Fundamentals of Electrochemistry

References

Electrochemical Methods : Fundamentals and Applications, 2nd edition. by A. J. Bard and L.R. Faulkner

- Makes use of electrochemistry for the purpose of analysis
- A voltage (potentiometry) or current (voltammetry) signal originating from an electrochemical cell is related to the activity or concentration of a particular species in the cell.
- Excellent detection limit $(10^{-8} \sim 10^{-3} \text{ M})$:

1959, Nobel Prize (Polarography)

- Inexpensive technique.
- Easily miniaturized : implantable and/or portable (biosensor, biochip)

Electrochemical cells

Salvanic cell



Fig. 27.1 Electrochemical cell consisting of a zinc electrode in 0.1 M ZnSO₄, a copper electrode in 0.1 M CuSO₄, and a salt bridge. Galvanic cell. (From Heineman book)

Standard Electrode Potential



- A quantitative description of the relative driving force for a half-cell reaction.
- A relative quantity vs standard hydrogen electron assigned to zero volt. E⁰(SHE)=0
 - In Fig. 22.5 Definition of the standard electrode potential for M²⁺(aq) + 2e⁻ → M(s).

I 🔘	Table	22.1	Standard	Electrode	Potentials
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Reaction	E ⁰ at 25 °C, V
$Cl_2(g) + 2e^- \rightarrow 2Cl^-$	+1.359
$O_2(g) + 4H^+ + 4e^- \rightarrow 2H_2O$	+1.229
$Br_2(aq) + 2e^- \rightarrow 2Br^-$	+1.087
$Br_2(l) + 2e^- \rightarrow 2Br^-$	+1.065
$Ag^+ + e^- \rightarrow Ag(s)$	+799 Reduction
$Fe^{3+} + e^- \rightarrow Fe^{2+}$	+0.771
$I_3^- + 2e^- \rightarrow 3I^-$	+0.536
$Cu^{2+} + 2e^{-} \rightarrow Cu(s)$	+0.337
$Hg_2Cl_2(s) + 2e^- \rightarrow 2Hg(l) + 2Cl^-$	+0.268
$AgCl(s) + e^{-} \rightarrow Ag(s) + Cl^{-}$	+0.222
$Ag(S_2O_3)_2^{3-} + e^- \rightarrow Ag(s) + 2S_2O_3^{2-}$	+0.010
$2\mathrm{H}^+ + 2\mathrm{e}^- \rightarrow \mathrm{H}_2(\mathrm{g})$	0.000 SHE
$AgI(s) + e^{-} \rightarrow Ag(s) + I^{-}$	-0.151
$PbSO_4(s) + 2e^- \rightarrow Pb(S) + SO_4^{2-}$	-0.350
$Cd^{2+} + 2e^{-} \rightarrow Cd(s)$	-0.403 Oxidation 자발적
$Zn^{2+} + 2e^{-} \rightarrow Zn(s)$	-0.763

Nernst Equation (activities of all species = 1)

- Le Chatelier's principle: increasing reactant concentrations drives the reaction to the right
- The net driving force of the reaction is expressed by the Nernst equation
- The Nernst equation tells us

the potential of a cell whose reagents are not all unit activity

Nernst Equation for a Half-Reaction

$$aA + ne^- \rightarrow bB$$

R: gas constant = 8.314 J/KmolT: temperature (*K*)

$$E = E^{o} - \frac{RT}{nF} \ln \frac{A_{B}^{b}}{A_{A}^{a}}$$
 ------ (14.13)

ΔG = ΔG° + RT InQ (Q; reaction quotient) -nFE = -nFE° + RT InQ (양변을 nF 로 나누어 준다) E = E° –(RT/nF) InQ

Eº and Equilibrium Constant

- A galvanic cell produces electricity because the cell reaction is not at equilibrium
- The potentiometer allows negligible current to flow

 \rightarrow The concentration in each half-cell remains unchanged





Concentrations in the Operating Cell

A high-quality pH meter (voltmeter) \rightarrow Resistance = 10¹³ Ω

If we measure 50 mV for Cd²⁺ containing electrochemical cell

Current = E/R = $0.05V/10^{13} \Omega = 5 \times 10^{-15} A$

 $(5 \times 10^{-15} \text{ C/s})/(9.649 \times 10^4 \text{ C/mol}) = 5 \times 10^{-20} \text{ mol e}^{-1/3} \text{ s}^{-1/3}$

<u>The production rate of $Cd^{2+} = 2.5 \times 10^{-20}$ mol/s</u>; negligible concentration change

If we replace the potentiometer with a wire, much more current would flow \rightarrow Concentrations would change until the cell reach equilibrium

Liquid Junction Potential (E_{lj})

E_{Ij} (diffusion potential)

Develops at the interface between two liquids as a result of differences in the rates with which ions move from one liquid to the other.



