$

$$\approx 1.1 - \frac{0.0591}{2} \log \frac{0.4}{0.02}$$

$$\approx 1.1 - \frac{0.0591}{2} \log 20$$

$$\approx 1.1 - \frac{0.0591}{2} (1.3010)$$

$$E \approx 1.06 V$$



A:

$$E = E_{Zn}^{\circ} + \frac{RT}{nF} \ln \frac{[Zn^{2+}]}{[Cu^{2+}]}$$

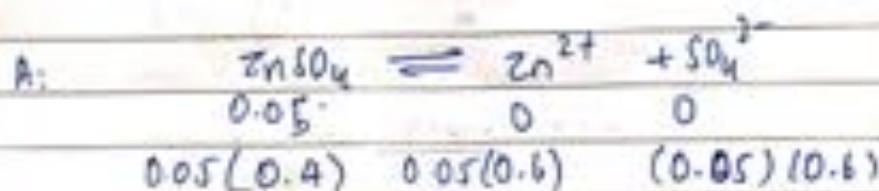
$$= -0.76 + \frac{(8.314)(300.2)}{(2)(96500)} \ln \frac{[Zn^{2+}]}{[Cu^{2+}]}$$

$$\approx -0.76 + 0.0129 \ln [Zn^{2+}]$$

$$\approx -0.76 - 0.05955$$

$$E = -0.82 V$$

Q8 Calculate  $E$  of Zn dipped in 0.05 M  $ZnSO_4$   
 where  $\alpha = 0.6$



$$[Zn^{2+}] = 0.05 \times 0.6 = 0.03$$

$$E = E^{\circ} + \frac{0.0591}{2} \log (0.03)$$

$$= -0.76 + \frac{0.0591}{2} (-1.57787) \quad ?$$

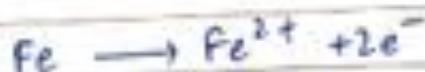
$$= -0.76 - 0.045$$

$$E = -0.805 \text{ V}$$

Qn: For the cell  $\text{Fe}|\text{Fe}^{2+}(0.1\text{M})||\text{Ag}^+(0.01\text{M})|\text{Ag}$   
at 298 K, calculate E & write rxn.

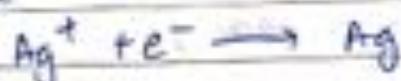
$$E^\circ_{\text{Fe}^{2+}/\text{Fe}} = -0.44 \quad E^\circ_{\text{Ag}^+/\text{Ag}} = 0.80$$

A: anode:



$$E^\circ_{\text{cell}} = 0.80 + 0.44 \\ = 1.24$$

cathode



cell equation



$$Q = \frac{[\text{Fe}^{2+}]}{[\text{Ag}^+]^2}$$

$$E = E^\circ - \frac{0.0591}{2} \log \frac{[\text{Fe}^{2+}]}{[\text{Ag}^+]^2}$$

$$= E^\circ - \frac{0.0591}{2} \log \left( \frac{0.1}{(0.01)^2} \right)$$

$$= 1.24 - \frac{0.0591}{2} \log (10^3)$$

$$= 1.24 - \frac{0.0591 \times 3}{2} = 1.24 - 0.08865$$

$$E = 1.15 \text{ V}$$

Qn: Calculate  $E^\circ$ ,  $E$ ,  $\Delta G^\circ$  for the following reaction



$$[\text{Mg}^{2+}] = 0.045 \text{ M}$$

$$[\text{Sn}^{2+}] = 0.035 \text{ M}$$

$$E^\circ_{\text{Mg}^{2+}/\text{Mg}} = -2.37 \text{ V}$$

$$E^\circ_{\text{Sn}^{2+}/\text{Sn}} = -0.14 \text{ V}$$

A:



$$E^\circ_{\text{cell}} = E^\circ_{\text{Sn}^{2+}/\text{Sn}} - E^\circ_{\text{Mg}^{2+}/\text{Mg}} = -0.14 + 2.37 = 2.23 \text{ V}$$

$$E^\circ_{\text{cell}} = 2.23 \text{ V}$$

$$E_{\text{cell}} = +19 - \frac{0.0591}{2} \log \left( \frac{0.045}{0.035} \right)$$

$$= 2.23 - \frac{0.0591}{2} \log \left( \frac{9}{7} \right)$$

$$= 2.23 - 3.225 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$= 2.23 - 0.003225$$

$$E_{\text{cell}} = 2.227 \text{ V}$$

$$\Delta G^\circ = -nFE^\circ = -2 \times 96500 \times 2.23$$

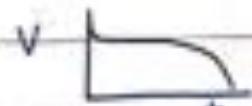
$$= -4.46 \times 96500$$

$$= -430390$$

$$\Delta G^\circ = -430390 \text{ J mol}^{-1}$$

$$= -430.39 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} \Rightarrow W = 430.39 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

- Difference between  $E$  and  $E^\circ$  very little
- The reason why batteries give constant voltage (steady)
- $Q$  Value is constantly changing : the contribution of second term is little



Qn: A galvanic cell uses the following reaction



$$\epsilon_{\text{Al}^{3+}/\text{Al}}^{\circ} = -1.67 \text{ V}$$

$$\epsilon_{\text{Mn}^{2+}/\text{Mn}}^{\circ} = -1.12 \text{ V}$$

- (a) calculate  $\epsilon_{\text{cell}}^{\circ}$  under standard conditions
- (b) calculate  $E_{\text{cell}}$  when  $[\text{Al}^{3+}] = 1.5 \text{ M}$ ,  $[\text{Mn}^{2+}] = 0.1 \text{ M}$
- (c) Work done in case (b)

A:

$$(a) \epsilon_{\text{cell}}^{\circ} = -1.12 + 1.67 = 0.49 \text{ V}$$

$$(b) E_{\text{cell}} = 0.49 - \frac{0.0591}{6} \log \left( \frac{(1.5)^2}{(0.1)^3} \right)$$

$$= 0.49 - \frac{0.0591}{6} (3 + 2 \log 1.5)$$

$$\epsilon_{\text{cell}} = 0.457 \text{ V}$$

$$= 0.45698 \text{ V}$$

$$Q = \frac{[\text{Al}^{3+}]^2}{[\text{Mn}^{2+}]^3} \quad n = 6.$$

$$(c) \Delta q = -NEF = -6 \times 0.45698 \times 96500$$

$$\boxed{\Delta q = -264.6 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}}$$

$$W = 264.6 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

Qn: Predict whether the following rxn proceeds spontaneously at 298 K when the following concentrations are present.



