2.1 Write the associated electrochemical reactions and calculate the standard potential, U^{θ} from ΔG° for the following cells

- a. Chlor-alkali process to produce hydrogen and chlorine from a brine of NaCl (aqueous salt solution). Use the hydrogen reaction for an alkaline solution.
- b. Acetic acid/oxygen fuel cell with acidic electrolyte, where the acetic acid reacts to form liquid water and carbon dioxide. The reaction at the negative electrode is

$$2H_2O + CH_3COOH \rightarrow 2CO_2 + 8H^+ + 8e^-$$

a)

$$Cl_2 + 2e^- \leftrightarrow 2Cl^-$$

 $H_2 + 20H^- \leftrightarrow 2H_2O + 2e^-$

overall

$$H_2 + Cl_2 + 2NaOH \leftrightarrow 2H_2O + 2NaCl$$

$$\Delta G_{Rx} = \Delta G_f^{\text{products}} - \Delta G_f^{\text{reactants}}$$

$$\Delta G_{Rx}^{o} = 2\Delta G_{f,\text{NaCl}}^{o} + 2\Delta G_{f,\text{H2O}}^{o} - 2\Delta G_{f,\text{NaOH}}^{o}$$

$$\Delta G_{Rx}^o = 2\{-393.1 - 237.19 - (-419.2)\} = -422.34 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

$$U^{\theta} = \frac{-\Delta G_{Rx}^o}{nF} = \frac{4223440}{(2)96485} = 2.188 \text{ V}$$

b) multiply second reaction by 2 to balance electrons and add together

overall

$$2H_{2}O + CH_{3}COOH \rightarrow 2CO_{2} + 8H^{+} + 8e^{-}$$

$$4H^{+} + 4e^{-} + O_{2} \leftrightarrow 2H_{2}O$$

$$CH_{3}COOH + 2O_{2} \leftrightarrow 2CO_{2} + 2H_{2}O$$

$$\Delta G_{Rx}^{o} = 2\Delta G_{f,CO2}^{o} + 2\Delta G_{f,H2O}^{o} - \Delta G_{f,CH3COOH}^{o}$$

$$\Delta G_{Rx}^{o} = \{-(2)394.39 - (2)237.19 - (-389)\} = -874.18 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

$$U^{\theta} = \frac{-\Delta G_{Rx}^{0}}{nF} = \frac{874180}{(8)96485} = 1.113 \text{ V}$$

Problem 2.2

Does the redox reaction as written below proceed spontaneously at 25 °C and standard conditions? $2A\sigma^+ + H_2 \rightarrow 2A\sigma + 2H^+$

$$Ag^{+} + e^{-} \leftrightarrow Ag \qquad (U^{\theta} = 0.7991 \text{ V})$$

$$\frac{1}{2}H_{2} \leftrightarrow H^{+} + e^{-} \qquad (U^{\theta} = 0 \text{ V})$$

overall

$$Ag^{+} + \frac{1}{2}H_2 \rightarrow Ag + H^{+}$$
 (U=0.7991 V)

$$U^{\theta} = \frac{-\Delta G_{Rx}^0}{nF} = 0.7991 \text{ V}$$

Thus, ΔG is less than zero, and the reaction would proceed spontaneously as written at standard conditions.

What is the standard half-cell potential for the oxidation of methane under acidic conditions? The reaction for methane is as follows:

$$CH_4(g) + 2H_2O(\ell) \rightarrow CO_2 + 8H^+ + 8e^-$$

Which element is oxidized and how does its oxidation state change?

$$CH_4(g) + 2H_2O(\ell) \rightarrow CO_2 + 8H^+ + 8e^- \qquad (U^{\theta} = ? V)$$
$$8H^+ + 8e^- \leftrightarrow 4H_2 \qquad (U^{\theta} = 0 V)$$

overall

$$\mathrm{CH}_4(\mathrm{g}) + 2\mathrm{H}_2\mathrm{O}(\ell) \to \mathrm{CO}_2 + 4\mathrm{H}_2$$

Find the change in standard Gibbs energy of formation for the overall reaction

$$\Delta G_{Rx}^{o} = \Delta G_{f,CO2}^{o} - 2\Delta G_{f,H2O}^{o} - \Delta G_{f,CH4}^{o}$$
$$\Delta G_{Rx}^{o} = \{-394.359 - 2(-237.19) - (-50.5)\} = -130.52 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$
$$U^{\theta} = \frac{-\Delta G_{Rx}^{o}}{nF} = \frac{130520}{8F} = 0.1691 \text{ V}$$

The oxidation state of carbon changes.

Problem 2.4

What is the standard cell potential for a methane /oxygen fuel cell? The oxidation of methane produces CO_2 as shown in problem 2.3, but here assume the product water is a gas, rather than a liquid.

overall

 $CH_4(g) + 2O_2 \rightarrow CO_2 + 2H_2O(g)$

Find the change in standard Gibbs energy of formation for the overall reaction

$$\Delta G_{Rx}^{o} = \Delta G_{f,\text{CO2}}^{o} + 2\Delta G_{f,\text{H2O}}^{o} - \Delta G_{f,\text{CH4}}^{o}$$

 $\Delta G_{Rx}^{o} = \{-394.359 + 2(-228.572) - (-50.5)\} = -801 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$

$$U^{\theta} = \frac{-\Delta G_{Rx}^{o}}{nF} = \frac{801000}{8F} = 1.038 \text{ V}$$

Let's consider the oxidation of methane in a fuel cell that utilizes an oxygen conductor (O^{2-}) rather than a proton conductor as the electrolyte.

- a. At which electrode (oxygen or methane) is O^{2-} produced and at which is it consumed?
- b. In which direction does O^{2-} move through the electrolyte? Why?
- c. Propose two electrochemical half-cell reactions.
- d. Does U^{θ} change for this fuel cell relative to a fuel cell that utilizes a proton conductor? Why or why not?

a. O²⁻ is produced at the cathode; and O²⁻ is consumed at the anode $O_2 + 4 e^- \rightarrow 20^{2-}$

b. oxygen ions move from the cathode to the anode, since they are negatively charged this still represents a positive current from the anode to the cathode.

c.

$$CH_4(g) + 40^{2-} \rightarrow CO_2 + 2H_2O + 8e^-$$

2 $O_2 + 8e^- \rightarrow 40^{2-}$

overall

$$CH_4(g) + 2O_2 \rightarrow CO_2 + 2H_2O(g)$$

d. No, the standard potential depends on the overall reaction and the reference pressure, but since the overall reaction is the same regardless of the ion conductor.

Determine the equilibrium potential of the cell shown below.

The reaction at positive electrode (right) is

AgCl + e⁻ ↔ Ag + Cl⁻
$$U^{\theta}$$
=0.222 V
H₂ ↔ 2H⁺ + 2e⁻ U^{θ} =0

and for the negative (left)

overall

$$H_2 + 2AgCl \leftrightarrow 2Ag + 2HCl$$
 $U^{\theta} = 0.222 V$

where the overall potential for the cell is the positive (right) – negative (left).

$$U = U^{\theta}_{\text{cell}} - \frac{RT}{nF} \ln \prod a_i^{s_i},$$

$$U = U^{\theta}_{\text{cell}} - \frac{RT}{nF} \ln \frac{a_{\text{Ag}}^2 a_{\text{HCl}}^2}{a_{\text{H2}} a_{\text{AgCl}}^2},$$
(2-11)

The activity of solids are assumed to be one, and n=2

$$U = U^{\theta}_{\text{cell}} + \frac{RT}{2F} \ln a_{\text{H2}} - \frac{RT}{F} \ln a_{\text{HCl}},$$

Hydrogen is a gas, assume ideal

$$a_{\rm H2} = \frac{f_{\rm H2}}{f^{\,o}} = \frac{p_{\rm H2}}{p^{\,o}}$$

For the aqueous HCl

$$a_{\rm HCl} = a_+^{\nu +} a_-^{\nu -} = m_+ \gamma_+ m_- \gamma_- = m^2 \gamma_{\pm}^2$$

substituting gives

$$U = U^{\theta}_{\text{cell}} + \frac{RT}{2F} \ln\left(\frac{p_{\text{H2}}}{p^{o}}\right) - \frac{2RT}{F} \ln\left(m\gamma_{\pm}\right)$$

Consider the electrochemical reactions shown below. Mercury(I) chloride, also known as *calomel*, is a solid used in reference electrodes. The two reactions are

$$Zn \leftrightarrow Zn^{2+} + 2e^{-}$$

 $Hg_2Cl_2 + 2e^{-} \leftrightarrow 2Cl^{-} + 2Hg$

- a. What is the overall chemical reaction?
- b. Develop an expression for *U*, the equilibrium potential of the cell.
- c. Write down an expression for the standard potential of the cell in terms of the standard Gibbs energies of formation.
- d. Use standard half-cell potentials from the table to determine the standard Gibbs energy of formation for aqueous $ZnCl_2$. Why is this value different than the value for solid $ZnCl_2$?
- e. What is the standard Gibbs energy of formation for Hg_2Cl_2 ?

a) The reaction at positive electrode is

Hg₂Cl₂ + 2e⁻ ↔ 2Hg + 2Cl⁻
$$U^{\theta}$$
=0.2676 V
Zn ↔ Zn²⁺ + 2e⁻ U^{θ} =-0.7618 V

overall

and for the negative

$$Hg_2Cl_2 + Zn \leftrightarrow 2Hg + Zn^{2+} + 2Cl^ U^{\theta} = 1.029 V$$

b)

$$U = U^{\theta}_{\text{cell}} - \frac{RT}{nF} \ln \prod a_i^{s_i}, \qquad (2-11)$$

$$U = U^{\theta}_{\text{cell}} - \frac{RT}{nF} \ln \frac{a_{\text{Hg}}^2 a_{\text{ZnCl2}}}{a_{\text{Zn}} a_{\text{Hg2Cl2}}},$$

