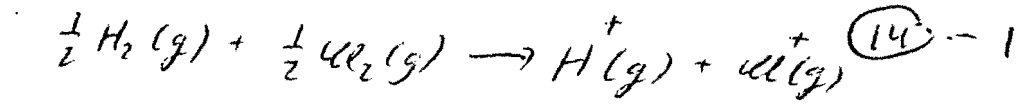
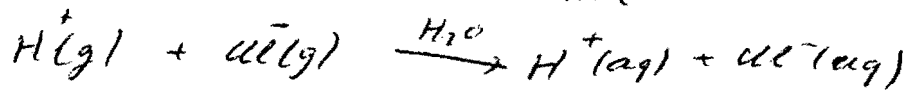


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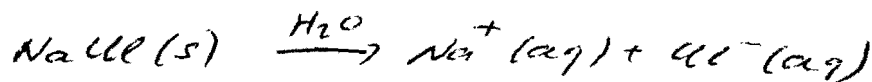
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conventional quantities tabulated

relative to ~~H<sup>+</sup>~~  $\text{H}^+(\text{aq})$

$\text{Mg}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{PO}_4^{3-}$ :  $\frac{\text{charge}}{\text{size}}$  larger than for  $\text{H}^+$

→ solvation shell more tightly bound than for  $\text{H}^+$  = more ordered

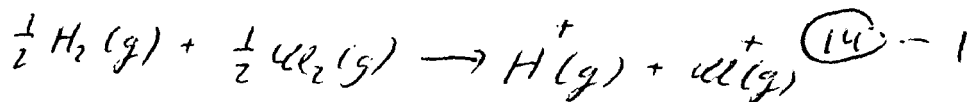
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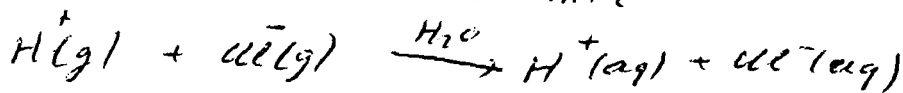
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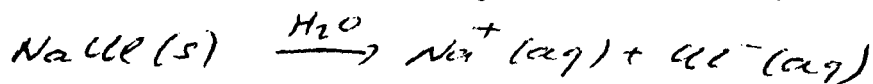
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conventional quantities tabulated

relative to  ~~$\text{H}^+(\text{aq})$~~   $\text{H}^+(\text{aq})$

$\text{Mg}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{PO}_4^{3-}$ :  $\frac{\text{charge}}{\text{size}}$  larger than for  $\text{H}^+$

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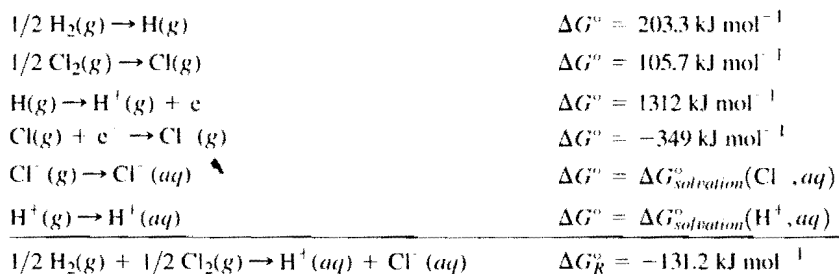
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## Understanding the Thermodynamics of Ion Formation and Solvation

As discussed in the preceding section,  $\Delta H_f^\circ$ ,  $\Delta G_f^\circ$ , and  $S_m^\circ$  can be determined for a formula unit but not for an individual ion in a calorimetric experiment. However, as seen next, values for thermodynamic functions associated with individual ions can be calculated with a reasonable level of confidence using a thermodynamic model. This result allows the conventional values of  $\Delta H_f^\circ$ ,  $\Delta G_f^\circ$ , and  $S_m^\circ$  to be converted to absolute values for individual ions. In the following discussion, the focus is on  $\Delta G_f^\circ$ .

We first discuss the individual contributions to  $\Delta G_f^\circ$ , and do so by analyzing the following sequence of steps that describe the formation of  $H^+(aq)$  and  $Cl^-(aq)$ :

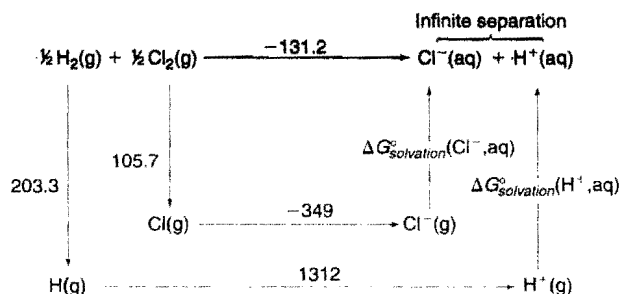


This pathway is shown pictorially in Figure 10.1. Because  $G$  is a state function, both the black and red paths must have the same  $\Delta G$  value. The first two reactions in this sequence are the dissociation of the molecules in the gas phase, and the second two reactions are the formation of gas phase ions from the neutral gas phase atoms.  $\Delta G^\circ$  can be determined experimentally for these four reactions. Substituting the known values for  $\Delta G^\circ$  for these four reactions in  $\Delta G^\circ$  for the overall process,

$$\Delta G_R^\circ = \Delta G_{solvation}^\circ(Cl^-, aq) + \Delta G_{solvation}^\circ(H^+, aq) + 1272 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} \quad (10.7)$$

Equation 10.7 allows us to relate the  $\Delta G_{solvation}^\circ$  of the  $H^+$  and  $Cl^-$  ions with  $\Delta G_R^\circ$  for the overall reaction.

As Equation (10.7) shows,  $\Delta G_{solvation}^\circ$  plays a critical role in the determination of the Gibbs energies of ion formation. Although  $\Delta G_{solvation}^\circ$  of an individual cation or anion cannot be determined experimentally, it can be estimated using a model developed by Max Born. In this model, the solvent is treated as a uniform fluid with the appropriate dielectric constant, and the ion is treated as a charged sphere. How can  $\Delta G_{solvation}^\circ$  be calculated with these assumptions? At constant  $T$  and  $P$ , the nonexpansion work for a reversible process equals  $\Delta G$  for the process. Therefore, if the reversible work associated with solvation can be calculated,  $\Delta G$  for the process is known. Imagine a process in which a neutral atom  $A$  gains the charge  $Q$ , first in a vacuum and secondly in a uniform dielectric medium. The value of  $\Delta G_{solvation}^\circ$  of an ion with a charge  $q$  is the reversible work for the process  $(A(g) \rightarrow A^Q(aq))_{solvation}$  minus that for the reversible process  $(A(g) \rightarrow A^Q(g))_{vacuum}$ .



**FIGURE 10.1**  $\Delta G^\circ$  is shown pictorially for two different paths starting with  $1/2 H_2(g)$  and  $1/2 Cl_2(g)$  and ending with  $H^+(aq) + Cl^-(aq)$ . The units for the numbers are  $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ . Because  $\Delta G$  is the same for both paths,  $\Delta G_{solvation}^\circ(H^+, aq)$  can be expressed in terms of gas-phase dissociation and ionization energies.

The electrical potential  $\phi = Q'/4\pi\epsilon r$ . From amount  $dQ$  is  $\phi dQ$  charge  $Q$  is

where  $\epsilon_0$  is the permittivity of free space,  $\epsilon_r$  is the relative permittivity. Consequently,  $\Delta$

Because  $\epsilon_r > 1$ , values for  $\epsilon_r$  are listed in Data Tables.

To test the model, the values of different radii are compared with those determined by experiment. Because  $\Delta G_{solvation}^\circ$

The value of  $\Delta H_{solvation}^\circ$  is related to the Born model line as shown in the figure. The crystal structure

The charged ion is solvated. Equation (10.7) shows that the improvement in the model is best achieved by the H center

Figure 10.1

calculations are in agreement with the experimental values.

We use the tabulated value of  $\Delta H_f^\circ(\text{NaCl}, s) = -411.2 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$  and the value for  $\Delta H_f^\circ(\text{Cl}^-, aq)$  just determined to obtain a value for  $\Delta H_f^\circ(\text{Na}^+, aq) = -240.1 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ . Proceeding to other reactions that involve either  $\text{Na}^+(aq)$  or  $\text{Cl}^-(aq)$ , the enthalpies of formation of the counter ions can be determined. This procedure can be extended to include other ions. Values for  $\Delta G_f^\circ$  and  $S_m^\circ$  can be determined in a similar fashion. Values for  $\Delta H_f^\circ$ ,  $\Delta G_f^\circ$ , and  $S_m^\circ$  for aqueous ionic species are tabulated in Table 10.1. These thermodynamic quantities are called **conventional formation enthalpies**, **conventional Gibbs energies of formation**, and **conventional formation entropies** because of the convention described earlier.

Note that  $\Delta H_f^\circ$ ,  $\Delta G_f^\circ$ , and  $S_m^\circ$  for ions are defined relative to  $\text{H}^+(aq)$ . Negative values for  $\Delta H_f^\circ$  indicate that the formation of the solvated ion is more exothermic than the formation of  $\text{H}^+(aq)$ . A similar statement can be made for  $\Delta G_f^\circ$ . Generally speaking,  $\Delta H_f^\circ$  for multiply charged ions is more negative than that of singly charged ions, and  $\Delta H_f^\circ$  for a given charge is more negative for smaller ions because of the stronger electrostatic attraction between the multiply charged or smaller ion and the water in the solvation shell.

Recall from Section 5.8 that the entropy of an atom or molecule was shown to be always positive. This is not the case for solvated ions because the entropy is measured relative to  $\text{H}^+(aq)$ . The entropy decreases as the hydration shell is formed because liquid water molecules are converted to relatively immobile molecules. Ions with a negative value for the conventional standard entropy such as  $\text{Mg}^{2+}(aq)$ ,  $\text{Zn}^{2+}(aq)$ , and  $\text{PO}_4^{3-}(aq)$  have a larger charge-to-size ratio than  $\text{H}^+(aq)$ . For this reason, the solvation shell is more tightly bound. Conversely, ions with a positive value for the standard entropy such as  $\text{Na}^+(aq)$ ,  $\text{Cs}^+(aq)$ , and  $\text{NO}_3^-(aq)$  have a smaller charge-to-size ratio than  $\text{H}^+(aq)$  and a less tightly bound solvation shell.

**TABLE 10.1 Conventional Formation Enthalpies, Gibbs Energies, and Entropies of Selected Aqueous Anions and Cations**

Ion	$\Delta H_f^\circ$ (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> )	$\Delta G_f^\circ$ (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> )	$S_m^\circ$ (J K <sup>-1</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup> )
Ag <sup>+</sup> (aq)	105.6	77.1	72.7
Br <sup>-</sup> (aq)	-121.6	-104.0	82.4
Ca <sup>2+</sup> (aq)	-542.8	-553.6	-53.1
Cl <sup>-</sup> (aq)	-167.2	-131.2	56.5
Cs <sup>+</sup> (aq)	-258.3	-292.0	133.1
Cu <sup>+</sup> (aq)	71.7	50.0	40.6
Cu <sup>2+</sup> (aq)	64.8	65.5	-99.6
F <sup>-</sup> (aq)	-332.6	-278.8	-13.8
H <sup>+</sup> (aq)	0	0	0
I <sup>-</sup> (aq)	-55.2	51.6	111.3
K <sup>+</sup> (aq)	-252.4	283.3	102.5
Li <sup>+</sup> (aq)	278.5	293.3	13.4
Mg <sup>2+</sup> (aq)	-466.9	454.8	-138.1
NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> (aq)	-207.4	-111.3	146.4
Na <sup>+</sup> (aq)	-240.1	-261.9	59.0
OH <sup>-</sup> (aq)	-230.0	-157.2	-10.9
PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3-</sup> (aq)	-1277.4	-1018.7	-220.5
SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> (aq)	-909.3	-744.5	20.1
Zn <sup>2+</sup> (aq)	-153.9	-147.1	-112.1

Source: Lide, D. R., ed. *Handbook of Chemistry and Physics*, 83rd ed. Boca Raton, FL: CRC Press 2002.

conventional values relative to  $H^+$  (14) - 2  
of thermodyn. quantities of ions)

$G$  is state function

$\Rightarrow G$  is the same for the direct reaction pathway  
or for path around the direct one

Born equation:

$$\Delta G_{\text{solvation}}^{\circ} = \frac{z^2 e^2 N_A}{8 \pi \epsilon_0 r} \left( \frac{1}{\epsilon_r} - 1 \right)$$

ionic charge:  $ze$

$\epsilon_r$ : relative permittivity of the solvent

$\epsilon_r > 1 \Rightarrow \Delta G_{\text{solvation}}^{\circ} < 0 \rightarrow$  solution is  
~~spontaneous~~  
spontaneous

for absolute values, calculated absolute  
values for the smallest ion,  $H^+$ , can be used:

$$\Delta H_{\text{solvation}}^{\circ} (H^+, aq) = -1090 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{mol}}$$

$$\Delta G_{\text{solvation}}^{\circ} (H^+, aq) = -1050 \text{ kJ/mol}$$

$$\Delta S_{\text{solvation}}^{\circ} (H^+, aq) = -130 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{K mol}}$$

for absolute values, if the Born equation  
is correct:  $\Delta G_{\text{solvation}}^{\circ}$  vs  $\frac{z^2}{r}$  must be a

straight line. if  $r$  for ions from the  
crystal structure  $\rightarrow$  no agreement  
with effective radii  $r$  from center of  
ion to center of charge of  $H_2O$ , much  
better straight line

conventional values still used because in  
any  $\Delta$  ~~absolute~~ corrections cancel!

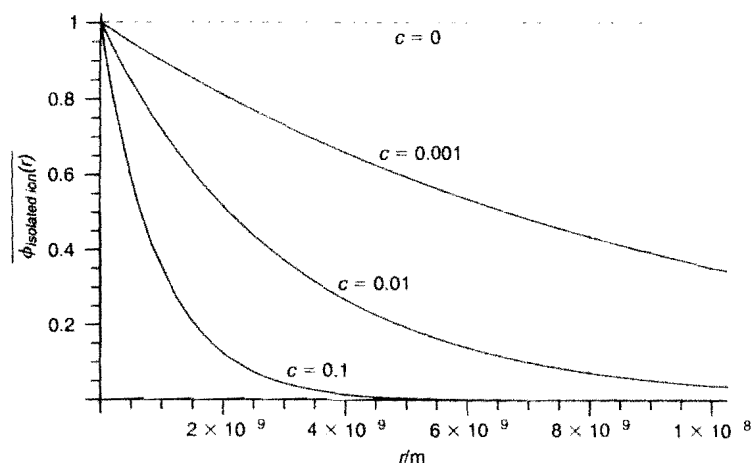


FIGURE 10.3 Ratio of the falloff in the electrostatic potential in the electrolyte solution to that for an isolated ion is shown as a function of the radial distance for three different molarities of a 1-1 electrolyte such as NaCl.

Equations (10.27) and (10.28).  $\epsilon_0$  and  $\epsilon_r$  are the permittivity of free space and the permittivity (dielectric constant) of the dielectric medium or solvent, respectively. Because of the exponential term,  $\phi_{\text{solution}}(r)$  falls off much more rapidly with  $r$  than  $\phi_{\text{isolated ion}}(r)$ . We say that an individual ion experiences a **screened potential** due to other ions.

Debye-Hückel theory shows that  $\kappa$  is related to the individual charges on the ions and to the solute molality  $m$  by

$$\kappa^2 = e^2 N_A (1000 \text{ L m}^{-3}) m \left( \frac{v_+ z_+^2 + v_- z_-^2}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r k_B T} \right) \rho_{\text{solvent}} \quad (10.29)$$

In this formula, we can see that screening becomes more effective as the concentration of ionic species increases. Screening is also more effective for multiply charged ions because of larger values of  $v_+$  and  $v_-$ .

Equation (10.29) can be written in terms of the Debye-Hückel screening length  $l_D$  as

$$\frac{\phi_{\text{solution}}(r)}{\phi_{\text{isolated ion}}(r)} = e^{-\kappa r}$$

As shown in Figure 10.3 for different values of  $m$  for an aqueous solution of a 1-1 electrolyte, the potential falls off much more rapidly with the radial distance  $r$  in an electrolyte solution than in the uniform dielectric medium. Note also that the potential falls off more rapidly with increasing concentration of the electrolyte. The origin of this is that ions of sign opposite to the central ion are more likely to be found close to the central ion. These surrounding ions form a diffuse ion cloud around the central ion, shown pictorially in Figure 10.4. If a spherical surface is drawn centered at the central ion, the net charge within the surface can be calculated. The results show that the net charge has the same sign as the central charge, falls off rapidly with distance, and is zero for  $\kappa r \sim 8$ . For larger values of  $\kappa r$ , the central ion is completely screened because the net charge in the sphere around the central ion is zero. The net effect of the diffuse ion cloud is to screen the central ion from the rest of the solution, and the quantity  $1/\kappa$  is known as the **Debye-Hückel screening length**. Smaller values of  $\kappa$  correspond to a smaller diffuse cloud, and a more effective screening. It is convenient to combine the concentration-dependent terms that contribute to  $\kappa$  into a single **strength  $l$** , which is defined by

$$l = \frac{m}{2} \sum_i (v_i z_i^2 + v_j z_j^2) \quad \frac{1}{2} \sum_i (m_i z_i^2 + m_j z_j^2) \quad (10.30)$$

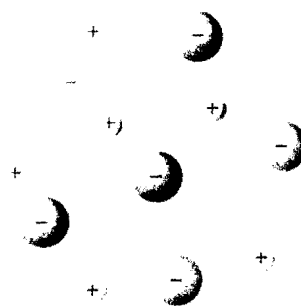


FIGURE 10.4 Pictorial rendering of the arrangement of ions about an arbitrary ion in an electrolyte solution. The central ion is more likely to have oppositely charged ions as neighbors. The large circle represents a sphere of radius  $r \sim 8/\kappa$ . From a point outside of this sphere, the charge on the central ion is essentially totally screened.

electrical potential around a sphere of radius  $r$  with the charge  $Q'$  is given by  $Q'/4\pi\epsilon_0 r$ . From electrostatics, the work in charging the sphere by the additional  $dQ$  is  $\phi dQ$ . Therefore, the work in charging a neutral sphere in vacuum to the charge  $Q$  is

$$w = \int_0^Q \frac{Q' dQ'}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} \int_0^Q Q' dQ' = \frac{Q^2}{8\pi\epsilon_0 r} \quad (10.8)$$

$\epsilon_0$  is the permittivity of free space. The work of the same process in a solvent is  $Q^2/8\pi\epsilon_r r$ , where  $\epsilon_r$  is the relative permittivity (dielectric constant) of the solvent. Hence,  $\Delta G_{solvation}^\circ$  for an ion of charge  $Q = ze$  is given by

$$\Delta G_{solvation}^\circ = -\frac{z^2 e^2 N_A}{8\pi\epsilon_0 r} \left( \frac{1}{\epsilon_r} - 1 \right) \quad (10.9)$$

For  $\epsilon_r > 1$ ,  $\Delta G_{solvation}^\circ < 0$ , showing that solvation is a spontaneous process. Values of  $\epsilon_r$  for a number of solvents are listed in Table 10.2 (see Appendix B, Tables 10.2 and 10.3).

Using the Born model, we need to compare absolute values of  $\Delta G_{solvation}^\circ$  for ions of different radii with the functional form proposed in Equation (10.9). However, this comparison requires knowledge of  $\Delta G_{solvation}^\circ(H^+, aq)$  to convert experimentally determined values of  $\Delta G_{solvation}^\circ$  referenced to  $H^+(aq)$  to absolute values. It turns out that  $\Delta G_{solvation}^\circ(H^+, aq)$ , and  $\Delta H_{solvation}^\circ(H^+, aq)$ , and  $S_{solvation}^\circ(H^+, aq)$  can be calculated because the calculation is involved, the results are simply stated here.

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta H_{solvation}^\circ(H^+, aq) &= 1090 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} \\ \Delta G_{solvation}^\circ(H^+, aq) &= 1050 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} \\ S_{solvation}^\circ(H^+, aq) &= 130 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1} \end{aligned} \quad (10.10)$$

Values listed in Equation (10.10) can be used to calculate absolute values of  $\Delta G_{solvation}^\circ$ ,  $\Delta H_{solvation}^\circ$ , and  $S_{solvation}^\circ$  for other ions from the conventional values referenced to  $H^+(aq)$ . These calculated absolute values can be used to test the validity of the Born model. If the model is valid, a plot of  $\Delta G_{solvation}^\circ$  versus  $z^2/r$  will give a straight line. The results are shown in Figure 10.2, where  $r$  is the ionic radius obtained from X-ray structure determinations.