$$[\text{Co}^{2+}] = 0.15 \text{ M} \quad [\text{Fe}^{2+}] = 0.6 \text{ M}$$

$$\epsilon_{\text{Fe}^{2+}/\text{Fe}}^{\circ} = -0.44$$

$$\epsilon_{\text{Co}^{2+}/\text{Co}}^{\circ} = -0.28$$

A:  $E_{\text{cell}} = -0.44 + 0.28 = -0.16 \text{ V}$

$$E_{\text{cell}} = -0.16 - \frac{0.0591}{2} \log\left(\frac{0.15}{0.68}\right)$$

$$= -0.16 + 0.01939$$

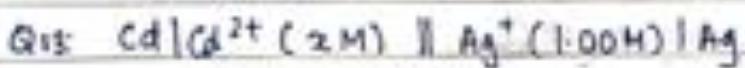
$$E_{\text{cell}} \approx -0.1406$$

$$\Delta G = -nFE = +2 \times 96500 \times 0.1406$$

$$= 27136 \text{ J mol}^{-1}$$

$\therefore \Delta G$  is +ve & the rxn is non spontaneous  
( $E_{\text{cell}}$  is -ve  $\Rightarrow$  rxn not feasible)

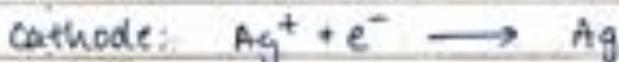
Correct cell:



$$E_{\text{cell}}^\circ = 1.2022 \text{ V}$$

$$E_{\text{cell}} = 1.2871 \text{ V}$$

$$[\text{Cd}^{2+}] = ? \text{ at } 298$$



$$1.2871 = 1.2022 - \frac{0.0591}{2} \log\left(\frac{x}{12}\right)$$

$$2 \times 0.08499 = -0.0591 \log x$$

$$x = 1.339 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$$

$$x = 1.34 \text{ mM}$$

Q14: Zn electrode in 0.101 M ZnSO<sub>4</sub> has  
 $E = -0.7912 \text{ V}$  at temp T=?  $E^\circ = +0.76$

A:  $E = E^\circ + \frac{RT}{nF} \ln(Zn^{2+})$

$$-0.7912 + 0.76 = \frac{8.314 T}{2 \times 96500} \ln(0.101)$$

$$\frac{-0.0312 \times 2 \times 96500}{8.314} = \ln(0.101) T$$

$$T = \frac{-724.27}{\ln(0.101)} = 315.9 \text{ K}$$

T = 315.9 K C = 42.9 °C

Q15: Mg | Mg<sup>2+</sup>(0.01) || Cu<sup>2+</sup>(C<sub>i</sub>) | Cu.

$$E = 2.78 \text{ V at } 298 \text{ K}$$

$$E_{Mg^{2+}/Mg}^\circ = -2.37 \quad E_{Cu^{2+}/Cu} = ?$$

A:  $E_{Mg^{2+}/Mg} = E_{Mg^{2+}/Mg}^\circ + \frac{0.0591}{2} \log(0.01)$

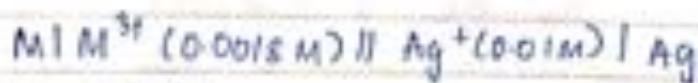
$$= -2.37 + -0.0591$$

$$E_{Mg^{2+}/Mg} = -2.4291$$

$$E_{cell} = 2.78 = E_{Cu^{2+}/Cu} + 2.37 + 2.4291$$

$$E_{Cu^{2+}/Cu} = 0.409 \text{ V}$$

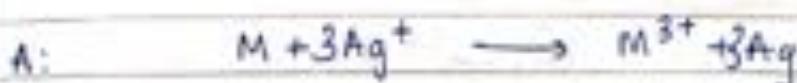
$$= 0.3509 \text{ V}$$



$$E_{\text{cell}} = 0.42 \text{ V}$$



$$E_{Ag^+/Ag}^\circ = 0.80 \text{ V}$$



$$Q = \frac{[M^{3+}]}{(Ag^+)^3}$$

$$E_{Ag^+/Ag} = 0.80 + 0.0591 \log (0.01)$$

$$\approx 0.80 - 0.1182$$

$$E_{Ag^+/Ag} = 0.6818 \text{ V}$$

$$E_{M^{3+}/Mg} = E_{Ag^+/Ag} - E_{\text{cell}}$$

$$= 0.68 - 0.42 = 0.26$$

$$E_{M^{3+}/Mg} = \cancel{0.26} \quad 0.6818 - 0.42$$

$$= 0.2618$$

$$0.2618 = E^\circ + \frac{0.0591}{3} \log (0.0018)$$

$$0.2618 = E^\circ - 0.054$$

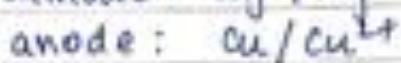
$$E^\circ = 0.3158 \text{ V}$$

Q17:  $\text{Cu}^{2+}/\text{Cu} : E^\circ = 0.337 \text{ V}$ ,

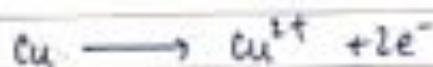
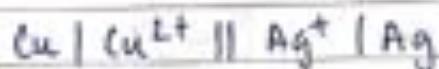
$\text{Ag}^+/\text{Ag} : E^\circ = 0.799 \text{ V}$

Construct a galvanic cell using the values given.

For what  $[\text{Ag}^+]$  does  $E_{\text{cell}} > 0$  at  $25^\circ\text{C}$  when  $[\text{Cu}^{2+}] = 0.01 \text{ M}$



cell:



$$Q = \frac{[\text{Cu}^{2+}]}{[\text{Ag}^+]^2}$$

$$E_{\text{cell}}^\circ = 0.799 - 0.337 = 0.462 \text{ V}$$

$$E_{\text{cell}} = E_{\text{cell}}^\circ - \frac{0.0591}{2} \log \left( \frac{[\text{Cu}^{2+}]}{[\text{Ag}^+]^2} \right)$$

Let  $x = [\text{Ag}^+]$

$$0.462 = \frac{0.0591}{2} \log \left( \frac{0.01}{x^2} \right)$$

$$\log \left( \frac{0.01}{x^2} \right) = 15.6345$$

$$-2 - 2 \log x = 15.6345$$

$$-\frac{17.6345}{2} = \log x = -8.81725$$

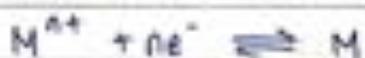
$$x = 1.5 \times 10^{-9} \text{ M}$$

## TYPES OF ELECTRODES

- So far, only spoken of metal rod dipped in its own solution

### 1. Metal-metal ion electrode

- when a metal rod is dipped in a solution of its own ions
- $M^{n+}/M$
- eg:  $Zn^{2+}/Zn$ ,  $Ag^+/Ag$



$$E = E^\circ + \frac{0.0591}{n} \log([M^{n+}])$$

### 2. Metal-insoluble salt of metal-ion

- Calomel electrode:  $Hg_2Cl_2/Hg$
- ion to which the salt is reversible
- insoluble / sparingly soluble salt

Calomel: ~~not ion~~

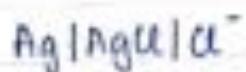


$$E = E^\circ - \frac{0.0591}{2} \log([Cl^-]^2)$$

$$E = E^\circ - 0.0591 \log([Cl^-])$$

- The potential of calomel electrode depends on  $[Cl^-]$
- Reversible to the chloride ion.
- metal in contact with insoluble salt in contact with ion that the electrode is reversible to.