• Fig. 27.4 Types of liquid junction. Arrows show the direction of net transfer for each ion, and their lengths indicate relative mobilities. The polarity of the junction potential is indicated in each case by the circled signs.

Table 27.4	Liquid Junction	Potentials of 0.	.1 M Conce	ntrations of E	Electrolytes
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Junction	E _{lj} observed (mV)	Junction	E _{lj} observed (mV)	Junction	E _{lj} observed (mV)	Junction	E _{lj} observed (mV)
HCl : KCl	26.78	$HCl : NH_4Cl$	28.40	$KCl : NH_4Cl$	2.16	NaCl : NH ₄ Cl	-4.21
HCl : NaCl	33.09	KCl : LiCl	8.79	NaCl : LiCl	2.62	LiCl : NH ₄ Cl	-6.93
KCl : LiCl	34.86	KCl : NaCl	6.42				

Cell Potential

$$E_{cell} = E_{right} - E_{left} + E_{lj} - E_{iR}$$

$$E_{right} = E_{cathod}$$

$$E_{left} = E_{anode}$$

$$Elj = liquid junction potential$$

$$E_{iR} = Ohmic loss (iR drop)$$

: The potential of an EC cell when electrolysis occurring is diminished by resistance of the cell to current.

Electrochemical cells

Electrolytic cell



Fig. 27.1 Electrochemical cell consisting of a zinc electrode in 0.1 M ZnSO₄, a copper electrode in 0.1 M CuSO₄, and a salt bridge. Electrolytic cell.

Reduction and oxidation process

■ We observe or control the potential of the working electrode with respect to the reference.
 → Controlling the energy of the electrons within the working electrode.



The critical potentials at which these processes occur are related to the Standard Potentials, E⁰, for the specific chemical substances in the system.

Determination of HOMO-LUMO Band Gap Energy

- Use of cyclic voltammetry (CV) or differential pulse voltammetry (DPV)
- UV absorption spectrum
- Photoluminescence spectrum

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Electrochemical Investigations on PPV Model Compounds

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To obtain more information on the redox behavior of poly(para-phenylenevinylene) (PPV) and its derivatives, electrochemical investigations were carried out on the short-chain PPV model compounds 1-6. The effects of different substituents were investigated by determinations of the redox potentials by cyclic voltammetry.

Determination of HOMO-LUMO Band Gap Energy



Table 1. Redox Potentials $E_{1/2}$ of 1,4-Bis(2-cyano-2-phenylethenyl)-2,5-dihexylbenzene (1) Determined by Cyclic
Voltammetry^a

	solvent	$\begin{array}{l} E_{1/2}(\mathrm{Ox_1}) \ \mathrm{(V)} \\ (\Delta E_\mathrm{p} \ \mathrm{[mV]}) \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} E_{1/2}(\mathrm{Red}_1) \ \mathrm{(V)} \\ (\Delta E_\mathrm{p} \ \mathrm{[mV]}) \end{array}$	$E_{1/2}(\text{Red}_2)$ (V) ($\Delta E_p \text{ [mV]}$)	$E_{1/2}(\text{Red}_3)$ (V) ($\Delta E_p \text{ [mV]}$)	$\begin{array}{c} E_{1/2}(\mathrm{Red}_4) \ \mathrm{(V)} \\ (\Delta \mathrm{E_p} \ \mathrm{[mV]}) \end{array}$
3.18 eV	dichloromethane tetrahydrofuran	1.87 (160)	-1.31 (315) -1.27 (135)	-1.39 (100) -1.43 (120)	-1.66 (95)	-2.11 ^c

^{*a*} Scan rate = 100 mV/s. ^{*b*} $\Delta E_p = |E_{pa} - E_{pc}|$. ^{*c*} Cathodic peak only.

