


Lecture 19 CH131 Summer 1 Tuesday, June 25, 2019

- Electricity from mixing: Concentration cells
- Practice problems

Final lecture: Answer questions you may have




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Cell line notation (Tro, 4e, p 897)

$Zn(s) | Zn^{2+}(aq) || Cu^{2+}(aq) | Cu(s)$

- Oxidation on left, “||” is salt bridge, reduction on right
- Phases separated by “|”, same phases separated by “,”
- If no solid, inert electrode (Pt or graphite)
- Left to right order matches flow of electrons



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Cell line notation (Tro, 4e, p 897)

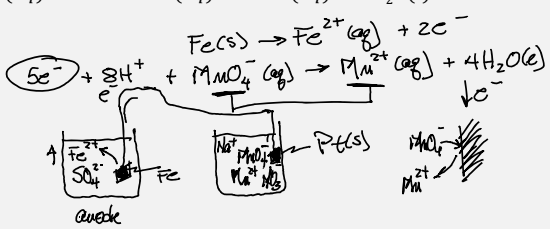

$Fe(s) | Fe^{2+}(aq) || MnO_4^-(aq), Mn^{2+}(aq) | Pt(s)$

Write the half reactions ...

$Fe(s) \rightarrow Fe^{2+}(aq) + 2e^-$

$MnO_4^-(aq) + 5e^- + 8H^+(aq) \rightarrow Mn^{2+}(aq) + 4H_2O(l)$

$5e^- + 8H^+ + MnO_4^- \rightarrow Mn^{2+} + 4H_2O$
 $Fe(s) \rightarrow Fe^{2+}(aq) + 2e^-$

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[TP] The process $Cl^-(1M) \rightleftharpoons Cl^-(0.0001M)$ is spontaneous. The correct cell line notation is ...

- 0% 1. $Pt(s) | Cl^-(0.0001M) | Cl_2(1\text{ bar}) || Cl^-(1M) | Cl_2(1\text{ bar}) | Pt(s)$
- 0% 2. $Pt(s) | Cl^-(0.0001M) | Cl_2(1\text{ bar}) || Cl_2(1\text{ bar}) | Cl^-(1M) | Pt(s)$
- 0% 3. $Pt(s) | Cl^-(1M) | Cl_2(1\text{ bar}) || Cl^-(0.0001M) | Cl_2(1\text{ bar}) | Pt(s)$
- 100% 4. $Pt(s) | Cl^-(1M) | Cl_2(1\text{ bar}) || Cl_2(1\text{ bar}) | Cl^-(0.0001M) | Pt(s)$
- 0% 5. None of the above

Handwritten notes and reactions:

- $2Cl^-(1M) \rightarrow Cl_2(gas) + 2e^-$
- $2Cl^-(10^{-4}M) \rightarrow Cl_2(gas) + 2e^-$
- $2e^- + Cl_2(gas) \rightarrow 2Cl^-(0.0001M)$
- $2Cl^-(1M) \rightarrow 2Cl^-(10^{-4}M)$



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[TP] The voltage of a chloride concentration cell is x V. If the pressure of the chlorine gas in the anode is doubled, the new voltage will ...

- 0% 1. be larger than x V.
- 0% 2. remain x V.
- 100% 3. be smaller than x V.
- 0% 4. Further information needed.

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[Quiz] A concentration cell is constructed with Q corresponding to the Cl^- concentration difference between sea water and river water at 25 °C. Assume that the Cl^- concentration (due to dissolved NaCl) of sea water is 35 g/L and that of river water is 0.10 mg/L. The voltage of this cell is ...

- 0% 1. $E = +0.67$ V
- 0% 2. $E = +0.50$ V
- 100% 3. $E = +0.33$ V
- 0% 4. $E = +0.17$ V
- 0% 5. Something else

$E = -\frac{0.059}{2} \text{V} \log \left(\frac{10^{-4}}{35} \right)$

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Recipe for concentration cell reaction and Q

1. Write skeleton reaction, for example
 $A^+(\text{conc}, aq) \rightarrow A^+(\text{dil}, aq)$ or
 $B^-(\text{conc}, aq) \rightarrow B^-(\text{dil}, aq)$ $\text{Cl}^-(\text{conc}) \rightarrow \text{Cl}^-(\text{dil})$
2. Write half reaction for reactant and for product, labelling each component as being in anode or cathode.