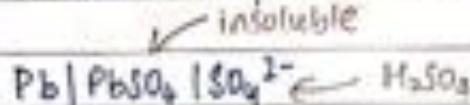
eg 2: Silver-silver chloride electrode



$$E = E^\circ - \frac{0.0591}{2} \log [\text{Cl}^-]$$

- to make previous kind of Ag electrode (metal-metal), use soluble salt of silver like  $\text{AgNO}_3$
- to make insoluble salt kind of electrode, insoluble salt
- $\text{Ag}|\text{AgNO}_3$  is reversible to  $\text{Ag}^+$

eg 3: Pb and  $\text{PbSO}_4$  (insoluble salt)



$$E = E^\circ - \frac{0.0591}{2} \log [\text{SO}_4^{2-}]$$

### 3. Gas electrode

- Hydrogen electrode
- gas being bubbled around an inert electrode dipped in a solution of gas in which the gas is reversible (ions to which gas is reversible)

eg 1:  $\text{H}^+|\text{H}_2(\text{gas})|\text{Pt}$   
(cm) (p ohm)



$$E = E^{\circ} - \frac{0.0591}{2} \log \left( \frac{(P_{H_2})^{1/2}}{[H_2]} \right)$$

- $P_{H_2}$  is always  $P_{H_2}/P_0$  (reference), relative partial pressure

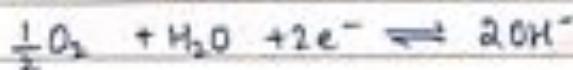
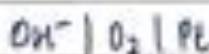
e.g. 2: chlorine electrode



$$E = E^{\circ} - \frac{0.0591}{2} \log \frac{[\text{Cl}^-]^2}{(P_{\text{Cl}_2})}$$

- role of Pt: provides electrical contact, provides reaction surface (platinised platinum)

e.g. 3: oxygen electrode

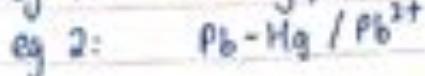
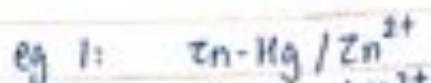


- shows oxygen reduction in alkaline medium

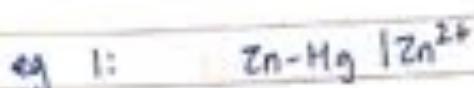
$$E = E^{\circ} - \frac{0.0591}{2} \log \frac{[\text{OH}^-]^2}{(P_{\text{O}_2})^{1/2}}$$

#### 4. Amalgam electrode

- metal in contact with metals ions but metal in the form of its amalgam.
- used for Na electrode, etc., to be able to work with



- can control the activity of the electrodes

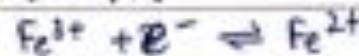
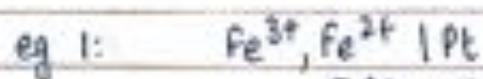


$$E = E^{\circ} - \frac{0.0591}{2} \log \frac{[\text{Zn-Hg}]}{[\text{Zn}^{2+}]}$$

- we always take pure metals as 1.
- in amalgam electrodes, % Zn cannot be ignored
- used to reduce activity of electrodes, control inertness with surrounding. (eg: active metals)

#### 5. Redox electrode

- oxidised & reduced species present together
- one would want to change to the other
- if wire placed, potential formed.



$$E = E^{\circ} - \frac{0.0591}{1} \log \frac{[\text{Fe}^{2+}]}{[\text{Fe}^{3+}]}$$

- Fe<sup>3+</sup>, Fe<sup>2+</sup> | Pt used in potentiometric titration for Haematite in the lab

$\text{Fe}^{3+}$  as well as  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  in the solution at the same time.



It will cause potential to form

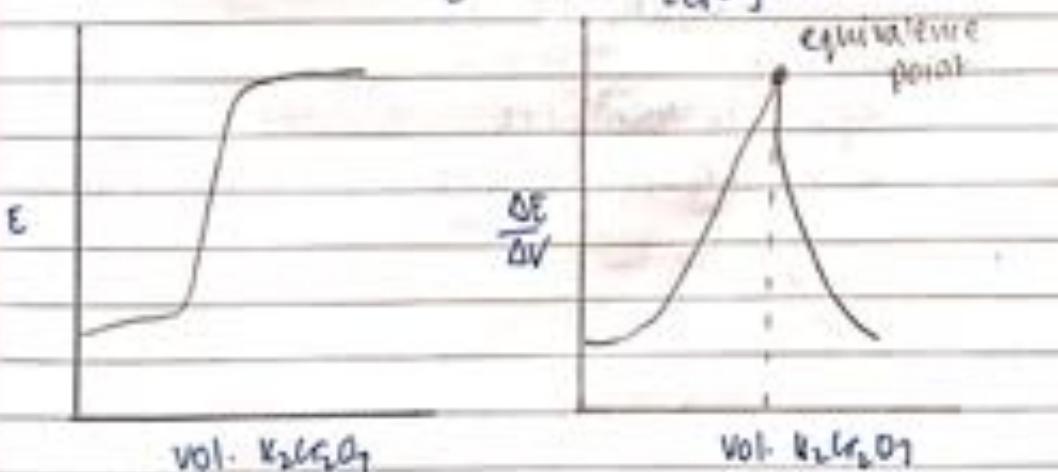
- As more and more  $\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$  added,  $[\text{Fe}^{3+}] \uparrow$  and  $[\text{Fe}^{2+}] \downarrow$
- $\therefore E_{\text{electrode}}$  increases
- At end point, almost all  $[\text{Fe}^{3+}]$  and no  $[\text{Fe}^{2+}]$
- After no more  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ , electrode does not exist
- With excess  $\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$ ,  $\text{Cr}^{6+}$  introduced to  $\text{Cr}^{3+}$  which is already in solution
- After end point, new electrode  $\text{Cr}^{6+}, \text{Cr}^{3+} / \text{Pt}$  introduced

$$\epsilon^\circ \text{ of } \text{Fe}^{3+}, \text{Fe}^{2+} / \text{Pt} = 0.77 \text{ V}$$

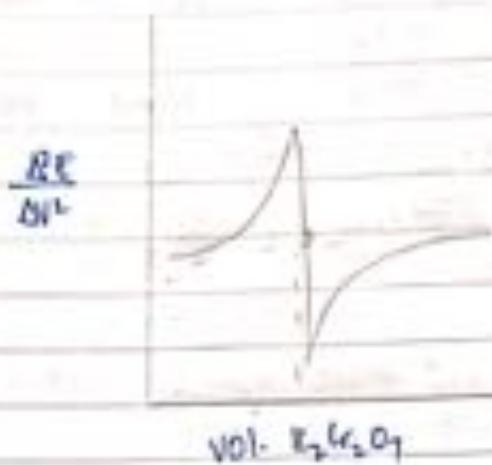
$$\epsilon^\circ \text{ of } \text{Cr}^{6+}, \text{Cr}^{3+} / \text{Pt} = 1.33 \text{ V}$$

$$\epsilon^\circ = \epsilon^\circ - \frac{0.0591}{3} \log \frac{[\text{Cr}^{3+}]}{[\text{Cr}^{6+}]}$$