Table 2. Redox Potentials E_{1/2} of 2 Determined by Cyclic Voltammetry in Different Solvents^a

	solvent	$\begin{array}{c} E_{1/2}(\mathrm{Ox}_1) \ (\mathrm{V}) \\ (\Delta E_\mathrm{p} \ [\mathrm{mV}]) \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} E_{1/2}(\mathrm{Red}_1) \ (\mathrm{V}) \\ (\Delta E_\mathrm{p} \ [\mathrm{mV}]) \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} E_{1/2}(\mathrm{Red}_2) \ (\mathrm{V}) \\ (\Delta E_\mathrm{p} \ [\mathrm{mV}]) \end{array}$	$E_{1/2}(\mathrm{Red}_3)$ (V) (ΔE_p [mV])
3.59 eV	dichloromethane acetonitrile tetrahydrofuran	1.98 (70) 1.98 (220)	-1.61 (130) -1.61 (120) -1.58 (140)	-1.66 (240) -1.66 (145) -1.72 (100)	-1.90 (160) -1.94 (200)

^{*a*} Scan rate = 100 mV/s.

Definition of words (What is current?)

Faraday's law

relate the amount of electrical charge passed through an electrochemical cell to the quantity of material that has undergone electrolysis

F : faraday constant (96,485 C/mol)
N : the number of moles electrolyzed
n : the number of electrons involved in the electrode or redox reaction





Measurement of cell voltages

Chemical information (activity)

Potentiometry

- Measurement of the difference in potential between the two electrodes of a galvanic cell under the condition of zero current are described by the term potentiometry
- Equilibrium Method
- Accurate measurements of (a) activities or concentration (b) free-energy change and equilibrium constants of many solution reactions





$$\mathbf{E}_{\text{cell}} = \mathbf{E}_{\text{ind}} - \mathbf{E}_{\text{ref}} + \mathbf{E}_{\text{lj}}$$

The indicator electrode is chosen so that its half-cell potential responds to the activity of a particular species in solution whose activity or concentration is to be measured

Reference Electrodes : provides a constant potential



Fig. 15.1 A galvanic cell that can be used to measure the quotient [Fe²⁺]/[Fe³⁺] in the right half-cell. The Pt wire is the indicator electrode, and the entire left half-cell plus salt bridge (enclosed by the dash line) can be considered to be a reference electrode. **Reference Electrode:** Ag/AgCl

Reference Electrode : Ag | AgCl | Cl⁻ + Salt Bridge

 \rightarrow Constant potential



Fig. Another view of Figure 15.1. The contents of the colored box in Figure 15.1 are now considered to be a reference electrode dipped into the analyte solution.

Ion Selective Electrode (ISE)



Fig. Mechanism of ion-selective electrode. (a) Initial conditions prior to Ca²⁺ migration across the membrane. (b) After δ moles of Ca²⁺ per liter have crossed the membrane, giving the left side a charge of +2δ mol/L and the right side a charge of -2δ mol/L.

Ion Selective Electrode (ISE)

Concentration difference → **free energy difference : membrane potential**

$$\Delta G = -RT \ln \frac{A1}{A2}$$

$$\Delta G = -nFE$$

$$-RT \ln \frac{A1}{A2} = -nFE$$

$$E_{memb} = RT/nF \ln \frac{A1}{A2} = \frac{0.05916}{n} \log \frac{A1}{A2} \text{(volts at 25°C)}$$

E_{memb}: membrane potential1: Sample solution, 2: Internal solution

 $Ca^{2+} \rightarrow n = 2$ 10-fold change in $[Ca^{2+}] \rightarrow 59.16/2 = 29.58 \ mV$ change

Ion Selective Electrode (ISE)



Selectivity Coefficients in ISE

- Since membrains respond to a certain degree to ions other than the analyte (i.e. interferents)
- A more general expression:

$$\mathbf{E}_{\text{cell}} = \mathbf{k} + \frac{\mathbf{RT}}{\mathbf{ZF}} \ln(\mathbf{a}_{i} + \mathbf{k}_{ij}\mathbf{a}_{j}^{\mathbf{z}/\mathbf{x}})$$

- **a**_i = activity of analyte ion. i
- **a**_j = activity of interferent ion. j
- **x** = charge of interferent ion
- **k**_{ij} = selectivity constant
- **k**_{ij} = response to j/response to i

For Na⁺, K⁺ = 1/2800

Small values of k_{ij} are characteristics of electrode with good selectivity for the analyte, *i*

Ionophores (neutral carriers) for ISE



Ionophores (neutral carriers) for ISE



Selectivity of Li – ion selective electrode



Design and Synthesis of a More Highly Selective Ammonium Ionophore Than Nonactin and Its Application as an Ion-Sensing Component for an Ion-Selective Electrode

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Figure 1. Effective molecular structure design for ammonium ionophore (target ion, NH₄⁺).





TD19C6

DD19C6





TTM19C6

Nonactin

Figure 2. Chemical structures of the newly synthesized ammonium ionophores (TD19C6, DD19C6, TTM19C6) which have a 19membered-crown ring with three or two bulky block subunits and nonactin.