The first and second clusters of data points in Figure 10.2 are for singly and doubly charged ions, respectively. The data are compared with the result predicted by Equation (10.9) in Figure 10.2a. As can be seen from the figure, the trends are reproducible; there is no quantitative agreement. The agreement can be considerably improved by using an effective radius for the solvated ion rather than the ionic radius from X-ray structure determinations. The effective radius is defined as the distance from the center of the ion to the center of charge in the dipolar water molecule in the solvation shell. Latimer, Pitzer, and Slansky [*J. Chemical Physics*, 7 (1939) 109] found the agreement with the Born equation by adding 0.085 nm to the crystal radius of positive ions and 0.100 nm to the crystal radius for negative ions to account for the fact that the water molecule is not a point dipole. This difference is explained by the fact that the center of charge in the water molecule is closer to positive ions than to negative ions. Figure 10.2b shows that the agreement between the predictions of Equation (10.9) and experimental values is very good if this correction to the ionic radii is made.

Figure 10.2 shows good agreement between the predictions of the Born model and calculated values for  $\Delta G_{solvation}^\circ$  and justifies the approach used to calculate absolute Gibbs energies and entropies for solvated ions. However, because of uncertain numerical values of the ionic radii and for the dielectric constant of water in the solvation shell of an ion, the uncertainty is  $\pm 50 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$  for the solvation enthalpy and Gibbs energy and  $\pm 10 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$  for the absolute solvation entropy. Because these uncertainties are large compared to the uncertainty of the Born model functions using the convention described in Equations (10.3) and (10.4),

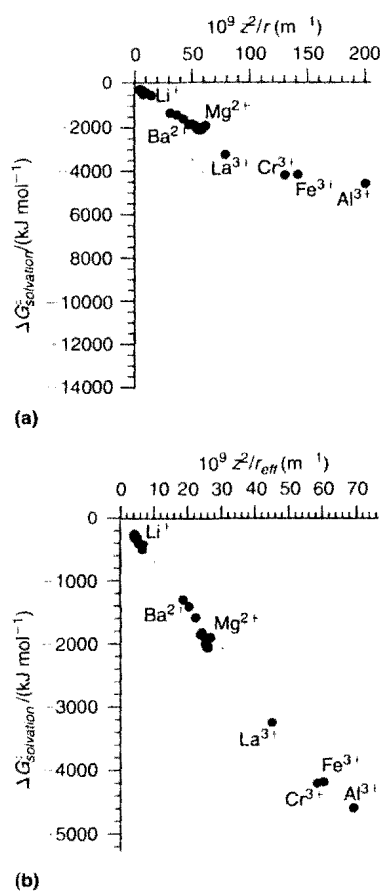


FIGURE 10.2 (a) The solvation energy calculated using the Born model is shown as a function of  $z^2/r$ . (b) The same results are shown as a function of  $z^2/r_{eff}$ . (See text.) The dashed line shows the behavior predicted by Equation (10.9).

electrolyte solutions:

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$$G = n_{\text{solvent}} \mu_{\text{solvent}} + n_{\text{solute}} \mu_{\text{solute}}$$

$n$ : mole numbers

$$\mu: \text{chemical potentials, } \mu = \left( \frac{\partial G}{\partial n} \right)_{P, T}$$

$$G = n_{\text{solvent}} \mu_{\text{solvent}} + n_+ \mu_+ + n_- \mu_-$$

cation          anion

$$= n_{\text{solvent}} \mu_{\text{solvent}} + n_{\text{solute}} (v_+ \mu_+ + v_- \mu_-)$$

~~$n_{\text{solute}} = n_+$~~

$v_+, v_-$ : stoichiometric numbers in formula

$$\mu_{\text{solute}} = v_+ \mu_+ + v_- \mu_-$$

mean chemical potential  $\mu_{\pm}$ :

$$\mu_{\pm} = \frac{\mu_{\text{solute}}}{v} = \frac{v_+ \mu_+ + v_- \mu_-}{v} \quad v = v_+ + v_-$$

no. of ions in formula unit

experiment:  $\mu_+, \mu_-$  cannot be obtained  
 $\mu_{\pm}$  can be obtained

$$\mu_+ = \mu_+^{\circ} + RT \ln a_+$$

$$\mu_- = \mu_-^{\circ} + RT \ln a_-$$

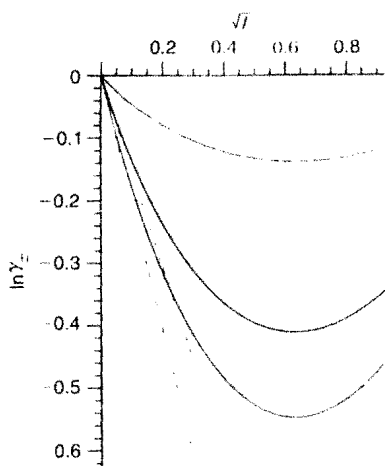
based on Henry's law standard state

→ for ideal (dilute) solutions:

$$\mu_{\pm} = \mu_{\pm}^{\circ} + RT \ln a_{\pm}$$

$$a_{\pm}^v = a_+^{v_+} a_-^{v_-}, \quad a_{\pm} = (a_+^{v_+} a_-^{v_-})^{1/v}$$





**FIGURE 10.8**  
Comparison between the predictions of the Debye-Hückel limiting law (dashed lines) and the Davies equation (solid curves) for 1-1 (red), 1-2 (purple), and 1-3 (blue) electrolytes.

is known as the **Davies equation**. As seen in Figure 10.8, this equation for  $\gamma_{\pm}$  shows the correct limiting behavior for low  $I$  values, and the trend at higher values of  $I$  is in better agreement with the experimental results shown in Figures 10.6 and 10.7. However, unlike the Debye-Hückel limiting law, there is no theoretical basis for the Davies equation.

## Chemical Equilibrium in Electrolyte Solutions

As discussed in Section 9.13, the equilibrium constant in terms of activities is given by Equation (9.66):

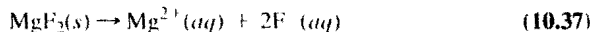
$$K = \prod_i (a_i^{c_i})^{\nu_i} \quad (10.35)$$

It is convenient to define the activity of a species relative to its molarity. In this case,

$$a_i = \gamma_i \frac{c_i}{c^\circ} \quad (10.36)$$

where  $\gamma_i$  is the activity coefficient of species  $i$ . We next specifically consider chemical equilibrium in electrolyte solutions, illustrating that activities rather than concentrations must be taken into account to accurately model equilibrium concentrations. We first restrict our considerations to the range of ionic strengths for which the Debye-Hückel limiting law is valid. As an example, we calculate the degree of dissociation of  $\text{MgF}_2$  in water. The equilibrium constant in terms of molarities for ionic salts is usually given the symbol  $K_{sp}$ , where the subscript refers to the solubility product. The equilibrium constant  $K_{sp}$  is unitless and has the value of  $6.4 \times 10^{-9}$  for the reaction shown in Equation (10.37). Values for  $K_{sp}$  are generally tabulated for reduced concentration units of molarity ( $c/c^\circ$ ) rather than molality ( $m/m^\circ$ ), and values for selected substances are listed in Table 10.4. Because the mass of 1 L of water is 0.998 kg, the numerical value of the concentration is the same on both scales for dilute solutions.

We next consider dissociation of  $\text{MgF}_2$  in an aqueous solution:



Because the activity of the pure solid can be set equal to one,

$$K_{sp} = a_{\text{Mg}^{2+}} a_{\text{F}^-}^2 = \left(\frac{c_{\text{Mg}^{2+}}}{c}\right) \left(\frac{c_{\text{F}^-}}{c}\right)^2 \gamma_{\text{Mg}^{2+}} \gamma_{\text{F}^-}^2 = 6.4 \cdot 10^{-9} \quad (10.38)$$

From the stoichiometry of the overall equation, we know that  $c_{\text{F}^-} = 2c_{\text{Mg}^{2+}}$ , but Equation (10.38) still contains two unknowns,  $\gamma_{\text{Mg}^{2+}}$  and  $c_{\text{F}^-}$ , that we solve for iteratively as shown in Example Problem 10.3.

**TABLE 10.4. Solubility Product Constants (Molarity Based) for Selected Salts**

Salt	$K_{sp}$	Salt	$K_{sp}$
AgBr	$4.9 \times 10^{-13}$	CaSO <sub>4</sub>	$4.9 \times 10^{-6}$
AgCl	$1.8 \times 10^{-10}$	Mg(OH) <sub>2</sub>	$5.6 \times 10^{-11}$
AgI	$8.5 \times 10^{-17}$	Mn(OH) <sub>2</sub>	$1.9 \times 10^{-13}$
Ba(OH) <sub>2</sub>	$5.0 \times 10^{-3}$	PbCl <sub>2</sub>	$1.6 \times 10^{-5}$
BaSO <sub>4</sub>	$1.1 \times 10^{-10}$	PbSO <sub>4</sub>	$1.8 \times 10^{-8}$
CaCO <sub>3</sub>	$3.4 \times 10^{-9}$	ZnS	$1.6 \times 10^{-23}$

Source: Lide, D. R., ed. *Handbook of Chemistry and Physics*, 83rd ed. Boca Raton, FL: CRC Press 2002.

**EXAMPLE PROBLEM 10.2**

Calculate  $I$  for (a) a 0.050 molal solution of NaCl and for (b) a  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  solution of the same molality.

Solution

$$\text{a. } I_{\text{NaCl}} = \frac{m}{2} (v_+ z_+^2 + v_- z_-^2) = \frac{0.050 \text{ mol kg}^{-1}}{2} \times (1 + 1) = 0.050 \text{ mol kg}^{-1}$$

$$\text{b. } I_{\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4} = \frac{m}{2} (v_+ z_+^2 + v_- z_-^2) = \frac{0.050 \text{ mol kg}^{-1}}{2} \times (2 + 4) = 0.15 \text{ mol kg}^{-1}$$

Using the definition of the ionic strength, Equation (10.29) can be written in the form

$$\begin{aligned} \kappa &= \sqrt{\left(\frac{2e^2 N_A}{\epsilon_0 k_B T}\right) (1000 \text{ L m}^{-3}) \sqrt{\left(\frac{I}{\epsilon_r}\right) \rho_{\text{solvent}}} \\ &= 2.91 \times 10^8 \sqrt{\frac{I/\text{mol kg}^{-1} \rho_{\text{solvent}}}{\epsilon_r \text{ kg L}^{-1}}} \text{ m}^{-1} \text{ at } 298 \text{ K} \end{aligned} \quad (10.31)$$

The first factor in this equation contains only fundamental constants that are independent of the solvent and solute as well as the temperature. The second factor contains the ionic strength of the solution and the unitless relative permittivity of the solvent. For the more conventional units of  $\text{mol L}^{-1}$ , and for water, for which  $\epsilon_r = 78.5$ ,  $\kappa = 3.29 \times 10^9 \sqrt{I} \text{ m}^{-1}$  at 298 K.

By calculating the charge distribution of the ions around the central ion and the work needed to charge these ions up to their charges  $z_+$  and  $z_-$  from an initially neutral state, Debye and Hückel were able to obtain an expression for the mean ionic activity coefficient. It is given by

$$\ln \gamma_{\pm} = -\frac{c^2 \kappa}{8\pi v_{\pm} \epsilon_r k_B T} \quad (10.32)$$

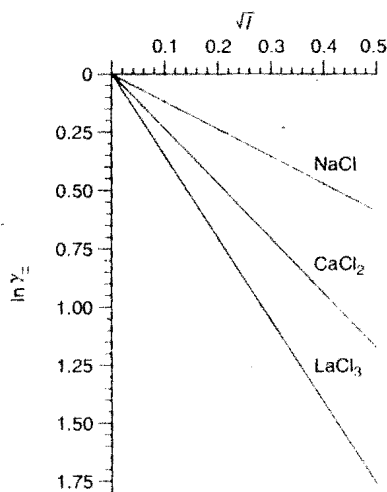
This equation is known as the **Debye–Hückel limiting law**. It is called a limiting law because Equation (10.32) is only obeyed for small values of the ionic strength. Note that because of the negative sign in Equation (10.32),  $\gamma_{\pm} < 1$ . From the concentration dependence of  $\kappa$  shown in Equation (10.31), the model predicts that  $\ln \gamma_{\pm}$  decreases with the ionic strength as  $\sqrt{I}$ . This dependence is shown in Figure 10.5. Although all three solutions have the same solute concentration, they have different values for  $z_+$  and  $z_-$ . For this reason, the three lines have a different slope.

Equation (10.32) can be simplified for a particular choice of solvent and temperature. For aqueous solutions at 298.15 K, the result is

$$\log \gamma_{\pm} = -0.5092 |z_+ z_-| \sqrt{I} \text{ or } \ln \gamma_{\pm} = -1.173 |z_+ z_-| \sqrt{I} \quad (10.33)$$

How well does the Debye–Hückel limiting law agree with experimental data? Figure 10.6 shows a comparison of the model with data for aqueous solutions of  $\text{AgNO}_3$  and  $\text{CaCl}_2$ . In each case,  $\ln \gamma_{\pm}$  is plotted versus  $\sqrt{I}$ . The Debye–Hückel limiting law predicts that the data will fall on the line indicated in each figure. The data points deviate from the predicted behavior above  $\sqrt{I} = 0.1$  for  $\text{AgNO}_3$  ( $m = 0.01$ ), and above  $\sqrt{I} = 0.006$  for  $\text{CaCl}_2$  ( $m = 0.004$ ). In the limit that  $I \rightarrow 0$ , the limiting law is obeyed. However, the deviations are significant at a concentration for which a neutral solute would exhibit ideal behavior.

The deviations continue to increase with increasing ionic strength. Figure 10.7 shows experimental data for  $\text{ZnBr}_2$  out to  $\sqrt{I} = 5.5$ , corresponding to  $m = 10$ . Note that, although the Debye–Hückel limiting law is obeyed as  $I \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\ln \gamma_{\pm}$  goes through a minimum and begins to increase with increasing ionic strength. At the highest value of the ionic strength,  $\gamma_{\pm} = 2.32$ , which is significantly greater than one. Although the deviations from ideal behavior are less pronounced in Figure 10.6, the trend is the same for all the solutes. The mean ionic activity coefficient  $\gamma_{\pm}$  falls off more slowly with the ionic strength than predicted by the Debye–Hückel limiting law. The behavior shown in Figure 10.7 is typical for most electrolytes: after passing through a minimum,  $\gamma_{\pm}$  rises



**FIGURE 10.5** The decrease in the Debye–Hückel mean activity coefficient with the square root of the ionic strength is shown for a 1–1, a 1–2, and a 1–3 electrolyte, all of the same molality in the solute.

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$$a_{NaCl}^2 = a_{Na^+} a_{Cl^-} \Rightarrow a_{NaCl} = \sqrt{a_{Na^+} a_{Cl^-}} \quad (14) - 4$$

$$a_{MnCl} = a_{\pm}$$

$$a_{K_2SO_4}^3 = a_{K^+}^2 a_{SO_4^{2-}} \Rightarrow a_{K_2SO_4} = \sqrt[3]{a_{K^+}^2 a_{SO_4^{2-}}}$$

$$a_{H_3PO_4}^4 = a_{H^+}^3 a_{PO_4^{3-}} \Rightarrow a_{H_3PO_4} = \sqrt[4]{a_{H^+}^3 a_{PO_4^{3-}}}$$

$$m_+ = \nu_+ m \quad , \quad m_- = \nu_- m \quad m \text{ for solute}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_+ = \frac{m_+}{m_0} \gamma_+ \quad a_- = \frac{m_-}{m_0} \gamma_-$$

$$m_0 = 1 \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{kg}} \quad , \quad \gamma \text{ activity coefficients}$$

$\Rightarrow a_{\pm}$  have no units

Henry's law standard states (not real)

Henry's law is ok (not only for  $m \rightarrow 0$ ) but up to  $m_0 = 1 \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{kg}}$

$$\Rightarrow a_{\pm}^{\nu} = \left(\frac{m_+}{m_0}\right)^{\nu_+} \left(\frac{m_-}{m_0}\right)^{\nu_-} \gamma_+^{\nu_+} \gamma_-^{\nu_-}$$

mean ionic molality,  $m_{\pm}$ , mean ionic activity coefficient;  $\gamma_{\pm}$ :

$$m_{\pm}^{\nu} = m_+^{\nu_+} m_-^{\nu_-} \quad , \quad m_{\pm} = (\nu_+^{\nu_+} \nu_-^{\nu_-})^{1/\nu} m$$

$$\gamma_{\pm}^{\nu} = \gamma_+^{\nu_+} \gamma_-^{\nu_-} \quad ; \quad \gamma_{\pm} = (\gamma_+^{\nu_+} \gamma_-^{\nu_-})^{1/\nu}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_{\pm}^{\nu} = \left(\frac{m_{\pm}}{m_0}\right)^{\nu} \gamma_{\pm}^{\nu} \rightarrow a_{\pm} = \left(\frac{m_{\pm}}{m_0}\right) \gamma_{\pm}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu_{\text{solute}} = \mu_{\text{solute}}^0 + RT \ln a_{\pm}^{\nu}$$

$$\mu_{\text{solute}} = \mu_{\pm} = \left[ \nu \mu_{\pm}^0 + RT \ln (\nu_+^{\nu_+} \nu_-^{\nu_-}) \right] + RT \ln \left( \frac{m_{\pm}}{m_0} \right) + \nu RT \ln \gamma_{\pm}$$

with  $\mu_{\pm}^{\infty} = \nu_{\pm} \mu_{\pm}^{\circ} + RT \ln (\nu_{+}^{\nu_{+}} \nu_{-}^{\nu_{-}})$

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$$\Rightarrow \mu_{\text{solvent}} = \mu_{\pm} = \underbrace{\mu_{\pm}^{\circ} + \nu RT \ln \left( \frac{m_{\pm}}{m_0} \right)}_{\text{ideal ionic solution } (\gamma_{\pm} = 1)} + \nu RT \ln \gamma_{\pm}$$

$\nu RT \ln \gamma_{\pm}$  describes ~~behavior~~ deviations from ideal behavior

$$\phi_{\text{isolated ion}} = \frac{\pm z e}{4 \pi \epsilon_r \epsilon_0 r}$$

$$\phi_{\text{ion in solution}} = \frac{\pm z e}{4 \pi \epsilon_r \epsilon_0} \exp(-kr)$$

$\frac{r}{k}$ : screening length

Debye-Hückel limiting law (DHLL):

$$k^2 = e^2 N_A \left( 1000 \frac{\text{L}}{\text{m}^3} \right) m \frac{\nu_{+} z_{+}^2 + \nu_{-} z_{-}^2}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r k_B T} \begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ \text{solvent} \\ \text{density} \end{matrix}$$

molality

ionic strength,  $I$ :

$$I = \frac{1}{2} m \sum_i (\nu_{i,+} z_{i,+}^2 + \nu_{i,-} z_{i,-}^2)$$

$i$  runs over all ion types in solution

$\text{NaCl}$ : 2 terms

$\text{NaCl} / \text{NaBr}$  mixture: 4 terms (2 for  $\text{Na}^{+}$ )

0.050 m ~~NaCl~~  $\text{NaCl}$  solutions

$$I_{\text{NaCl}} = \frac{1}{2} 0.050 \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{kg}} (1+1) = 0.050 \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{kg}}$$

0.050 m  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  solution

$$I_{\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 0.050 \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{kg}} (2+4) = 0.15 \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{kg}}$$

$$\nu_{+} = 2, z_{+} = 1, \nu_{-} = 1, z_{-} = -2$$

$$\kappa = \sqrt{\frac{2e^2 N_A}{\epsilon_0 k_B T} \cdot 1000 \frac{\text{L}}{\text{m}^3} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{I}{\epsilon_r} d_{\text{solvent}}}} \quad (14) - 6$$

$$= 2.91 \cdot 10^8 \frac{\text{L}}{\text{m}} \sqrt{\frac{I / (\text{mol/kg})}{\epsilon_r} \frac{d_{\text{solvent}}}{\text{kg/L}}} \quad \text{at } 298 \text{ K}$$