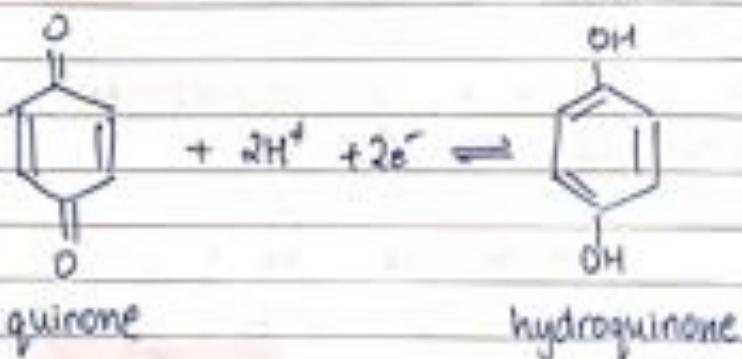
Gibbs free energy



- Use  $\frac{\Delta^2 E}{\Delta V^2}$  if unsure of  $\frac{\Delta E}{\Delta V}$



eg 2:  
Quinhydronne electrode

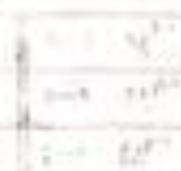


$\text{Q}, \text{QH}_2 | \text{Pt}$

eg 3:  $\text{Sn}^{4+}, \text{Sn}^{2+} | \text{Pt}$

eg 4:  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}, \text{Cr}^{3+} | \text{Pt}$

## 6. Ion selective electrode



membrane capable of exchanging only one particular ion

- also called membrane electrode
- application - water pollution, blood sample
- sensitive for quantifying

e.g.: glass electrode

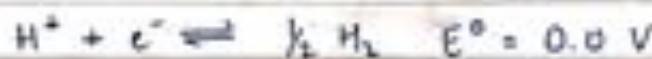
- membrane sensitive to  $H^+$
- able to quantify and detect  $H^+$

## Reference Electrodes

- single electrode potential cannot be measured
- Reference electrodes are electrodes that have a potential that is accurately known and is constant and with respect to these electrodes, potential of other electrodes can be determined or assigned.

### Primary Reference Electrode

- SHE (Standard Hydrogen Electrode)
- Pt |  $H_2$  (1 atm) |  $H^+$  (1 M)



- Hydrogen chosen for convenience

- To find  $E^\circ_{Zn^{2+}/Zn}$ ,  $Zn|Zn^{2+}||H^+|H_2|Pt$

$$\text{Since } 0.0 - E^\circ_{Zn^{2+}/Zn} \Rightarrow E^\circ_{Zn^{2+}/Zn} = -E^\circ_{cell}$$

must be true

- For  $Cu^{2+}/Cu$  :  $Pt | H_2 | H^+ || Cu^{2+} | Cu$

$$E^\circ_{cell} = E^\circ_{Cu^{2+}/Cu} - 0.0 \Rightarrow E^\circ_{Cu^{2+}/Cu} = E^\circ_{cell}$$

## Problems / Limitations of SHE.

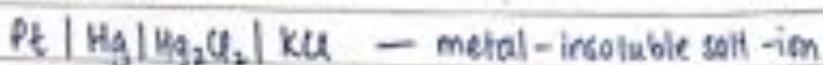
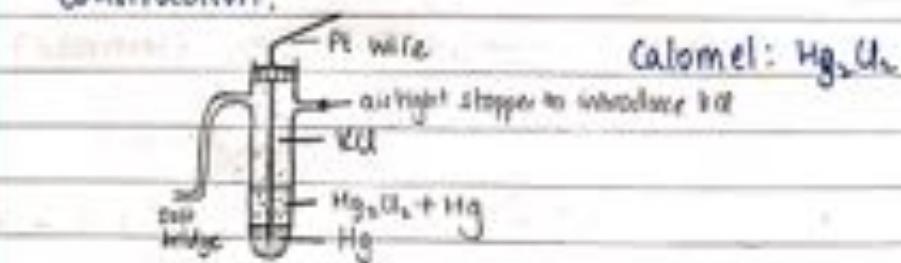
- construction and working is difficult and as maintaining concentration unity and maintaining pressure of the gas uniformly is difficult. (gas electrode)
- Active sites get blocked ; Pt is highly susceptible to poisoning.
- Cannot be used in the presence of oxidising agents.

### — Secondary Reference Electrode

- since SHE is difficult to repair & maintain, it is replaced by different secondary electrodes which are convenient to handle, easy to assemble & have a stable potential that is accurately known.
- With respect to these electrodes, potential of other electrodes can be measured.

### CALOMEL ELECTRODE

#### Construction:

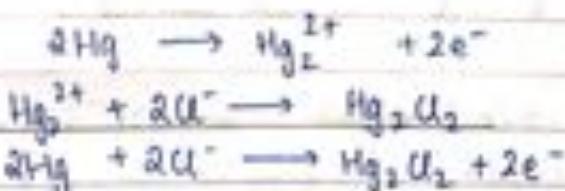


Three types of Calomel electrodes based on [KCl]

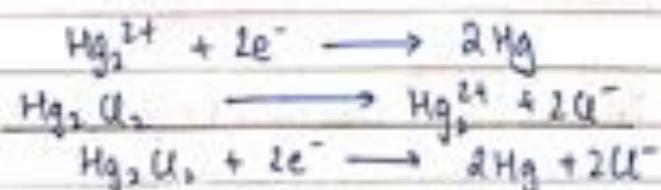
1. 0.1 N — deionized calomel electrode
2. 1 N — normal calomel electrode
3. Saturated — saturated calomel electrode (SCE) : most used

Working:

When it acts as the anode



When it acts as the cathode



Nernst Equation



at 298 K

$$E = E^\circ - \frac{0.0591}{2} \log [\text{Cl}^-]^2$$

$$E = E^\circ - 0.0591 \log [\text{Cl}^-]$$

- electrode is reversible to  $\text{Cl}^-$
- electrode potential depends on  $[\text{Cl}^-]$
- $E_{\text{calcd}}^\circ + E_{\text{inh}}$

$E$  for standard electrodes at 298K

1. 0.1 N,  $E = 0.334 \text{ V}$

2. 1 N,  $E = 0.381 \text{ V}$

3. SCE,  $E = 0.2432 \text{ V}$

Q18: Find  $[U^{-}](\text{satuated sol})$  for calomel electrode given the three electrode potentials.

