

Thinking Like a Chemist
About Electrochemistry IV

Applications

UNIT 8 DAY 5

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order than in class

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

HW 13 due Tues 9 AM

Course Instructor Evaluations are Online!

Let's GET 95%!

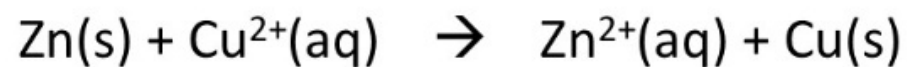
What are we going to learn today?

Applications of Electrochemistry:

Electrolytic Cells &
Membrane Potential

Quiz: Clicker Question

What is the voltage for the following reaction at equilibrium?

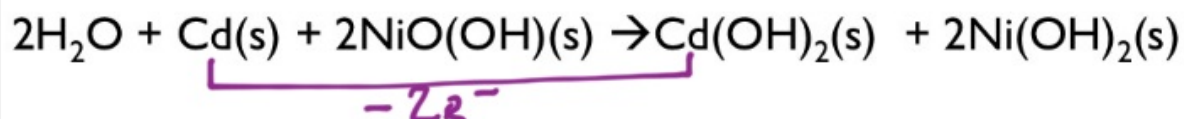


- A. 1.1 V
- B. Zero
- C. -1.1 V
- D. something between 0 and 1.1 V

Equilibrium $\Delta G = 0$
 $-nFE = 0$
 $E = 0$

Quiz: Clicker Question

The reaction taking place in a nicad cell is:



The emf of the cell when fully charged is 1.25V.

What is the reaction free energy?

$$F = 96,485 \text{ C/mol } e^-$$

A. 241 kJ/mol

B. -241 kJ/mol

C. 171 kJ/mol

D. -171 kJ/mol

$$\Delta G = -nFE$$

$$= -(2 \frac{\text{mol } e^-}{\text{mol rxn}}) (96,485 \frac{\text{C}}{\text{mol } e^-}) (1.25 \text{ V})$$

$$= -241,000 \text{ J mol}^{-1}$$

REVIEW FROM LAST CLASS

Relationship between E and ΔG

ΔG is energy
E is electrical **potential**

Electric work (energy) = charge X **potential**

work = -charge X **E**

$$\Delta G = \text{work}_{\text{max}} \quad \Delta G = - \text{charge} \times E_{\text{max}}$$

From now on we'll know the Potential we calculate
is the theoretical maximum
Real world never actually that good

$$\Delta G = - nFE$$

FREE E
&
POTENTIAL ARE
"the same"

Quiz: Clicker Question

What will happen to the voltage
if I lower the Zn^{2+} concentration?



- A. the voltage will increase
- B. the voltage will decrease
- C. the voltage will stay the same

Think LeChatelier

remove P
Shift to P $\therefore V \uparrow$

Let's Think About Electrolysis

Where do you get any Na metal?

Its super reactive.

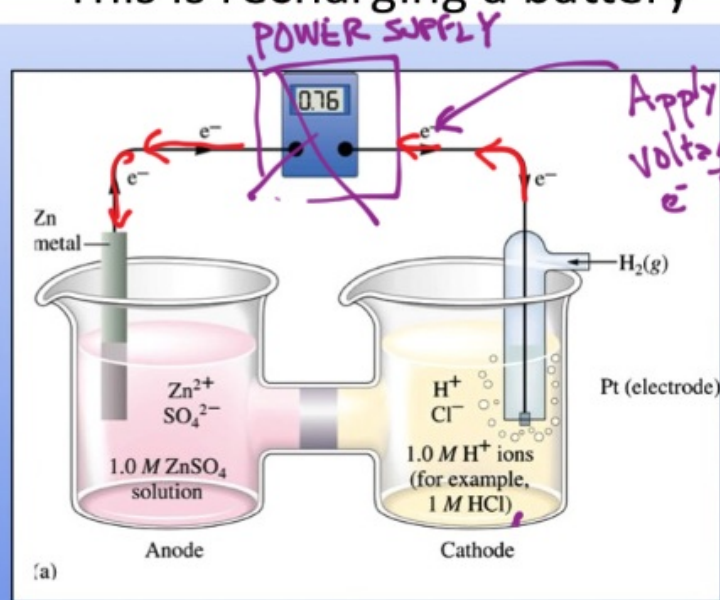
You have to "make it" via electrolysis

(K, Li, Al, ...)