↑  
1/meter

DHLL :

$$\ln \gamma_{\pm} = - |z_+ z_-| \frac{\kappa e^2}{8\pi \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r k_B T}$$

for water and 298.15 K :

$$\ln \gamma_{\pm} = -1.173 |z_+ z_-| \sqrt{I/m}$$

$$\log_{10} \gamma_{\pm} = -0.5092 |z_+ z_-| \sqrt{I/m}$$

only good for small concentration,

then also  $I/m = I/m$

in 1M  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  (1L)

9  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  bound to each  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$

pure  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  : 55 mol  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  in 1 L

$\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  : 46 mol free  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$

better : Davies equation (empirical)

$$\log_{10} \gamma_{\pm} = -0.51 |z_+ z_-| \left[ \frac{\sqrt{I/m_0}}{1 + \sqrt{I/m_0}} - 0.30 (I/m_0) \right]$$

Equilibrium

constant at  $T = \text{const.}$  :  $K = \prod_i (a_i^{\text{eq}})^{\nu_i}$

$P = \text{const.}$

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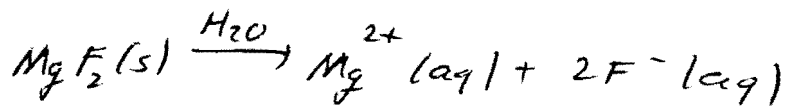
products:  ~~$\nu_i < 0$~~   $\nu_i > 0$

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reactants:  $\nu_i < 0$

$$a_i = \frac{c_i}{c_0} \gamma_i, \quad c_0 = 1M$$

solubility constants  $K_{sp}$  usually tabulated  
in terms of  $c_i/c_0$



$$K_{sp} = a_{\text{Mg}^{2+}} a_{\text{F}^{-}}^2 = \left( \frac{c_{\text{Mg}^{2+}}}{c_0} \right) \left( \frac{c_{\text{F}^{-}}}{c_0} \right)^2 \gamma_{\pm}^3$$

$$= 6.4 \cdot 10^{-9} \text{ for } \text{MgF}_2$$

solubility  $s$  of  $\text{MgF}_2$ , using DHLL

and  $K_{sp} = 6.4 \cdot 10^{-9}$

$$s = \frac{c_{\text{Mg}^{2+}}}{c_0} \text{ in saturated solutions}$$

$$K_{sp} = a_{\text{Mg}^{2+}} a_{\text{F}^{-}}^2 = \left( \frac{c_{\text{Mg}^{2+}}}{c_0} \right) \left( \frac{c_{\text{F}^{-}}}{c_0} \right)^2 \gamma_{\pm}^3 = 6.4 \cdot 10^{-9}$$

$$\frac{c_{\text{Mg}^{2+}}}{c_0} = s = \frac{1}{2} \frac{c_{\text{F}^{-}}}{c_0}$$

$$K_{sp} = s \cdot (2s)^2 \gamma_{\pm}^3 = 4s^3 \gamma_{\pm}^3 \quad c_{\text{F}^{-}} = 2c_{\text{Mg}^{2+}}$$

1. step assume  $\gamma_{\pm} = 1$  (0 iteration)

$$\Rightarrow 4s^3 = 6.4 \cdot 10^{-9} \Rightarrow s = 1.17 \cdot 10^{-3}$$

$$\Rightarrow m = 1.17 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot m$$

2. step (iteration 1)

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$$I = \frac{m}{2} (v_+ z_+^2 + v_- z_-^2) = \frac{1}{2} 1.17 \cdot 10^{-3} \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{kg}} (2^2 + 2)$$

$$v_+ = 1, z_+ = 2, v_- = 2, z_- = 1$$

$$I = 3.51 \cdot 10^{-3} \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{kg}}$$

$$\text{DHLL: } \ln \gamma_{\pm} = -1.173 |1 \cdot (-2)| \sqrt{I/m_0} \\ = -1.173 \cdot 2 \cdot \sqrt{3.51 \cdot 10^{-3}} = -0.1390$$

$$\gamma_{\pm} = \exp(-0.1390) = 0.870$$

3. step (iteration 2)

~~I~~ with ~~m~~ ~~I~~

$$s = \sqrt[3]{\frac{K_{sp}}{4 \cdot \gamma_{\pm}}} \cdot \frac{1}{\gamma_{\pm}} = 1.34 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ m}$$

new I from s  $\rightarrow$  new  $\gamma_{\pm}$

$$\gamma_{\pm} = 0.862, s = 1.36 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ m}$$

4. step (iteration 3)

$$\gamma_{\pm} = 0.861, s = 1.36 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ m}$$

$\Rightarrow$  iteration converged

salting in adding electrolyte

$\Rightarrow$  I increases  $\Rightarrow \gamma_{\pm}$  decreases

(at small  $s$   $\rightarrow$  DHLL)

$$\text{then: } K_{sp} = 4s^3 \gamma_{\pm}^3 = \text{const.}$$

$\Rightarrow$  when  $\gamma_{\pm}$  decreases then  $s$  must increase to have  $K_{sp}$  constant

increasing  $s$  = salting in

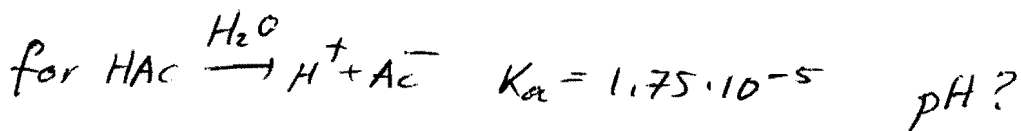
## salting out

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when  $I$  is large, then  $\gamma_{\pm}$  increases

when  $I$  increases  $\Rightarrow$   $s$  decreases  
= salting out,  
because  $\gamma_{\pm}$  increases

buffer: 0.1 M HAC (acetic acid) + 0.1 M NaAc



$$K_a = \frac{a_{H^+} a_{Ac^-}}{a_{HAC}} \quad \text{for } H^+ \text{ and } Ac^- : \gamma_{\pm}$$

for neutral HAC  $\gamma = 1$

$$K_a = \frac{\gamma_{\pm}^2 m_{H^+} m_{Ac^-}}{m_{HAC}}$$

\* ~~HAC~~ HAC dissociate

$$\rightarrow m_{H^+} = x$$

$$m_{Ac^-} = x + 0.1$$

$$m_{HAC} = 0.1 - x$$

$$\Rightarrow K_a = \frac{\gamma_{\pm}^2 x (0.1 + x)}{0.1 - x}$$

$K_a$  very small  $\Rightarrow x \ll 0.1$

$$\rightarrow K_a \approx \gamma_{\pm}^2 \frac{x \cdot 0.1}{0.1} = x \gamma_{\pm}^2$$

$$x = m_{H^+} = \frac{K_a}{\gamma_{\pm}^2} = \frac{1.75 \cdot 10^{-5}}{\gamma_{\pm}^2}$$



with  $\gamma_{\pm} = 1$  assumptions

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$$m_{HT} = 1.75 \cdot 10^{-5}$$

$$pH = -\log_{10} (1.75 \cdot 10^{-5}) = 4.76$$

ionic strength from NaAc alone ( $K_a$  small)

$$I = \frac{0.1}{2} \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{kg}} \cdot (1+1) = 0.1 \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{kg}}$$

$I$  large  $\rightarrow$  Davies equation:

$$\log_{10} \gamma_{\pm} = -0.51 \left[ \frac{\sqrt{0.1}}{1 + \sqrt{0.1}} - 0.3 \cdot 0.1 \right] = -0.1270$$

$$\gamma_{\pm} = 10^{-0.1270} = 0.746$$

$$m_{HT} = \frac{1.75 \cdot 10^{-5}}{(0.746)^2} = 3.14 \cdot 10^{-5} \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{kg}}$$

$$pH = -\log_{10} (3.14 \cdot 10^{-5}) = 4.50$$

much smaller than with  $\gamma_{\pm} = 1$

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equilibrium conditions

for every chemical the electrochemical potential

$\tilde{\mu}$  must be the same everywhere in the cell

$$\tilde{\mu} = \mu + z \phi \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \checkmark \text{ electrical potential in} \\ \text{the cell} \end{array} \right)$$

← Faraday's constant

↑ charge number of the ion transported through  $\phi$

↑ chem. potential

with increasing ionic strength, and for high values of  $I$ ,  $\gamma_{\pm} > 1$ . Experimental values for  $\gamma_{\pm}$  for a number of solutes at different concentrations in aqueous solution are listed in Table 10.3 (see Appendix B, Data Tables).

There are a number of reasons why the experimental values of  $\gamma_{\pm}$  differ at high ionic strength from those calculated from the Debye-Hückel limiting law. They mainly involve the assumptions made in the model. It has been assumed that the ions can be treated as point charges with zero volume, whereas ions and their associated solvation shells occupy a finite volume. As a result, there is an increase in the repulsive interaction among ions in an electrolyte over that predicted for point charges, which becomes more important as the concentration increases. Repulsive interactions raise the energy of the solution and, therefore, increase  $\gamma_{\pm}$ . The Debye-Hückel model also assumes that the solvent can be treated as a structureless dielectric medium. However, the ion is surrounded by a relatively ordered primary solvation shell, as well as by more loosely bound water molecules. The atomic level structure of the solvation shell is not adequately represented by using the dielectric strength of bulk solvent. Another factor that has not been taken into account is that as the concentration increases, some ion pairing occurs such that the concentration of ionic species is less than would be calculated assuming complete dissociation.

Additionally, consider the fact that the water molecules in the solvation shell have effectively been removed from the solvent. For example, in an aqueous solution of  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , approximately nine  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  molecules are tightly bound per dissolved  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  formula unit. Therefore, the number of moles of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  as solvent in 1 L of a one molar  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  solution is reduced from 55 for pure  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  to 46 in the solution. Consequently, the actual solute molarity is larger than that calculated by assuming that all the  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  is in the form of solvent. Because the activity increases linearly with the actual molarity,  $\gamma_{\pm}$  increases as the solute concentration increases. If there were no change in the enthalpy of solvation with concentration, all the  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  molecules would be removed from the solvent at a concentration of six molar  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ . Clearly, this assumption is unreasonable. What actually happens is that solvation becomes energetically less favorable as the  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  concentration increases. This corresponds to a less negative value of  $\ln \gamma_{\pm}$ , or equivalently to an increase in  $\gamma_{\pm}$ . Summing up, many factors explain why the Debye-Hückel limiting law is only valid for small concentrations. Because of the complexity of these different factors, there is no simple formula based on theory that can replace the Debye-Hückel limiting law. However, the main trends exhibited in Figures 10.6 and 10.7 are reproduced in more sophisticated theories of electrolyte solutions.

Because none of the usual models are valid at high concentrations, empirical models that "improve" on the Debye-Hückel model by predicting an increase in  $\gamma_{\pm}$  for high concentrations are in widespread use. An empirical modification of the Debye-Hückel limiting law that has the form

$$\log_{10} \gamma_{\pm} = -0.51 |z_+ z_-| \left[ \frac{\left(\frac{I}{m^{\circ}}\right)^{1/2}}{1 + \left(\frac{I}{m^{\circ}}\right)^{1/2}} - 0.30 \left(\frac{I}{m^{\circ}}\right) \right] \quad (10.34)$$

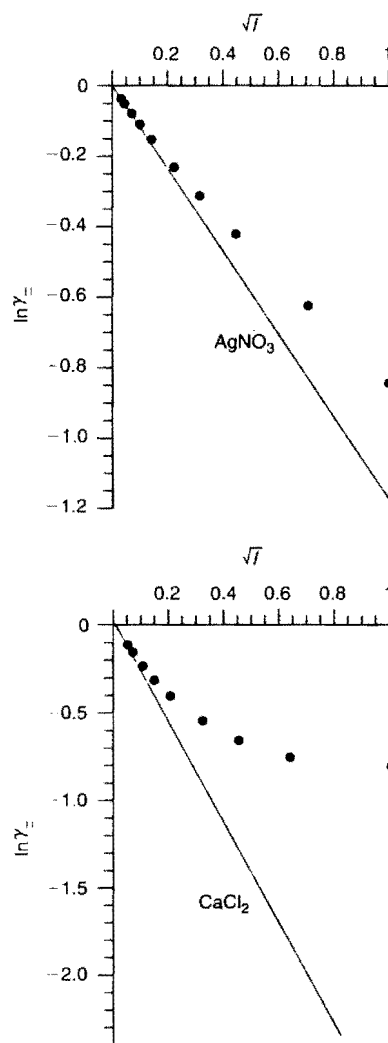
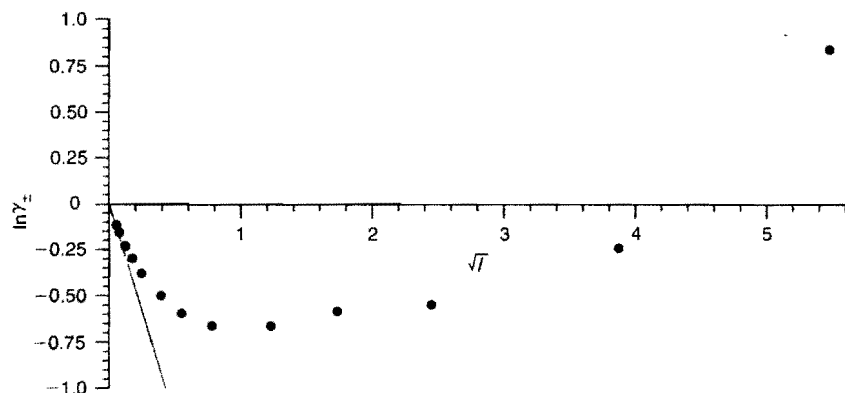
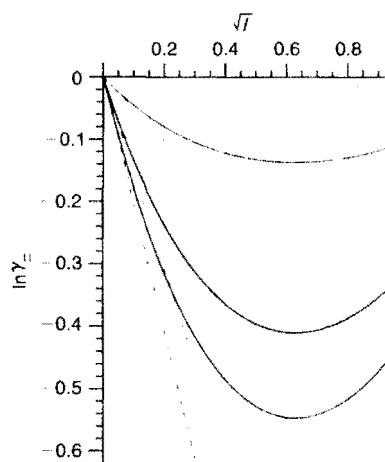


FIGURE 10.6

The experimentally determined activity coefficients for  $\text{AgNO}_3$  and  $\text{CaCl}_2$  are shown as a function of the square root of the ionic strength. The solid lines are the prediction of the Debye-Hückel theory.

FIGURE 10.7

Experimentally determined values for the mean activity coefficient for  $\text{ZnBr}_2$  are shown as a function of the square root of the ionic strength. The solid line is the prediction of the Debye-Hückel theory.



**FIGURE 10.8**  
Comparison between the predictions of the Debye-Hückel limiting law (dashed lines) and the Davies equation (solid curves) for 1-1 (red), 1-2 (purple), and 1-3 (blue) electrolytes.

is known as the **Davies equation**. As seen in Figure 10.8, this equation for  $\gamma_{\pm}$  shows the correct limiting behavior for low  $I$  values, and the trend at higher values of  $I$  is in better agreement with the experimental results shown in Figures 10.6 and 10.7. However, unlike the Debye-Hückel limiting law, there is no theoretical basis for the Davies equation.

## Chemical Equilibrium in Electrolyte Solutions

As discussed in Section 9.13, the equilibrium constant in terms of activities is given by Equation (9.66):

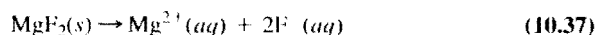
$$K = \prod_i (a_i^{c_i})^{v_i} \quad (10.35)$$

It is convenient to define the activity of a species relative to its molarity. In this case,

$$a_i = \gamma_i \frac{c_i}{c^\circ} \quad (10.36)$$

where  $\gamma_i$  is the activity coefficient of species  $i$ . We next specifically consider chemical equilibrium in electrolyte solutions, illustrating that activities rather than concentrations must be taken into account to accurately model equilibrium concentrations. We first restrict our considerations to the range of ionic strengths for which the Debye-Hückel limiting law is valid. As an example, we calculate the degree of dissociation of  $\text{MgF}_2$  in water. The equilibrium constant in terms of molarities for ionic salts is usually given the symbol  $K_{sp}$ , where the subscript refers to the solubility product. The equilibrium constant  $K_{sp}$  is unitless and has the value of  $6.4 \times 10^{-9}$  for the reaction shown in Equation (10.37). Values for  $K_{sp}$  are generally tabulated for reduced concentration units of molarity ( $c/c^\circ$ ) rather than molality ( $m/m^\circ$ ), and values for selected substances are listed in Table 10.4. Because the mass of 1 L of water is 0.998 kg, the numerical value of the concentration is the same on both scales for dilute solutions.

We next consider dissociation of  $\text{MgF}_2$  in an aqueous solution:



Because the activity of the pure solid can be set equal to one,

$$K_{sp} = a_{\text{Mg}^{2+}} a_{\text{F}^{-}}^2 = \left( \frac{c_{\text{Mg}^{2+}}}{c^\circ} \right) \left( \frac{c_{\text{F}^{-}}}{c^\circ} \right)^2 \gamma_{\pm}^3 = 6.4 \times 10^{-9} \quad (10.38)$$

From the stoichiometry of the overall equation, we know that  $c_{\text{F}^{-}} = 2c_{\text{Mg}^{2+}}$ , but Equation (10.38) still contains two unknowns,  $\gamma_{\pm}$  and  $c_{\text{F}^{-}}$ , that we solve for iteratively as shown in Example Problem 10.3.

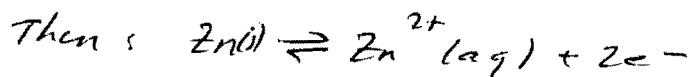
**TABLE 10.4 Solubility Product Constants (Molarity Based) for Selected Salts**

Salt	$K_{sp}$	Salt	$K_{sp}$
AgBr	$4.9 \times 10^{-13}$	CaSO <sub>4</sub>	$4.9 \times 10^{-6}$
AgCl	$1.8 \times 10^{-10}$	Mg(OH) <sub>2</sub>	$5.6 \times 10^{-11}$
AgI	$8.5 \times 10^{-17}$	Mn(OH) <sub>2</sub>	$1.9 \times 10^{-13}$
Ba(OH) <sub>2</sub>	$5.0 \times 10^{-3}$	PbCl <sub>2</sub>	$1.6 \times 10^{-5}$
BaSO <sub>4</sub>	$1.1 \times 10^{-10}$	PbSO <sub>4</sub>	$1.8 \times 10^{-8}$
CaCO <sub>3</sub>	$3.4 \times 10^{-9}$	ZnS	$1.6 \times 10^{-23}$

Source: Lide, D. R., ed. *Handbook of Chemistry and Physics*, 83rd ed. Boca Raton, FL: CRC Press 2002.

Zn(s) | ZnSO<sub>4</sub>(aq) half-cell: (14) -11

a Zn electrode is immersed in a ZnSO<sub>4</sub>(aq) solution.



⇒ a negative potential builds up in the Zn(s) and

a positive potential ~~but~~ builds up in the solution.

because Zn atoms dissolving leave 2e<sup>-</sup> in the Zn(s) and Zn<sup>2+</sup>(aq) ions appear in the solution.

However, equilibrium is far on the left.

< 10<sup>-4</sup> mol of Zn(s) dissolves in 1 L solution but building a potential difference between Zn(s) and the solution of ≈ 1 V

equilibrium constant different for different metals ⇒ also potential different

Pt wire connected to Zn(s) and the other end immersed in the ZnSO<sub>4</sub> ~~soln~~ solution.