The activity of solid and liquid Hg are assumed to be one, and n=2

$$U = U^{\theta}_{\text{cell}} - \frac{RT}{2F} \ln a_{\text{ZnCl}_2},$$

 $v_{+}=1, v_{-}=2, v=3$ For the aqueous ZnCl₂

$$a_{\text{ZnCl}_2} = a_+^{\nu_+} a_-^{\nu_-} = m_+ \gamma_+ m_-^2 \gamma_-^2 = 4m^3 \gamma_{\pm}^3$$

substituting gives

$$U = U^{\theta}_{\text{cell}} - \frac{RT}{F} \ln 2 - \frac{3RT}{2F} \ln(m\gamma_{\pm})$$

e)

c,d) From the table of standard potentials

Cl₂ + 2e⁻ ↔ 2Cl⁻
$$U^{\theta}$$
=1.3595V
Zn ↔ Zn²⁺ + 2e⁻ U^{θ} =-0.7618 V

Given that the solids and liquids are in their standard state, we can right the change in Gibbs energy as

$$\Delta G_{Rx}^{0} = \Delta G_{f,ZnCl2}^{0} = -nFU^{\theta} = -2(96485)(2.121 V) = -409.3 \text{ kJ}$$

$$Hg_{2}Cl_{2} + 2e^{-} \leftrightarrow 2Hg + 2Cl^{-} \qquad U^{\theta} = 0.2676 \text{ V}$$

$$Zn \leftrightarrow Zn^{2+} + 2e^{-} \qquad U^{\theta} = -0.7618 \text{ V}$$

$$Zn + Hg_{2}Cl_{2} \leftrightarrow ZnCl_{2}(aq) + 2Hg \qquad U^{\theta} = 1.029 \text{ V}$$

$$\Delta G_{Rx}^{o} = -nFU^{\theta} = -198,740 \text{ J mol}^{-1}$$
$$\Delta G_{Rx}^{o} = \Delta G_{f,\text{ZnCl2}}^{o} - \Delta G_{f,\text{Hg2Cl2}}^{o} = -210.6 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

The values are different because the standard states are different for a solid versus solution. There is some change in energy and entropy involved in the dissolution of the solid. Chapter 2

The lithium air cell offers the possibility of a very high energy battery. At the negative electrode, $Li \leftrightarrow Li^+ + e^-$

At the positive electrodes the following reactions are postulated

$$2\mathrm{Li}^{+} + \mathrm{O}_{2} + 2\mathrm{e}^{-} \leftrightarrow \mathrm{Li}_{2}\mathrm{O}_{2} .$$
$$2\mathrm{Li}^{+} + \frac{1}{2}\mathrm{O}_{2} + 2\mathrm{e}^{-} \leftrightarrow \mathrm{Li}_{2}\mathrm{O} .$$

Estimate the standard potential for each of the two possible reactions at the positive electrode paired with a lithium anode.

The reaction at positive electrode is

and for the negative

$$2\text{Li} \leftrightarrow 2\text{Li}^+ + 2\text{e}^-$$

 $2\text{Li}^+ + \text{O}_2 + 2\text{e}^- \leftrightarrow 2\text{Li}_2\text{O}_2$

overall

$$2\text{Li} + 0_2 \leftrightarrow 2\text{Li}_20_2$$

$$\Delta G_{Rx}^{o} = \Delta G_{f,\text{Li2O2}}^{o} = -571.116 \text{ kJ} = -nFU^{\theta}$$
$$U^{\theta} = \frac{-\Delta G_{Rx}^{o}}{nF} = \frac{-571116}{2F} = 2.96 \text{ V}$$

For the second reaction, at the positive electrode is

$$2\mathrm{Li}^{+} + \frac{1}{2}\mathrm{O}_{2} + 2\mathrm{e}^{-} \leftrightarrow \mathrm{Li}_{2}\mathrm{O}$$

and for the negative

$$2Li \leftrightarrow 2Li^+ + 2e^-$$

overall

$$2\text{Li} + \frac{1}{2}\text{O}_2 \leftrightarrow \text{Li}_2\text{O}$$

$$\Delta G_{Rx}^o = \Delta G_{f,\text{Li2O}}^o = -561.2 \text{ kJ} = -nFU^{\theta}$$

$$U^{\theta} = \frac{-\Delta G_{Rx}^{0}}{nF} = \frac{-571200}{2F} = 2.91 \,\mathrm{V}$$

Develop an expression for the equilibrium potential for the cell below. The first reaction is the negative electrode of the Edison cell (battery).

 $Fe + 20H^{-} \rightarrow Fe(OH)_{2} + 2e^{-}$ $O_{2} + 4e^{-} + 2H_{2}O \rightarrow 4OH^{-}$

The Gibbs energy of formation for Fe(OH)₂ is -486.6 kJ/mol.

The reaction at positive electrode is

and for the negative

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
0_2 + 4e^- + 2H_20 \leftrightarrow 40H^- & U^{\theta} = 0.401 \text{ V} \\
Fe + 20H^- \rightarrow Fe(0H)_2 + 2e^- & U^{\theta} = ?
\end{array}$$

 $2Fe + O_2 + 2H_2O \leftrightarrow Fe(OH)_2$

overall

$$U = U^{\theta}_{\text{cell}} - \frac{RT}{nF} \ln \prod a_i^{s_i}, \qquad (2-11)$$
$$U = U^{\theta}_{\text{cell}} - \frac{RT}{nF} \ln \frac{a_{\text{Fe}(\text{OH})_2}^2}{a_{\text{Fe}}^2 a_{\text{O2}} a_{\text{H}_2}^2},$$
$$U = U^{\theta}_{\text{cell}} + \frac{RT}{2F} \ln a_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} + \frac{RT}{4F} \ln \left(\frac{p_{O2}}{p^o}\right)$$

$$U^{\theta} = \frac{-\Delta G_{Rx}^{o}}{nF}$$

 $\Delta G_{Rx}^{o} = 2\Delta G_{f,Fe(OH)_{2}}^{o} - 2\Delta G_{H_{2}O}^{o} = 2\{-486,600 - (-237,2 = 129)\} = -499.5 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$

$$U^{\theta} = \frac{-\Delta G_{Rx}^{0}}{nF} = \frac{499500}{(4)96485} = 1.29 \text{ V}$$
$$U = 1.29 + \frac{RT}{2F} \ln a_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} + \frac{RT}{4F} \ln \left(\frac{p_{O2}}{p^{o}}\right)$$

Develop an expression for the equilibrium potential of a hydrogen-oxygen fuel cell operating under acidic conditions. The two electrochemical reactions are

$$H_2 \leftrightarrow 2H^+ + 2e^-$$
 and $O_2 + 4H^+ + 4e^- \leftrightarrow 2H_2O$

Use the data in the Appendix C for standard Gibbs energy of formation. Compare with the value calculated from standard electrode potentials to identify whether the standard state for water in the table of Appendix A is liquid or gas.

The reaction at positive electrode is

and for the negative	$O_2 + 4H^+ + 4e^- \leftrightarrow 2H_2O$	U^{θ} =1.229 V
and for the negative	$H_2 \leftrightarrow 2H^+ + 2e^-$	$U^{ heta}=0$ V
overall		
	$\mathrm{H}_{2} + \frac{1}{2}\mathrm{O}_{2} \leftrightarrow \mathrm{H}_{2}\mathrm{O}$	

$$U = U^{\theta}_{\text{cell}} - \frac{RT}{nF} \ln \prod a_{i}^{S_{i}},$$

$$U = U^{\theta}_{\text{cell}} + \frac{RT}{nF} \ln \frac{a_{02}^{1/2} a_{H2}}{a_{H20}},$$

$$U = U^{\theta}_{\text{cell}} + \frac{RT}{2F} \ln \frac{\left(\frac{p_{H2}}{p^{0}}\right) \left(\frac{p_{02}}{p^{0}}\right)^{0.5}}{a_{H20}}$$
(2-11)

0

 $U^{\theta} = \frac{-\Delta G_{Rx}^{0}}{nF} = 1.229 \text{ V}, \text{ where } n=2$ Therefore, $\Delta G_{Rx}^{0} = -nFU^{\theta} = -2(96485)1.229 = -237 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$

From the Appendix Cliquid $\Delta G^o_{f,H2O} = -237 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$

 $\Delta G^o_{f,\mathrm{H2O}} = -229 \,\mathrm{kJ} \,\mathrm{mol}^{-1}$

Thus, the 1.229 V corresponds to liquid water

gas

Write the associated electrochemical reactions, and calculate the standard potential, U^{θ} , from ΔG° for the following cells

- a. Propane fuel cell with solid oxygen conductor electrolyte
- b. Electrolysis of aluminum, where aluminum is produced from Al_2O_3 and carbon. Note that carbon is oxidized at the anode.

a) The reaction at positive electrode is

$$50_2 + 20e^- \leftrightarrow 100^{2-}$$

and for the negative

$$C_3H_8 + 100^{2-} \leftrightarrow 3CO_2 + 4H_2O + 20e^{-1}$$

overall

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$$C_3H_8 + 5O_2 \leftrightarrow 3CO_2 + 4H_2O$$