$$\epsilon = \epsilon^{\circ} - 0.0591 \log [U^-]$$

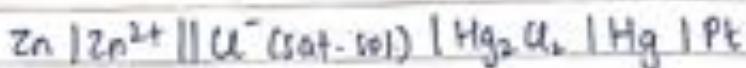
$$0.2422 - 0.281 = 0.0591 \log [U^-]$$

$$-0.0388 = -0.0591 \log [U^-]$$

$$\log [U^-] = 0.6565$$

$$[U^-] = 4.53 \text{ M}$$

### Representation of Zn electrode



$$\epsilon_{\text{cell}} = \epsilon_{\text{cathode}} - \epsilon_{\text{anode}}$$

cannot use  $\epsilon^{\circ}$   
as  $[U^-]$  not 1M

$$\epsilon_{\text{cell}} = 0.2422 - \epsilon_{\text{Zn}/\text{Zn}}$$

$$\text{if } [\text{Zn}^{2+}] = 1 \text{ M (standard)}$$

$$\epsilon_{\text{cell}} = 0.2422 + 0.76 = 1.0032$$

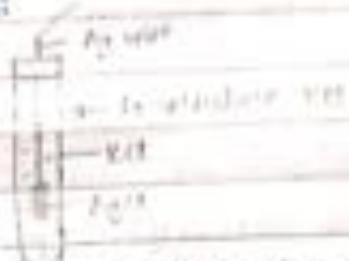
### Advantages of Calomel Electrode

1. Simple to construct
2. Electrode potential is reproducible and constant over a long period of time
3. Electrode potential does not vary much with temperature

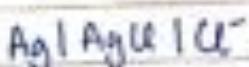
SILVER-SILVER CHLORIDE ELECTRODE

Construction:

Diagram required

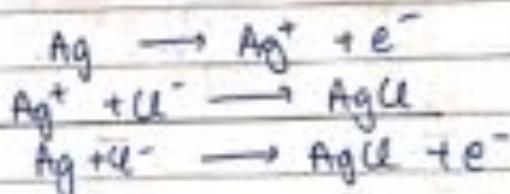


porous frit - allows ions to move

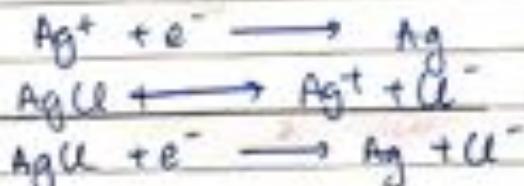


Working:

When it acts as anode



When it acts as cathode



Nernst Equation

$$E = E^\circ - 0.0591 \log [\text{Cl}^-] \quad \text{at } 298$$

• E of standard electrodes:

$[\text{KCl}]$	$E$ at 298 K
0.1N	0.209 V
1N	0.223 V $\rightarrow E^\circ$
Saturated sol.	0.199 V

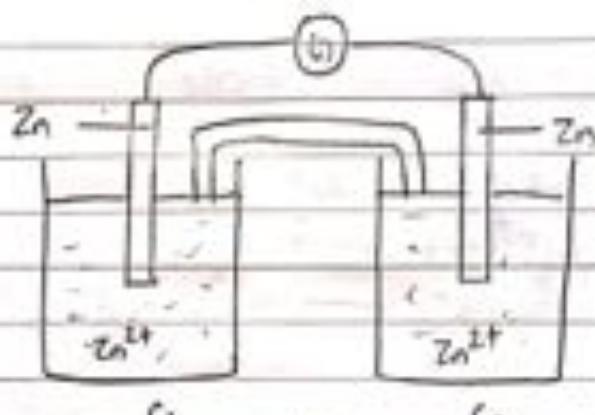
Note:

reversible to an ion  $\Rightarrow$  can find concentration of solid ion in solution

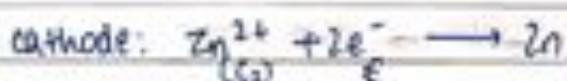
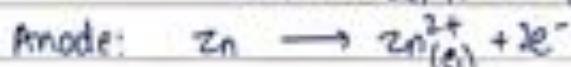
### Advantages of Ag-AgCl Electrode Over Calomel

1. Inexpensive
  2. Non-toxic (no mercury)
- We continue to use Calomel as it is very versatile

### CONCENTRATION CELLS



Driving force:  
trying to equalize  
the concentration



Derive the cell potential

$$E_{\text{cell}} = E_{\text{cathode}} - E_{\text{anode}}$$

$$= \left( E_{\text{Zn}^{2+}/\text{Zn}}^{\circ} + \frac{2.303RT}{NF} \log [\text{Zn}^{2+}]_{C_2} \right)$$

$$- \left( E_{\text{Zn}^{2+}/\text{Zn}}^{\circ} + \frac{2.303RT}{NF} \log [\text{Zn}^{2+}]_{C_1} \right)$$

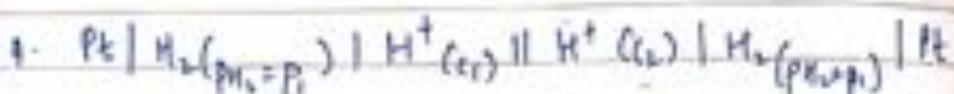
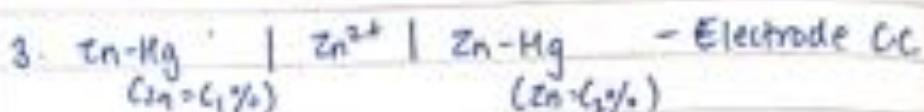
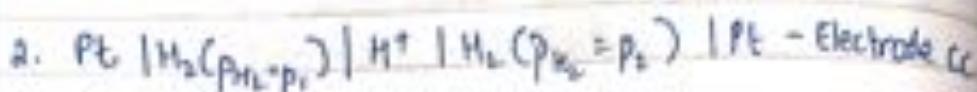
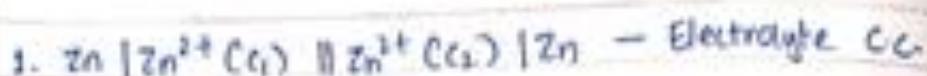
$$E_{\text{cell}} = \frac{2.303RT}{nF} \log \frac{[C_2]}{[C_1]}$$

1. • We understand that  $C_2 > C_1$   
 •  $\therefore [\text{cathode}] > [\text{anode}]$   
 •  $E_{\text{cell}}$  is +ve if  $C_2 > C_1$  and the rxn is spontaneous.
2. •  $E_{\text{cell}} \propto \log \frac{C_2}{C_1} \Rightarrow$  if diff. in conc. is high,  
 $E_{\text{cell}}$  is high.
3. • If  $C_2 = C_1$ , cell does not give you any potential,  $E_{\text{cell}} = 0.0V$
4. • Cannot be used to generate power as the contribution of  $E^\circ$  is absent  
 • Usually in the order of mV.  
 cat an
5. • The reason  $C_2 > C_1$  is because the anode tries to increase  $[Zn^{2+}]$  and cathode tries to reduce  $[Zn^{2+}]$

#### Definition:

Cells that consist of two electrodes of the same electrodic material in contact with the same electrolyte of different concentrations and emf arises due to difference in concentration.