Upper View

Side View

Figure 4. Steric chemical structures of TD19C6-NH4⁺ complex determined by X-ray analysis.



Figure 3. Selectivity coefficients of the ammonium ion-selective electrodes based on TD19C6, DD19C6, TTM19C6, and nonactin. The membrane compositions for the three ionophores based on 19C6 derivatives were 3 wt % ionophore, 10 mol % (of the ionophore content) KTCPB, 67 wt % BBPA, and ~30 wt % PVC. The ion-selectivity factors of the nonactin-based electrode were obtained from ref 9.

pH Electrode (Glass-membrane electrode)

Glasses of certain compositions respond to pH due to a membrane potential generated by an ion-exchange mechanism with H⁺



Glass : 22% Na₂O, 6% CaO, and 72% SiO₂ (Corning 015 glass membrane)

Gas-Sensing Electrode : (compound electrode)



(b) membrane and thin layer of electrolyte region of CO_2 electrode.

Gas-Sensing Electrode : (compound electrode)

Table 28.3 Gas-Sensing Electrodes

Gas Electrode	Internal Solution Equilibrium	Sensing Element
CO ₂	$\mathrm{CO}_2 + \mathrm{H}_2\mathrm{O} \leftrightarrow \mathrm{HCO}_3 + \mathrm{H}^+$	Glass, pH
NH ₃	$NH_3 + H_2O \leftrightarrow NH_4^+ + OH^-$	Glass, pH
HCN	$\mathrm{HCN} \leftrightarrow \mathrm{H^{+}} + \mathrm{CN^{-}}$	Ag_2S , pCN
HF	$\mathrm{HF} \longleftrightarrow \mathrm{H^{+}} + \mathrm{F^{-}}$	LaF ₃ , pF
H_2S	$\mathrm{H_2S} \leftrightarrow \mathrm{2H^+} + \mathrm{S^{2\text{-}}}$	Ag_2S, pS
SO_2	$SO_2 + H_2O \leftrightarrow HSO_3^- + H^+$	Glass, pH

Bio-catalytic Membrane Electrode (potentiometric biosensor)



NH₄⁺ - selective ISE

Fig. 28.9 Schematic diagram of biocatalytic electrode.

Bio-catalytic Membrane Electrode (potentiometric biosensor)

Biocatalyst Category	Substrate	Biocatalyst	Detected Substance
Enzyme	Urea	Urease	NH_4^+ , NH_3 , CO_2 , or H^+
	Glucose	Glucose oxidase and peroxidase	I-
		Glucose oxidase	H ⁺
		Glucose oxidase	F ⁻
	Amygdalin	β -glucosidase	CN ⁻
	Pencillin	Penicillinase	\mathbf{H}^+
	L-phenylalanine	L-amino acid oxidase	NH ⁺
		L-amino acid oxidase and horseradish peroxidase	I_
		Phenylalanine ammonia lyase	NH ₃
		Phenylalanine decarboxylase	CO ₂
	Uric acid	Uricase	CO ₂
	Acetylcholine	Acetylcholinesterase	H ⁺
	D-gluconate	Gluconate kinase and 6- phospho-D-gluconate dehydrogenase	CO2
	Acetaldehyde	Aldehyde dehydrogenase	H ⁺
	Oxalate	Oxalate decarboxylase	CO ₂
	Flavin adenine dinucleotide	Alkaline phosphatase and adenosine deaminase	NH ₃
	Methotrexate	Dihydrofolate reductase and 6-phosphogluconic dehydrogenase	CO ₂
	Salicylate	Salicylate hyroxylase	CO ₂
Bacterial particle	L-arginine	Streptococcus faecium	NH ₃
1 .		Streptococcus lactis	NH

Table 28.4 Representative Biocatalytic Membrane Electrode

L-aspartate	Bacterium cadaveris	NH ₃
L-glutamine	Sarcina flava	NH,
NAD ⁺	Escherichia coli/NADase	NH ₃
Nitrilotriacetate acid	Pseudomonas sp.	NH3
L-tyrosine	Aeromonas phenologenes	NH ₃
L-histidine	Pseudomonas sp.	NH
L-serine	Clostridium acidiurici	NH
Nitrate	Azotobacter vinelandii	NH
Uric acid	Pichia membranaefaciens	CO ₂
L-glutamic acid	Escherichia coli	CO ₂