~~to~~ but then Δφ between the Pt | Zn(s) and the Pt | ZnSO<sub>4</sub>(aq) contacts is

measured, not φ<sub>Zn | ZnSO<sub>4</sub>(aq)</sub> which cannot be directly measured.

half-cell potential cannot be measured alone, but relative to another half-cell

rev. work  $\delta w_{rev}$  that must be done (14) -12

to move a charge from a phase with  $\phi_1$   
to another identical phase, but with  $\phi_2$ :

$$\delta w_{rev} = (\phi_2 - \phi_1) dQ$$

$dQ = -z F dn$  is the charge transferred  
through the potential difference  
 $z$ : charge number in terms of electron charge,  $e$   
 $F$ : Faraday's constant Coulomb

$$F = 96485 \frac{C}{mol} = 96485 \frac{As}{mol}$$

unit of charge: 1 Coulomb,  $1C = 1As$

charge transport: only non-expansion work

$$\Rightarrow \delta w_{rev} = \delta G$$

$dG$ : Gibb's free energy difference = difference  
between the electrochemical potential  $\tilde{\mu}$   
between the two phases

$$dG = \tilde{\mu}_2 dn - \tilde{\mu}_1 dn$$

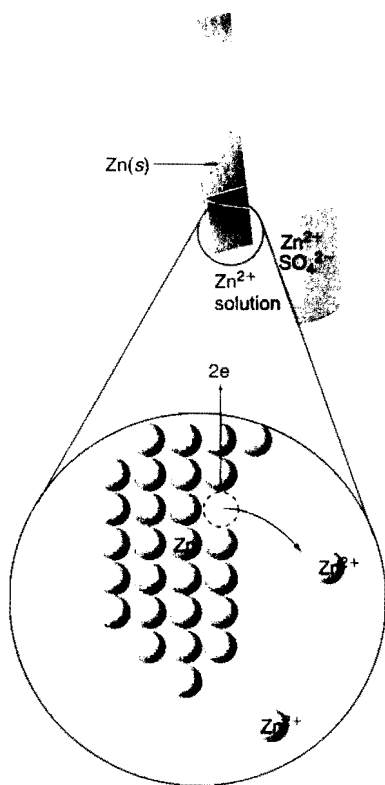
$$\tilde{\mu} = \mu + z\phi F$$

↑  
chemical potential

$$\tilde{\mu} \rightarrow \mu \text{ if } \phi \rightarrow 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{\mu}_2 - \tilde{\mu}_1 = z(\phi_2 - \phi_1) F$$

$$\text{or } \tilde{\mu}_2 = \tilde{\mu}_1 + z(\phi_2 - \phi_1) F$$



**FIGURE 11.1**  
When a Zn electrode is immersed in an aqueous solution containing  $Zn^{2+}(aq)$  ions, a very small amount of the Zn goes into solution as  $Zn^{2+}(aq)$ , leaving two electrons behind on the Zn electrode per ion formed.

The equilibrium position in this reaction lies far toward  $Zn(s)$ . At equilibrium, fewer than  $10^{-14}$  mol of the  $Zn(s)$  dissolves in 1 liter of solution to form  $Zn^{2+}(aq)$ . However, this minuscule amount of charge transfer between the electrode and the solution is sufficient to create a difference of approximately 1 V in the electrical potential between the Zn electrode and the electrolyte solution. A similar dissociation equilibrium is established for other metal electrodes. Because the value of the equilibrium constant depends on  $\Delta G_f^\circ$  of the solvated metal ion, the equilibrium constant for the dissociation reaction and  $\phi$  depends on the identity of the metal.

Can  $\phi$  be measured directly? Let us assume that we can carry out the measurement using two chemically inert Pt wires as probes. One Pt wire is placed on the Zn electrode, and the second Pt wire is placed in the  $ZnSO_4$  solution. However, the measured voltage is the difference in electrical potential between a Pt wire connected to a Zn electrode in a  $ZnSO_4$  solution and a Pt electrode in a  $ZnSO_4$  solution, which is not what we want. A difference in electrical potential can only be measured between one phase and a second phase of identical composition. For example, the difference in electrical potential across a resistor is measured by contacting the metal wire at each end of the resistor with two metal probes of identical composition connected to the terminals of a voltmeter. Although we can not measure the half-cell potential  $\phi$  directly, half-cell potentials can be determined relative to a reference half-cell as will be shown in Section 11.2.

How are chemical species affected by the electrical potential  $\phi$ ? To a very good approximation, the chemical potential of a neutral atom or molecule is not affected if a small electrical potential is applied to the environment containing the species. However, this is not the case for a charged species such as an  $Na^+$  ion in an electrolyte solution. The work required to transfer  $dn$  moles of charge reversibly from a chemically uniform phase at an electrical potential  $\phi_1$  to a second, otherwise identical phase at an electrical potential  $\phi_2$  is equal to the product of the charge and the difference in the electrical potential between the two locations:

$$dw_{rev} = (\phi_2 - \phi_1)dQ \tag{11.2}$$

In this equation,  $dQ = -zF dn$  is the charge transferred through the potential,  $z$  is the charge in units of the electron charge (+1, -1, +2, -2, ...), and the Faraday constant  $F$  is the absolute magnitude of the charge associated with 1 mol of a singly charged species. The Faraday constant has the numerical value  $F = 96,485$  Coulombs mole<sup>-1</sup> (C mol<sup>-1</sup>).

Because the work being carried out in this reversible process is nonexpansion work,  $dw_{rev} = dG$ , which is the difference in the electrochemical potential  $\tilde{\mu}$  of the charged particle in the two phases:

$$dG = \tilde{\mu}_2 dn - \tilde{\mu}_1 dn \tag{11.3}$$

The electrochemical potential is a generalization of the chemical potential to include the effect of an electrical potential on a charged particle. It is the sum of the normal chemical potential  $\mu$  and a term that results from the nonzero value of the electrical potential:

$$\tilde{\mu} = \mu + z\phi F \tag{11.4}$$

Note that with this definition  $\tilde{\mu} \rightarrow \mu$  as  $\phi \rightarrow 0$ .

Combining Equations (11.2) and (11.4) gives

$$\tilde{\mu}_2 - \tilde{\mu}_1 = +z(\phi_2 - \phi_1)F \quad \text{or} \quad \tilde{\mu}_2 = \tilde{\mu}_1 + z(\phi_2 - \phi_1)F \tag{11.5}$$

Because only the difference in the electrical potential between two points can be measured, one can set  $\phi_1 = 0$  in Equation (11.5) to obtain the result

$$\tilde{\mu} = \mu + z\phi F \tag{11.6}$$

This result shows that charged particles in two otherwise identical phases have different values for the electrochemical potential if the phases are at different electrical

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can be measured

thus  $\phi_1 = 0$  can be set!

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{\mu}_2 = \tilde{\mu}_1 + z\phi F$$

normal equilibrium conditions

$$\Delta G_R = \sum_i \nu_i \mu_i = 0$$

but equilibrium condition in electrochemical

cell:  $\Delta G_R = \sum_i \nu_i \tilde{\mu}_i = 0$

difficult to change  $\Delta G_R$  by changing

$P, T$  or concentration

but easy to change  $\Delta G_R$  (even change sign

and reverse <sup>reaction</sup> ~~sign~~) by applying an electrical potential  $\phi$

example of sign change of  $\Delta G_R$ : recharging of batteries with a potential  $\phi$

$Zn(s)$  is in standard state and uncharged

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{\mu}(Zn(s)) = \mu(Zn(s)) = \Delta G_f(Zn(s)) = 0$$

if overall reaction in a cell happens in single phase, then  $\phi$  is the same for all ionic reactants and products:

$$\Delta G_R = \sum_i \nu_i \tilde{\mu}_i = \sum_i \nu_i \mu_i + F\phi \underbrace{\sum_i \nu_i z_i}_0 = \sum_i \nu_i \mu_i = 0$$

equil. condition

$i$  runs over all ions in the cell reaction

$$\sum v_i z_i = 0$$

$v_i$ : stoichiometric coefficient of ion  $i$  in the cell reaction

$$\rightarrow \sum_i v_i z_i = \text{total charge (right side of equation)}$$

$$- \text{ " " (left " " " )}$$

$$= 0$$

$v_i > 0$  for products,  $v_i < 0$  for reactants,

$z_i$  charge number of ion  $i$

since  $\sum_i v_i z_i = 0$  one can ~~not~~ set  $\phi = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{\mu}_i = \mu_i \text{ for ions in solution}$$

$\mu_i$  can be calculated at low concentrations

with  $\gamma$  from DHLL or at higher conc. e.g. with

the Debye-Hückel equation for  $\gamma$

standard state definition:  $\mu_i(e^- \text{ in electrode}) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{\mu}_e = -\phi F \text{ for } e^- \text{ in metal electrode}$$

### Daniell cell

$Zn(s) | ZnSO_4(aq)$  half-cell connected with  
a  $Cu(s) | CuSO_4(aq)$  half-cell

1) by a Pt wire between  $Zn(s)$  and  $Cu(s)$   
and

2) by a salt-bridge between the solutions  
salt bridge:  $KCl$  suspended in a gel

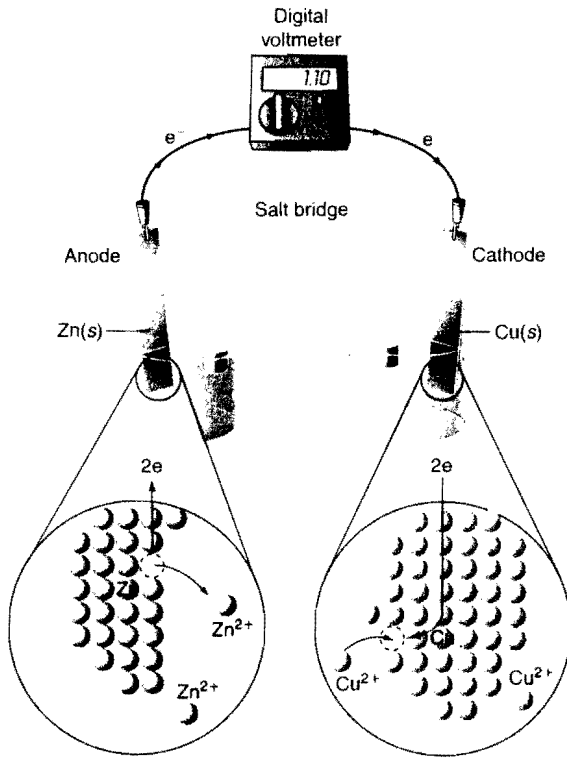
prevents direct mixing of the solutions

because of the gel, but conducts

current because of the ~~KCl~~  $KCl$  in the gel

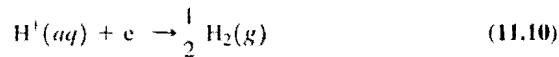


Daniell cell.  
Half-cells are connected in the internal circuit at the atomic level in the external circuit through the salt bridge.

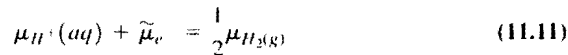


is immersed in a solution of  $\text{CuSO}_4$ , which is completely dissociated to form  $\text{Cu}^{2+}(aq)$  and  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}(aq)$ . The two half-cells are connected by an ionic conductor known as a salt bridge. The salt bridge consists of an electrolyte such as  $\text{KCl}$  suspended in a gel. A salt bridge allows current to flow between the half-cells while preventing the mixing of the solutions. A metal wire fastened to each electrode allows the electron current to flow through the external part of the circuit. Note that because the wire is connected on one end to a  $\text{Cu}$  electrode and on the other end to a  $\text{Zn}$  electrode, the two phases between which we are measuring the electrical potential are not identical.

Using the experimental setup of Figure 11.2, the electrical potential difference between two half-cells can be measured, rather than the absolute electrical potential of each half-cell. However, we need potentials of individual half-cells. Therefore, it is convenient to choose one half-cell as a reference and arbitrarily assign an electrical potential of zero to this half-cell. Once this is done, the electrical potential associated with any other half-cell can be determined by combining it with the reference half-cell. The measured potential difference across the cell is associated with the half-cell of interest. It is next shown that the standard hydrogen electrode fulfills the role of a reference half-cell of zero potential. The measurement of electrical potentials is discussed using this cell. The reaction in the standard hydrogen electrode is



and the equilibrium in the half-cell is described by



Half-cell reactions such as Equation (11.10) are generally written as reduction reactions by convention as is done in Tables 11.1 and 11.2 (see Appendix B, Data Tables) even though equilibrium is established in the half-cell. It is useful to separate  $\mu_{\text{H}_2}(g)$  and  $\mu_{\text{H}^+}(aq)$  into a standard state portion and a portion that depends on the

activity and use Equation (11.9) the preceding equation then takes the

$$\mu_{\text{H}^+} + RT \ln a_{\text{H}^+}$$

where  $f_{\text{H}_2}$  is the fugacity of the hydrogen

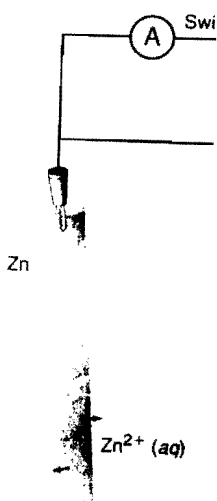
$$\phi_{\text{H}^+/\text{H}_2} =$$

For unit activities of all species,  $\phi_{\text{H}^+/\text{H}_2} = \Delta G_f^\circ(\text{H}_2)$ .

In Section 10.1 the convention Therefore, we find that

We have shown that the standard hydrogen electrode with zero potential against which the schematic drawing of this electrode on a short timescale, this reaction  $\text{H}^+(aq) + e^- \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \text{H}_2(g)$  is the half-cell reaction. It is also necessary to use a Henry's law and  $\gamma_i \rightarrow 1$  as  $c_i \rightarrow 0$ . The standard state shows ideal solution behavior at

The usefulness of the result  $\phi_{\text{H}^+/\text{H}_2} = 0$  can be assigned to individual half-cells by cell. For example, the cell potential of the  $\text{Zn}/\text{Zn}^{2+}$  half-cell if the  $\text{H}^+(aq)$  is not directly measurable, absolute values. Supplemental Section 11.16 it is shown that the standard hydrogen electrode is  $-4.44 \pm 0.02$  V. For energies can be measured, chemists use the standard hydrogen electrode assuming that



wire connected with a voltmeter (14) - 15  
and to Cu(s) and Zn(s)

→  $\phi$  is measured between two different phases, Cu(s) and Zn(s)

⇒  $\phi$  between two connected half-cells can be measured but not the needed potential of one half-cell alone

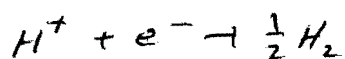
⇒ one special half-cell is used as a reference with a half-cell potential defined as 0

then absolute half-cell potential for each half-cell can be measured by connecting it to the reference half-cell

reference: standard hydrogen electrode:

H<sub>2</sub> of 1 bar bubbles over a Pt electrode (catalyst) and immersed in an acid (HCl) at  $a_{H^+} = 1$ , H<sub>2</sub>-fugacity also  $f_{H_2} = 1$

reduction in the standard H<sub>2</sub> half-cells



⇒ equilibrium condition in the half-cell:

$$\mu_{H^+(aq)} + \tilde{\mu}_{e^-} = \frac{1}{2} \mu_{H_2(g)}$$

half-cell reactions always written as reductions

also standard state potentials in tables are always for reduction

$\mu_i$  separated into a standard part and an activity dependent part

$$\Rightarrow \mu_{H^+}^\circ + RT \ln a_{H^+} - F \phi_{H^+/H_2} = \frac{1}{2} \mu_{H_2}^\circ + \frac{1}{2} RT \ln f_{H_2}$$

$f_{H_2}$ : fugacity of the  $H_2$  gas

solving for  $\phi_{H^+/H_2}$ :

$$\rightarrow \phi_{H^+/H_2} = \frac{\mu_{H^+}^\circ - \frac{1}{2} \mu_{H_2}^\circ}{F} - \frac{RT}{F} \ln \frac{\sqrt{f_{H_2}}}{a_{H^+}}$$

standard half-cell  $\Rightarrow \ln \frac{\sqrt{f_{H_2}}}{a_{H^+}} = \ln 1 = 0$

and  $\mu_{H_2}^\circ = \Delta G_f^\circ(H_2, g) = 0$  since  $H_2$  is element

$$\rightarrow \phi_{H^+/H_2}^\circ = \frac{\mu_{H^+}^\circ}{F}$$

convention from 10.1:  ~~$\phi_{H_2}^\circ$~~

$$\Delta G_f^\circ(H^+, aq) = \mu_{H^+}^\circ = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \phi_{H^+/H_2}^\circ = 0 \text{ with our conventions}$$

$\Rightarrow$  standard  $H_2$  can be used as reference with  $\phi_{H^+/H_2}^\circ = 0$

Pt catalyst as electrode for fast equilibrium of  $H^+ + e^- \rightleftharpoons \frac{1}{2} H_2$

standard state for  $a_{H^+}$ :

Henry's law standard state based on molarity: a solution of  $H^+(aq)$  which behaves as ideal solution at  $c^\circ = 1M$  (hypothetical, not real standard state)

half-cell potential of  $Zn | ZnSO_4(aq)$

is assigned to measurement of  $\phi$

together with standard hydrogen half-cell,

in which  $a_{H^+} = f_{H_2} = 1$

and use Equation (11.9) for the electrochemical potential of the electron. The equation then takes the form

$$\mu_{H^+}^0 + RT \ln a_{H^+} - F\phi_{H^+/H_2} = \frac{1}{2}\mu_{H_2}^0 + \frac{1}{2}RT \ln f_{H_2} \quad (11.12)$$

is the fugacity of the hydrogen gas. Solving Equation (11.12) for  $\phi_{H^+/H_2}$

$$\phi_{H^+/H_2} = \frac{\mu_{H^+}^0 - \frac{1}{2}\mu_{H_2}^0}{F} - \frac{RT}{F} \ln \frac{f_{H_2}^{1/2}}{a_{H^+}} \quad (11.13)$$

activities of all species, the cell has its standard state potential, designated because  $\mu_{H_2}^0 = \Delta G_f^0(H_2, g) = 0$ ,

$$\phi_{H^+/H_2}^0 = \frac{\mu_{H^+}^0}{F} \quad (11.14)$$

In 1901 the convention that  $\Delta G_f^0(H^+, aq) = \mu_{H^+}^0 = 0$  was introduced. We find that

$$\phi_{H^+/H_2}^0 = 0 \quad (11.15)$$

to show that the standard hydrogen electrode is a convenient **reference electrode** against which the potentials of all other half-cells can be measured. A drawing of this electrode is shown in Figure 11.3. To achieve equilibrium on a scale, this reaction  $H^+(aq) + e^- \rightleftharpoons 1/2 H_2(g)$  is carried out over a Pt catalyst. It is also necessary to establish a standard state for the activity of  $H^+(aq)$ . In order to use a Henry's law standard state based on molarity. Therefore,  $a_i \rightarrow c_i$  as  $c_i \rightarrow 0$ . The standard state is a (hypothetical) aqueous solution of  $H^+(aq)$  exhibiting ideal solution behavior at a concentration of  $c^0 = 1 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ .

The usefulness of the result  $\phi_{H^+/H_2}^0 = 0$  is that values for the electrical potential can be assigned to individual half-cells by measuring their potential relative to the  $H^+/H_2$  half-cell. For example, the cell potential of the electrochemical cell in Figure 11.4 is assigned to the  $Zn^{2+}$  half-cell if the  $H^+(aq)$  and  $H_2(g)$  activities both have the value 1. Although not directly measurable, absolute values for half-cell potentials can be determined. In Section 11.16 it is shown that the absolute potential of the standard hydrogen electrode is  $-4.44 \pm 0.02 \text{ V}$ . Because only changes in energy rather than absolute values can be measured, chemists generally use half-cell potentials relative to the standard hydrogen electrode assuming that  $\phi_{H^+/H_2}^0 = 0$ .

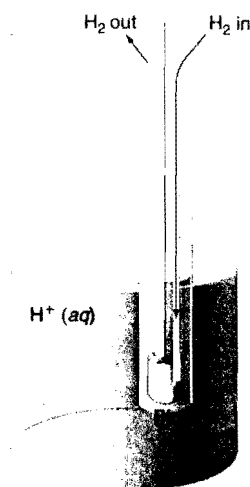


FIGURE 11.3

The standard hydrogen electrode consists of a solution of an acid such as HCl,  $H_2$  gas, and a Pt catalyst electrode that allows the equilibrium in the half-cell reaction to be established rapidly. The activities of  $H_2$  and  $H^+$  are equal to one.

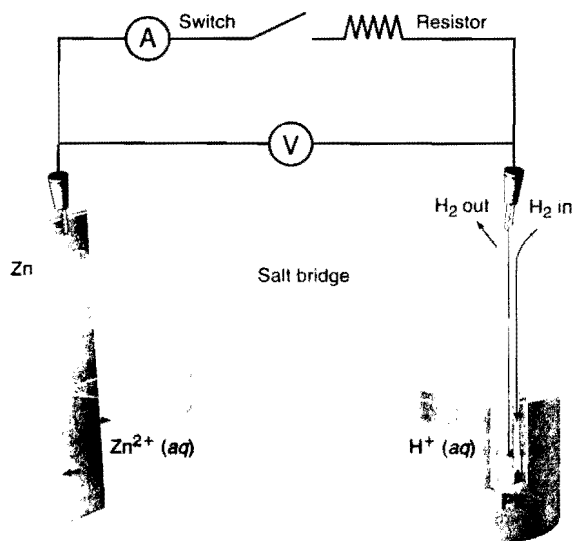


FIGURE 11.4

In a cell consisting of a half-cell and the standard hydrogen electrode, the entire cell voltage is assigned to the half-cell.

in 11.16 (not in our course) the (14)-17 absolute half-cell potential of a standard hydrogen electrode is shown to be

$$(-4.44 \pm 0.02) \text{ V}$$

emf: reversible cell potential

for a cell working reversibly the current  $I$  must ~~be~~ be  $I=0$

flowing  $I \neq 0$ : heat is produced

→ cell working irreversibly when a current  $I \neq 0$  flows

→ for reversibly working cell current  $I$  must be  $I=0$ !

put a dc source (battery) to a cell and change the dc voltage until an ammeter shows  $I=0$

then the dc voltage for this is the emf!