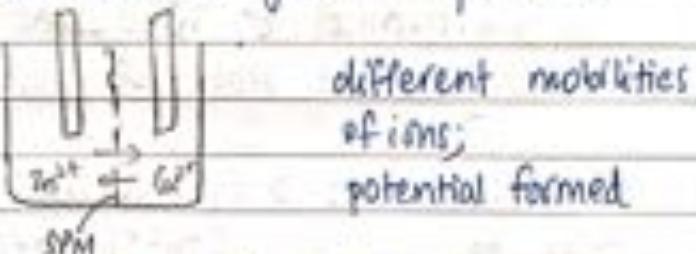
## TYPES OF CONCENTRATION CELLS



Electrolyte CC.

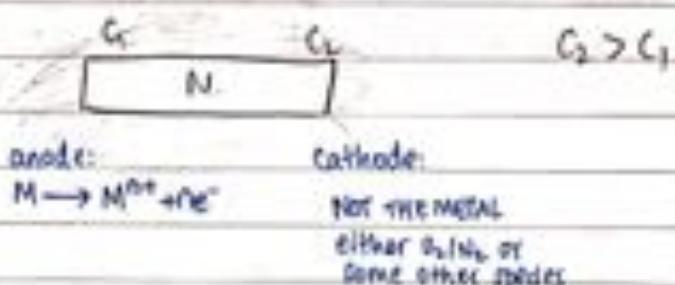
Reason for using salt-bridge.

- Prevent formation of junction potential



- KCL: transport no. of  $\text{K}^+ \approx \text{Cl}^-$
- no junction potential formed

Phenomenon Observed in Corrosion.

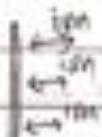


- cathode part is completely unaffected by corrosion
- make metal into cathode to protect

- nerve signalling,  $\text{Na}^+$  and  $\text{K}^+$  different; cell membrane separates.
- each cell gives  $\approx 65 \text{ mV}$  of potential
- ECG detect this (the Matrix utilised this)

## Ion Selective Electrode

- very sensitive; can detect upto ppm
- Electrodes which can selectively detect and quantitatively measure a particular chemical species in a mixture while ignoring others
- The potential developed is a measure of the concentration of the species of interest.
- It is also called a membrane electrode as the membrane of the electrode is what is sensitive to the particular ions. (capable of exchanging)



### Types of ISE

#### (a) Crystalline

1. Single crystal -  $\text{LaF}_3$  (Lanthanum fluoride)
  - sensitive to  $\text{F}^-$
  - membrane is  $\text{LaF}_3$
  - used for water pollution detection
  - fluoride toothpaste (in ppm); too much causes enamel decay

2. Polycrystalline -  $\text{Ag}_2\text{S}$ 
  - sensitive to  $\text{S}^{2-}$

## (b) Non-crystalline

1. Glass Silicate,

- responds to  $H^+$ ,  $Na^+$

## 2. Liquid membrane

- ion exchanger placed in organic solvent (dissolved)
- placed on porous disc
- responds to  $Ca^{2+}$
- immobilized ion exchanger

## 3. Immobilised ion exchanger on polymer matrix

- PVC
- responds to  $Ca^{2+}$ ,  $NO_3^-$

## Potential of Ion Selective Electrode

external reference electrode	analyte solution	internal reference solution	internal reference electrode
	$[M^{n+}] = c_1$ (constant)	$[H^{n+}] = c_2$	

- Due to difference in  $[M^{n+}]$ , boundary potential

$$E_b = \frac{2.303RT}{nF} \log \frac{C_1}{C_2}$$

$$= k + \frac{2.303RT}{nF} \log C_1 \quad (k = \frac{2.303RT}{nF} \log C_2)$$

- If  $E_b$  is known,  $C_1$  can be found
- Internal reference electrode to be able to find the boundary potential

$$E_M = E_b + E_{int-ref}$$

$$= k + \frac{2.303RT}{nF} \log C_1 + E_{int-ref}$$

$$E_M = E_M^{\circ} + \frac{2.303RT}{nF} \log C_i$$

where  $E_M^{\circ} = k + E_{\text{int-ref-electrode}}$

$$E_{\text{cell}} = E_M - E_{\text{ext-ref-electrode}}$$

- there is no redox process
- only exchange of ions
- $E_M^{\circ}$  is not a constant, but is constant for a particular electrode
- membrane has a very high resistance; ordinary potentiometers cannot detect/measure the potential — problem with ISEs ( $10^6 \Omega$ )
- special, expensive potentiometers must be used

### Applications of ISEs

1. Can determine the concentrations of cations

- $\text{Li}^+$ ,  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Cd}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Pb}^{2+}$  ppm

2. Can determine the concentrations of anions

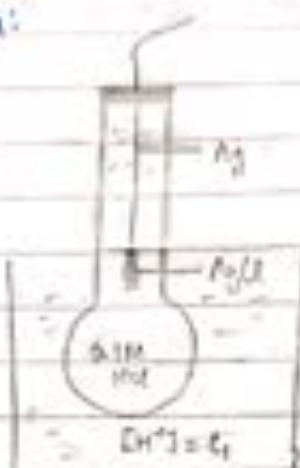
- $\text{S}^{2-}$ ,  $\text{F}^-$ ,  $\text{CN}^-$

3. pH measurement

4. Gas sensing probes:  $\text{NH}_3$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ ,  $\text{CO}_2$

## Glass Electrode

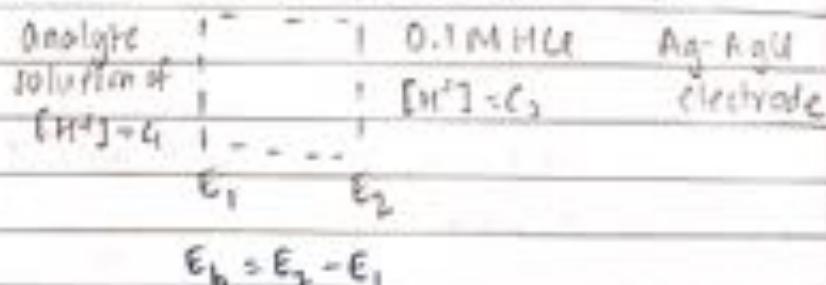
Construction:



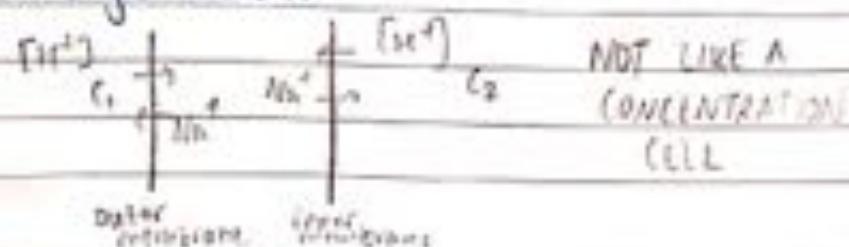
$\text{Ag} \mid \text{AgCl} \mid 0.1\text{M HCl} \mid \text{glass}$