Since the oxygen ion does not appear in the overall reaction, the standard potential does not depend on its activity.

$$\Delta G_{Rx}^o = -nFU^\theta = 3\Delta G_{f,CO2}^o + 4\Delta G_{f,H2O}^o - \Delta G_{f,C3H8}^o$$

$$\Delta G_{Rx}^o = -nFU^{\theta} = 3(-394.3) + 4(-228.6) - (-24.3) = -2070 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

$$U^{\theta} = \frac{-2,070,000}{20F} = 1.074 \text{ V}$$

b) The overall reaction is

$$2Al_2O_3 + 3C \leftrightarrow 4Al + 3CO_2$$

$$\Delta G_{Rx}^{o} = -nFU^{\theta} = 3\Delta G_{f,CO2}^{o} - 2\Delta G_{f,Al2O3}^{o}$$
$$\Delta G_{Rx}^{o} = -nFU^{\theta} = 3(-394.3) - 2(-1582.3)$$

$$U^{\theta} = \frac{-1,981,500}{12F} = 1.711 \text{ V}$$

The actual reactions are complex, here is one set of reactions

$$3C + 60^{2-} \leftrightarrow 3CO_2 + 12e^-$$
$$2Al_2O_3 + 12e^- \leftrightarrow 4Al + 60^{2-}$$

Chapter 2

Calculate the equilibrium potential for peroxide formation in an acid fuel cell

 $O_2 + 2H^+ + 2e^- \rightarrow H_2$

The reaction at positive electrode is

$$O_2 + 2H^+ + 2e^- \leftrightarrow H_2O_2$$

 $H_2 \leftrightarrow 2H^+ + 2e^ U^{\theta}=0$ V

overall

and for the negative

$$H_2 + O_2 \leftrightarrow H_2O_2$$

Therefore for liquid peroxide

$$\Delta G_{Rx}^o = \Delta G_{f,H2O2}^o = -120.42 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

$$U^{\theta}_{\text{cell}} = \frac{-\Delta G^{0}_{Rx}}{nF} = \frac{120,420}{2F} = 0.624 \text{ V}$$

Alternatively, if peroxide is formed as an aqueous solution $\Delta G_{Rx}^o = \Delta G_{f,H2O2}^o = -134.1 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$

$$U^{\theta}_{\text{cell}} = \frac{-\Delta G^{0}_{Rx}}{nF} = \frac{134,097}{2F} = 0.695 \text{ V}$$

From the Appendix C liquid

aqueous solution

 $\Delta G_{f,\text{H2O2}}^{o} = -120.4 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ $\Delta G_{f,\text{H2O2}}^{o} = -134.1 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$

Value not in appendix

Use the half-cell reactions for the reduction of cupric ion (Cu^{2+}) to copper metal and cuprous ion (Cu^{+}) to copper metal to calculate the standard potential for the reduction of cupric ion to cuprous ion. Check your answer against the value given in Appendix A.

$$\begin{array}{ll} \mathrm{Cu}^{2+} + 2\mathrm{e}^{-} \rightarrow \mathrm{Cu} & U_{1}^{\theta} = 0.337 \, \mathrm{V} \\ \mathrm{Cu}^{+} + \mathrm{e}^{-} \rightarrow \mathrm{Cu} & U_{2}^{\theta} = 0.521 \, \mathrm{V} \end{array}$$

Subtract the second reaction from the first to get the desired reaction

$$Cu^{2+} + e^- \rightarrow Cu^+$$

Because the electrons per copper atom are not the same for the two reactions, we need to use the ΔG method, we can't just subtract the two standard potentials.

$$\Delta G_3^o = \Delta G_1^o - \Delta G_2^o$$
$$-FU_3^\theta = -2FU_1^\theta - (-FU_2^\theta)$$
$$U_3^\theta = 2(0.337) - (0.521) = 0.153 \text{ V}$$

This is same value tabulated in Appendix A.

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Consider the electrochemical cell below.

The two reactions are

$$\begin{array}{l} H_2 \leftrightarrow 2H^+ + 2e^- \\ Cl_2 + 2e^- \leftrightarrow 2Cl^- \end{array}$$

Find an expression for U. If the pressure of hydrogen is 250 kPa and that of chlorine is 150 kPa, what is the numerical value of U at 25 °C in one molal HCl? Include the simplified activity corrections (you may neglect activity coefficients).

The equilibrium potential for the chlorine reaction is 1.3595 V, which is the standard cell potential. The overall reaction is

$$Cl_{2} + H_{2} \leftrightarrow 2HCl(aq) \qquad n=2$$

$$U = U^{\theta}_{cell} - \frac{RT}{nF} \ln \prod a_{i}^{s_{i}}, \qquad (2-11)$$

$$U = U^{\theta}_{cell} - \frac{RT}{nF} \ln \frac{a_{HCl}^{2}}{a_{H2}a_{Cl2}},$$

$$U = 1.3595 - \frac{RT}{F} \ln a_{HCl} + \frac{RT}{2F} \ln {\binom{p_{Cl2}}{p^{o}}} {\binom{p_{H2}}{p^{o}}},$$

for a 1 molal solution, the activity is one assuming that $\gamma_{\pm}=1$

$$U = 1.3595 + \frac{RT}{2F} \ln \left(\frac{150}{100}\right) \left(\frac{250}{100}\right) = 1.376 \text{ V}$$

Create a Pourbaix diagram for Pb. Treat the following reactions

$$\begin{array}{ll} Pb \leftrightarrow Pb^{2+} + 2e^{-} & (c) \\ Pb^{2+} + H_2 0 \leftrightarrow Pb0 + 2H^{+} & (d) \\ Pb + H_2 0 \leftrightarrow Pb0 + 2H^{+} + 2e^{-} & (e) \\ Pb^{2+} + 2H_2 0 \leftrightarrow PbO_2 + 4H^{+} + 2e^{-} & (f) \end{array}$$

$$Pb^{2^{+}} + 2H_20 \leftrightarrow PbO_2 + 4H^{+} + 2e$$
 (f)
 $3Pb0 + H_20 \leftrightarrow Pb_3O_4 + 2H^{+} + 2e^{-}$ (g)

from text in Chapter 2

$$U_a = -\frac{RT}{2F} \ln \frac{1}{\left(\frac{c_{\rm H}+}{c^0}\right)^2} = \frac{RT}{F} \ln \left(\frac{c_{\rm H}+}{c^0}\right) = -\frac{RT}{F} 2.303 \text{ pH} = -0.0592 \text{ pH}$$
(a)

$$U_b = U^{\theta}{}_{b/\text{SHE}} - \frac{RT}{F} 2.303 \text{ pH} = 1.229 - 0.0592 \text{ pH},$$
 (b)

For the first reaction, (c)

$$Pb \leftrightarrow Pb^{2+} + 2e^{-}.$$
$$U_c = U^{\theta}{}_{c/SHE} - \frac{RT}{nF} \ln \frac{c^{\theta}}{c_{Pb^{2+}}}$$
$$U_c = -0.126 + 2.303 \frac{RT}{2F} \log[Pb^{2+}]$$

Assume the concentration of lead ion is 10^{-6} M,

$$U_c = -0.126 + 2.303 \frac{RT}{2F} (-6) = -0.304 \text{ V}$$

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The second reaction (d) is a chemical equilibrium

$$K_{sp} = \frac{(a_{Pb^{2+}})(a_{H_2O})}{(a_{PbO})(a_{H^+}^2)} = e^{\frac{nFU^{\theta}}{RT}}$$

 $a_{\rm H_2O} = a_{\rm PbO} = 1, n=2$

Obtain Gibbs energy of formation from Appendix C

$$\Delta G_{f,Pb^{2+}}^{o} = -24.39 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

$$\Delta G_{f,Pb0}^{o} = -187.9 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

$$\Delta G_{f,H_20}^{o} = -237.129 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

$$\Delta G_{Rx}^{o} = (-187.9) - (-24.39) - (-237.129) = 73.619 \text{ kJ}$$

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(c)

$$U^{\theta} = \frac{-\Delta G_{Rx}^{o}}{nF} = \frac{73,619}{(2)96485} = 0.382 \text{ V}$$

$$K_{sp} = \frac{(a_{Pb^{2+}})}{(a_{H^+}^2)} = e^{\frac{nFU^{\theta}}{RT}} = 8.22 \times 10^{12}$$

 $a_{\rm Pb^{2+}} = 10^{-6}$, and $pH = \log(a_{\rm H^+})$

$$a_{\rm H^+}^2 = \frac{10^{-6}}{8.22 \times 10^{12}}$$
$$a_{\rm H^+} = 3.49 \times 10^{-10}$$
$$pH = \log(a_{\rm H^+}) = 9.46$$

Reaction (e)

$$U_{e} = U^{\theta}_{d/SHE} - \frac{RT}{nF} \ln \frac{(a_{Pb})(a_{H_{2}O})}{(a_{H^{+}}^{2})(a_{PbO})}$$

 $a_{\rm PbO} = a_{\rm Pb} = a_{\rm H_2O} = 1$

$$U_e = U_{e/SHE}^{\theta} + \frac{2.303RT}{F} \log(a_{H^+}) = U_{e/SHE}^{\theta} - \frac{2.303RT}{F} pH$$

Use Gibbs energy of formation to obtain the standard potential

$$\Delta G_{Rx}^{o} = (-237.129) - (-187.9) = -nFU_{e}^{\theta}$$
$$U_{e}^{\theta} = 0.255 V$$
$$U_{e} = 0.255 - 0.0592 \text{pH}$$