Daniell cell's Zn is dissolved leaving  $2e^-$  at the Zn(s) electrode for each dissolved  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$ .  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  is deposited at the Cu electrode, taking up  $2e^-$  for each deposited  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$

→ electrons flow through the wire from Zn to Cu

⇒ cell reactions:

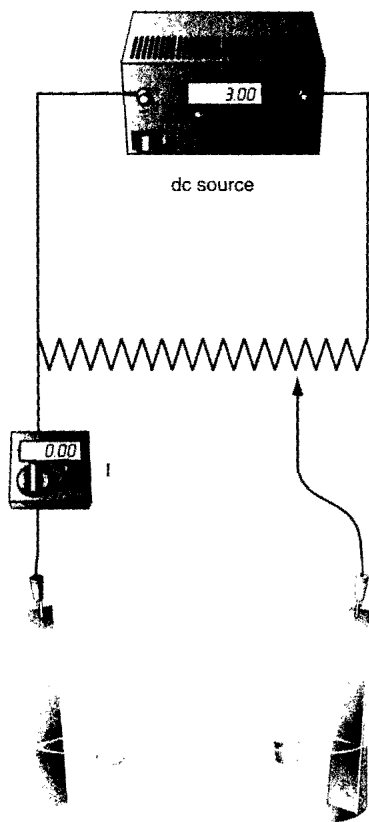


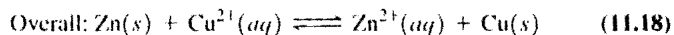
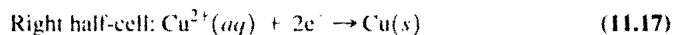
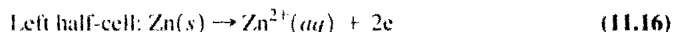
FIGURE 11.5 Schematic diagram showing how the reversible cell potential is measured.

### 11.3 Measurement of the Reversible Cell Potential

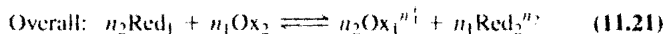
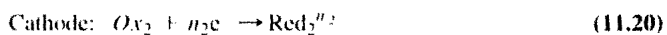
The cell potential measured under reversible conditions is directly related to the state functions  $G$ ,  $H$ , and  $S$ . The reversible cell potential, also called **electromotive force (emf)**, is determined in an experiment depicted in Figure 11.5. The dc source provides a voltage to a potentiometer circuit with a sliding contact. The sliding contact is attached to the positive cell terminal as shown, and the slider is adjusted until the current-sensing device labeled  $I$  shows a null current. At this position of the potentiometer, the voltage applied through the potentiometer exactly opposes the cell potential. The voltage measured in this way is the reversible cell potential. If the sliding contact is moved to a position slightly to the left of this position, the electron current will flow through the external circuit in one direction. However, if the sliding contact is moved to a position slightly to the right of this position, the electron current will flow through the external circuit in the opposite direction, showing that the direction of the cell reaction has been reversed. Because a small variation of the applied voltage can reverse the direction of spontaneous change, the criterion for reversibility is established. This discussion also demonstrates that the direction of spontaneous change in the cell can be reversed by changing the electrochemical potential of the electrons in one of the electrodes relative to that in the other electrode using an external voltage source.

### 11.4 Chemical Reactions in Electrochemical Cells and the Nernst Equation

What reactions occur in the Daniell cell shown in Figure 11.2? If the half-cells are connected through the external circuit, Zn atoms leave the Zn electrode to form  $Zn^{2+}$  in solution, and  $Cu^{2+}$  ions are deposited as Cu atoms on the Cu electrode. In the external circuit, it is observed that electrons flow through the wires and the resistor in the direction from the Zn electrode to the Cu electrode. These observations are consistent with the following electrochemical reactions:



In the left half-cell, Zn is being oxidized to  $Zn^{2+}$ , and in the right half-cell,  $Cu^{2+}$  is being reduced to Cu. By convention, the electrode at which oxidation occurs is called the **anode**, and the electrode at which reduction occurs is called the **cathode**. Each half-cell in an electrochemical cell must contain a species that can exist in an oxidized and a reduced form. For a general redox reaction, the reactions at the anode and cathode and the overall reaction can be written as follows:



Note that electrons do not appear in the overall reaction because the electrons produced at the anode are consumed at the cathode.

How are the cell voltage and  $\Delta G_R$  for the overall reaction related? This important relationship can be determined from the electrochemical potentials of the species involved in the overall reaction of the Daniell cell:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta G_R &= \tilde{\mu}_{Zn^{2+}} + \tilde{\mu}_{Cu} - \tilde{\mu}_{Cu^{2+}} - \tilde{\mu}_{Zn} = \mu^{\circ}_{Zn^{2+}} - \mu^{\circ}_{Cu^{2+}} + RT \ln \frac{a_{Zn^{2+}}}{a_{Cu^{2+}}} \\ &= \Delta G_R^{\circ} + RT \ln \frac{a_{Zn^{2+}}}{a_{Cu^{2+}}} \end{aligned} \quad (11.22)$$

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left:  $Zn(s) \rightarrow Zn^{2+}(aq) + 2e^-$  half-cell reaction

right:  $Cu^{2+}(aq) + 2e^- \rightarrow Cu(s)$

overall cell reactions  $Zn(s) + Cu^{2+}(aq) \rightleftharpoons Zn^{2+}(aq) + Cu(s)$

left: Zn oxidized to  $Zn^{2+}$

right:  $Cu^{2+}$  reduced to Cu

Zn electrode in which oxidation occurs is called the anode

Cu electrode in which reduction occurs is called the cathode

anode:  $Zn | ZnSO_4(aq)$  electrode

cathode:  $Cu | CuSO_4(aq)$  electrode

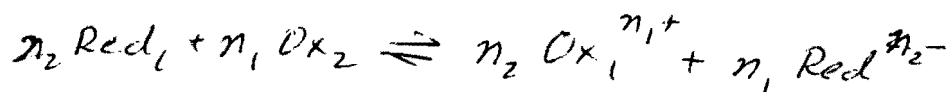
general:

anode  $Red_1 \rightarrow Ox_1^{n_1+} + n_1 e^-$

cathode  $Ox_2 + n_2 e^- \rightarrow Ox_2 Red_2^{n_2-}$

overall:  $n_2 \cdot \text{anode} + n_1 \cdot \text{cathode}$  to

cancel all  $n_1, n_2$  electrons



in overall cell reactions if correct never free electrons occur;

$e^-$  produced in anode are consumed in cathode!

$$\Delta G_R = \tilde{\mu}_{Zn^{2+}} + \tilde{\mu}_{Cu} - \tilde{\mu}_{Cu^{2+}} - \tilde{\mu}_{Zn}$$

(products) - reactants)

$$= \mu_{Zn^{2+}}^0 - \mu_{Cu^{2+}}^0 + RT \ln \frac{a_{Zn^{2+}}}{a_{Cu^{2+}}}$$

$$= \Delta G_R^0 + RT \ln \frac{a_{Zn^{2+}}}{a_{Cu^{2+}}}$$

$$Q = \frac{a_{Zn^{2+}}}{a_{Cu^{2+}}} \quad | \quad \text{no solids in } Q$$

$$\Delta G_R = -nF\Delta\phi \quad \leftarrow \text{measured cell potential}$$

↓  
no. of e<sup>-</sup> exchanged  
in the Redox reaction

if the cell works reversible then  $\Delta\phi = E$

E, electromotive force (emf)

$$\Rightarrow (n=2) \quad -2FE = \Delta G_R^0 + RT \ln \frac{a_{Zn^{2+}}}{a_{Cu^{2+}}}$$

standard state  $a_{Zn^{2+}} = a_{Cu^{2+}} = 1$ ,  $\ln Q - \ln 1 = 0$

$$\text{and } \Delta G_R^0 = -2FE^0$$

$$\Rightarrow E = E^0 - \frac{RT}{2F} \ln \frac{a_{Zn^{2+}}}{a_{Cu^{2+}}}$$

$$\text{since } -2FE = -2FE^0 + RT \ln \frac{a_{Zn^{2+}}}{a_{Cu^{2+}}}$$

divide by  $-2F$

general: n electrons exchanged:

$$E = E^0 - \frac{RT}{nF} \ln Q \quad \text{Nernst equation}$$



Q like equilibrium constant but (14) - 20  
 with concentrations as they are in the cell  
not equilibrium concentrations

in Q: activities of product ions over activities  
 of reactant ions each to the power  
 of its stoichiometric coefficient in the  
 reaction equation

no solids in Q

liquids are only in Q if they are  
 dissolved, pure liquids are not in Q

gases are in Q as fugacities

for a half-cell:  $Ox^{nt} + ne^- \rightleftharpoons Red$

$$E_{Ox|Red} = E_{Ox|Red}^{\circ} - \frac{RT}{nF} \ln \frac{a_{Red}}{a_{Ox}^{nt}}$$

↑  
always for reduction

what is  $E_{H^+|H_2}^{\circ}$  if  $a_{H^+} = 0.770$ ,  $f_{H_2} = 1.13$

half cell reaction:  $H^+ + e^- \rightleftharpoons \frac{1}{2} H_2$

$$E = E^{\circ} - \frac{0.05916 V}{n} \log_{10} \frac{\sqrt{f_{H_2}}}{a_{H^+}} \quad \text{error in book!}$$

$$\frac{RT}{F} = 59.16 \text{ mV} \text{ at } 298.15 \text{ K for } \log_{10}!$$

$$E_{H^+|H_2}^{\circ} = 0 \text{ by definition!}$$

$$n = 1$$

$$E = -0.05916 V \log_{10} \frac{\sqrt{1.13}}{0.770} = -0.0083 V$$

If this reaction is carried out reversibly, the electrical work done is equal to the product of the charge and the potential difference through which the charge is moved. However, the reversible work at constant pressure is also equal to  $\Delta G$ . Therefore, we can write the following equation:

$$\Delta G_R = -nF\Delta\phi \quad (11.23)$$

In Equation (11.23),  $\Delta\phi$  is the measured potential difference generated by the spontaneous chemical reaction for particular values of  $a_{Zn^{2+}}$  and  $a_{Cu^{2+}}$ , and  $n$  is the number of moles of electrons involved in the redox reaction. The measured cell voltage is directly proportional to  $\Delta G$ . For a reversible reaction, the symbol  $E$  is used in place of  $\Delta\phi$ , and  $E$  is referred to as the **electromotive force (emf)**. Using this definition, we rewrite Equation (11.23) as follows:

$$-2FE = \Delta G_R + RT \ln \frac{a_{Zn^{2+}}}{a_{Cu^{2+}}} \quad (11.24)$$

For standard state conditions,  $a_{Zn^{2+}} = a_{Cu^{2+}} = 1$ , and Equation (11.24) takes the form  $\Delta G_R^\circ = -2FE^\circ$ . This definition of  $E^\circ$  allows Equation (11.24) to be rewritten as

$$E = E^\circ - \frac{RT}{2F} \ln \frac{a_{Zn^{2+}}}{a_{Cu^{2+}}} \quad (11.25)$$

For a general overall electrochemical reaction involving the transfer of  $n$  moles of electrons,

$$E = E^\circ - \frac{RT}{nF} \ln Q \quad (11.26)$$

where  $Q$  is the familiar reaction quotient. The preceding equation is known as the **Nernst equation**. At 298.15 K, the Nernst equation can be written in the form

$$E = E^\circ - \frac{0.05916 \text{ V}}{n} \log_{10} Q \quad (11.27)$$

This function is graphed in Figure 11.6. The Nernst equation allows the emf for an electrochemical cell to be calculated if the activity is known for each species and if  $E^\circ$  is known.

The Nernst equation has been derived on the basis of the overall cell reaction. For a half-cell, an equation of a similar form can be derived. The equilibrium condition for the half-cell reaction



is given by

$$\mu_{\text{Ox}^{n+}} + n\tilde{\mu}_{e^-} = \mu_{\text{Red}} \quad (11.29)$$

Using the convention for the electrochemical potential of an electron in a metal electrode [Equation (11.9)], Equation (11.29) can be written in the form

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{\text{Ox}^{n+}}^\circ + RT \ln a_{\text{Ox}^{n+}} - nF\phi_{\text{Ox/Red}} &= \mu_{\text{Red}}^\circ + RT \ln a_{\text{Red}} \\ \phi_{\text{Ox/Red}} &= -\frac{\mu_{\text{Red}}^\circ - \mu_{\text{Ox}^{n+}}^\circ}{nF} - \frac{RT}{nF} \ln \frac{a_{\text{Red}}}{a_{\text{Ox}^{n+}}} \\ E_{\text{Ox/Red}} &= E_{\text{Ox/Red}}^\circ - \frac{RT}{nF} \ln \frac{a_{\text{Red}}}{a_{\text{Ox}^{n+}}} \end{aligned} \quad (11.30)$$

The last line in Equation (11.30) has the same form as the Nernst equation, but the activity of the electrons does not appear in  $Q$ . An example of the application of Equation (11.30) to a half-cell reaction is shown in Example Problem 11.1.

#### EXAMPLE PROBLEM 11.1

Calculate the potential of the  $\text{H}^+/\text{H}_2$  half-cell when  $a_{\text{H}^+} = 0.770$  and  $f_{\text{H}_2} = 1.13$ .

**Solution**

$$E = E^\circ - \frac{0.05916 \text{ V}}{n} \log_{10} \frac{a_{\text{H}^+}}{\sqrt{f_{\text{H}_2}}} = 0 - \frac{0.05916 \text{ V}}{1} \log_{10} \frac{0.770}{\sqrt{1.13}} = 0.0083 \text{ V}$$

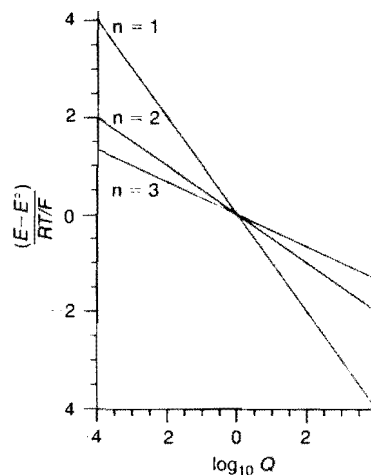


FIGURE 11.6

The cell potential  $E$  varies linearly with  $\log Q$ . The slope of a plot of  $(E - E^\circ)/(RT/F)$  is inversely proportional to the number of electrons transferred in the redox reaction.

App. B Tables 11.1 and 11.2:

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half-cell standard potentials are listed,  
as always the reduction potentials

$$E^{\circ}(\text{reduction}) = -E^{\circ}(\text{oxidation})$$

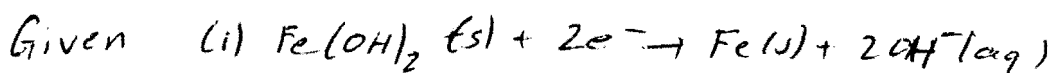
half-cell standard potential is intensive  
and does not change if reaction is  
multiplied by an integer

$\Delta G_R^{\circ}$  and  $n$  are both extensive  
ratio  $\frac{\Delta G_R^{\circ}}{nF} = -E^{\circ}$  is intensive

$$E_{\text{cell}}^{\circ} = E_{\text{reduction}}^{\circ} + E_{\text{oxidation}}^{\circ}$$

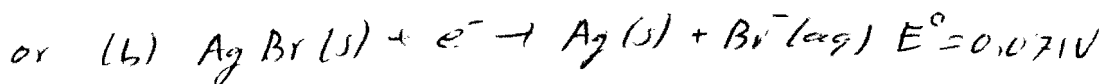
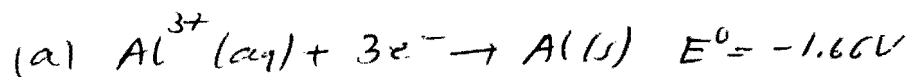
$$= E_{\text{reduction}_1}^{\circ} - E_{\text{reduction}_2}^{\circ}$$

$E$  or also half-cell potentials do not change  
when the reaction (cell or half-cell reaction) is  
multiplied with an integer



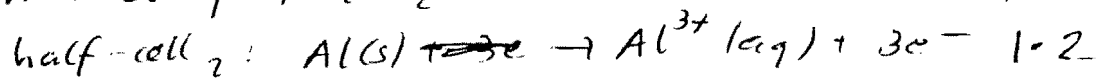
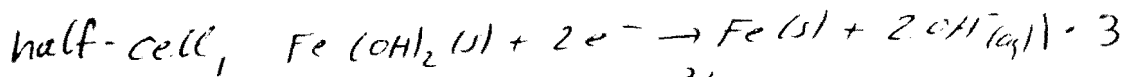
$$E^{\circ} = -0.877 \text{ V}$$

combined with half-cells

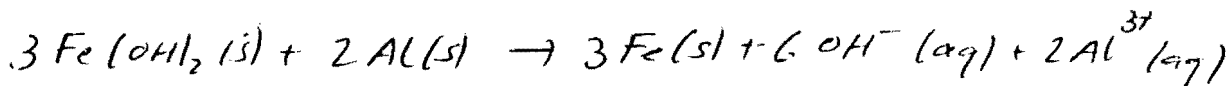


What are the spontaneous cell reactions for  
the cells (a) and (b)?

