

A23  
Measuring the Electromotive Force (EMF)



Write the chemical reactions.  
Show graph.  
Estimate error for  $\eta$

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## Objective

I Firstly the electromotive force of the following galvanic cells is measured.

- A.) Cu / 1.0M CuSO<sub>4</sub> / sat. KCl - sol. / 1.0M ZnSO<sub>4</sub> / Zn
- B.) Cu / 1.0M CuSO<sub>4</sub> / sat. KCl - sol. / 0.1M CuSO<sub>4</sub> / Cu
- C.) Zn / 1.0M ZnSO<sub>4</sub> / sat. KCl - sol. / 0.1M ZnSO<sub>4</sub> / Zn
- D.) Cu / 1.0M CuSO<sub>4</sub> / sat. KCl - sol. / AgCl (s) / Ag
- E.) Zn / 1.0M ZnSO<sub>4</sub> / sat. KCl - sol. / AgCl (s) / Ag
- F.) Cu / 0.1M CuSO<sub>4</sub> / sat. KCl - sol. / 0.1M ZnSO<sub>4</sub> / Zn

II Also determine the solubility product of AgCl

III At last the temperature dependency of the EMF of cell F, the reaction enthalpy and the reaction entropy is determined.

## Basics

In a galvanic cell, electrical energy is generated in a voluntary cell reaction. Among others we are using the Daniell-Element with the overall reaction  $Zn + CuSO_4 \rightarrow Cu + ZnSO_4$ .

A copper electrode and a zinc electrode are used, which are immersed in ZnSO<sub>4</sub> and CuSO<sub>4</sub>, respectively. The half cells are connected via a salt bridge (eg. KCl).

In order to link the cell potential ~~E~~ to the composition of the reaction mixture, the following Nernst equation is used.

$$\Delta\varphi = \Delta\varphi^{\circ} - \frac{RT}{zF} \ln \prod_i a_i^{v_i}$$

$\Delta\varphi$ : potential difference     $\Delta\varphi^{\circ}$ : standard potential difference  
 $R$ : gas constant     $T$ : temperature     $F$ : Faraday constant  
 $z$ : transferred charge     $a_i$ : activity of the species  $i$   
 $v_i$ : stoichiometric factor of the species  $i$

The measuring at constant pressure leads to the following equation for the free enthalpy  $\Delta G$ :

$$\Delta G = -zF \cdot E = -zF \cdot \Delta\varphi \quad E: \text{EMF}$$

If you combine these equation you get

$$\Delta G = \Delta G^{\circ} + RT \ln \frac{a_{Cu} \cdot a_{Zn}^{2+}}{a_{Zn} \cdot a_{Cu}^{2+}} \quad \text{for the Daniell-Element.}$$

From the Nernst equation you also get  $E = E^{\circ} - \frac{RT}{zF} \cdot \ln \frac{a_{Cu} \cdot a_{Zn}^{2+}}{a_{Zn} \cdot a_{Cu}^{2+}}$

with  $E = \varphi_{Cu/Cu^{2+}} - \varphi_{Zn/Zn^{2+}}$  and  $E^{\circ} = \varphi_{Cu/Cu^{2+}}^{\circ} - \varphi_{Zn/Zn^{2+}}^{\circ}$

The neglect of  $a_{\pm}$  and  $a_{\pm}$  leads to

$$\varphi_{\text{cath}} = \varphi_{\text{cath}}^{\circ} + \frac{RT}{zF} \ln a_{\text{cath}} \quad \text{and} \quad \varphi_{\text{anod}} = \varphi_{\text{anod}}^{\circ} + \frac{RT}{zF} \ln a_{\text{anod}}$$

with  $a_{\pm}^{(k+1)} = a_{\pm}^{k+1}$  and for 1:1 electrolytes  $a_{\pm} = a_{+} = a_{-} = C_{\pm}$   
of a salt  $A_x B_y$ .