Reaction (f)

Use Gibbs energy of formation to obtain the standard potential

$$\Delta G_{Rx}^{o} = (-24.39) + 2(-237.129) - (-217.3) = -nFU_{f}^{\theta}$$

n=2,

$$U_{f}^{\theta} = \frac{-\Delta G_{Rx}^{o}}{nF} = 1.458 V$$
$$U_{f} = U^{\theta}_{f/SHE} - \frac{RT}{nF} \ln \frac{(a_{Pb}^{2+})(a_{H_{2}}^{2})}{(a_{H^{+}}^{4})(a_{PbO_{2}})}$$

 $a_{\text{PbO}_2} = a_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} = 1$, and $a_{\text{Pb}^2+} = 10^{-6}$

$$U_f = U^{\theta}_{f/\text{SHE}} - \frac{RT}{2F} \ln(10^{-6}) + \frac{2RT}{F} \ln(a_{\text{H}^+})$$
$$U_f = 1.458 + 0.1775 + \frac{2RT}{F} \ln(a_{\text{H}^+})$$
$$U_f = 1.6355 - 0.1183 \text{pH}$$

Reaction (g)

$$\Delta G_{Rx}^{o} = 3(-187.9) + (-237.129) - (-601.7) = -nFU_{g}^{\theta}$$
$$U_{g}^{\theta} = \frac{-\Delta G_{Rx}^{o}}{2F} = 1.032 V$$
$$U_{g} = U_{g}^{\theta} + \frac{RT}{F2} \ln(a_{H^{+}})$$
$$U_{g} = 1.032 - 0.0592 \text{pH}$$

Lead Pourbaix Diagram RoomTemperature



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Create a Pourbaix diagram for Pt. Focus on the low pH range (-2 \leq pH \leq 1), and consider the following reactions.

from text in Chapter 2

$$U_a = -\frac{RT}{2F} \ln \frac{1}{\left(\frac{c_{\rm H}^+}{c^0}\right)^2} = \frac{RT}{F} \ln \left(\frac{c_{\rm H}^+}{c^0}\right) = -\frac{RT}{F} 2.303 \text{ pH} = -0.0592 \text{ pH}$$
(a)

$$U_b = U^{\theta}{}_{b/\text{SHE}} - \frac{RT}{F} 2.303 \text{ pH} = 1.229 - 0.0592 \text{ pH},$$
 (b)

For the first reaction, (c)

$$Pt \leftrightarrow Pt^{2+} + 2e^{-}.$$

$$U_{c} = U_{c}^{\theta} - \frac{RT}{nF} \ln \frac{c^{\theta}}{c_{Pt^{2+}}}$$

$$U_{c} = 1.188 + 2.303 \frac{RT}{2F} \log[Pt^{2+}]$$

Assume the concentration of platinum ion is 10^{-6} M,

 $U_c = 1.011 \, \text{V}$

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The second reaction (d) is a chemical equilibrium

$$K_{sp} = \frac{(a_{Pt^{2+}})(a_{H_2O})}{(a_{PtO})(a_{H^+}^2)} = \frac{(a_{Pt^{2+}})}{(a_{H^+}^2)} = e^{\frac{nFU^{\theta}}{RT}}$$

 $a_{\rm H_2O} = a_{\rm PbO} = 1, n=2$

This equilibrium reaction (d) is the difference of

Pt + H₂0 ↔ Pt0 + 2H⁺ + 2e⁻
Pt ↔ Pt²⁺ + 2e⁻
$$U^{\theta} = 0.980 - 1.188 = -0.208 \text{ V}$$

Using the equation above for Ksp and the definition of pH,

$$pH = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{nFU^{\theta}}{2.303RT} \right\} - \log[\text{Pt}^{2+}] = -0.516$$

Reaction (e)

$$U_e = U_e^{\theta} + \frac{RT}{F} \ln(a_{\rm H^+})$$
$$U_e = 0.980 + 2.303 \frac{RT}{F} \log(a_{\rm H^+})$$
$$U_e = 0.980 - 0.0592 \text{ pH}$$

Reaction (f), same approach as for reaction (e)

$$U_f = 1.045 - 0.0592 \text{ pH}$$

Reaction (g)

$$U_g = U_g^{\theta} - \frac{RT}{2F} \ln[10^{-6}] + 2.303 \frac{4RT}{2F} \log(a_{\rm H^+})$$
$$U_g = 1.014 - 0.118 \text{ pH}$$



Platinum Pourbaix Diagram

Electrochemical Engineering, Thomas F. Fuller and John N. Harb

Create a Pourbaix diagram for Fe. Treat the following reactions

$Fe^{2+} + 2e^- \leftrightarrow Fe.$	(-0.440 V)	(c)
$Fe^{3+} + e^- \leftrightarrow Fe^{2+}$.	(0.771 V)	(d)
$Fe_3O_4 + 8H^+ + 8e^- \leftrightarrow 3Fe + 4H_2O$	(-0.085 V)	(e)
$Fe_3O_4 + 8H^+ + 2e^- \leftrightarrow 3Fe^{2+} + 4H_2O$	(0.980 V)	(f)
$Fe_2O_3 + 6H^+ + 2e^- \leftrightarrow 2Fe^{2+} + 3H_2O$	(0.728 V)	(g)
$2Fe^{3+} + 3H_2O \leftrightarrow Fe_2O_3 + 6H^+$		(h)
$3Fe_2O_3 + 2H^+ + 2e^- \leftrightarrow 2Fe_3O_4 + H_2O$	(0.221 V)	(i)
$Fe_3O_4 + H_2O + OH^- + 2e^- \leftrightarrow 3HFeO_2^-$	(-1.819 V)	(j)
$\mathrm{HFeO}_2^- + 3\mathrm{H}^+ + 2\mathrm{e}^- \leftrightarrow \mathrm{Fe} + 2\mathrm{H}_2\mathrm{O}$	(0.493 V)	(k)

from text in Chapter 2

$$U_a = -\frac{RT}{2F} \ln \frac{1}{\left(\frac{c_{\rm H}+}{c^0}\right)^2} = \frac{RT}{F} \ln \left(\frac{c_{\rm H}+}{c^0}\right) = -\frac{RT}{F} 2.303 \text{ pH} = -0.0592 \text{ pH}$$
(a)

$$U_b = U^{\theta}{}_{b/\text{SHE}} - \frac{RT}{F} 2.303 \text{ pH} = 1.229 - 0.0592 \text{ pH},$$
 (b)

For the first reaction, (c)

$$Fe^{2+} + 2e^{-} \leftrightarrow Fe.$$
(c)
$$U_{c} = U_{c}^{\theta} - \frac{RT}{nF} \ln \frac{c^{\theta}}{c_{Pt^{2+}}}$$
$$U_{c} = -0.440 + 2.303 \frac{RT}{2F} \log[Fe^{2+}]$$

Assume the concentration of iron ion is 10^{-6} M,

$$U_c = -0.6175 \text{ V}$$

For the second reaction, (d)

$$Fe^{3+} + e^{-} \leftrightarrow Fe^{2+}.$$
 (c)
$$U_d = U_d^{\theta} - \frac{RT}{nF} \ln \frac{c_{Fe^{2+}}}{c_{Fe^{3+}}}$$

if the concentration of iron (II) and iron (III) are the same

$$U_d = U_d^{\theta} = 0.771 \,\mathrm{V}$$

Reaction (e) $Fe_3O_4 + 8H^+ + 8e^- \leftrightarrow 3Fe + 4H_2O$

$$U_e = U_e^{\theta} + \frac{RT}{F} \ln(a_{\rm H^+})$$

$$U_e = -0.085 - 0.0592 \text{ pH}$$

Reaction (f), $\operatorname{Fe}_3O_4 + 8\mathrm{H}^+ + 2\mathrm{e}^- \leftrightarrow 3\mathrm{Fe}^{2+} + 4\mathrm{H}_2O$

$$U_{f} = U_{f}^{\theta} - \frac{RT}{nF} \ln \frac{\left(a_{Fe^{2+}}^{3}\right)\left(a_{H_{2}0}^{4}\right)}{\left(a_{H^{+}}^{3}\right)}$$
$$U_{f} = U_{f}^{\theta} - 0.0296 \log\left(a_{Fe^{2+}}^{3}\right) + 0.0296 \log\left(a_{H^{+}}^{8}\right)$$
$$U_{f} = U_{f}^{\theta} - 0.0887 \log[Fe^{2+}] - 0.2366 \text{ pH}$$
$$U_{f} = 1.5124 - 0.2366 \text{ pH}$$

Reaction (g), $Fe_2O_3 + 6H^+ + 2e^- \leftrightarrow 2Fe^{2+} + 3H_2O$

$$U_g = U_g^{\theta} - \frac{{}^{RT}}{{}^{2F}} \ln \frac{\left(a_{\rm Fe^{2+}}^2\right) \left(a_{\rm H_2O}^3\right)}{\left(a_{\rm H^+}^6\right)}$$
$$U_g = 0.728 - 0.592 \log[10^{-6}] - 0.1775 \text{ pH}$$
$$U_g = 1.083 - 0.1775 \text{ pH}$$

Reaction (h) is a chemical equilibrium, $2Fe^{3+} + 3H_20 \leftrightarrow Fe_2O_3 + 6H^+$

$$K_{sp} = \frac{(a_{\rm Fe^{3+}}^2)(a_{\rm H_2O}^3)}{(a_{\rm H^+}^6)} \approx \frac{(a_{\rm Fe^{3+}}^2)}{(a_{\rm H^+}^6)} = e^{\frac{nFU^{\theta}}{RT}}$$