Biocatalyst Category	Substrate	Biocatalyst	Detected Substance
Bacterial	Pyruvate	Streptococcus faecium	CO ₂
particle	L-cysteine	Proteus morganii	H ₂ S
	Sugars	Bacteria from human dental plaque	H+
Tissue	Glucosamine 6-phosphate	Porcine kidney tissue	NH ₃
	L-cysteine	Treated plant leaf	
	Adenosine	Mouse small intestine mucosal cells	NH ₃
	Adenosine 5'- monophosphate	Rabbit muscle	NH3
	L-glutamate	Yellow squash	CO ₂
	Glutamine	Porcine kidney cortex	NH ₃
	Guanine	Rabbit liver	NH3

Microfluidic and Biosensor Chip Technology (Multibiosensor)

Sodium, Potassium, Chloride, Ionized Calcium, pH and PCO₂ by ion-selective electrode potentiometry.

Urea is first hydrolyzed to ammonium ions in a reaction catalyzed by the enzyme urease. The ammonium ions are measured by an ion-selective electrode.

Glucose is measured amperometrically.

PO₂ is measured amperometrically.

Hematocrit is determined conductometrically.

HCO₃, TCO₂, BE, sO₂, Anion Gap and Hemoglobin.







"Chem 7" test:

Na+, K⁺, Cl⁻, total CO₂,

glucose, urea, creatinine





Control of cell voltages

Measurement of current

Electrochemical cells

Microelectrodes for working electrodes



Figure 25-3 Some common types of microelectrodes: (a) a disk electrode, (b) a hanging mercury drop electrode, (c) a dropping mercury electrode, (d) a static mercury drop electrode.

- drop diameter : 0.1 ~ 1.0 mm
- A new drop forms and breaks every 2 ~ 6 s

commercially available: can be operated as a dropping mercury electrode or hanging mercury drop electrode

Commercial Potentiostats

Potentiostat vs Galvanostat

- A potentiostat is used to apply a controlled potential to an electrochemical cell and measured the current response.
- A galvanostat is used to apply a controlled current.





EG&G PAR 273A

BAS 100B/W
Electrochemical Cells for Voltammetric Sensors



Adapted from Sawyer, Heineman & Beebe, Chemistry Experiments for Instrumental Methods, Wiley



Non-active enzyme paste layer Active enzyme paste layer Ag/AgCI layer Dielectric layer Carbon base electrode

Outer membrane layer

Silverconduction layer



Electrochemical cells

Reference electrode (ideal non-polarized electrode)



E - I curves for reference and working electrode



Schematic diagram of the electrochemical cell



Reference electrode AgBr + e \iff Ag + Br (E⁰ = 0.0713 V vs NHE)

Fig. 1.1.3 Schematic diagram of the electrochemical cell Pt/HBr(1 M)/AgBr/Ag attached to power supply and meters for obtaining a current-potential(i-E) curve.

Schematic Current-Potential Curve



Negative direction scan

H⁺ reduction at Pt electrode 2H⁺ + 2e → H₂ (E⁰ = 0 V vs NHE or -0.07 V vs Ag/AgBr)
Oxidation at reference electrode Ag + Br⁻ → Ag⁺Br⁻ + e⁻ (Br concentration no change→ no potential change)

Positive direction scan

Br oxidation at Pt electrode

 $2Br \rightarrow Br_2 + 2e^{-}$ (E⁰ = +1.09 V vs NHE or +1.02 V vs Ag/AgBr) Reduction at reference electrode

 $Ag^+Br^- + e^- \rightarrow Ag + Br^-$



Fig. 1.1.4 Schematic current-potential curve for the cell Pt/K⁺, Br (1 M)/AgBr/Ag, showing the limiting proton reduction and bromide oxidation processes. The cell potential is given for the Pt electrode with respect to the Ag electrode, so it is equivalent to E_{pt}(V vs AgBr). Since E_{Ag/AgBr} = 0.07 V vs NHE, the potential axis could be converted to E_{pt}(V vs NHE) by adding 0.07 V to each value of potential.