All in all we have 
$$E = (\varphi_{\text{cath}} - \varphi_{\text{anod}}) - \frac{RT}{zF} \ln \frac{C_{\text{anod}} \cdot \gamma_{\pm}^{\text{anod}}}{C_{\text{cath}} \cdot \gamma_{\pm}^{\text{cath}}}$$

If you use electrodes of the same material but different concentrations of the solution you can use

$$E = \frac{RT}{zF} \cdot \ln \frac{C_{\text{anod}} \cdot \gamma_{\pm}^{\text{anod}}}{C_{\text{cath}} \cdot \gamma_{\pm}^{\text{cath}}}$$

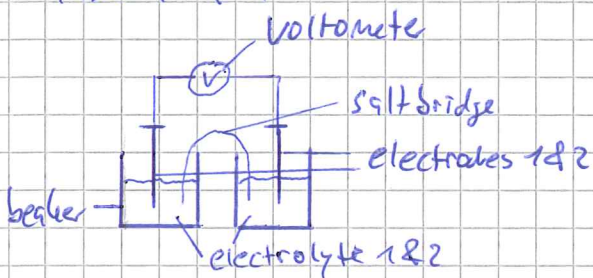
↳  $C_{\text{anod}} \approx C_{\text{cath}}$  leads to 
$$E = \frac{RT}{zF} \cdot \ln \frac{\gamma_{\pm}^{\text{anod}}}{\gamma_{\pm}^{\text{cath}}}$$

How? Are you sure about this?

- Sources:
- description of experiment
  - Lecture on the subject "Elektrochemie und Reaktionskinetik"
  - Peter Atkins, Physikalische Chemie, WILEY-VCH, Weinheim, 2013

## Experiment set-up and procedure

Task I & II:



The salt bridge consists of a cut filter paper soaked in the corresponding salt solution. Make sure the previously cleaned electrodes don't touch neither the beaker walls nor the salt bridge. The insertion of the salt bridge starts the measurement.

The respective electrodes and electrolytes can be found in the tasks I: A to F

For D & E you use a ~~silver~~ <sup>chloride</sup> electrode as a reference electrode. ~~Silver / Silver chloride~~

For task II the electrolytes contain each 2ml 0,1M  $\text{AgNO}_3$  + 20ml water. For the salt bridge you use 1M  $\text{KNO}_3$ . The measurement starts by adding 3ml 0,1M  $\text{KCl}$  to one half-cell.

The electrodes and all equipment should be cleaned with distilled water after the solution has been changed.

In the case of task 3, the electrolytes and electrodes are placed in glass apparatus, which are closed at the lower end with a fit. These are immersed in a double-walled vessel which is filled with  $\text{KCl}$  solution. The beaker is connected to a water bath with which the temperature of the solution can be adjusted.

~~For~~ At the beginning the data are collected for about 15 minutes at 25 degrees. Then you heat the water bath to 50°C while the measurement is continued. Record the EMF at regular temperature intervals.

Source: description of experiment

## data evaluation

1) To calculate the electromotive force (EMF) of the galvanic cells D respectively ~~and~~ E you just have to add the two measured EMFs of the galvanic cells A and D ~~or~~ A and E.

$$\Rightarrow (A) + (D) = 1,036\text{V} + (-0,14\text{V}) = 0,896\text{V} = (E)$$

As you can see, the calculation fits exactly with our measured EMF of E.

$$\Rightarrow (E) - (A) = 0,896\text{V} - 1,036\text{V} = -0,14\text{V} = (D)$$

This result also fits exactly with the measured EMF (D)

2) The electrode potentials of  $\text{Zn}^{2+}/\text{Zn}$  and  $\text{Cu}^{2+}/\text{Cu}$  we measured are compared to an  $\text{AgCl}/\text{Ag}$ -Electrode which has a potential of  $0,22233\text{V}$  (reference to  $\text{H}_2$ -Electrode)<sup>(1)</sup>. The calculation to reference the two halfcell potentials to the  $\text{H}_2$ -Electrode is equivalent to task 1).

$$\Rightarrow (E) + (\text{AgCl}/\text{Ag} + \text{Cl}^-) = -0,896\text{V} + 0,22233\text{V} = -0,67367\text{V} \text{ which is compared to the literature }^{(2)} \text{ a very good measurement } ((\text{Zn}^{2+}/\text{Zn}) = -0,7618\text{V})$$

$$\Rightarrow (D) + (\text{AgCl}/\text{Ag} + \text{Cl}^-) = -0,14\text{V} + 0,22233\text{V} = 0,08233\text{V} \text{ which is just the half voltage than the literature }^{(3)} (\text{Cu}^{2+}/\text{Cu} = 0,153\text{V}) \text{ but because of the mV-scale the error is relatively not so large.}$$