 $a_{\rm H_2O} = 1$, n=2 From, equilibrium data $U^{\theta}=-0.043$ V (reactions d and g)

$$2\ln(a_{\rm Fe^{2+}}) - 6\ln(a_{\rm H^+}) = \frac{2FU^{\theta}}{RT}$$
$$pH = \frac{FU^{\theta}}{(2.303)3RT} - \frac{1}{3}\log[10^{-6}] = 1.76$$

Reaction (i), $3Fe_2O_3 + 2H^+ + 2e^- \leftrightarrow 2Fe_3O_4 + H_2O$

$$U_{i} = U_{i}^{\theta} - \frac{RT}{nF} \ln \frac{1}{(a_{H^{+}}^{2})}$$
$$U_{i} = 0.221 - 0.0592 \text{ pH}$$

Reaction (j), $Fe_3O_4 + H_2O + OH^- + 2e^- \leftrightarrow 3HFeO_2^$ add this reaction to $H_2O \leftrightarrow H^+ + OH^-$

which results in a form of the same equation in terms of the proton activity

Fe₃O₄ + 2H₂O + 2e⁻ ↔ 3HFeO₂⁻ + H⁺

$$U_j = U_j^{\theta} - \frac{RT}{nF} \ln \frac{\left(a_{\text{HFeO}_2}^3\right)}{\left(a_{\text{H}^+}\right)}$$

 $U_i = -1.819 - 0.0887 \log[10^{-6}] - 0.0295 \text{ pH}$
 $U_i = -1.2869 - 0.0295 \text{ pH}$

Reaction (k), $HFeO_2^- + 3H^+ + 2e^- \leftrightarrow Fe + 2H_2O$

$$U_k = U_k^{\theta} - \frac{RT}{nF} \ln \frac{1}{(a_{\text{HFeO}_2})(a_{\text{H}^+}^3)}$$
$$U_i = 0.493 + 0.0295 \log[10^{-6}] - 0.0886 \text{ pH}$$
$$U_i = 0.316 - 0.0886 \text{ pH}$$



Chapter 2

Use the information in Appendix A to determine the dissociation constant for water, K_w .

$$H_20 \leftrightarrow H^+ + 0H^-$$

Use entries 4 and 9 from Appendix A

$$0_2 + 2H_20 + 4e^- \leftrightarrow 40H^ U^{\theta} = 0.401 \text{ V}$$

 $0_2 + 4H^+ + 4e^- \leftrightarrow 2H_20$ $U^{\theta} = 1.229 \text{ V}$

$$\frac{nFU^{\theta}}{RT} = \ln \frac{(a_{\rm H^+})(a_{\rm OH^-})}{a_{\rm H2O}}$$

$$K_{w} = \frac{(a_{\rm H^+})(a_{\rm 0H^-})}{a_{\rm H20}} \approx (a_{\rm H^+})(a_{\rm 0H^-}) = e^{\frac{nFU^{\theta}}{RT}} = e^{\frac{F(0.401-1.229)}{RT}} = 10^{-14}$$

Determine the solubility product K_{sp} for PbSO₄.

The desired equilibrium is

$$PbSO_4 \leftrightarrow Pb^{2+} + SO_4^{2-}$$

We can write this a the sum of two electrochemical equations

$$PbSO_4 + 2e^- \leftrightarrow Pb + SO_4^2 \qquad U^{\theta} = -0.356 V$$
$$Pb \leftrightarrow Pb^{2+} + 2e^- \qquad U^{\theta} = -0.126 V$$

$$K = e^{\frac{nFU^{\theta}}{RT}} = e^{\frac{2F(-0.356+0.126)}{RT}} = 1.67 \times 10^{-8}$$

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PROBLEM 2-21

U1 = 0.153 [V] oxidation of Cu

U2 = 0.521 [V] oxidation of Cu+

$$\mathsf{K} = \exp\left[\mathsf{F} \cdot \left(\frac{\mathsf{U}\mathsf{1} - \mathsf{U}\mathsf{2}}{\mathsf{R} \cdot \mathsf{T}}\right)\right]$$

R = 8.314 [J/mol-K]

T = 298.15 [K]

F = 96485 [Coulomb/mol]

SOLUTION

Unit Settings: SI C kPa kJ mass deg				
F = 96485 [Coulomb/mol]	K = 6.014E-07	R = 8.314 [J/mol-K]		
T = 298.2 [K]	U1 = 0.153 [V]	U2 = 0.521 [V]		

No unit problems were detected.

$$Cu + Cu^{2+1} = 2Cu^{+} U^{0} = U_{1}^{0} - U_{2}^{0}$$

 $\frac{F}{ET}(u_{1}^{0} - U_{2}^{0}) = 6 \times 10^{-7}$

K= exp RT at 298K

Explain what a liquid junction is and why the potential of cells with liquid junctions cannot be determined from thermodynamics alone.

In many electrochemical cells, the two electrodes are exposed to solutions of different composition. Since an ionic path must exist between the two electrodes, diffusion of ions from across the region of non-uniform composition can occur even in the absence of current flow. A small potential difference is associated with this liquid junction. Thermodynamics analysis, however, assumes that the system is in equilibrium, which is not valid when transport across this liquid junction is present. To account for small correction in potential associated with this liquid junction, transport must be treated.

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PROBLEM 2-22

c = 100 [mol/m³] concentration of lithium salt

 ρ = 1286 [kg/m³] density of electrolyte

basis of 1 m3 of electrolyte

$$m = \frac{c}{\rho - c \cdot MW}$$

MW = 0.1519 [kg/mol]

Calculate Debye length

R = 8.314 [J/mol-K]

T = 303.15 [K]

F = 96485 [coulomb/mol]

dc = 64

- $p = 8.85419 \times 10^{-12}$ [coulomb/(V-m)]
- $\epsilon = dc \cdot p$

sum = $2 \cdot c$

$$\lambda = \sqrt{\varepsilon \cdot \mathbf{R} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{T}}{\mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathrm{sum}}}$$

convert molality to ionic strength, 1:1 electrolyte, no change

ACTIVITY COEFFICIENT

solvent constants

$$e = 1.6 \times 10^{-19}$$
 [coulomb]

 $\rho s = 1205 [kg/m^3]$

$$\alpha = \sqrt{\rho s} \cdot \frac{F \cdot F \cdot e \cdot \sqrt{2}}{8 \cdot \pi \cdot [\varepsilon \cdot R \cdot T]^{1.5}}$$

I = m

 $Ba = 1 [(kg/mol)^{0.5}]$

 $\ln \left[\gamma \right] = \frac{-\alpha \cdot \sqrt{I}}{1 + Ba \cdot \sqrt{I}}$

SOLUTION Unit Settings: SI C kPa kJ mass deg $\alpha = 1.705 [(kg/mol)^{0.5}]$ Ba = 1 $[(kg/mol)^{0.5}]$ $c = 100 [mol/m^3]$ dc = 64e = 1.600E-19 [coulomb] ε = 5.667E-10 [Coulomb/(V-m)] F = 96485 [coulomb/mol] $\gamma = 0.6884$ I = 0.07869 [mol/kg] $\lambda = 8.758\text{E-10}$ [m] m = 0.07869 [mol/kg] MW = 0.1519 [kg/mol] p = 8.854E-12 [coulomb/(V-m)] R = 8.314 [J/mol-K] $\rho = 1286 [kg/m^3]$ $\rho s = 1205 [kg/m^3]$ sum = 200 [mol/m³]T = 303.2 [K]

No unit problems were detected.

Consider the electrochemical cell below. Iron corrodes to form Fe^{2+} . Develop an expression for *U*, and determine the value of the standard potential.

Pt(s), $H_2(g)$ HCl(aq) Fe Pt(s)

 $\begin{array}{ll} \mathrm{F}\mathrm{e}^{2+} + 2\mathrm{e}^- \leftrightarrow \mathrm{F}\mathrm{e} & \quad (\text{-0.440 V}) \\ \mathrm{2}\mathrm{H}^+ + 2\mathrm{e}^- \leftrightarrow \mathrm{H}_2 & \quad (0.0 \ \mathrm{V}) \end{array}$

At the negative electrode

Positive

The overall reaction is

$$2H^{+} + Fe \leftrightarrow H_{2} + Fe^{2+} \quad n=2, U^{\theta}=-0.44 V$$

$$U = U^{\theta}_{cell} - \frac{RT}{nF} \ln \prod a_{i}^{s_{i}}, \qquad (2-11)$$

$$U = U^{\theta}_{cell} - \frac{RT}{2F} \ln \frac{a_{H2}a_{Fe2+}}{a_{H+}^{2}},$$

$$= 0.440 - \frac{RT}{2F} \ln {\binom{p_{H2}}{p^{o}}} - \frac{RT}{2F} \ln \frac{a_{Fe2+}}{a_{H+}^{2}},$$

This is not the desired form, we'd like to have this expression is terms of common, measurable activity coefficients: $m_{\text{FeCl}_2}\gamma_{\text{FeCl}_2}$.