Schematic Current-Potential Curve

Use of Hg electrode

Negative direction scan

- The heterogeneous rate constant for H₂ evolution at Hg electrode is much lower than at Pt.
- The heterogeneous rate constant is a function of applied potential.
- The additional potential (beyond the thermodynamic requirement) needed to drive a reaction at a certain rate is called *overpotential*: $\eta = E_{app} - E_{eq}$

Positive direction scan

Mercury oxidation

 $Hg_2Br_2 + 2e \rightarrow 2Hg + 2Br^{-}$ (E⁰ = +0.14 V vs NHE or +0.07 V vs Ag/AgBr)



Fig. 1.1.5 Schematic current-potential curve for the Hg electrode in the cell Hg/H⁺, Br⁻(1 M)/AgBr/Ag, showing the limiting process : proton reduction with a large overpotential and mercury oxidation. The potential axis is defined through the process outlined in the caption to Figure 1.1.4

Overpotential

$$\mathrm{H_3O^{+}} + \mathrm{e^{-}} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{H_2} + \mathrm{H_2O}$$

The reaction begins -0.35 V at Pt -0.8 V at Ag



Fig. 17.5 Schematic energy profile for electron transfer from a metal to H₃O⁺ (a) with no applied potential; (b) after a potential is applied to the electrode. The overpotential increases the energy of the electrons in the electrode.

Overpotential

Table 17.1 Overpotential(V) for gas evolution at various current densities at 25 $\,^\circ\!\!\mathbb{C}$

Flootrada	10 A	10 A/m ²		100 A/m ²		1000 A/m ²		10000 A/m ²	
Liectroue	H ₂	O ₂	H_2	O ₂	H_2	O ₂	H_2	O ₂	
Platinized Pt	0.0154	0.398	0.0300	0.521	0.0405	0.638	0.0483	0.766	
Smooth Pt	0.024	0.721	0.068	0.85	0.288	1.28	0.676	1.49	
Cu	0.479	0.422	0.584	0.580	0.801	0.660	1.254	0.793	
Ag	0.4751	0.580	0.7618	0.729	0.8749	0.984	1.0890	1.131	
Au	0.241	0.673	0.390	0.963	0.588	1.244	0.798	1.63	
Graphite	0.5995		0.7788		0.9774		1.2200		
Sn	0.8561		1.0767		1.2230		1.2306		
Pb	0.52		1.090		1.179		1.262		
Zn	0.716		0.746		1.064		1.229		
Cd	0.981		1.134		1.216		1.254		
Hg	0.9		1.0		1.1		1.1		
Fe	0.4036		0.5571		0.8184		1.2915		
Ni	0.563	0.353	0.747	0.519	1.048	0.726	1.241	0.853	

Higher overpotential is required for higher current density (From D. C. Harris Book)

Potential Ranges



Fig.E.2. Potential ranges for three types of electrodes in various supporting electrolytes. (Adapted from A. J. Bard and L. R. Faukner, Electrochemical Methods, back cover. New York: Wiley 2001)

Schematic Current-Potential Curve

Use of Hg electrode



Addition of a small amount of Cd²⁺



Fig. 1.1.6 Schematic current-potential curve for the Hg electrode in the cell Hg/H⁺, Br (1 M), Cd²⁺(10⁻³ M)/AgBr/Ag, showing reduction wave for Cd²⁺.

Predictions for possible Reduction or oxidation

Prediction for possible reduction or oxidation based on thermodynamic consideration (E⁰)



Fig. 1.1.7 (a) Potentials for possible reductions at a platinum electrode, initially at ~1 V vs NHE in a solution of 0.01 M each of Fe³⁺, Sn⁴⁺, and Ni²⁺ in 1 M HCl. (b) Potentials for possible oxidation reactions at a gold electrode, initially at ~ +0.1 V vs. NHE in a solution pf 0.01 M each of Sn²⁺ and Fe²⁺ in 1 M HI. (c) Potentials for possible reductions at mercury electrode in 0.01 M Cr³⁺ and Zn²⁺ in 1 M HCl.

Faradaic and Nonfaradaic Processes

Faradaic Process

- Charge (e.g. electrons) are transferred across the metal-solution interface
- Electron transfer causes oxidation or reduction to occur.
- Such reactions are governed by *Faraday's Law*.

The amount of chemical reaction caused by the flow of current is proportional to the amount of electricity passed.

Non-faradaic Process

- Adsorption and desorption
- The electrode-solution interface can change with changing potential or solution composition.
- Although charge does not cross the interface, external currents can flow (at least transiently)

Electrode – Solution Interface (electrical double layer)

Bulk





- Three models of electrical double layer
 - Helmholtz model (1879)
 - Diffuse double layer model (Guoy-Chapman) model
 - Stern model



Simplified Model



Voltage (Potential) Step

q = C_d ⋅ E_C
E = E_R + E_C = iRs +
$$\frac{q}{C_d}$$
 (i = $\frac{dq}{dt}$ 이므로)
 $\rightarrow \frac{dq}{dt} = \frac{E}{R_s} - \frac{q}{R_sC_d}$ ------(1)

Initially, capacitor is uncharged q = 0 at t = 0

$$q = E C_d [1 - e^{-t / RsCd}]$$
(2)





Fig. 1.2.6 Potential step experiment for an RC circuit.