The electrochemical series would be:  $\text{Zn} - \text{H} - \text{Cu}$

3) The given concentrations of  $\text{CuSO}_4$  and  $\text{ZnSO}_4$  are inserted into the equation  $E = \frac{RT}{zF} \cdot \ln \frac{c_1}{c_2}$ , with  $z=2$

$$\Rightarrow c_1(\text{CuSO}_4) = 1\text{M} = c_1(\text{ZnSO}_4), c_2(\text{CuSO}_4) = c_2(\text{ZnSO}_4) = 0,1\text{M}$$

$$\Rightarrow E = 0,0296\text{V} \text{ for both galvanic cells B and C}$$

4) As you can see in task 3) an approximation for the EMF was used, but this is only correct if the two concentrations are only slightly different which was not given. So in this task the equation  $E = \frac{RT}{zF} \ln \frac{c_1 \cdot \gamma_1}{c_2 \cdot \gamma_2}$

is used with the same concentrations but also the activity coefficients

$$\gamma_{\text{CuSO}_4}^{1\text{M}} = 0,041, \gamma_{\text{ZnSO}_4}^{0,1\text{M}} = 0,149, \gamma_{\text{ZnSO}_4}^{0,1\text{M}} = 0,150, \gamma_{\text{CuSO}_4}^{1\text{M}} = 0,0435 \quad (4)$$

$$\Rightarrow E_{\text{CuSO}_4} = 0,013\text{V}, E_{\text{ZnSO}_4} = 0,0137\text{V} \text{ which is less than the half voltage of the result of 3). The eq. in the protocol is incorrect. Look in the literature for the right one.}$$

Write the selected chemical reactions for each case

What is the concentration of  $\text{KCl}$  in literature? What is the concentration in the experiment?

What about the amount of  $\text{Cl}^-$  ions consumed? Write the appropriate chemical reactions.

5) To calculate the concentrations of  $\text{Ag}^+$  and  $\text{Cl}^-$  ions we used the equation  $c_1 V_1 = c_2 V_2$  because the volume changed in which the mentioned ions were.

$\Rightarrow$  for silver-ions:  $0,1 \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{l}} \cdot 0,002 \text{ l} = 0,025 \text{ l} \cdot c_{\text{Ag}^+} \Leftrightarrow c_{\text{Ag}^+} = 0,008 \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{l}}$

For chlorid-ions:  $0,1 \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{l}} \cdot 0,003 \text{ l} = 0,025 \text{ l} \cdot c_{\text{Cl}^-} \Leftrightarrow c_{\text{Cl}^-} = 0,012 \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{l}}$

With these results the EMF could be calculated like this:

$E = 0,059 \text{ V} \cdot \log \left( \frac{c_{\text{Ag}^+}}{K_L / c_{\text{Cl}^-}} \right)$ ,  $E$  was measured (0,3V),  $K_L$  has to be found out

$\Rightarrow$  Converting the equation with  $c_{\text{Ag}^+} = \frac{K_L}{c_{\text{Cl}^-}}$

$-0,3 \text{ V} = 0,059 \text{ V} \cdot \log \frac{0,008 \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{l}} \cdot 0,012 \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{l}}}{K_L} \Rightarrow K_L = 7,858 \cdot 10^{-10} \frac{\text{mol}^2}{\text{l}^2}$

compared to the literature (5) ( $K_L = 1,77 \cdot 10^{-10} \frac{\text{mol}^2}{\text{l}^2}$ ) the solubility product <sup>of  $\text{AgCl}$</sup>  can be determined with this method, but not very accurate.