Electrolytic Cells

Version 1

Just a voltaic cell backwards
This is recharging a battery



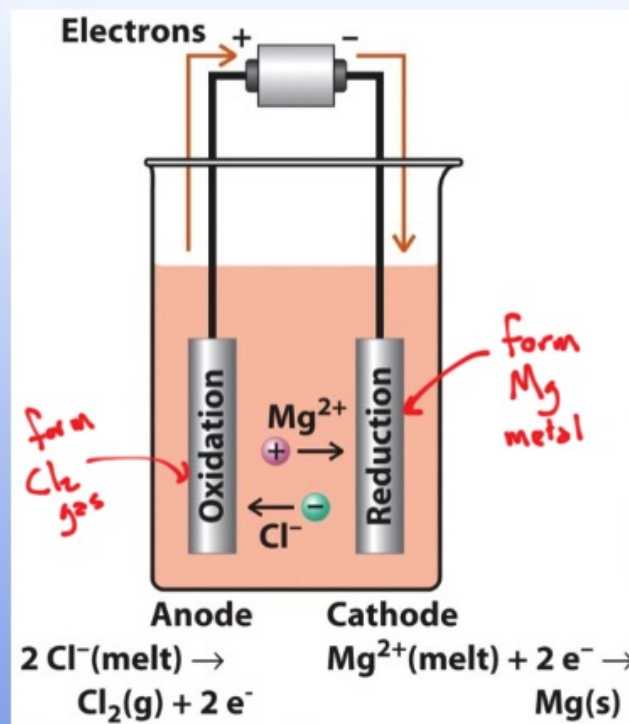
Electrolytic Cells

Version 2
 Make Reactive Species
 from
 Stable Compounds

*products highly reactive
 keep them separated*

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i9xS9t-KMpc>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cf8zjla8euQ>



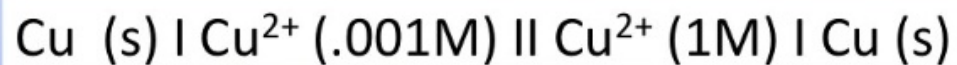
Let's Think About The Nernst Equation

$$E = E^{\circ} - \frac{0.0591}{n} \log (Q)$$

depend on
balanced equation

NERNST EQUATION USED TO DETERMINE CONCENTRATION

$$E = E^{\circ} - \frac{0.0591}{n} \log (Q)$$



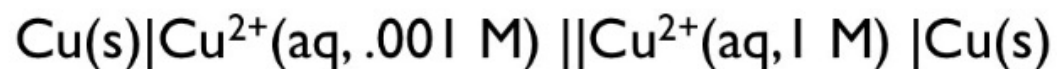
$$Q = \frac{[\text{Cu}^{2+}]_{\text{AN}}}{[\text{Cu}^{2+}]_{\text{CAT}}} = \frac{10^{-3}}{1} = 10^{-3}$$

$$E = \cancel{E^{\circ}} - \frac{0.0591}{2} \log(10^{-3}) = +90 \text{ mV}$$

Poll: Clicker Question

Nernst Equation – Dependence of Cell Potential on Concentration

Calculate the emf of the cell:



A. +0.176 V

B. -0.176 V

C. +0.088 V

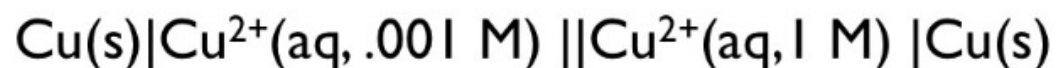
D. -0.088 V

E. zero

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Poll: Clicker Question

Think about why this cell produces a voltage:



EXPLAIN IN TERMS OF FREE ENERGY HOW THIS CELL PRODUCES A VOLTAGE

- a) More concentrated cell lower free energy
- b) Less concentrated cell lower free energy
- c) Chemical reaction is moving in a direction to maximize free energy

Work on PART 1 of Activity

Poll: Clicker Question

Activity Question # 2: What is the standard potential?