Voltage (Potential) Step

- For a potential step input, there is an exponentially decaying current having a time constant, $\tau = R_s \cdot C_d$.
- Double-layer charging current drops to 37 % of its initial value at $t = \tau$, 5 % at $t = 3\tau$.



• if
$$Rs = 1 \Omega$$
, $Cd = 20 \mu F$
 \downarrow
 $\tau = 20 \mu s$

at 60 µs 95 % complete

Fig. 1.2.7 Current transient (I vs. t) resulting from a potential step experiment.

Voltage Ramp (or potential sweep)

Linear Potential Sweep



Fig. 1.2.10 Current –time behavior resulting from a linear potential sweep applied to an RC circuit. v (in V/s)

Current rises from zero to a steady-state Value, νC_d

 $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{v}\mathbf{t}$

$$E = iR_{s} + \frac{q}{C_{d}} \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda$$

$$vt = \left(\frac{dq}{dt}\right)R_{s} + \frac{q}{C_{d}}$$

$$If q = 0 \text{ at } t = 0,$$

 $\mathbf{i} = \mathbf{v}\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{d}} \left[1 - \exp(-t/\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{s}}\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{d}}) \right]$

Voltage Ramp (or potential sweep)

S Cyclic Potential Sweep



Fig. 1.2.11 Current –time and current-potential plots resulting from a cyclic linear potential sweep (or triangular wave) applied to an RC circuit.



Factors affecting electrode reaction rate and current

Heterogeneous at the electrode/electrolyte interface

Rate depends on...

- Mass transfer to the electrode
- Surface effects (or reaction) : adsorption / desorption, crystallization
- Kinetic variables (electron transfer)



Mechanisms of Mass Transport

- The electrochemical reduction/oxidation of a molecule occurs at the electrodesolution interface.
- A molecule dissolved in solution in an electrochemical cell must be transported to the electrode surface for the electrochemical event to occur.
- The transport of molecules from regions in the solution phase to the electrode surface is an important aspect of many electrochemical techniques.
- The movement of material from one place to another is generally termed mass transport or mass transfer.

Hydrodynamic movement (convection)

- Transport of dissolved chemical species by physical movement of the solution or the electrode relative to each other.
 - **stirring the solution**
 - **i** rotating the electrode
 - flowing solution across the electrode by placing it in a tube through which solution is pumped.

Mechanisms of Mass Transport

Diffusion

- A process of spatial movement of ions or molecules due to their kinetic motion (random Brownian motion)
- Diffusion acts to remove a concentration gradient by the mass transport of molecules from a region of high concentration to a region of low concentration.
- Diffusion increases the entropy of a system.
 - Concentration profile

$$Cx,t = \frac{C_0}{(4\pi Dt)^{1/2}} \exp\left(\frac{-x^2}{4Dt}\right)$$

• Cx,t : concentration of solute molecules at x, t (mol·cm⁻³)
• C_0 : concentration of solute molecules at initial impulse
• x : distance from center of impulse (cm)
• D : diffusion coefficient (cm²/s)

Mechanisms of Mass Transport

Diffusion Distance

 $\sigma =$



Migration

- Movement of charged particles under the influence of electric field.
 - (e.g) positively charged electrode attracts a negatively charged solute species, but repels a positively charged solute species.

Potential excitation signal used in voltammetry



Cyclic Voltammtry(CV) : no stirring



CV: very popular technique for initial electrochemical studies of new systems

Cyclic Voltammtry(CV)



Figure. Cyclic voltammetric excitation signal used to obtained voltammogram in Figure 25-20.



Figure 25. 20 Cyclic voltammogram for a solution that is 6.0 mM in K₃Fe(CN)₆ and 1.0 M in KNO₃.



Figure (a) Cyclic voltammogram of 6 mM K₃Fe(CN)₆ in 1 M KNO₃. Scan initiated at 0.8 V versus SCE in negative direction at 50 mV/s. Platinum electrode, A=2.54 mm². (b) Concentration-distance(C-x) profiles a-k keyed to voltammogram.

Cyclic Voltammtry(CV)

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Peak current for a reversible system the working electrode (Randles-Sevcik equation)

$$i_p = (2.69 \times 10^5) n^{3/2} AD^{1/2} C^* v^{1/2}$$

A : electrode area, D : diffusion coefficient

C*: bulk concentration (mol · cm⁻³)

v : scan rate (V \cdot s⁻¹)

 $i_p \propto v^{1/2}$ from slope D can be calculated



Cyclic Voltammtry(CV): Scan Rate Effect



 Figure 30.3 (a) Effect of variation of scan rate on cyclic voltammograms and (b) plot of ip versus v^{1/2}.

