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Total Reaction:  $3Mn^{2+}$  $Mn^{\circ} + 2Mn^{3+}$  $E^{\circ}_{total} = ?$ Reduction:  $Mn^{2+}$  $Mn^{\circ}$  $E^{\circ} = +1.18 \ V$ Oxidation:  $Mn^{2+}$  $Mn^{3+}$  $E^{\circ} = +1.51 \ V$ 

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> $\Delta G^{\circ} = -nFE_{1}^{\circ} + -nFE_{2}^{\circ} = -F((1 \times 0.56 \text{ V}) + (2 \times 2.26 \text{ V})) = -F(5.08 \text{ V})$ Set them equal to each other, and thus,  $3E^{\circ} = 5.08$  and  $E^{\circ} = 1.69 \text{ V}$

... for #1, you can work with  $E^{\circ}$  only (do not need  $\Delta G^{\circ}$ ), because the reaction is always equal in the number of electrons

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What would this *E*<sup>0</sup> value be when at acidic standard state?

$MnO_4^- + 2H_2O + 3e \Rightarrow MnO_2 + 4OH^-$	0.595
$MnO_4^{2-} + 2H_2O + 2e \Rightarrow MnO_2 + 4OH^{-}$	0.60
$Mn(OH)_2 + 2 e \rightleftharpoons Mn + 2 OH^-$	-1.56
$Mn(OH)_3 + e \Rightarrow Mn(OH)_2 + OH^-$	0.15
$Mn_2O_3 + 6 H^+ + e \rightleftharpoons 2 Mn^{2+} + 3 H_2O$	1.485

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(1) What is the electrocatalyst for O<sub>2</sub> evolution through water oxidation? MnO<sub>2</sub>
(2) At what pH values is a solid electrocatalyst for H<sub>2</sub> evolution stable? pH ~7.5 - ~13...

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**Nernst Equation:** 
$$E = E^0 - \frac{RT}{nF} \ln Q$$

#### **Electrochemical Cell Potential Calculation**



$$\operatorname{Ag}_{(s)} |\operatorname{AgCl}_{(s)}| \operatorname{Cl} || \operatorname{Zn}^{2+} |\operatorname{Zn}_{(s)}|$$

The Cell Potential  $\mathcal{E}_{cell}$  can be calculated by two methods:

Method 1: Total Reaction Method These should all be Ecell

The total cell reaction is:

$$Zn^{2+} + 2Ag(s) + 2Cl^{-} = Zn(s) + 2AgCl(s)$$

 $\varepsilon_{cell} = \varepsilon_{cell}^{\circ} - (RT/2F) \ln (1/([Zn^{2+}][Cl^{-}]^2))$ 

where  $\mathbf{E}^{\circ}_{cell} = -\Delta G^{\circ}/2F$ 

How else could we write this? ... "(60 mV/2) log"! (at room temp.) (1)

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#### Equivalence of the Two Methods

**Facile** 

Now since  $(RT/F) \ln ([Cl^-]) = -(RT/F) \ln (1/[Cl^-]) = -(RT/2F) \ln (1/[Cl^-]^2)$  this eqn becomes:

$$E_{AgCl} = E^{\circ}_{AgCl} + (RT/2F) \ln (1/[Cl^{-}]^{2})$$
(5)

$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{cell} = (E^{\circ}_{Zn} - (RT/2F) \ln (1/[Zn^{2+}])) - (E^{\circ}_{AgCl} + (RT/2F) \ln (1/[Cl^{-}]^{2}))$$
(6)

$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{cell} = (E^{\circ}_{Zn} - E^{\circ}_{AgCl}) - (RT/2F) \ln (1/([Zn^{2+}][Cl^{-}]^2))$$
(7)

If we define  $(E^{\circ}Z_n - E^{\circ}AgCl) = \mathbf{\mathcal{E}}^{\circ}cell$ , Then we see that this is exactly the same equation that we found by Method 1 (Equation 1).

## **NOT** The Daniell Cell



**Common Inert Electrodes: Platinum, Carbon, Gold** 

Write and explain the line notation for the redox reaction between Cu/Cu<sup>2+</sup> and an SCE electrode, where Cu<sup>2+</sup> is CuSO<sub>4</sub> (0.1 M), and KCI (1 M) is present in all cells.



Pt(s) | Hg(l) | Hg<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>(s) | Cl<sup>-</sup>(1 M, aq) | | Cu<sup>2+</sup> (0.1 M, aq) | Cu(s)



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http://www.baj.or.jp/e/knowledge/structure.html

(a) What is  $E_{cell}$  in this case (1 M KCl, 0.1 M CuSO<sub>4</sub>)? (SKIPPED) 131

(b) What is  $E_{cell}$  if [KCI] = 0.1 M?