(a) one reaction must be reversed (14) -22  
to oxidation, for example reaction (a)



cell reaction (cancel 6 electrons)



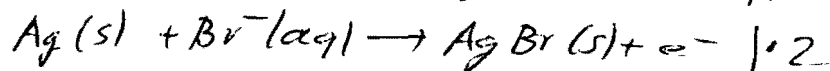
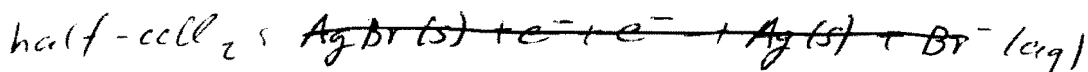
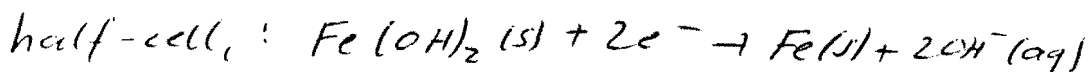
$$E^\circ = E_1^\circ(\text{reduction}) - E_2^\circ(\text{reduction})$$

$$= (-0.877 - 0.877 - (-1.66)) \text{ V}$$

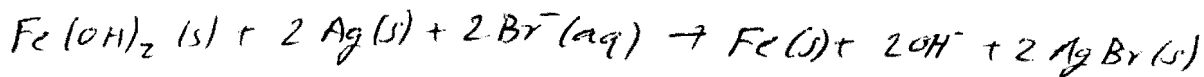
$$= -0.877 \text{ V} + 1.66 \text{ V} = 0.783 \text{ V}$$

\*  $E^\circ$  positive  $\Rightarrow$  the above cell reaction is spontaneous and in the cell  $\text{Fe}(\text{OH})_2$  is reduced and Al oxidized

(b) for example reaction (b) is reversed to oxidations



overall cell reaction (cancel  $2\text{e}^-$ )



$$E^\circ = E_1^\circ(\text{reduction}) - E_2^\circ(\text{reduction})$$

$$= -0.877 \text{ V} - (-0.071) \text{ V}$$

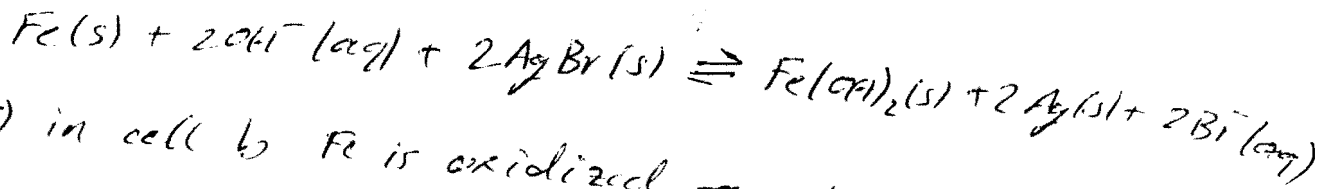
$$= -0.877 \text{ V} + 0.071 \text{ V}$$

$$= -0.95 \text{ V}$$

$E^{\circ} < 0$   
=> The above reaction happens  
reversed in the cell

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=> real cell reaction:

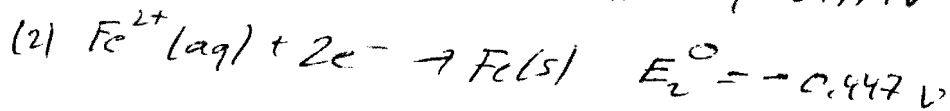
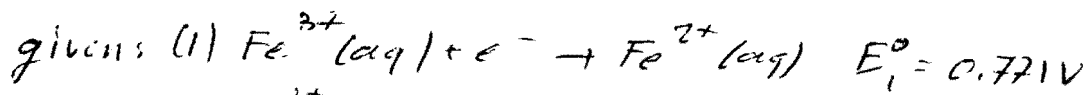


=> in cell  $\hookrightarrow$  Fe is oxidized ~~to~~ to  $\text{Fe}(\text{OH})_2$  and  
 $\text{AgBr}$  is reduced to  $\text{Ag}$

$\Delta G$  is state function  $\Rightarrow E^{\circ}$  for a half-cell  
can be calculated from the  $E^{\circ}$  values of 2 other  
half-cells if they have a reaction in common  
(Hess's law). only extensive  $\Delta G^{\circ}$  values

can be directly combined, not intensive

$E^{\circ}$  values!



what is  $E^{\circ}$  for (3)  $\text{Fe}^{3+}(\text{aq}) + 3e^{-} \rightarrow \text{Fe}(s)$

step 1

combine the given reaction equation  
such that the asked one comes out  
to have  $\text{Fe}^{3+}(\text{aq})$  on the right side (1) should  
be used as it is

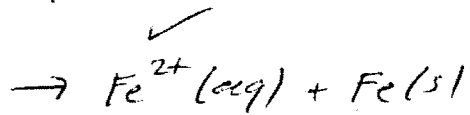
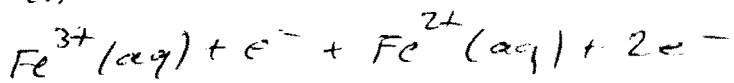
to get  $\text{Fe}(s)$  on the right side, also (2)  
should be used as it is.

check if (1) + (2)  $\stackrel{?}{=} (3)$

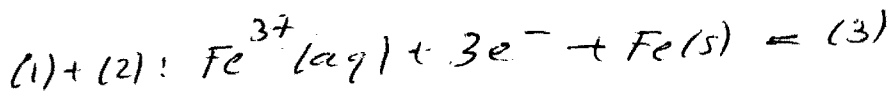
(1) + (2):

✓

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$\text{Fe}^{2+}(\text{aq})$  cancels



step 2

combine  $\Delta G_R^{\circ}$  in the same way as you combined the equations:

$$\Delta G_3^{\circ} = \Delta G_1^{\circ} + \Delta G_2^{\circ}$$

$$-n_3 FE_3^{\circ} = -n_1 FE_1^{\circ} - n_2 FE_2^{\circ}$$

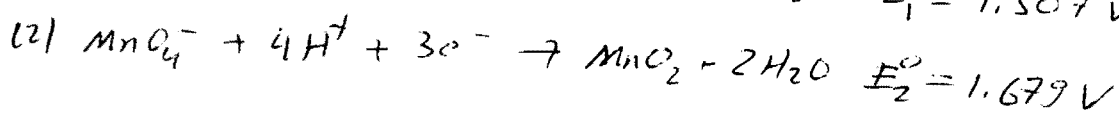
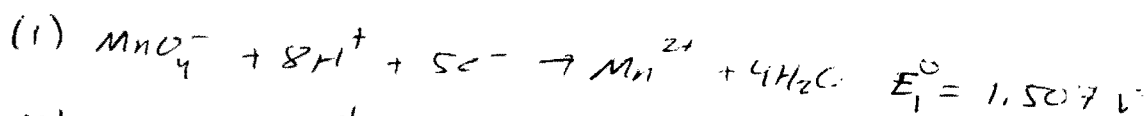
$$E_3^{\circ} = \frac{1}{n_3} (n_1 E_1^{\circ} + n_2 E_2^{\circ}) \quad \begin{matrix} n_1 = 1 \\ n_2 = 2 \end{matrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} (0.771 - 2 \cdot 0.447) \text{V}$$

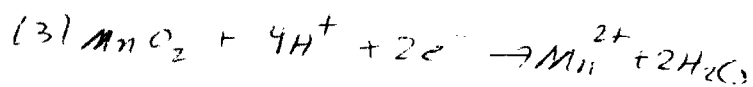
$$= \frac{1}{3} (-0.123) \text{V} = -0.041 \text{V}$$

given

$$= -41 \text{mV}$$



What is  $E_3^{\circ}$  for



step 1 to get  $\text{MnO}_2$  on the left side

we have to reverse (2)

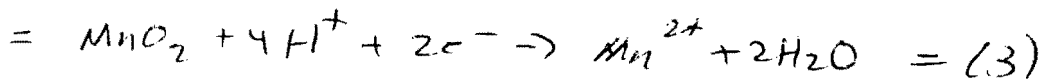
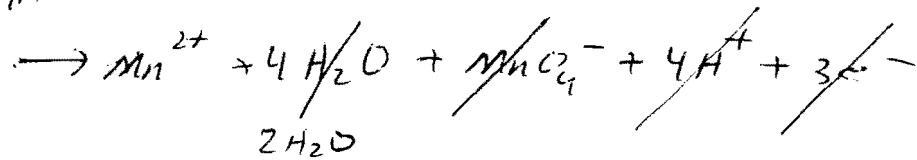
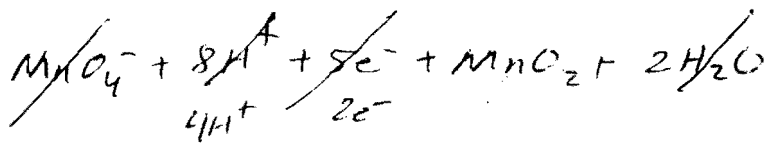
then  $\text{MnO}_2$  is cancelled

cond  $Mn^{2+}$  is on the right

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$\Rightarrow$  trial is (3)  $\stackrel{?}{=} (1) - (2)$  ? :

(1) - (2) :



$$\Rightarrow \Delta G_3^{\circ} = \Delta G_1^{\circ} - \Delta G_2^{\circ}$$

$$-n_3 FE_3^{\circ} = -n_1 FE_1^{\circ} - (-n_2 FE_2^{\circ})$$

$$-n_3 FE_3^{\circ} = -n_1 FE_1^{\circ} + n_2 FE_2^{\circ}$$

$$E_3^{\circ} = \frac{1}{n_3} (n_1 E_1^{\circ} - n_2 E_2^{\circ})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (5 \cdot 1.507 - 3 \cdot 1.677) V$$

$$= 1.249 V$$

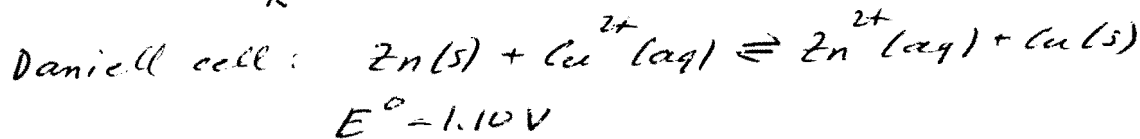
$\Delta G_R^\circ$  and  $\Delta S_R^\circ$  from emf

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$$\Delta G_R = -nF\Delta\phi$$

→ standard conditions, reversible

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



$$\Rightarrow \Delta G_R^\circ = -nFE^\circ = 2.96485 \frac{As}{mol} \cdot 1.10V = -212 \frac{kJ}{mol}$$

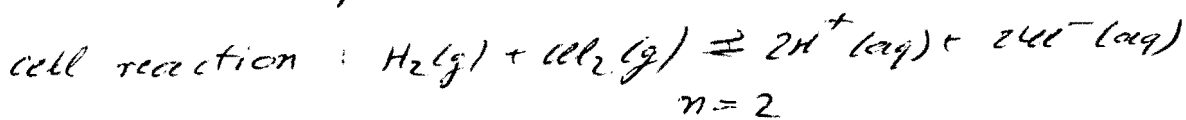
$$1NAJ = 1J$$

measure  $E^\circ$  as  $f(T)$ , then  $\left(\frac{\partial E^\circ}{\partial T}\right)_P$  is slope  
if  $E^\circ$  vs  $T$  is linear, if not, the slope at the  
tangent at the  $E^\circ(T)$  curve at desired  $T$   
cell:  $Cl_2(g) | Cl^-(aq)$  half-cell + standard  
hydrogen electrode (SHE)

SHE:  $H_2$  at 1 bar fugacity bubbler over  
Pt electrode in  $a_{H^+} = 1$  acid solution

$$E_{Cl_2/Cl^-}^\circ = 1.36V$$

$$\text{further } \left(\frac{\partial E^\circ}{\partial T}\right)_P = -1.20 \cdot 10^3 \frac{V}{K}$$



$\Delta S_R^\circ = ?$  compare with Table 10.1 in App B

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta S_R^\circ &= - \left(\frac{\partial \Delta G_R^\circ}{\partial T}\right)_P = nF \left(\frac{\partial E^\circ}{\partial T}\right)_P \\ &= 2.96485 \frac{As}{mol} \cdot (-1.2 \cdot 10^3 \frac{V}{K}) \\ &= -2.3 \cdot 10^2 \frac{J}{K \cdot mol} = -0.23 \frac{kJ}{K \cdot mol} \end{aligned}$$

(F)



$$\Delta S_R^\circ = \sum_i \nu_i S_{m,i}^\circ - \sum_j \nu_j S_{m,j}^\circ \quad \text{here: all } \nu_i > 0$$

products                  reactants

$$\Delta S_R^\circ = 2 S_m^\circ(\text{H}^+, \text{aq}) + 2 S_m^\circ(\text{Cl}^-, \text{aq}) - S_m^\circ(\text{H}_2, \text{g}) - S_m^\circ(\text{Cl}_2, \text{g})$$

↳ = 0 by convention

$$= (2 \cdot 0 + 2 \cdot 56.5 - 130.7 - 223.1) \frac{\text{J}}{\text{K mol}}$$

$$= -2.408 \cdot 10^2 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{K mol}} = -0.2408 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{K mol}}$$

error because  $E^\circ(T)$  measurement not too precise

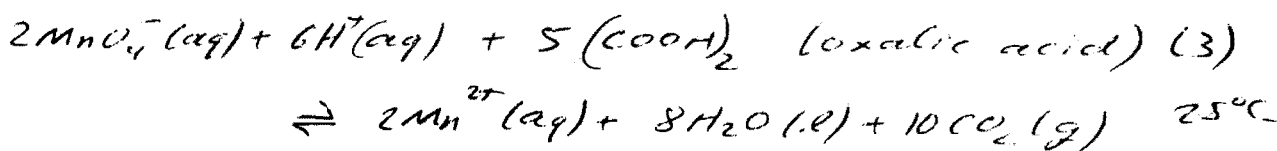
if  $\Delta G = 0$  and thus  $E = 0$  the cell reaction is in equilibrium  $\Rightarrow Q = K$  in equilibrium

$$\Rightarrow E^\circ = \frac{RT}{nF} \ln K \quad \text{in equilibrium}$$

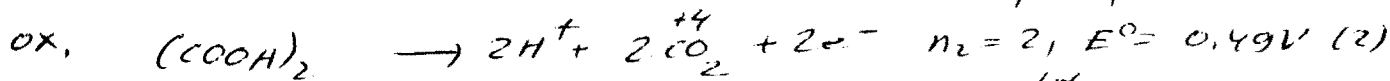
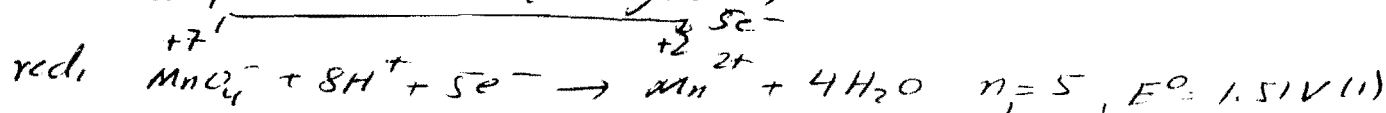
$$\Rightarrow E^\circ \text{ measured at all } a_i = 1 \rightarrow K$$

usually other way used, since to prepare all  $a_i = 1$  not so easy

to use table values of  $E^\circ$ ,  $n$  must be determined:



half-reactions (to get  $n$ ):



charge 0 on both sides  $\Rightarrow 2e^-$  right

to cancel electrons:  $(1) \cdot 2 + (2) \cdot 5 = (3)$

$$\Rightarrow n = 2 \cdot 5 = 10$$

$E^\circ$  unchanged by  $n=10$  multiplication  
but  $\Delta G^\circ$

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$$\Delta G^\circ = -nFE^\circ = -10 \cdot 96485 \frac{\text{As}}{\text{mol}} \cdot (1.51\text{V} + 0.49\text{V})$$

$E^\circ$  unchanged by 2. (1) and 5. (2)

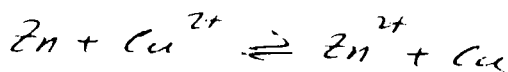
$$= -1.93 \cdot 10^2 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{mol}}$$

$$\Delta G^\circ = -RT \ln K$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln K = -\frac{\Delta G^\circ}{RT} = \frac{1.93 \cdot 10^2 \text{ kJ/mol}}{8.314 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{Kmol}} \cdot 298.15 \text{ K}} = 778$$

$\Rightarrow$  Equilibrium = 100% conversion reactants  $\rightarrow$  products

~~Daniell~~ Daniell cell  $E^\circ = 1.10 \text{ V}$   $K$  at  $25^\circ\text{C}$



$$\Rightarrow \ln K = -\frac{\Delta G_R^\circ}{RT} = \frac{2 \cdot 96485 \frac{\text{As}}{\text{mol}} \cdot 1.10 \text{ V}}{8.314 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{Kmol}} \cdot 298.15 \text{ K}}$$

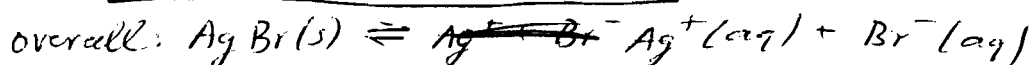
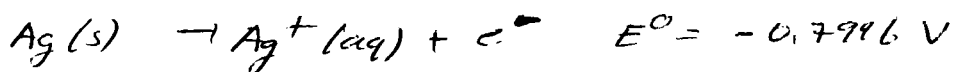
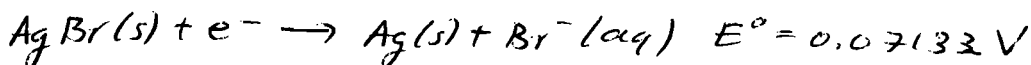
$$= 85.63$$

$$\rightarrow K = \exp(85.63) = 1.55 \cdot 10^{37}$$

$\rightarrow$  ~~se~~ spectroscopic methods not accurate enough  
to measure  $a_{\text{Zn}^{2+}}$  and  $a_{\text{Cu}^{2+}}$

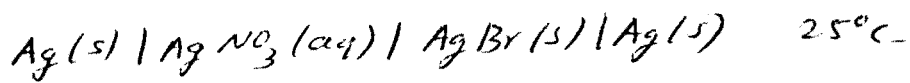
measurement must be accurate over 30 orders

However, in electrochem. cells only voltmeter  
accurate for 1.10 V is needed



$$E^\circ_{\text{cell}} = (0.07133 - 0.7996) \text{ V} = -0.7283 \text{ V}$$

(3)



$$\Delta G^\circ = -RT \ln K_{sp} \text{ equil. } Q = K_{sp}, E = 0$$

$$E = 0 = E^\circ - \frac{RT}{nF} \ln K_{sp} \quad (14) - 29$$

$$n=1 \quad \ln K_{sp} = \frac{nFE^\circ}{RT}$$

$$= \frac{1 \cdot 96485 \frac{\text{As}}{\text{mol}} \cdot (-0.7283 \text{ V})}{8.314 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{Kmol}} \cdot 298.15 \text{ K}}$$

$$= -28.35$$

$$\rightarrow K_{sp} = \exp(-28.35) = 4.88 \cdot 10^{-13}$$

concentration cell:

2 half-cells, identical, but different  $a$  values  
 $\text{Ag}(s) | \text{AgNO}_3(aq, a=1) || \text{AgNO}_3(aq, a_{\pm}=1) + \text{NaCl}(aq) | \text{Ag}(s)$   
 just enough  $\text{NaCl}(aq)$  added in the right half-cell that all  $\text{Ag}^+(aq)$  is precipitated as  $\text{AgCl}(s)$

overall cell reaction?

$$E = 0.29 \text{ V}, K_{sp} = ? \text{ for } \text{AgCl}$$

cell reaction:  $\text{AgCl}(s) \rightleftharpoons \text{Ag}^+(aq, a_{\pm}) + \text{Cl}^-(aq, a_{\pm})$

$$\Rightarrow K_{sp} = a_{\text{Ag}^+} a_{\text{Cl}^-} = a_{\pm}^2, n=1$$

$E^\circ = 0$  since in both half-cells it is  $E_{\text{Ag}^+|\text{Ag}}$

When  $E = 0.29 \text{ V}$ :

$$E = - \frac{59.16 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ V}}{n} \log_{10} \frac{a_{\pm}}{1}$$

← right

← left

$$K_{sp} = a_{\pm}^2 \Rightarrow a_{\pm} = \sqrt{K_{sp}}$$

$$E = - \frac{59.16 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ V}}{1} \log_{10} \sqrt{K_{sp}}$$

(4)

$$\log_{10} \sqrt{K_{sp}} = \frac{1}{2} \log_{10} K_{sp} \quad (14) - 30$$

$$E = - \frac{59.16 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ V}}{2} \log_{10} K_{sp}$$

$$\log_{10} K_{sp} = - \frac{2E}{0.05916 \text{ V}} = - \frac{2 \cdot 0.29 \text{ V}}{0.05916 \text{ V}}$$

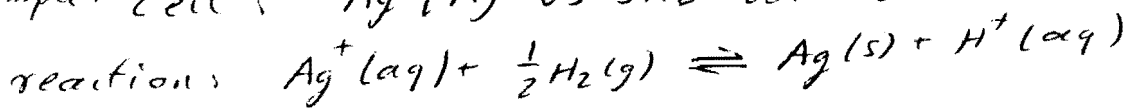
$$= -9.804$$

$$\rightarrow K_{sp} = 1.57 \cdot 10^{-10}$$

problem: for  $E^\circ$  measurement:  $\gamma_{\pm} = f(c_{\text{solution}})$

measure at  $c$  so low, that  $\gamma_{\pm} \rightarrow 1$ , not at 1M

example: cell:  $\text{Ag}^+ / \text{Ag}$  vs SHE at 25°C



$$\Rightarrow Q = \frac{1}{a_{\text{Ag}^+}}$$

$f_{\text{H}_2} = 1$ ,  $a_{\text{H}^+} = 1$  (SHE), so not in  $Q$ !