Cyclic Voltammetry for Reversible System

For reversible redox couple:

$$E^{o'} = (E_{pa} + E_{pc}) / 2$$
 : formal potential

- Peak separation

$$\Delta E_p = E_{pa} - E_{pc} = 59 \text{ mV/n}$$

실제로 switching potential(Eλ) 에 따라 약간씩 변한다.

the number of electrons transferred in the electrode reaction(n) for a reversible couple can be determined from the separation between peak potential at 25 °C. For $Fe(CN)_6^{3-} \rightarrow Fe(CN)_6^{4-} \Delta E_p = 0.059 V(n=1)$



Figure 6.5.2 Cyclic voltammograms under the same conditions as in Figure 6.5.1, but in an *i*-*E* format. E_{λ} of (*I*) $E_{1/2} = 90/n$; (2) $E_{1/2} = 130/n$; (3) $E_{1/2} = 200/n$ mV; (4) for potential held at $E_{\lambda 4}$ until the cathodic current decays to zero. [Curve 4 results from reflection of the cathodic *i*-*E* curve through the *E* axis and then through the vertical line at $n(E - E_{1/2}) = 0$. Curves 1, 2, and 3 result by addition of this curve to the decaying current of the cathodic *i*-*E* curve (1', 2', or 3').]

Table 6.5.1 Variation of ΔE_p with E_λ for a Nernstian System at 25°C (3)

(mV)
60.5
59.2
58.3
57.8
57.0

Cyclic Voltammtry(CV)



"Reversible" means the reaction is fast enough to maintain equilibrium concentrations of the reactant and product *at the electrode surface*

UltraMicroelectrode(~µm diameter)

- small size (implantable)
- small iR drop (useful in resistive and nonaqueous media
- small charging current (high fast scan possible, high sensitivity)



Figure 18.22 (a) scanning electron micrograph of a carbon fiber that has been etched to ~1µm diameter by drawing through a flame. (b) Carbon fiber with thin, insulating coating formed by electrolytic copolymerization of phenol and 2-alkylphenol. Once coated, the tip of the fiber is the only electrochemically active surface.

Cyclic Voltammetry with UME

Fast scan: linear diffusion dominates

<u>Slow scan</u>: radial diffusion dominates





Amperometry (i vs time) at fixed potential





Time, s

Figure 3.13 Current measured during an amperometric experiment. A constant potential(-700 mV) as a function of time is applied to a plamar Au electrode in PBS saturated with air.



Time, s

Figure 6.18 Amperometric response of a thick-film RuO₂ electrode to step-wise changes of the H₂O₂ concentration in a stirred PBS solution.



 H_2O_2 concentration, mM

Calibration curve obtained from the measurement in figure 6.18.

Oxygen Electrode



♦ Clark Electrode : Pt cathode held at -0.6 V vs Ag/AgCl cathode : O₂ + 4H⁺ + 4e⁻ ↔ 2H₂O anode : 2Ag + 2Cl⁻ ↔ 2AgCl + 2e⁻

Glucose Biosensor based on Clack Electrode



2nd generation : H₂O₂ detection(interference) 0.5 vs Ag/AgCl



1,1'-Dimethylferrocene

1,1'-Dimethylferricinium cation
Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay (ELISA)





Electroanalytical Chemistry Lab.

Amperometric Immunoassay



Alkaline phosphatase $R - OPO_3^{2-} + H_2O \rightarrow ROH + HPO_4^{2-}$

Phosphomonoester

electroactive

Stripping Analysis

- Concentrate analyte into Hg by reduction
- **Reoxidize analyte with more positive potential (anode stripping)**
- Measure polarographic signal during oxidation (10-9 ~ 10-11 M)



***** Table 18.5 Detection limits for stripping analisis

Analyte	Stripping mode	Detection limit
Ag^+	Anode	2*10 ⁻¹² M
Testosterone	Anode	2*10 ⁻¹⁰ M
I-	Cathode	$1*10^{-10} \text{ M}$

Potential (V vs. Ag/AgCl)

Figure 18.17 Anodic stripping
voltammogram(differential pulse mode) of
Sargasso seawqter acidified to pH 2. Peaks
for Cd and Cu correspond to 0.02 and 1.3
mmol/kg of seawater, respectively.