HCl $a_{\text{HCl}} = (a_{\text{H}^+})(a_{\text{Cl}^-})$ $a_{\text{FeCl}_2} = (a_{\text{Fe}^{2+}})(a_{\text{Cl}^-}^2)$

U

$$\frac{a_{\rm Fe2+}}{a_{\rm H+}^2} = \frac{a_{\rm FeCl_2}}{a_{\rm HCl}^2} = \frac{4(\gamma_{\mp}^{\rm recl_2}m_{\rm FeCl_2})}{1(\gamma_{\mp}^{\rm HCl}m_{\rm HCl})^4}$$

$$U = 0.440 - \frac{RT}{2F} \ln \left(\frac{p_{\text{H2}}}{p^o} \right) - \frac{RT}{F} \ln(2) - \frac{3}{2} \frac{RT}{F} \left(\ln \gamma_{\mp}^{\text{FeCl}_2} m_{\text{FeCl}_2} \right) + \frac{2RT}{F} \left(\gamma_{\mp}^{\text{HCl}} m_{\text{HCl}} \right)$$

Chapter 2

Find the expression for the equilibrium potential of the cell at 25 $^{\circ}$ C.

At the negative electrode

Positive
$$Zn^{2+} + 2e^- \leftrightarrow Zn$$
 (-0.763 V)
AgCl + $e^- \leftrightarrow Ag + Cl^-$ (0.222 V)

The overall reaction is

$$2\text{AgCl} + \text{Zn} \leftrightarrow 2\text{Ag} + \text{Zn}^{2+} + 2\text{Cl}^{-}$$
$$U^{\theta}_{\text{cell}} = U^{\theta}_{+} - U^{\theta}_{-} = 0.222 + 0.763 = 0.985 \text{ V}$$
$$U = U^{\theta}_{\text{cell}} - \frac{RT}{nF} \ln \prod a_{i}^{s_{i}}, \qquad (2\text{-}11)$$

$$U = U_{\text{cell}}^{\theta} - \frac{RT}{2F} \ln a_{\text{ZnCl}_2} = U_{\text{cell}}^{\theta} - \frac{RT}{2F} \ln 4 \left(\gamma_{\mp}^{\text{ZnCl}_2} m_{\text{ZnCl}_2} \right)^3$$

$$U = 0.985 - \frac{RT}{F} \ln(2) - \frac{3}{2} \frac{RT}{F} \ln m \gamma_{\mp}$$

"!PROBLEM 2-25"

l1=0.1 i2=0.3 Ba1=0.9992 Ba2=1.588

$$\label{eq:linear} \begin{split} &\ln(gamma_nacl) {=} (-1.1762^*1^* sqrt(l1)) / (1 + Ba1^* sqrt(l1)) \\ &\ln(gamma_Cacl2) {=} (-1.1762^*2^* sqrt(l2)) / (1 + Ba2^* sqrt(l2)) \end{split}$$

SOLUTION	
Unit Settings: SI C kPa kJ mass deg	
Ba1 = 0.9992	Ba2 = 1.588
γ Cacl2 = 0.502	γnacl = 0.7538
11 = 0.1	i2 = 0.3

No unit problems were detected.

Parametric Table: Table 1

	I	Ϋ́nacl	ΎCacl2
Run 1	0.0001	0.9884	0.977
Run 2	0.003129	0.9396	0.8828
Run 3	0.006159	0.918	0.8427
Run 4	0.009188	0.9022	0.814
Run 5	0.01222	0.8895	0.7912
Run 6	0.01525	0.8787	0.7722
Run 7	0.01828	0.8693	0.7557
Run 8	0.02131	0.8609	0.7411
Run 9	0.02433	0.8532	0.728
Run 10	0.02736	0.8462	0.7161
Run 11	0.03039	0.8398	0.7052
Run 12	0.03342	0.8338	0.6951
Run 13	0.03645	0.8281	0.6858
Run 14	0.03948	0.8228	0.6771
Run 15	0.04251	0.8178	0.6689
Run 16	0.04554	0.8131	0.6612
Run 17	0.04857	0.8086	0.6539
Run 18	0.0516	0.8043	0.6469
Run 19	0.05463	0.8002	0.6404
Run 20	0.05766	0.7963	0.6341
Run 21	0.06069	0.7925	0.6281
Run 22	0.06372	0.7889	0.6224
Run 23	0.06674	0.7854	0.6169
Run 24	0.06977	0.7821	0.6116
Run 25	0.0728	0.7788	0.6066
Run 26	0.07583	0.7757	0.6017
Run 27	0.07886	0.7726	0.597
Run 28	0.08189	0.7697	0.5924
Run 29	0.08492	0.7669	0.5881
Run 30	0.08795	0. 764 1	0.5838
Run 31	0.09098	0.7614	0.5797
Run 32	0.09401	0.7588	0.5757
Run 33	0.09704	0.7562	0.5719
Run 34	0.1001	0.7537	0.5681

Parametric Table: Table 1

	I	Ynacl	γCacl2
Run 35	0.1031	0.7513	0.5645
Run 36	0.1061	0.749	0.5609
Run 37	0.1092	0.7467	0.5575
Run 38	0.1122	0.7444	0.5541
Run 39	0.1152	0.7422	0.5509
Run 40	0.1182	0.7401	0.5477
Run 41	0.1213	0.738	0.5446
Run 42	0.1243	0.7359	0.5416
Run 43	0.1273	0.7339	0.5386
Run 44	0.1304	0.7319	0.5357
Run 45	0.1334	0.73	0.5329
Run 46	0.1364	0.7281	0.5301
Run 47	0.1394	0.7262	0.5274
Run 48	0.1425	0.7244	0.5248
Run 49	0.1455	0.7226	0.5222
Run 50	0.1485	0.7209	0.5197
Run 51	0.1516	0.7192	0.5172
Run 52	0.1546	0.7175	0.5148
Run 53	0.1576	0.7158	0.5124
Run 54	0.1607	0.7142	0.5101
Run 55	0.1637	0.7126	0.5078
Run 56	0.1667	0.711	0.5055
Run 57	0.1697	0.7094	0.5033
Run 58	0.1728	0.7079	0.5011
Run 59	0.1758	0.7064	0.499
Run 60	0.1788	0.7049	0.4969
Run 61	0.1819	0.7035	0.4949
Run 62	0.1849	0.702	0.4929
Run 63	0.1879	0.7006	0.4909
Run 64	0.1909	0.6992	0.4889
Run 65	0.194	0.6979	0.487
Run 66	0.197	0.6965	0.4851
Run 67	0.2	0.6952	0.4833
Run 68	0.2031	0.6939	0.4815
Run 69	0.2061	0.6926	0.4797
Run 70	0.2091	0.6913	0.4779
Run 71	0.2122	0.69	0.4762
Run 72	0.2152	0.6888	0.4744
Run 73	0.2182	0.6876	0.4728
Run 74	0.2212	0.6864	0.4711
Run 75	0.2243	0.6852	0.4694
Run 76	0.2273	0.684	0.4678
Run 77	0.2303	0.6828	0.4662
Run 78	0.2334	0.6817	0.4647
Run 79	0.2364	0.6805	0.4631
Run 80	0.2394	0.6794	0.4616
Run 81	0.2424	0.6783	0.4601
Run 82	0.2455	0.6772	0.4586
Run 83	0.2485	0.6761	0.4571
Run 84	0.2515	0.675	0.4557
Run 85	0.2546	0.674	0.4543
Run 86	0.2576	0.6729	0.4529

Parametric Table: Table 1

	I	Ynacl	γCacl2
Run 87	0.2606	0.6719	0.4515
Run 88	0.2636	0.6709	0.4501
Run 89	0.2667	0.6699	0.4487
Run 90	0.2697	0.6689	0.4474
Run 91	0.2727	0.6679	0.4461
Run 92	0.2758	0.6669	0.4448
Run 93	0.2788	0.6659	0.4435
Run 94	0.2818	0.665	0.4422
Run 95	0.2849	0.664	0.4409
Run 96	0.2879	0.6631	0.4397
Run 97	0.2909	0.6622	0.4385
Run 98	0.2939	0.6613	0.4373
Run 99	0.297	0.6603	0.4361
Run 100	0.3	0.6594	0.4349



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PROBLEM 2-26

I = 0.3 [mol/kg] ionic strength of 0.1 m MgCl2

R = 8.314 [J/mol-K]

T = 298.15 [K]

F = 96485 [coulomb/mol]

dc = 80.4 dielectric constant for water at 25 C

- $p = 8.85419 \times 10^{-12}$ [coulomb/(V-m)]
- $\varepsilon = dc \cdot p$

ACTIVITY COEFFICIENT

solvent constants

 $e = 1.602 \times 10^{-19}$ [coulomb]

 $\rho_s = 997.1 \text{ [kg/m}^3 \text{]}$ density of water

$$\alpha = \sqrt{\rho_s} \cdot \frac{F \cdot F \cdot e \cdot \sqrt{2}}{8 \cdot \pi \cdot [\varepsilon \cdot R \cdot T]^{1.5}}$$

$$B = F \cdot \frac{\sqrt{\rho_s}}{\sqrt{\varepsilon \cdot R \cdot \frac{T}{2}}}$$

$$a1 = 8.0 \times 10^{-10} \quad [m]$$

$$a2 = 3.0 \times 10^{-10} \quad [m]$$

$$a = 0.5 \cdot [a1 + a2]$$

$$\ln \left[\gamma\right] = \frac{-2 \cdot \alpha \cdot \sqrt{I}}{1 + B \cdot a \cdot \sqrt{I}}$$

SOLUTION Unit Settings: SI C kPa kJ mass deg a = 5.500E-10 [m] a1 = 8.000E-10 [m] a2 = 3.000E-10 [m] α = 1.13 [(kg/mol)^{0.5}] B = 3.244E+09 [(kg/mol)^{0.5}/m] dc = 80.4 e = 1.602E-19 [coulomb] ϵ = 7.119E-10 [Coulomb/(V-m)] $\begin{array}{l} {\sf F} = 96485 \; [coulomb/mol] \\ \gamma = 0.5345 \\ {\sf I} = 0.3 \; [mol/kg] \\ {\sf p} = 8.854E\text{-}12 \; [coulomb/(V-m)] \\ {\sf R} = 8.314 \; [J/mol\text{-}K] \\ \rho^s = 997.1 \; [kg/m^3] \\ {\sf T} = 298.2 \; [{\sf K}] \end{array}$

No unit problems were detected.