$\text{Ag}^+$  from dissociation of  $\text{AgNO}_3$

$$a_{\pm}^{\nu} = a_+^{\nu_+} a_-^{\nu_-}$$

with  $\text{AgNO}_3$ ,  $a_{\pm}^2 = a_{\text{Ag}^+} a_{\text{NO}_3^-}$

$$\text{thus } a_{\pm} = a_{\text{Ag}^+} = a_{\text{NO}_3^-}$$

Further  $\gamma_{\pm} = \gamma_{\text{Ag}^+} = \gamma_{\text{NO}_3^-}$

$$\text{and } m_{\text{Ag}^+} = m_{\text{NO}_3^-} = m_{\pm} = m$$

$$\Rightarrow E = E_{\text{Ag}^+/\text{Ag}}^\circ + \frac{RT}{F} \ln a_{\text{Ag}^+} = E_{\text{Ag}^+/\text{Ag}}^\circ + \frac{RT}{F} \ln \frac{m}{m^\circ} + \frac{RT}{F} \ln \gamma_{\pm}$$

$$\uparrow a_{\text{H}^+} = 1$$

$$\text{not } -1, \text{ since } \ln \frac{1}{a_{\text{Ag}^+}} = -\ln a_{\text{Ag}^+}$$

$$\text{and } a_{\text{H}^+} = 1$$

if  $c$  is small enough that DHLL is ok

$$\rightarrow \log_{10} \gamma_{\pm} = -0.5092 \sqrt{\frac{m_{\pm}}{m^\circ}} \text{ at } 25^\circ\text{C}$$

(5)

$$\Rightarrow E - \frac{RT}{F} \ln \frac{m}{m^0} = E - \frac{0.05916 \text{ V}}{0.59} \log_{10} \left( \frac{m}{m^0} \right)$$

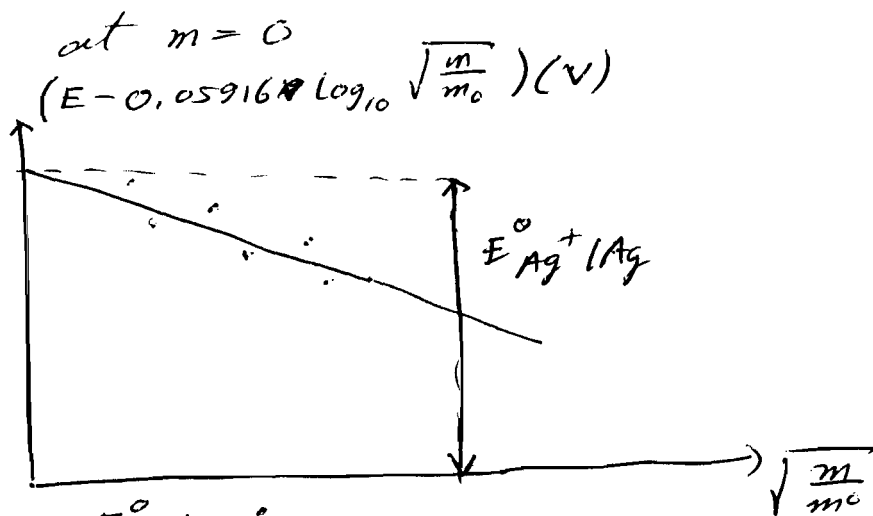
$$= E_{\text{Ag}^+/\text{Ag}}^0 - 0.0516 \cdot 0.5092 \sqrt{\frac{m}{m^0}} \quad (14) - 31$$

$$E - 0.05916 \text{ V} \log_{10} \left( \frac{m}{m^0} \right) = E_{\text{Ag}^+/\text{Ag}}^0 - 0.03011 \text{ V} \sqrt{\frac{m}{m^0}}$$

from measurements

plot  $\left( E - 0.05916 \text{ V} \log_{10} \left( \frac{m}{m^0} \right) \right)$  vs  $\sqrt{\frac{m}{m^0}}$

→ straight line with  $E_{\text{Ag}^+/\text{Ag}}^0$  as intercept



with  $E_{\text{Ag}^+/\text{Ag}}^0$ :

$$\frac{RT}{F} \ln \gamma_{\pm} = E - E_{\text{Ag}^+/\text{Ag}}^0 - \frac{RT}{F} \ln \frac{m}{m^0}$$

to get  $\gamma_{\pm} = f\left(\frac{m}{m^0}\right)$

DHLL was used to get  $E_{\text{Ag}^+/\text{Ag}}^0$ , but

was not used to get  $\gamma_{\pm}$

⇒ DHLL not needed to get  $\gamma_{\pm}$

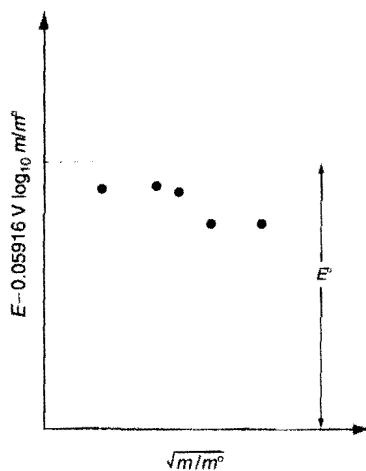


FIGURE 11.7 The value of  $E^\circ$  and the activity coefficient can be measured by plotting the left-hand side of Equation (11.42) against the square root of the molality.

## Determination of $E^\circ$ and Activity Coefficients Using an Electrochemical Cell

The main problem in determining standard potentials lies in knowing the value of the activity coefficient  $\gamma_{\pm}$  for a given solute concentration. The best strategy is to carry out measurements of the cell potential at low concentrations, where  $\gamma_{\pm} \rightarrow 1$ , rather than near unit activity, where  $\gamma_{\pm}$  differs appreciably from 1. Consider an electrochemical cell consisting of the  $\text{Ag}^+/\text{Ag}$  and standard hydrogen electrode half-cells at 298 K. The cell reaction is  $\text{Ag}^+(aq) + 1/2 \text{H}_2(g) \rightleftharpoons \text{Ag}(s) + \text{H}^+(aq)$  and  $Q = (a_{\text{Ag}^+})^{-1}$ . Because the activities of  $\text{H}_2(g)$  and  $\text{H}^+(aq)$  are 1, they do not appear in  $Q$ . Assume that the  $\text{Ag}^+$  arises from the dissociation of  $\text{AgNO}_3$ . Recall that the activity of an individual ion cannot be measured directly. It must be calculated from the measured activity  $a_{\pm}$  and the definition  $a_{\pm}^{\nu_{\pm}} = a_{+}^{\nu_{+}} a_{-}^{\nu_{-}}$ . In this case,  $a_{\pm}^2 = a_{\text{Ag}^+} a_{\text{NO}_3^-}$  and  $a_{\pm} = a_{\text{Ag}^+} = a_{\text{NO}_3^-}$ . Similarly  $\gamma_{\pm} = \gamma_{\text{Ag}^+} = \gamma_{\text{NO}_3^-}$  and  $m_{\text{Ag}^+} = m_{\text{NO}_3^-} = m_{\pm} = m$ , and  $E$  is given by

$$E = E_{\text{Ag}^+/\text{Ag}}^\circ + \frac{RT}{F} \ln a_{\text{Ag}^+} = E_{\text{Ag}^+/\text{Ag}}^\circ + \frac{RT}{F} \ln(m/m^\circ) + \frac{RT}{F} \ln \gamma_{\pm} \quad (11.41)$$

At low enough concentrations, the Debye–Hückel limiting law is valid and  $\log \gamma_{\pm} = -0.5092 \sqrt{m_{\pm}/m^\circ}$  at 298 K as discussed in Section 10.4. Using this relation, Equation (11.41) can be rewritten in the form

$$\begin{aligned} E - 0.05916 \log_{10}(m/m^\circ) &= E_{\text{Ag}^+/\text{Ag}}^\circ - 0.05916 \times 0.5090 \sqrt{(m/m^\circ)} \\ &= E_{\text{Ag}^+/\text{Ag}}^\circ - 0.03011 \sqrt{(m/m^\circ)} \end{aligned} \quad (11.42)$$

The left-hand side of this equation can be calculated from measurements and plotted as a function of  $\sqrt{(m/m^\circ)}$ . The results will resemble the graph shown in Figure 11.7. An extrapolation of the line that best fits the data to  $m = 0$  gives  $E^\circ$  as the intercept with the vertical axis. Once  $E^\circ$  has been determined, Equation (11.41) can be used to calculate  $\gamma_{\pm}$ .

Electrochemical cells provide a powerful method of determining activity coefficients because cell potentials can be measured more accurately and more easily than colligative properties such as freezing point depression or boiling point elevation. Note that although the Debye–Hückel limiting law was used to determine  $E^\circ$ , it is not necessary to use the limiting law to calculate activity coefficients once  $E^\circ$  is known.

## Cell Nomenclature and Types of Electrochemical Cells

It is useful to use an abbreviated notation to describe an electrochemical cell. This notation includes all species involved in the cell reaction and phase boundaries within the cell, which are represented by a vertical line. As will be seen later in this section, the metal electrodes appear at the ends of this notation, the half-cell in which oxidation occurs is written on the left, and the electrode is called the anode. The half-cell in which reduction occurs is written on the right, and the electrode is called the cathode.

We briefly discuss an additional small contribution to the cell potential that arises from the differing diffusion rates of large and small ions in an electrical field. As an electrochemical reaction proceeds, ions that diffuse rapidly across a liquid–liquid junction, such as  $\text{H}^+$ , will travel farther than ions that diffuse slowly, such as  $\text{Cl}^-$ , in a given time. At steady state, a dipole layer is built up across this junction, and the rates of ion transfer through this dipole layer become equal. This kinetic effect will give rise to a small **junction potential** between two liquids of different composition or concentration. Such a junction potential is largely eliminated by a salt bridge. An interface for which the junction potential has been eliminated is indicated by a pair of vertical lines. The separation of different phases that are in contact and allow electron transfer is shown by a solid vertical line. A single dashed line is used to indicate a liquid–liquid interface across which charge transfer can occur.

cell symbol:

metal electrodes on left and right end 14 - 32  
of the symbol

I correspond to phase boundaries

II corresponds to a salt bridge

left: half-cell where oxidation happens  
= anode

right: half-cell where reduction happens  
= cathode

example:  $Zn(s) | ZnSO_4(aq, c) || CuSO_4(aq, c) | Cu(s)$

$Zn | Zn^{2+} + SHE:$

$Zn(s) | ZnSO_4(aq, c) || H^+(aq) | H_2(g) | Pt(s)$

cell example:

$Ag(s) | AgCl(s) | Cl^-(aq, a_{\pm} = 0.0010) || Fe^{2+}(aq, a_{\pm} = 0.50)$

$Fe^{3+}(aq, a_{\pm} = 0.10) | Pt(s)$

half-cell reactions, overall cell reaction?

anode (ox.):  $Ag(s) + Cl^-(aq) \rightarrow AgCl(s) + e^-$

cathode (red.):  $Fe^{3+}(aq) + e^- \rightarrow Fe^{2+}(aq)$

overall (add equations simply, since  $n=1$  in both):

~~Agst~~  $Ag(s) + Cl^-(aq) + Fe^{3+}(aq) \rightarrow AgCl(s) + Fe^{2+}(aq)$

SHE:  $H_2 | H^+$

other one similar:  $Cl_2 | Cl^-: Cl_2(g) + 2e^- \rightarrow 2Cl^-(aq)$   
 $E^\circ = 1.36 V$

metal in metal solution:

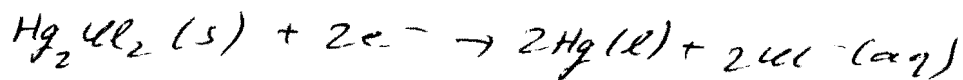
e.g.:  $Zn^{2+}(aq) + 2e^- \rightarrow Zn(s) \quad E^\circ = -0.76 V$

$Ag | AgCl$  half-cell?

$AgCl(s) + e^- \rightarrow Ag(s) + Cl^-(aq), E^\circ = \frac{0.22}{0.227} V$

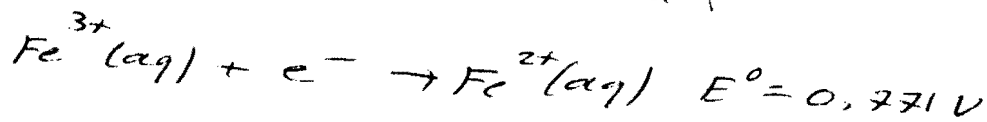
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calomel (mercurous chloride) electrode: (14) ← 33



calomel  $E^\circ = 0.27 \text{ V}$

Common ox and red both in cell solution with Pt electrode



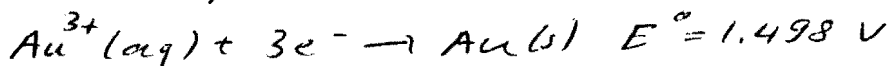
cell from two half-cells:

$$E_{\text{cell}}^\circ = E_1^\circ - E_2^\circ = E_{\text{right}}^\circ - E_{\text{left}}^\circ$$

$E_{\text{cell}}^\circ > 0$  and thus  $\Delta G < 0$  if reduction potential for 1 is more positive than that for 2

electrochemical series oxidation of neutral metals to their most common oxidation state

for example

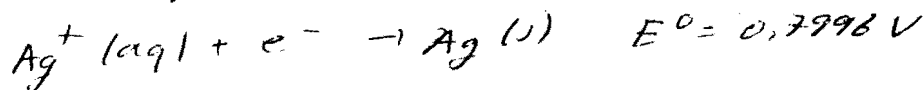
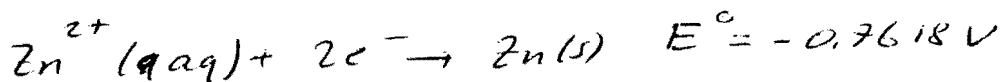


$\text{Au}^{3+}$  most common for Au, not  $\text{Au}^+$

the chemical higher in the series will be reduced, the one lower will be oxidized in the spontaneous cell reaction

reduction of  $\text{MnO}_4^-$  to  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$  in acidic solution:

$$E^\circ = 1.51 \text{ V}$$





**TABLE 11.3**  
The Electrochemical Series**Most Strongly Reducing**  
(The metal is least easily oxidized.)

Gold
(most positive reduction potential)
Platinum
Palladium
Silver
Rhodium
Copper
Mercury
(Hydrogen; zero reduction potential
by convention)
Lead
Tin
Nickel
Iron
Zinc
Chromium
Vanadium
Manganese
Magnesium
Sodium
Calcium
Potassium
Rubidium
Cesium
Lithium
(most negative reduction potential)

**Least Strongly Reducing**  
(The metal is most easily oxidized.)

## 11.10 The Electrochemical Series

Tables 11.1 and 11.2 (see Appendix B, Data Tables) list the reduction potentials of commonly encountered half-cells. The emf of a cell constructed from two of these half-cells with standard reduction potentials  $E_1^\circ$  and  $E_2^\circ$  is given by

$$E_{cell}^\circ = E_1^\circ - E_2^\circ \quad (11.50)$$

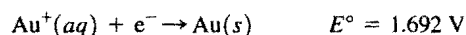
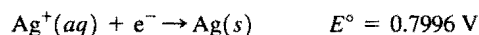
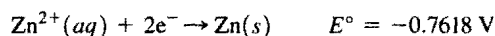
The potential  $E_{cell}^\circ$  will be positive and, therefore,  $\Delta G < 0$ , if the reduction potential for reaction 1 is more positive than that of reaction 2. Therefore, the relative strength of a species as an oxidizing agent follows the order of the numerical value of its reduction potential in Table 11.2. The **electrochemical series** shown in Table 11.3 is obtained if the oxidation of neutral metals to their most common oxidation state is considered. For example, the entry for gold in Table 11.3 refers to the reduction reaction



In a redox couple formed from two entries in the list shown in Table 11.3, the species lying higher in the list will be reduced, and the species lying lower in the list will be oxidized in the spontaneous reaction. For example, the table predicts that the spontaneous reaction in the copper–zinc couple is  $\text{Zn}(\text{s}) + \text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{aq}) \rightarrow \text{Zn}^{2+}(\text{aq}) + \text{Cu}(\text{s})$  and not the reverse reaction.

### EXAMPLE PROBLEM 11.8

For the reduction of the permanganate ion  $\text{MnO}_4^-$  to  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$  in an acidic solution,  $E^\circ = +1.51 \text{ V}$ . The reduction reactions and standard potentials for  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Ag}^+$ , and  $\text{Au}^+$  are given here:



Which of these metals will be oxidized by the  $\text{MnO}_4^-$  ion?

**Solution**

The cell potentials assuming the reduction of the permanganate ion and oxidation of the metal are

$$\text{Zn: } 1.51 \text{ V} + 0.761 \text{ V} = 2.27 \text{ V} > 0$$

$$\text{Ag: } 1.51 \text{ V} - 0.7996 \text{ V} = 0.710 \text{ V} > 0$$

$$\text{Au: } 1.51 \text{ V} - 1.692 \text{ V} = -0.18 \text{ V} < 0$$

If  $E^\circ > 0$ ,  $\Delta G < 0$ . On the basis of the sign of the cell potential, we conclude that only Zn and Ag will be oxidized by the  $\text{MnO}_4^-$  ion.

## 11.11 Thermodynamics of Batteries and Fuel Cells

Batteries and fuel cells are electrochemical cells that are designed to maximize the ratio of output power to the cell weight or volume. **Batteries** contain the reactants needed to support the overall electrochemical reaction, whereas **fuel cells** are designed to accept a continuous flow of reactants from the surroundings. Batteries that cannot be recharged are called primary batteries, whereas rechargeable batteries are called secondary batteries.

Which one is oxidized by  $\text{MnO}_4^-$  in the acidic?

$$\text{Zn oxidation: } 1.51 \text{ V} + 0.762 \text{ V} = 2.27 \text{ V} > 0$$

Zn will be oxidized,  $\text{MnO}_4^-$  reduced (14) - 34

$$\text{Ag oxidation: } 1.51 \text{ V} - 0.7996 \text{ V} = 0.710 \text{ V} > 0$$

Ag will be oxidized,  $\text{MnO}_4^-$  reduced

Au oxidation to  $\text{Au}^+$ :

$$1.51 \text{ V} - 1.692 \text{ V} = -0.18 \text{ V} < 0$$

→ ~~Ag~~ Au will be <sup>not</sup> oxidized to  $\text{Au}^+$ ,  
 $\text{MnO}_4^-$  ~~reduced~~ <sup>oxidized</sup>

Au oxidation to  $\text{Au}^{3+}$ :

$$1.51 \text{ V} - 1.498 \text{ V} > 0$$

⇒ Au will be oxidized to  $\text{Au}^{3+}$   
but not to  $\text{Au}^+$   $\text{MnO}_4^-$  reduced

batteries contain the chemicals needed for the cell-reaction in them, in fuel cells the needed chemicals are continuously flown in from the surroundings

not ~~rechargeable~~ rechargeable batteries

primary batteries

rechargeable batteries:

secondary batteries

maximum electrical work:

$$W_{\text{el}} = -\Delta G = -\Delta H \left(1 - \frac{T\Delta S}{\Delta H}\right)$$

maximum work of a heat engine between colder  $T_c$  and hotter  $T_h$

$$W_{\text{thermal}} = q_h \epsilon = -\Delta H \frac{T_h - T_c}{T_h}$$

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$\epsilon$ : efficiency of a heat engine

lead acid battery in cars (below):

$$\Delta G_R^\circ = -376.97 \text{ kJ/mol}$$

$$\Delta H_R^\circ = -227.58 \text{ kJ/mol}$$

$$\Delta S_R^\circ = 501.11 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{K mol}}$$

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with  $T_h = 600 \text{ K}$  and  $T_c = 300 \text{ K}$  at  $300 \text{ K}$  this  
given ↑  
for the battery

$$\frac{W_{el}}{W_{thermal}} = 3.31$$

$\Rightarrow$  electrochemical cells can produce far more work than a heat engine

Further: car battery can be recharged  
thermal engine not

Lead-acid battery invented 1859 and is still  
in use in cars

For car starting  $\approx 100 \text{ A}$  needed

to be useful for a car

500-1500 recharging cycles must be possible

in recharging: product which is a solid  
must be converted to reactant, also a  
solid

both have different structures and densities

$\rightarrow$  recharging puts strain on the battery  
and destroys it partially  
this limits life-time

electrodes: Pb powder and

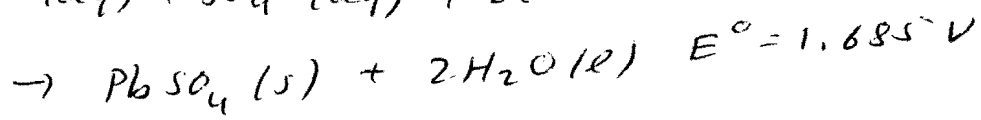
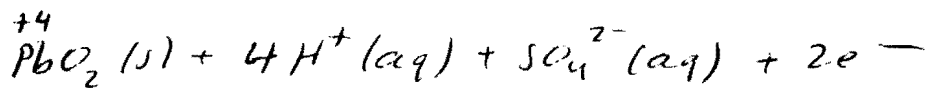
$PbO + PbSO_4$  on a Pb frame

both in contact with conc.  $H_2SO_4$

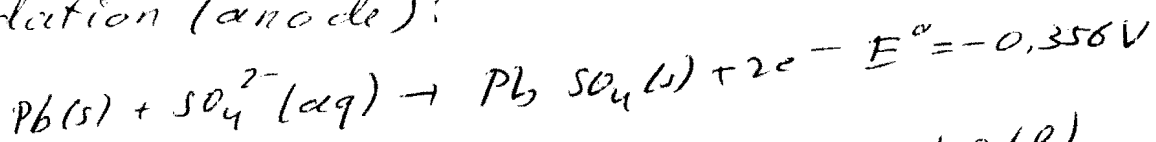
recharging possibly with external voltage that converts products to reactants  
discharge mode.

reduction (cathode):

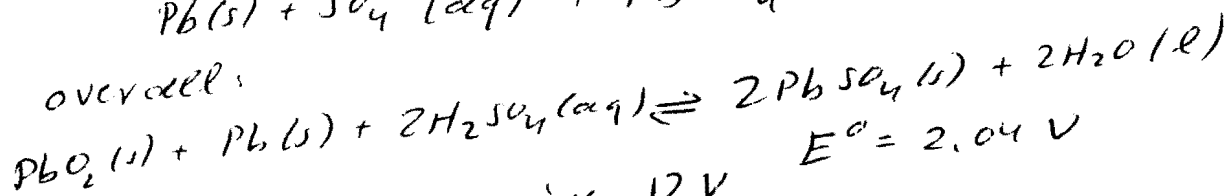
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oxidation (anode):



overall:



$\Rightarrow$  six cells in series give 12V

more than 90% of charge used in charging is obtained back in discharge.