Cu



 $Cu^{2+}(aq) \iff Cu(s) \qquad Pt(s) | Hg(l) \iff Pt(s) | Hg_2Cl_2(s)$  $+ Cl^{-}(aq)$ 

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*E*°(Cu<sup>2+</sup>/Cu) = +0.1 V vs. SCE

(a)  

$$E_{cell} = E^{o} - \frac{RT}{nF} \ln\left(\frac{a_{Cu}a_{Hg_{2}Cl_{2}}}{a_{Cu^{2}+}a_{Hg}a_{Cl^{-2}}}\right)$$

$$E_{cell} \approx E^{o} - \frac{0.0592 \text{ V}}{n} \log\left(\frac{1}{[Cu^{2+}][Cl^{-}]^{2}}\right)$$

$$E_{cell} = +0.1 \text{ V} - \frac{0.0592 \text{ V}}{2} \log\left(\frac{1}{0.1}\right)$$
(b)  

$$E_{cell} = +0.1 \text{ V} - \frac{0.0592 \text{ V}}{2} \log\left(\frac{1}{(0.1)^{3}}\right)$$

 $E_{\text{cell}} = +0.1 \text{ V} - 0.0296 \text{ V} = +0.0704 \text{ V}$ 

(b) What is  $E_{cell}$  if [KCI] = 0.1 M?

 $E_{\text{cell}} = +0.1 \text{ V} - 0.0888 \text{ V} = +0.0112 \text{ V}$ 

Remember, there is no such thing as a half-cell reaction... ... unless you are working with Trasatti

 $Pt(s) | Hg(I) | Hg_2CI_2(s) | CI^{-}(1 M, aq) | | Cu^{2+} (0.1 M, aq) | Cu(s)$ 

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<u>Quick quiz</u>: Do the following make sense? The grams (or grammage) of my material was 0.1 g. The liters (or literrage) of my beaker was 0.1 L. The m/s (or m/s-age) of that baseball was 10 m/s...

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### ... and IUPAC prefers it too!

http://goldbook.iupac.org/V06635.html

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<u>Quick quiz</u>: Do the following make sense? The kinetic process was graphed as an M–s curve. The kinetics were followed as the concentration versus s...

Then I also prefer that you don't say: "The cell's behavior is shown as the <u>I–V</u> curve." Let's call it an <u>I–E</u> curve, or best yet, a <u>J–E</u> curve, where J is current density (A/cm<sup>2</sup>).

# Electrochemistry: conventions... oh, conventions!



http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thu mb/c/cc/Map\_of\_USA\_TX.svg/2000px-Map\_of\_USA\_TX.svg.png

## Electrochemistry:

## conventions... oh, conventions!



**Figure 1.1** American (left) and IUPAC (right) voltammogram conventions.

... But sadly, B&F (2<sup>nd</sup> edition) use the convention on the left...

... at least you'll be pros at mentally flipping over data

Handbook of Electrochemistry, Zoski (ed.), Elsevier, 2007

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# Measurements in Electrochemistry

Chapters 1 and 15

## Q: What's in this set of lectures?

- A: B&F Chapters 1 & 15 main concepts:
  - Section 1.1: Redox reactions
  - Chapter 15: Electrochemical instrumentation
  - Section 1.2: Charging interfaces
  - Section 1.3: Overview of electrochemical experiments

## Looking forward... Section 1.1 (and some of Chapter 15)

- Reference electrodes
- 2-electrode versus 3-electrode measurements
- Potentiostats
- Compliance voltage/current
- J–E and I–E curves
- Kinetic overpotential
- Electrochemical window
- Faradaic reactions

Although we would like to measure electrochemical observables (e.g. the current, voltage, etc.) associated with a single "working" electrode (WE), we cannot.



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We must always couple our working electrode to a second electrode in order to make a measurement. These two electrodes comprise an electrochemical "cell." These schematics introduce some terms that we must define:



http://chemwiki.ucdavis.edu/Analytical\_Chemistry/E lectrochemistry/Electrochemistry\_2%3A\_Galvanic\_c ells\_and\_Electrodes

electrometer – a device for measuring a potential difference (*E*<sub>cell</sub>); an ideal voltmeter has infinite input impedance (i.e. it draws no current) (*impedance is "complex resistance"*)

ammeter – a device for measuring a current; an ideal ammeter has zero input impedance (i.e. it imposes no potential drop)

**Experiments:** 

95% of the measurements that you will perform have a problem



... for example, let's say both electrodes are platinum...



... and at "open circuit," no potential bias is applied between them... (disconnect the wire!)



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... and it is not well-defined because we cannot answer the question: What is the half-reaction that defines it? ... now, if we apply +0.8 V to the WE (reconnect the wire)... the potential of *both* electrodes likely changes, and *not likely symmetrically*...



... even worse, we don't now the potential of either electrode...



... you get the picture!



In principle, this problem can be solved by using a second electrode that is an (ideal) *reference electrode*... (ideally) non-polarizable:











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 $E_{WE} = \pm 0.4 \text{ V} + \pm 0.241 \text{ V} = \pm 0.641 \text{ V}$ 

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... but let's learn some more about reference electrodes...