- Corning 015 glass used for thin bulb membrane

Electrode potential



- Glass:  $\text{SiO}_4^{4-}$  network (tetrahedron)
- $\text{Na}^+, \text{K}^+, \text{Li}^+, \text{Ca}^{2+}, \text{Al}^{3+}$  inside the tetrahedron
- When glass dipped into  $(\text{H}^+)$  ion solution,  $\text{Na}^+$  exchanges with  $\text{H}^+$



- No crossover of  $H^+$  ions from outer membrane to inner membrane
- Potential due to membrane is not because of a redox reaction

$$E_b = \frac{0.0591}{n} \log \frac{C_1}{C_2}$$

$$= L' + 0.0591 \log [H^+] \quad (L' = 0.0591 \log C_2)$$

$$E_b = L' - 0.0591 \text{ pH}$$

$$E_b = E_b + E_{\text{int. ref. electrode}} + E_{\text{sys}} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{Hard} \\ \text{component} \\ \text{organic portion} \end{matrix}$$

- Asymmetric potential
- Inner & outer membrane structures will be different
- response of the inner & outer surfaces to the exchange differs.
- gives rise to small potential.
- If  $C_1 > C_2$ , no potential should be observed, but it is due to the difference in the structure of the two membranes

$$E_b = E_b + E_{\text{int. ref. electrode}} + E_{\text{sys}}$$

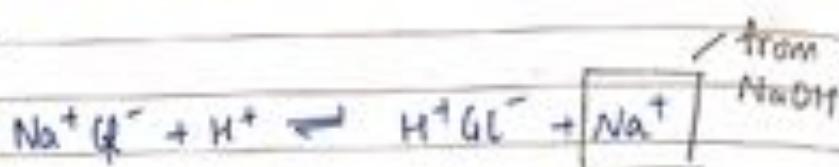
$$= L' + 0.0591 \log C_1 + E_{\text{int. ref.}} + E_{\text{sys}}$$

$$E_b = E_b^\circ - 0.0591 \text{ pH}$$

$$E_{\text{cell}} = E_b - E_{\text{ext. ref. electrode}}$$

## Advantages of Glass Electrode & Limitations

- Can be used in the presence of oxidizing and reducing substances and metal ions
- Can be used even for very small volumes of liquid
- Electrode does not get poisoned (unlike SHE)
- Accurate results can be obtained in the pH range of 1-9, beyond which it shows the alkaline error.



electrode becomes more sensitive to  $\text{Na}^+$  ions, instead of  $\text{H}^+$  ions, as  $[\text{H}^+]$  is very low and reverse rxn is favoured

pH that is being shown is wrong.

(Special type of glass is used by adding  $\text{Li}^+$ ,  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  etc.)

- It is simple to operate and can be used in portable instruments
- Extensively used in chemical, industrial, biological and agricultural

### Limitations.

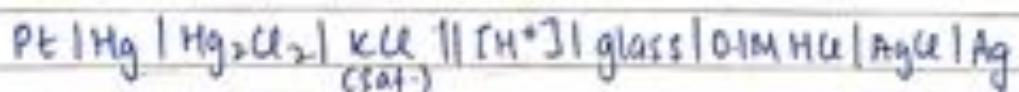
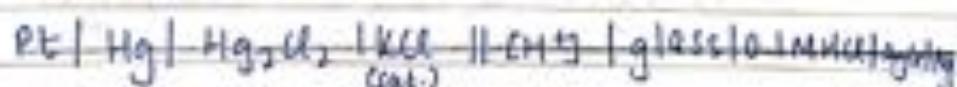
1. Beyond pH of 9, shows alkaline error so special equipment is required.
2. Membrane is very fragile
3. Glass offers very high resistance.

## DETERMINATION OF pH USING GLASS ELECTRODE

- Using saturated calomel electrode.

ext. ref. electrode || glass electrode

Cell representation.



$$E_{\text{cell}} = E_{\text{h.s.}} - E_{\text{ext-ref-electrode}}$$

$$E_{\text{cell}} = E_{\text{h.s.}}^{\circ} - 0.0591 \text{ pH} - E_{\text{SCE}}$$

$$\text{pH} = \frac{E_{\text{h.s.}}^{\circ} - E_{\text{cell}} - E_{\text{SCE}}}{0.0591}$$

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- To determine  $E_{\text{h.s.}}^{\circ}$ , we use a buffer solution to find out  $E_{\text{h.s.}}^{\circ}$  (known  $[\text{H}^+]$ )
- Instrument used as pH-meter is a potentiometer
- Calibrate instrument for pH

Q19: The cell given below gives  $E = 0.2094$  when the buffer sol<sup>n</sup> has pH = 4.006. When the buffer is replaced by unknown sol<sup>n</sup>, gives pH  $\rightarrow E = 0.1163$ , find pH,  $[H^+]$ .

SCE ||  $H^+(x\text{M})$  || glass electrode       $E_{\text{SCE}} = 0.2412\text{V}$

Pt | Hg |  $Hg_2Cl_2$  | KCl ||  $H^+(x\text{M})$  || glass | 0.1M NaI | AgI | Ag

pH = 4.006       $E = 0.2094$

$$E_{\text{cell}} \rightarrow E^\circ_4 - 0.0591/\text{pH} - E_{\text{SCE}}$$

$$0.2094 = E^\circ_4 - (0.0591/4.006) - 0.2412$$

$$E^\circ_4 = 0.687 \text{ V}$$

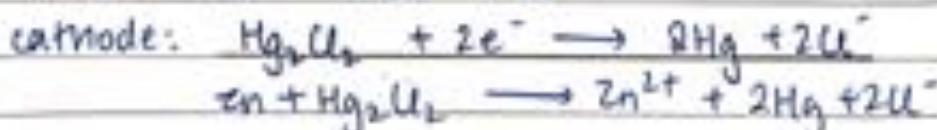
$$\text{pH} = \frac{0.687 - 0.1163 - 0.2412}{0.0591}$$

$$\text{pH} \approx 6.58 = -\log [H^+]$$

$$[H^+] = 2.66 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M}$$

Q20: Zn electrode is coupled with deoxygenated calomel electrode at 298K

$$[Zn^{2+}] = 0.732 \text{ M} \quad E_{\text{cal}}^\circ = 0.281 \text{ V} \quad E_{\text{zn}}^\circ = -0.763 \text{ V}$$

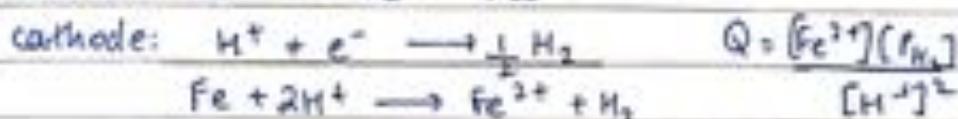


$$Q = [Zn^{2+}][Cl^-]^2$$

$$\epsilon_{\text{cell}}^{\circ} = 0.291 + 0.763 \Rightarrow 1.044 \text{ V}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon_{\text{cell}} &= \epsilon_{\text{cell}}^{\circ} - \frac{0.0591}{2} \log Q \\ &= 1.044 - \frac{0.0591}{2} \log (0.732 \times 0.01) \\ &= 1.044 - \frac{0.0591}{2} \times 2.135 \\ &= 1.044 - 0.063 = 0.981 \text{ V}\end{aligned}$$