$\Rightarrow$  side reaction like  $H_2O$  electrolysis play no big role in charging

But only 50% of the lead is converted between  $PbO_2$  and  $PbSO_4$

Pb heavy  $\Rightarrow$  decrease of power/mass  
also side reaction which yield self-discharge without current

capacity decreased by  $\approx 0.5\%$  per day

by self-discharge

Fig. 11.8 on p. 274 in the book:

different battery types in a plot  
of Wh/L vs Wh/kg

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### alkaline cells

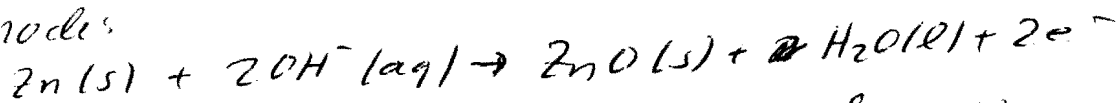
Fig. 11.9 on p. 274 in book

anode: powdered Zn

cathode: MnO<sub>2</sub> paste mixed with  
carbon powder

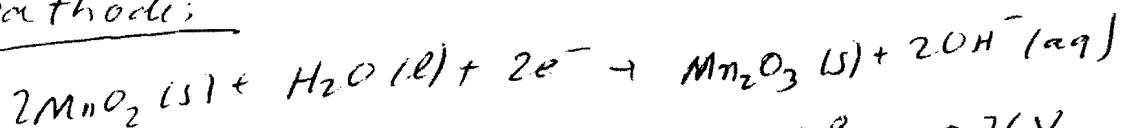
electrolyte: KOH

anodes



$$E^\circ = 1.1 \text{ V}$$

cathodes:



$$E^\circ = -0.76 \text{ V}$$

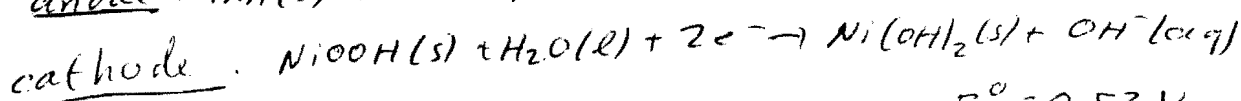
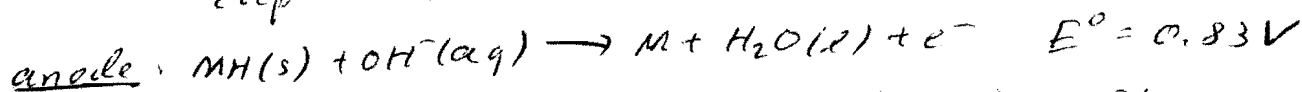
### Nickel-metal-hydride

used in hybrid cars in connection with a  
gasoline engine

28 modules of 6 cells each with 1.2V

and a total of 201.6V

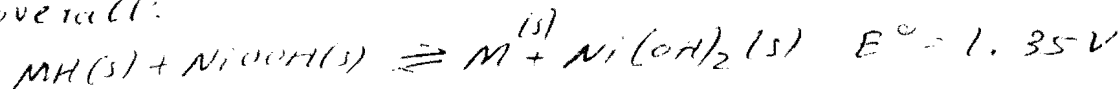
capacity: 1100 Wh



$$E^\circ = 0.52 \text{ V}$$

electrolyte: KOH(aq)

overall:

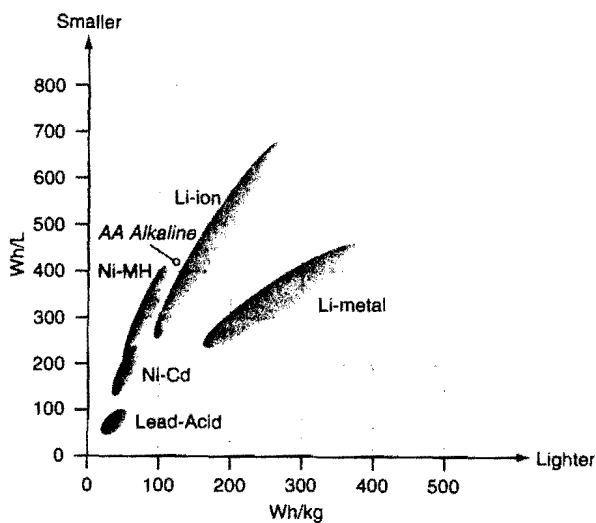


M: alloy containing: V, Ti, Zr, Ni, Cr, Co, Fe

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**FIGURE 11.8**

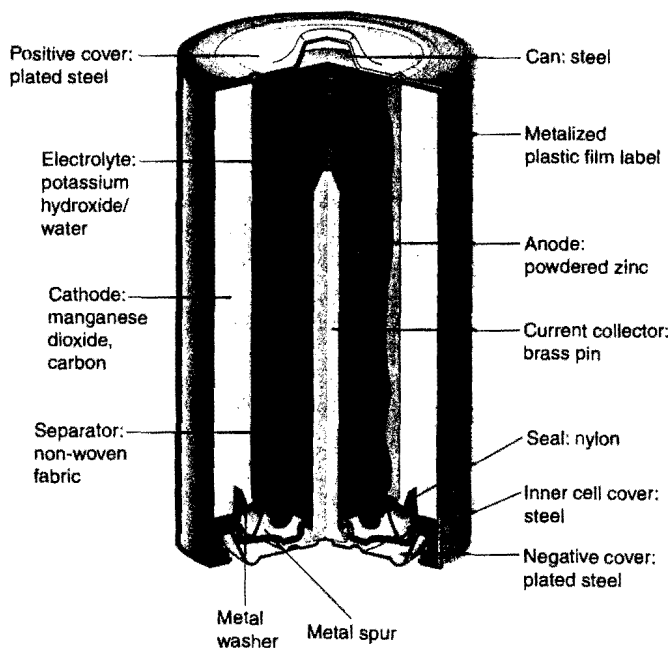
A number of different batteries are classified with their specific energy density per unit volume and per unit mass.



This means that side reactions such as the electrolysis of water play a minimal role in charging the battery. However, only about 50% of the lead in the battery is converted between  $PbO_2$  and  $PbSO_4$ . Because Pb has a large atomic mass, this limited convertibility decreases the power per unit mass figure of merit for the battery. Parasitic side reactions also lead to a self-discharge of the cell without current flowing in the external circuit. For the lead-acid battery, the capacity is diminished by approximately 0.5% per day through self-discharge.

As batteries have become more common in portable devices such as cell phones and laptop computers, energy density is a major criterion in choosing the most suitable battery chemistry for a specific application. Figure 11.8 shows a comparison of different battery types. The lead-acid battery has the lowest specific energy either in terms of volume or mass. Next we discuss the chemistry of three commonly used rechargeable batteries: the alkaline, nickel metal hydride, and lithium ion batteries.

The individual elements of the alkaline cell are shown in Figure 11.9. The anode in this cell is powdered zinc, and the cathode is in the form of a  $MnO_2$  paste mixed with



**FIGURE 11.9**

Schematic diagram of an alkaline cell.

## Lithium ion batteries

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Fig. 11.10, p. 275 in book

good, when high energy density per Volume and Mass

electrodes contain  $\text{Li}^+$  ions

cell voltage from different binding

strength of  $\text{Li}^+$  in the materials of electrodes

electrolyte ~~sep~~ saturated polymer membrane

separates the electrodes and the  $\text{Li}^+$  ions

must move through it

electrolyte e.g. 1M  $\text{LiPF}_6$  in mixture of

ethylene carbonate and

diethyl carbonate

water would limit the voltage to 1.2V.

at higher potentials  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  ~~would~~ would

be reduced or oxidized

Fig. 11.11, page 276 in book shows cell potential

of Li ion batteries versus energy density

per mass for different electrode

materials

materials outside the band gap of the

electrolyte cannot be used, because they

would start oxidation or reduction of

the solvent

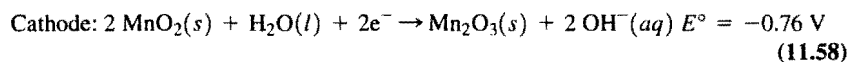
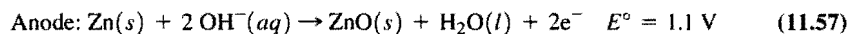
carbon is outside but a thin solid/electrolyte

interface layer stabilizes carbon against

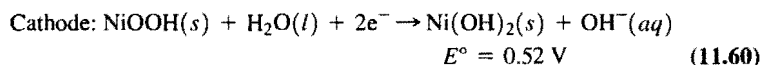
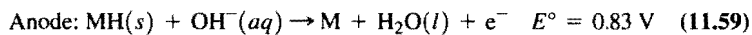
solvent reactions

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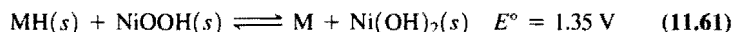
powdered carbon to impart conductivity. KOH is used as the electrolyte. The anode and cathode reactions are



Nickel metal hydride batteries are currently used in hybrid vehicles that rely on dc motors to drive the vehicle in city traffic and use a gasoline engine for higher speed driving. The Toyota Prius uses 28 modules of 6 cells, each with a nominal voltage of 1.2 V and a total voltage of 201.6 V to power the vehicle. The capacity of the battery pack is ~1100 Wh. The anode and cathode reactions are

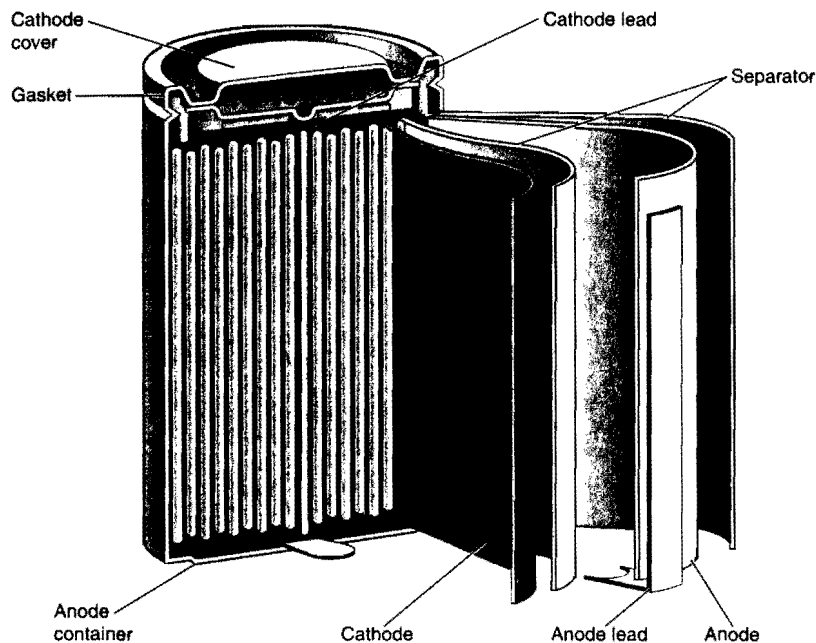


The electrolyte is KOH(aq), and the overall reaction is



where M designates an alloy that can contain V, Ti, Zr, Ni, Cr, Co, and Fe.

Lithium ion batteries find applications as diverse as cell phones, where a high energy density per unit volume is required, and electric vehicles, where a high energy density per unit mass is required. The electrodes in lithium ion batteries contain  $\text{Li}^+$  ions, and the cell voltage reflects the difference in the binding strength of  $\text{Li}^+$  in the two materials. The structure of a cylindrical lithium ion battery is shown schematically in Figure 11.10. The two electrodes are separated by an electrolyte-saturated polymer membrane through which the  $\text{Li}^+$  ions move in the internal circuit. The electrolyte is a lithium salt dissolved in an organic solvent, for example, 1M  $\text{LiPF}_6$  in a mixture of ethylene carbonate and diethyl carbonate. Aqueous electrolytes would limit the cell voltage to 1.2 V because at larger potentials, water is reduced or oxidized. Figure 11.11 shows a number of materials that can be used as electrodes. Materials that fall outside of the band gap of the electrolyte are unsuitable because their use initiates reduction or oxidation of the solvent. It would appear that carbon is unsuitable, but the formation of a thin solid/electrolyte interface layer stabilizes carbon with respect to solvent reactions, and it is the



**FIGURE 11.10**

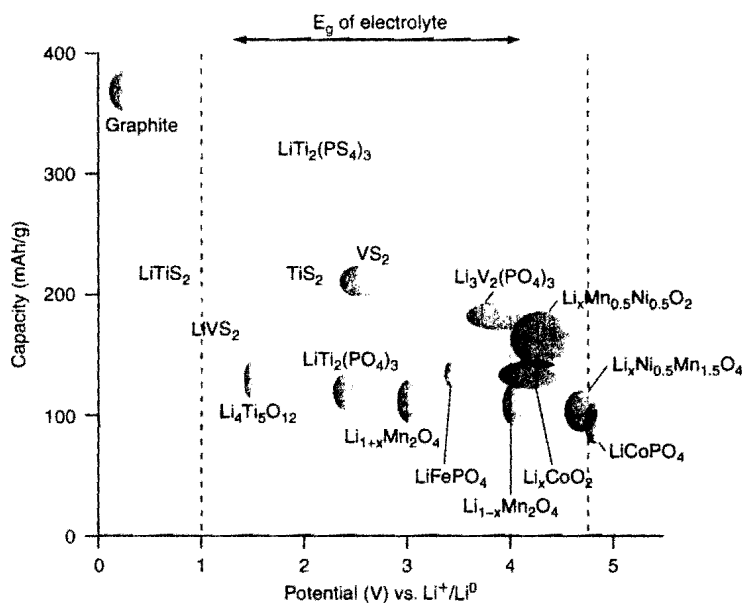
Schematic structure of a cylindrical lithium ion battery. The anode and cathode material are formed of thin sheets to optimize the transport kinetics of  $\text{Li}^+$  ions.



**FIGURE 11.11**

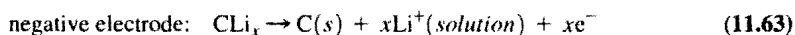
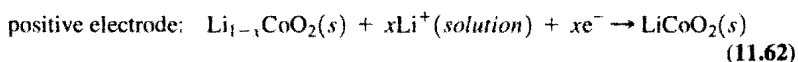
The cell potential of a lithium ion battery versus the energy density per unit mass for a number of electrode materials is shown. The dashed lines indicate the voltage range in which 1M LiPF<sub>6</sub> in a 1:1 mixture of ethylene carbonate and diethyl carbonate is stable with respect to reduction or oxidation.

Source: Goodenough J. B. and Kim Y. *Chemistry of Materials* 22 (2010), 587.

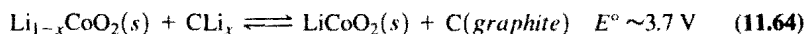


most widely used anode electrode. Using a carbon anode and LiCoO<sub>2</sub>(s) as the cathode allows a cell potential of 3.7 V to be achieved. As Figure 11.11 shows, higher potentials are possible, but batteries with long life cycles using materials other than LiCoO<sub>2</sub>(s) have not yet been developed.

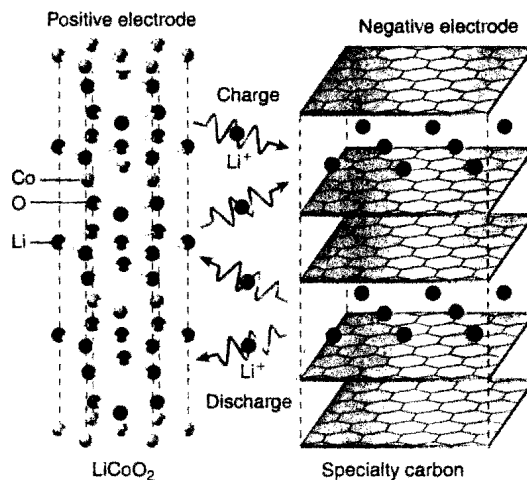
Rechargeable lithium batteries have the following half-cell reactions while discharging the battery:



The right arrows indicate the discharge directions. In these equations, *x* is a small positive number. The overall cell reaction is



and the fully charged battery has a cell potential of ~3.7 V. The structures of LiCoO<sub>2</sub>(s) and CLi<sub>*x*</sub> are shown schematically in Figure 11.12. CLi<sub>*x*</sub> designates Li atoms intercalated between sheets of graphite; it is not a stoichiometric compound. In a lithium-ion battery the lithium ions are transported to and from the cathode or anode, with the transition metal, cobalt (Co), in Li<sub>*x*</sub>CoO<sub>2</sub> being oxidized from Co<sup>3+</sup> to Co<sup>4+</sup> during charging, and reduced from Co<sup>4+</sup> to Co<sup>3+</sup> during discharge.



**FIGURE 11.12**

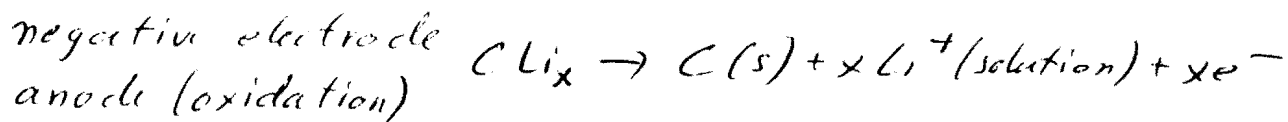
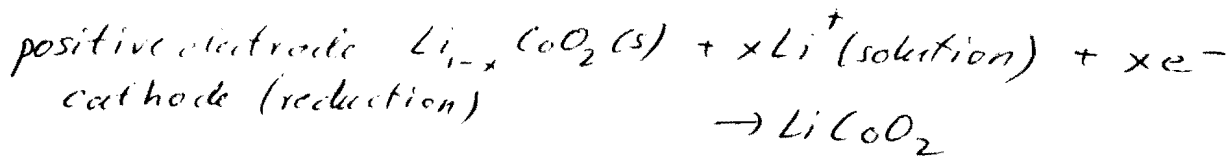
The cell voltage in a lithium battery is generated by moving the lithium between a lattice site in LiCoO<sub>2</sub> and an intercalation position between sheets of graphite.

carbon anodes +  $\text{LiCoO}_2$  cathodes

allows 3.7 V

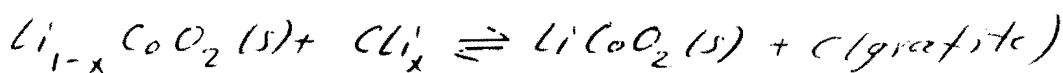
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in discharge:



x: small positive number

overall:



$$E^\circ \approx 3.7 \text{ V}$$

Fig 11.12, p. 276 in book:

structures of  ~~$\text{Li}_{1-x}\text{CoO}_2$~~   $\text{LiCoO}_2(\text{s})$  and  $\text{C}(\text{s})$

$\text{C}(\text{s})$ : non-stoichiometric compound

Li intercalated between graphite sheets  
when  $\text{Li}^+$  is transported,

Co in  $\text{Li}_x\text{CoO}_2$  is oxidized from  $\text{Co}^{3+}$  to  $\text{Co}^{4+}$   
when charged and

reduced from  $\text{Co}^{4+}$  to  $\text{Co}^{3+}$  in discharge

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