Parametric Table: experimental data

	I	x	γ	gamm _{lim}	Ŷехр
	[mol/kg]	[(mol/kg) ^{0.5]}			
Run 1	0.001	0.03162	0.9661	0.9649	0.965
Run 2	0.005	0.07071	<i>0.9</i> 287	0.9232	0.927
Run 3	0.01	0.1	0.9035	0.8931	0.902
Run 4	0.05	0.2236	0.8174	0.7766	0.821
Run 5	0.1	0.3162	0.7687	0.6994	0.778
Run 6	1	1	0.5889	0.3229	0.657

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PROBLEM 2-27

I=0.1 [mol/kg]

ionic strength of NaCl, equivalent to molality

R = 8.314 [J/mol-K]

F = 96485 [coulomb/mol]

dc = 80.4 dielectric constant for water at 25 C

 $p = 8.85419 \times 10^{-12}$ [coulomb/(V-m)]

 $\epsilon = dc \cdot p$

ACTIVITY COEFFICIENT

solvent constants

 $e = 1.602 \times 10^{-19}$ [coulomb]

 $\rho_s = 997.1 \text{ [kg/m}^3 \text{]} \text{ density of water}$

$$\alpha = \sqrt{\rho_{s}} \cdot \frac{F \cdot F \cdot e \cdot \sqrt{2}}{8 \cdot \pi \cdot [\varepsilon \cdot R \cdot T]^{1.5}}$$

$$B = F \cdot \frac{\sqrt{\rho_{s}}}{\sqrt{\varepsilon \cdot R \cdot \frac{T}{2}}}$$

$$a1 = 4.0 \times 10^{-10} \quad [m]$$

$$a2 = 3.0 \times 10^{-10} \quad [m]$$

$$a = 0.5 \cdot [a1 + a2]$$

$$In [\gamma] = \frac{-\alpha \cdot \sqrt{I}}{1 + B \cdot a \cdot \sqrt{I}}$$

$$gamm_{lim} = exp[-\alpha \cdot \sqrt{I}]$$

$$x = \sqrt{I}$$

gamma_{exp}=1

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	I	x	γ	gamm _{lim}	γ _{exp}
	[mol/kg]	[(mol/kg) ^{0.5]}			
Run 1	0.001	0.03162	0.9661	0.9649	0.965
Run 2	0.005	0.07071	<i>0.</i> 9287	0.9232	0.927
Run 3	0.01	0.1	0.9035	0.8931	0.902
Run 4	0.05	0.2236	0.8174	0.7766	0.821
Run 5	0.1	0.3162	0.7687	0.6994	0.778
Run 6	1	1	0.5889	0.3229	0.657



Parametric Table: experimental data

Before concerns about mercury became widespread, the calomel electrode was commonly used. Crystals of KCl are added to produce a saturated solution. What advantage does a saturated solution provide? The saturated calomel electrode has an equilibrium potential of 0.242 V, which is lower than the standard potential of 0.2676. Can this 25 mV difference be determined from thermodynamics? Why or why not? The solubility of KCl in water at 25 °C is 360 g KCl/100 g water.

Because the dissolved KCl can diffuse slowly out of the reference electrode, adding crystals keeps the solution saturated. This helps to maintain stable performance longer. The 25 mV offset cannot be determined from thermodynamics alone. The cell has a liquid junction. Transport is required to analyze the potential difference. Chloride and potassium ions will diffuse from high to low concentration. Unless you just happen to be measuring the potential in a solution of exactly the same concentration, ions will be moving and the concentration profile will affect the measured potential.

Chapter 2

A solid oxide fuel cell operates at 1000 °C. The overall reaction is

$$0.5O_2 + H_2 \leftrightarrow H_2O$$

- a. Calculate the standard potential at 25 °C assuming that reactants and products are gases.
- b. Calculate the standard potential at 1000 °C using equation 2-18.
- c. Using the correlation for heat capacity as a function of temperature shown below, calculate the standard potential at 1000 °C. Comment on the assumption used in part (b) that ΔS° is constant.

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$$C_p = A + BT + CT^{-2}$$

	A [J/mol-K]	$10^{3}B$ [J/mol-K ²]	$10^{-5}C$ [J-K/mol]
H ₂ O	30.54	10.29	0
O_2	29.96	4.184	-16.7
H_2	27.28	3.26	0.50

(a) The overall reaction is

$$\mathrm{H}_{2} + \frac{1}{2}\mathrm{O}_{2} \leftrightarrow \mathrm{H}_{2}\mathrm{O}$$

Using the data from Appendix C

$$\Delta G_{Rx} = \Delta G_{f,H_20}^o = -228,572 \text{ J}$$

$$U^{\theta} = \frac{-\Delta G_{Rx}}{nF} = \frac{228,572}{(2)96485} = 1.184 \text{ V}$$

(b) Appendix C has data for 25 °C $S_{\text{H}_2} = 130.5 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{mol } K}$

$$S_{\rm H_2} = 205.3 \frac{\rm J}{\rm mol\,K}$$

$$S_{\rm H_2O} = 188.7 \frac{\rm J}{\rm mol\,K}$$

$$\Delta S_{Rx} = 188.7 - 130.5 - \frac{205.3}{2} = -44.45 \frac{J}{\text{mol} - K}$$
$$U(1000) = 1.184 + (1000 - 25) \left(\frac{-44.45}{(2)96485}\right) = 0.959 \text{ V}$$

(c)

$$\frac{\partial \Delta H}{\partial T} = \Delta C_p$$
$$\Delta H(T) - \Delta H(T_o) = \int \Delta C_p dT$$

$$\Delta A = 30.54 - \frac{1}{2}(29.96) - 27.28 = -11.72$$
$$1000\Delta B = 10.29 - \frac{1}{2}(4.184) - 3.26 = 4.938$$
$$10^{-5}\Delta C = 0 - \frac{1}{2}(-16.7) - 0.5 =$$

$$\Delta H(T) = \Delta H(T_o) + \int_{T_o}^T \left(\Delta A + \Delta BT + \frac{\Delta C}{T^2} \right) dT$$
$$\Delta H(T) = \Delta H(T_o) + \Delta A(T - T_o) + \frac{\Delta B(T^2 - T_o^2)}{2} - \Delta C \left(\frac{1}{T} - \frac{1}{T_o} \right)$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial (U/T)}{\partial T}\right)_p = \frac{\Delta H(T)}{nFT^2}$$

$$n\left(\frac{U}{T} - \frac{U^{\theta}}{T_{o}}\right) = \int_{T_{o}}^{T} \frac{\Delta H(T)}{T^{2}} + \frac{\Delta A(T - T_{o})}{T^{2}} + \frac{\Delta B(T^{2} - T_{o}^{2})}{2T^{2}} - \Delta C\left(\frac{1}{T^{3}} - \frac{1}{T^{2}T_{o}}\right) dT$$
$$U = \left(\frac{T}{T_{o}}\right) U^{\theta} + \frac{T}{2F} \left[\Delta H^{o}\left(\frac{1}{T} - \frac{1}{T_{o}}\right) + \Delta A\left(\ln\frac{T}{T_{o}} + \frac{T}{T_{o}} - 1\right) + \frac{(T - T_{o})^{2}}{2T}\left(\Delta B + \frac{\Delta C}{TT_{o}^{2}}\right)\right]$$

at 1000 °C, *U*=0.9219 V. This is compared to the value calculated assuming that ΔS is constant, U=0.959 V. There is almost a 40 mV difference.

Alloys of LiSn are possible electrodes for batteries. There are many phases possible, but we want to focus on the reaction

$$3\mathrm{LiSn} + 4\mathrm{Li}^+ + 4\mathrm{e}^- = \mathrm{Li}_7\mathrm{Sn}_3$$

The standard potential of this reaction at 25 $^{\circ}$ C is 0.530 V (vs. reference Li electrode). If the enthalpy of the reaction

$$3\text{LiSn} + 4\text{Li} = \text{Li}_7\text{Sn}_3$$

is -226kJ/mol Li₇Sn₃, estimate the standard potential at 400 °C.

Assuming ΔH is constant

$$U = U_o \frac{T}{T_o} + \frac{\Delta H}{nF} \left(\frac{T}{T_o} - 1\right)$$
$$U = 0.530 \frac{673}{298} + \frac{-226,000}{4F} \left(\frac{673}{298} - 1\right) = 0.460 \text{ V}$$

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Find the equilibrium constant, K_{eq} , for Pt dissolution reaction at 25 °C.