Q21:  $\text{Fe}^{2+}/\text{Fe}^{3+}$  (0.1M) ||  $\text{H}^+$  (0.02M) |  $\text{H}_2$  (2atm) | Pt at 298K  
 find  $\epsilon_{\text{cell}}^{\circ}$ ,  $\epsilon_{\text{cell}}$ .  $E_{\text{Fe}^{2+}/\text{Fe}}^{\circ} = -0.44$



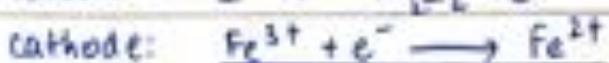
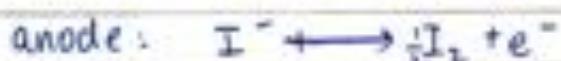
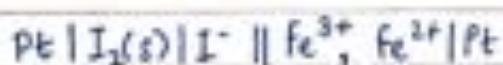
$$\epsilon_{\text{cell}}^{\circ} = 0.44 \text{ V}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon_{\text{cell}} &= 0.44 - \frac{0.0591}{2} \log \left( \frac{(0.1)(2)}{(0.02)(0.01)} \right) \\ &= 0.44 - \frac{0.0591}{2} \log 500 \\ &= 0.44 - 0.0797 = 0.36 \text{ V.}\end{aligned}$$

Q21:  $E_{\text{Fe}^{3+}/\text{Fe}^{2+} \text{ Pt}}^{\circ} = 0.77 \text{ V}$ ,  $E_{\text{Pt}/\text{I}_2/\text{I}^-}^{\circ} = 0.5355 \text{ V}$

$[\text{I}^-] = 0.03 \text{ M}$ ,  $[\text{Fe}^{3+}] = 0.1 \text{ M}$ ,  $[\text{Fe}^{2+}] = 1 \text{ M}$

Find  $\epsilon_{\text{cell}}$  at 298 K.



$$Q = \frac{[Fe^{3+}]}{[Fe^{3+}]Cl^-} \quad (\text{no } I_2 \text{ : solid})$$

$$E_{\text{cell}} = 0.771 - 0.5355 = 0.2355 \text{ V}$$

$$E_{\text{cell}} = 0.2355 - 0.0591 \log \left( \frac{1}{0.1 \times 0.03} \right)$$

$$\approx 0.2355 - 0.0591 \log \left( \frac{1000}{3} \right)$$

$$\approx 0.2355 - 0.1491$$

$$\approx 0.0864$$

$$\approx 0.0864 \text{ V}$$

Q22: A saturated solution Ag-AgCl electrode coupled with Cu electrode.

$$[Cu^{2+}] = 0.1 \text{ M} \quad E_{\text{cell}} \text{ at } 298 \text{ K.}$$

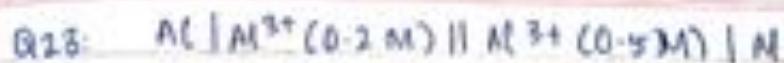
$$E_{Cu^{2+}/Cu}^\circ = 0.34 \text{ V} \quad E_{\text{sat.}} = -0.194 \text{ V}$$

$$E_{Cu^{2+}/Cu} = 0.34 + 0.0591 \log (0.1)$$

$$E_{Cu^{2+}/Cu} = 0.3104$$

$$E_{\text{cell}} = 0.3104 - 0.194$$

$$E_{\text{cell}} = 0.116 \text{ V}$$



$$\epsilon_{\text{Al}^{3+}/\text{Al}}^{\circ} = -1.27 \text{ V}$$

$$\epsilon_{\text{cell at } 298\text{ K}} = ?$$

cathode: 0.5 M      anode: 0.2 M

$$\epsilon_{\text{cell}} = \epsilon_{\text{cell}}^{\circ} + \frac{0.0591}{3} \log \frac{C_2}{C_1}$$

$$= \frac{0.0591}{3} \log \left( \frac{5}{2} \right) = \frac{0.0591}{3} \log 2.5$$

$$= 0.0078 \text{ V} = 7.839 \text{ mV}$$

If the solution at the cathode is diluted three times, what is the new  $\epsilon_{\text{cell}}$ ? Comment on the spontaneity.

$$[\text{cathode}] = \frac{0.5}{3} = 0.167$$

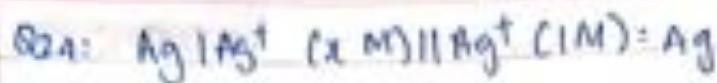
$$[\text{anode}] = 0.2$$

$$\epsilon_{\text{cell}} = \frac{0.0591}{3} \log \left( \frac{5}{3 \times 2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{0.0591}{3} \log \frac{5}{6}$$

$$= -1.56 \text{ mV}$$

$\therefore$  the cell rxn is non-spontaneous



$$E_{\text{cell}} \approx 0.26 \text{ V at } 298 \text{ K}$$

$$0.26 = \frac{0.0591}{1} \log \frac{1}{x}$$

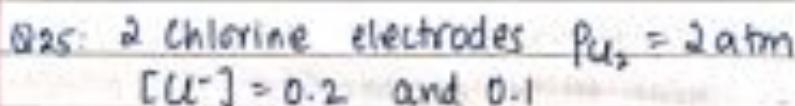
$$0.26 = -0.0591 \log x$$

$$\log x = -4.349$$

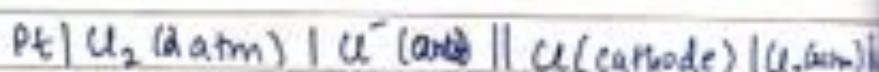
$$x = 3.99 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$$

$$x = 0.039 \text{ mM}$$

$E_{\text{cell}}$  of 0.26 V is very high for conc. cell  
 $\therefore \Delta G^\circ \text{ is very high}$

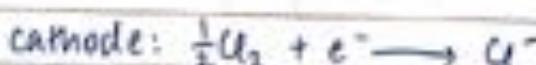


Derive an expression for  $E_{\text{cell}}$ .



$$E_{\text{cell}} = E_{\text{cathode}} - E_{\text{anode}}$$

$$\cancel{E_{\text{cathode}}} = \cancel{E_{\text{cathode}}} = \frac{0.0591}{n} \log \frac{P_{\text{Cl}_2}}{x}$$



reduction  
rxns.

$$E_{cell} = \theta \left( E_{cathode}^{\circ} - \frac{0.0591}{1} \log \frac{[U^-]_{an}}{(P_{U_2})^{1/2}} \right)$$

$$= \left( E_{anode}^{\circ} - \frac{0.0591}{1} \log \frac{[U^-]_{an}}{(P_{U_2})^{1/2}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{0.0591}{1} \log \frac{[U^-]_{anode}}{[U^-]_{cathode}}$$

$$E_{cell} = 0.0591 \log \frac{0.2}{0.1} = 0.0178 \text{ V}$$

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