A. Not enough information to determine

B. Zero

C. 93 mV

D. 188 mV

E. 1 V



Poll: Clicker Question

Activity Question # 4: What is the membrane potential based on the K^+ ion concentration inside and outside the cell?

$$E = \cancel{E^{\circ}} - \frac{0.0591}{1} \log Q$$

- A. Not enough information to determine
- B. Zero
- C. 93 mV
- D. 188 mV
- E. 1 V

Two “kinds” of electrochemical cells:

Galvanic (Voltaic): Reaction is spontaneous.
We can use these to make a battery.

Electrolytic: Reaction is not spontaneous. We
have to input work to get these reactions to
proceed.

DEMONSTRATE THE REACTIVITY OF SODIUM METAL

HOW DOES ONE GET SODIUM METAL?

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i9xS9t-KMpc>



Poll: Clicker Question

Activity Part II question #1: What is happening at the cathode?

- A. Not enough information to determine
- B. Aluminum is oxidized
- C. Aluminum is reduced.
- D. Carbon is oxidized.
- E. Carbon is reduced.



Poll: Clicker Question

Activity Part II question #3: What current is required to produce 1 kg Al in 1 hour?

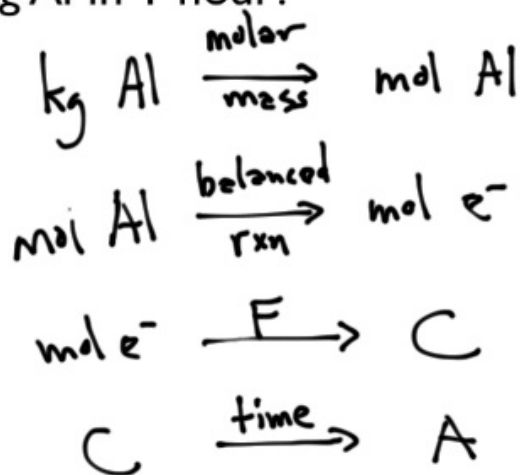
A. 3000 Amps

B. zero Amps

C. 30 Amps

D. 1200 Amps

E. 12 Amps



Poll: Clicker Question

Activity Part II question #5: How many kW-hr did you need to produce the AI?

A. 14.9

B. 1.2

C. 53640

D. 232

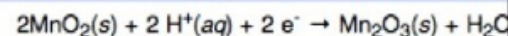
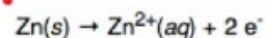
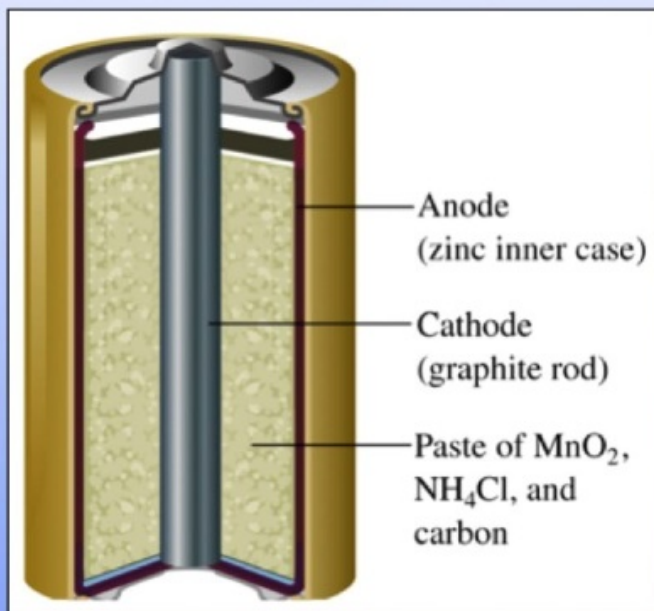
E. 894

$$A \times V = W$$
$$W \rightarrow kW$$
$$kW \times hr \rightarrow kW-hr$$

Batteries without liquids

Dry Cell

All solids!
 $E = E^\circ!$ $Q = 1$



The Key
 Solid Electrolyte
 Paste
 NH_4^+ , NH_3 , H_2O

Carbon makes
 electrical connection

Very slow reaction. Constant V. Very low current