PtO + 2H⁺ = Pt²⁺ + H₂O
following thermodynamic data are provided,
$$\Delta G_f^{Pt^{2+}} = 229.248 \frac{kJ}{mol}$$
, and
PtO + 2H⁺ + 2e⁻ = Pt + H₂O U^{θ} =0.980 V

Find the Gibbs energy of formation for PtO

PtO + 2H⁺ + 2e⁻ = Pt + H₂O
$$U^{\theta}$$
=0.980 V
H₂ = 2H⁺ + 2e⁻ U^{θ} =0.0 V

sum to get

PtO + H₂ = Pt + H₂O
$$U^{\theta}$$
=0.980 V
 $\Delta G_{Rx} = \Delta G^{o}_{f,H2O} - \Delta G^{o}_{f,PtO} = -nFU^{\theta} = 2F(0.980)$
 $\Delta G^{o}_{PtO} = -48,014 \text{ J mol}^{-1}$

dissolution reaction of interest is

PtO + 2H⁺ = Pt²⁺ + H₂O

$$\Delta G_{Rx} = \Delta G_{f,Pt2+}^{o} + \Delta G_{f,H2O}^{o} - \Delta G_{f,PtO}^{o} = 40,133 \text{ J mol}^{-1}$$

$$K_{sp} = e^{-\Delta G_{Rx}/_{RT}} = 9.2 \times 10^{-8} = \frac{a_{Pt2+}}{a_{H+}^2}$$

- a. Write the overall reaction and determine the standard potential for the lead-acid battery.
- b. Develop an expression for the equilibrium potential, U, for the lead acid battery as a function of electrolyte composition. The final expression should include the molality and activity coefficient.
- c. The potentials of the two electrodes relative to a Hg-Hg₂SO₄ reference electrode at 25 °C has been measured. What is the likely reaction at the reference electrode? If the standard Gibbs energy of formation of Hg₂SO₄ is -625.8 kJ/mol and the standard Gibbs energy of formation of SO₄²⁻is -744.62 kJ/mol, determine the standard potential of the positive (lead oxide electrode) relative to the reference electrode. How does this value compare to the measured value of 0.96 V? Explain the possible cause of any difference.
- d. Given that the potential difference between the positive electrode and the reference electrode is 1.14 V, estimate the activity coefficient for sulfuric acid (γ_{\pm}) at 6 m. For this evaluation, you may assume that the activity of water is one.
- e. Does the potential of the lead electrode (Pb) relative to the reference electrode depend on the molality of the sulfuric acid? Explain your answer.

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} \alpha & \beta & \gamma & \delta & \epsilon & \alpha' \\ Pb(s) & PbO_2(s) & PbSO_4(s) & H_2SO_4(aq) & PbSO_4(s) & Pb(s) \\ \end{array}$$

At the negative electrode

$$PbSO_4 + 2e^- \leftrightarrow Pb + SO_4^{2-} \qquad (-0.356 \text{ V})$$

and the positive electrode

$$PbO_2 + SO_4^{2-} + 4H^+ + 4e^- \leftrightarrow PbSO_4 + 2H_2O$$
 (1.685 V)

The overall reaction is

Pb + PbO₂ + 2SO₄^{2−} + 4H⁺
$$\leftrightarrow$$
 2PbSO₄ + 2H₂O
 $U_{\text{cell}}^{\theta} = U_{+}^{\theta} - U_{-}^{\theta} = 1.685 - (-0.356) = 2.041 \text{ V}$

b)

$$U = U^{\theta}_{cell} - \frac{RT}{nF} \ln \prod a_i^{s_i} \qquad (2-11)$$

$$U = U^{\theta}_{cell} - \frac{RT}{2F} \ln \frac{a_{H2O}^2 a_{PbSO4}^2}{a_{H2SO4}^2 a_{Pb} a_{PbO2}}$$

Chapter 2

the activity of solids is one

$$U = U^{\theta}_{cell} - \frac{RT}{2F} \ln \frac{a_{H20}^{2}}{a_{H2S04}^{2}}$$
$$U = U^{\theta}_{cell} - \frac{RT}{F} \ln a_{H20} + \frac{RT}{F} \ln a_{+}^{\nu_{+}} a_{-}^{\nu_{-}}$$
$$a_{+} = m_{+}\gamma_{+} \qquad a_{-} = m_{-}\gamma_{-}$$
$$m_{+} = \nu_{+}m \qquad m_{-} = \nu_{-}m$$
$$a_{+}^{\nu_{+}} a_{-}^{\nu_{-}} = \nu_{+}^{\nu_{+}} m^{\nu_{+}} \nu_{-}^{\nu_{-}} \gamma_{+}^{\nu_{+}} \gamma_{-}^{\nu_{-}}$$
$$\gamma_{\pm}^{\nu} \equiv \gamma_{+}^{\nu_{+}} \gamma_{-}^{\nu_{-}} \qquad \nu \equiv \nu^{+} + \nu^{-}$$
$$a_{+}^{\nu_{+}} a_{-}^{\nu_{-}} = m^{\nu} \nu_{+}^{\nu_{+}} \nu_{-}^{\nu_{+}} \gamma_{\pm}^{\nu_{-}}$$
for H₂SO₄,
$$\nu^{+} = 2 \qquad \nu^{-} = 1 \qquad \nu = 3$$
$$a_{+}^{2} a_{-}^{1} = m^{3}(2)^{2}(1)^{1} \gamma_{\pm}^{3}$$
$$U = U^{\theta}_{cell} - \frac{RT}{F} \ln a_{H20} + \frac{RT}{F} \ln 4m^{3} \gamma_{\pm}^{3}$$

c) and the positive electrode

$$PbO_2 + SO_4^{2-} + 4H^+ + 2e^- \leftrightarrow PbSO_4 + 2H_2O$$
 (1.685 V)

reference or negative electrode

$$\mathrm{Hg}_{2}\mathrm{SO}_{4} + 2\mathrm{e}^{-} \leftrightarrow 2\mathrm{Hg} + \mathrm{SO}_{4}^{2-} \tag{?}$$

Use thermodynamic data from Appendix C to find the standard potential for the reference electrode

$$\Delta G_{Rx} = \Delta G_{f,S04^{-}}^{o} - \Delta G_{f,HgS04}^{o}$$

$$\Delta G_{Rx} = -744.62 - (-625.8) = -118.8 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

$$U_{-}^{\theta} = \frac{-\Delta G_{Rx}}{nF} = \frac{118,800}{(2)96485} = 0.6157 \text{ V}$$

$$U_{cell}^{\theta} = U_{+}^{\theta} - U_{-}^{\theta} = 1.685 - 0.6157 = 1.069 \text{ V}$$

e)

The measured value at 1 m H_2SO_4 , 0.96 V, difference is about 100 mV. Likely because the activity coefficient of the sulfuric acid and that of water are not one.

d) The overall reaction is $2\text{Hg} + \text{PbO}_2 + 2\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 + 4\text{H}^+ \leftrightarrow \text{Hg}_2\text{SO}_4 + \text{PbSO}_4 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ $U = U^\theta_{\text{coll}} - \frac{RT}{L} \ln \frac{a_{\text{H}2O}^2 a_{\text{Hg}2\text{SO}4} a_{\text{PbSO}4}}{2R}$

$$2F^{\text{III}} a_{\text{H2SO4}}^2 a_{\text{Hg}} a_{\text{PbO2}}$$

$$U = U^{\theta}_{\text{cell}} - \frac{RI}{F} \ln a_{\text{H2O}} + \frac{RI}{2F} \ln a_{\text{H2SO4}}^2$$

$$U = U^{\theta} - \frac{RT}{F} \ln a_{\rm H2O} + \frac{RT}{F} \ln 4 + \frac{R3T}{F} \ln m\gamma_{\pm}$$

At 6 m,
$$U_{PbO2} = 1.07 \text{ V}$$
 and $U_{Hg/Hg2SO4} = -0.07 \text{ V}$

$$U = 1.07 - (-0.07) = 1.14 \text{ V}$$

assume the activity coefficient of water is one

$$1.14 \text{ V} = 1.069 + 0.036 + 0.0771 \ln m\gamma_{\pm}$$
$$\gamma_{\pm} = 0.262$$
$$PbSO_4 + 2e^- \leftrightarrow Pb + SO_4^{2-}$$
$$Hg_2SO_4 + 2e^- \leftrightarrow 2Hg + SO_4^{2-}$$

$$Pb + Hg_2SO_4 \leftrightarrow 2Hg + PbSO_4$$

Although the sulfate ion appears in the reactions, it does not appear in the overall reaction. Therefore, U does not depend on the molality of the acid.

Rework Illustration 2-7 (reference electrode example) with a Ag_2SO_4 reference electrode rather than a Hg_2SO_4 reference electrode. The standard potential for this reference electrode reaction (below) is 0.654V.

$$U_{ref}^{\theta} = 0.654$$

$$Ag_2SO_4 + 2e^- = 2Ag + SO_4^{2-}$$
Unchanged from Illustration 2.7
$$U_{O2/SHE} = 1.252$$

$$U_{Cu/SHE} = 0.3192$$

$$U_{\mathrm{Ag_2SO_4}/SHE} = U_{ref}^{\theta} - \frac{RT}{nF} \ln\left(\frac{c_{\mathrm{SO_4^{2-}}}}{1M}\right)$$

assuming that the sulfate concentration is 1.8 M

$$U_{Ag_2SO_4/SHE} = 0.654 - \frac{RT}{2F} \ln(1.8) = 0.6588 \text{ V}$$
$$U_{O2/ref} = U_{O2/SHE} - U_{ref/SHE} = 1.252 - 0.6588 = 0.5931 \text{ V}$$
$$U_{Cu/ref} = U_{Cu/SHE} - U_{ref} = 0.3192 - 0.6588 = -0.3396 \text{ V}$$

$$U_{02/Cu} = U_{02/ref} - U_{\frac{Cu}{ref}} = 0.5931 + 0.3396 = 0.933 \text{ V}$$

As expected the value of the cell didn't change, each electrode was at a slightly different potential relative to the different reference electrode.