~~$\text{Pb}^{2+}(\text{conc}) \rightarrow \text{Pb}^{2+}(\text{dil})$~~
 $\text{Zn} + \text{Pb}^{2+} \rightarrow \text{Pb}(\text{s})$ *cathode*
 $\text{Pb}(\text{s}) \rightarrow \text{Pb}^{2+}(\text{dil}) + \text{Zn}^{2+}$ *anode*
 ~~$\text{Pb}^{2+}(\text{conc}) \rightarrow \text{Pb}^{2+}(\text{dil})$~~

$Q = \frac{[\text{dil}]}{[\text{conc}]}$

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3. Combine half reactions, noting the value of n_e .
4. Write expression for Q
5. Use $E = -\frac{0.06}{n_e} \text{V} \log(Q)$

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Electrochemistry practice problems

- 17.15 Reduction potential from cell potential
- 17.23 Reduction potential from free energy change
- 17.33 Concentration from cell potential
- 17.35 Equilibrium constant from cell potential
- 17.39 K_a from cell potential
- 17.41 K_{sp} from cell potential

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Electrochemistry practice problem: 17.15

15. In a galvanic cell, one half-cell consists of a zinc strip dipped into a 1.00 M solution of $Zn(NO_3)_2$. In the second half-cell, solid indium adsorbed on graphite is in contact with a 1.00 M solution of $In(NO_3)_3$. Indium is observed to plate out as the galvanic cell operates, and the initial cell potential is measured to be 0.425 V at 25°C.

(a) Write balanced equations for the half-reactions at the anode and the cathode.

(b) Calculate the standard reduction potential of an $In^{3+}|In$ half-cell. Consult Appendix E for the reduction potential of the $Zn^{2+}|Zn$ electrode.

Handwritten notes:
 $In(NO_3)_3(aq) \rightarrow In^{3+}(aq) + 3NO_3^-(aq)$
 $3e^- + In^{3+}(aq) \rightarrow In(s) \times 2$
 $Zn(s) \rightarrow Zn^{2+}(aq) + 2e^- \times 3$
 $2. In^{3+}(aq) + 3 Zn(s) \rightarrow 3 Zn^{2+}(aq) + 2 In(s)$
 $E = 0.425 V = E_{cathode} - E_{anode}$
 $E_{cathode} = E_{anode} + E_{cell}$
 $E_{cathode} = 0.425 V + E_{Zn^{2+}/Zn}$
 $E_{cathode} = 0.425 V - 0.7628 V$
 $E_{cathode} = -0.338 V$
 $0.425 V = E_{cathode} - (-0.7628 V)$
 $E_{cell} = E_{cathode} - E_{anode}$

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Electrochemistry practice problem: 17.23

(a) $E^\circ = -0.18 V$

(b) $E^\circ = -2.54 V$ so no

23. (a) Use the data from Appendix E to calculate the half-cell potential E° for the half-reaction

$$Mn^{3+}(aq) + 3 e^- \rightarrow Mn(s) \quad \checkmark$$

(b) Consider the disproportionation reaction

$$3 Mn^{2+}(aq) \rightleftharpoons Mn(s) + 2 Mn^{3+}(aq)$$

Will Mn^{2+} disproportionate in aqueous solution?

Handwritten notes:
 $2e^- + Mn^{2+} \rightarrow Mn(s) \quad E_1^\circ$
 $Mn^{2+} \rightarrow Mn^{3+} + e^- \quad E_2^\circ$
 $3Mn^{2+} \rightarrow Mn(s) + 2Mn^{3+}$
 $E = E_c - E_a$
 $= -1.029 - 1.51$
 $= -2.54 V$
 $\Delta G_1 = -2FE_1$
 $\Delta G_2 = -1FE_2$
 $\Delta G_3 = -3FE_3$
 $\Delta G_3 = -3FE_3 = \Delta G_1 + \Delta G_2 = -2FE_1 - FE_2$
 $\# E_3 = \frac{2}{3}E_1 + \frac{1}{3}E_2 = -\frac{2}{3}(1.029) + \frac{1}{3}(1.51)$

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Electrochemistry practice problem: 17.33

(a) $E^\circ = 0.31 V$

(b) $[Cr^{3+}] = 1.09 \times 10^{-8} M$

33. The following reaction occurs in an electrochemical cell:

$$3 HClO_2(aq) + Cr^{3+}(aq) + 12 H_2O(l) \rightarrow 3 HClO(aq) + CrO_7^{2-}(aq) + 8 H_3O^+(aq)$$

(a) Calculate E° for this cell.

(b) At pH 0, with $[Cr_2O_7^{2-}] = 0.80 M$, $[HClO_2] = 0.15 M$, and $[HClO] = 0.20 M$, the cell potential is found to be 0.15 V. Calculate the concentration of $Cr^{3+}(aq)$ in the cell.

Handwritten notes:
 $0.15 = 0.31 - \frac{0.059}{6} \log \left(\frac{(0.20)^3 (0.80)}{(0.15)^3 \times 1} \right)$
 $0.15 = 0.31 - \frac{0.059}{6} \log(Q)$
 $0.15 = 0.31 - \frac{0.059}{6} \log \left(\frac{[HClO]^3 [Cr_2O_7^{2-}] [H_2O]^8}{[HClO_2]^3 [Cr^{3+}]} \right)$

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