6) In this last task we used the Gibbs-Helmholtz equation  $\Delta G = \Delta H - T \Delta S$  to plot the measured values and do a linear regression to find out the

enthalpy and entropy of this reaction. First the measured EMFs were transformed with  $\Delta G = z \cdot F \cdot E$  into the needed function ( $z=2$ ). Then, after the linear regression, the y-intercept was determined by  $\Delta H = 200377,34 \text{ J}$  and the

gradient by  $\Delta S = 61,89 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{K}}$ . The effective work was then given by

$\frac{\Delta G}{\Delta H} = \frac{\text{average of } G}{\Delta H} = \frac{213614,4 \text{ J}}{200377,34 \text{ J}} = 1,036$  *use for a single temperature, report which temperature*

Because of the definitions of the energy conversion efficiency  $\eta = \frac{E_{\text{in}}}{E_{\text{out}}}$  the effective work is the multiplicate inverse of  $\eta$ . ( $\eta$  cannot be  $> 1$ )

extra question

with the electrochemical equilibrium condition  $\mu_i^\alpha = \mu_i^\beta$  follows:

$\mu_i^\alpha + z_i F \varphi^\alpha = \mu_i^\beta + z_i F \varphi^\beta \Leftrightarrow \mu_i^{\text{Ox}} + RT \ln a_i^\alpha + z_i F \varphi^\alpha = \mu_i^{\text{Red}} + RT \ln a_i^\beta + z_i F \varphi^\beta$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \Delta \varphi = \varphi^\alpha - \varphi^\beta = \frac{\mu_i^{\text{Red}} - \mu_i^{\text{Ox}}}{z_i F} + \frac{RT}{z_i F} \ln \frac{a_i^\beta}{a_i^\alpha} = E^\circ + \frac{RT}{z_i F} \ln (\prod a_i^{\nu_i})$

Literature CRC Handbook of Chemistry and Physics, 83<sup>th</sup> edition, CRC Press / *to what chemical reaction is this related!*

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Where is the graph/regression?

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- A 1M CuSO<sub>4</sub> 1M ZnSO<sub>4</sub> 1,096V
- B 1M " 0,1M CuSO<sub>4</sub> 0,0242V
- C 1M ~~Zn~~ ZnSO<sub>4</sub> 0,1M ZnSO<sub>4</sub> 0,0239V
- F 0,1M CuSO<sub>4</sub> 0,1M ZnSO<sub>4</sub> 1,038V
- D 0,1M " (H) AgCl -0,14V
- E 1M ZnSO<sub>4</sub> (H) AgCl 0,958V  
0,956
- II 0,1M AgNO<sub>3</sub> + 3ml KCN (H) 0,1M AgNO<sub>3</sub> -0,20 ~~20~~ 41 V  
 1ml KCN -5,7mV after 2min -0,288V  
 führen -0,13V

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 1,101  
 1,126 26°C  
 1,132

Start 1,134 27°C 12.44

1,137 30°

1,137 31.2°

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1,139 37.38°

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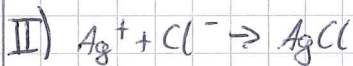
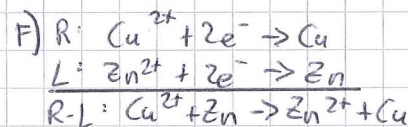
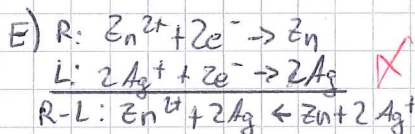
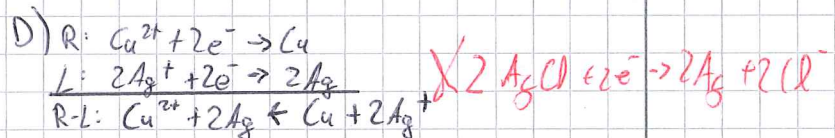
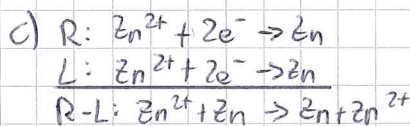
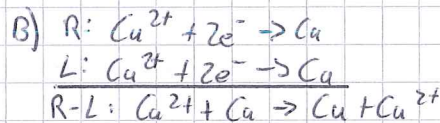
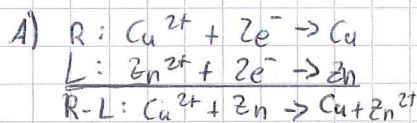
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### Corrections:



III) graph is attached

$$\frac{\Delta G}{\Delta H} = \frac{218753,6 \text{ J}}{200377,54 \text{ J}} = 1,097 \Rightarrow \eta = \frac{\Delta H}{\Delta G} = 0,912 = 91,2\%$$

$\Delta G$  at 323 K ( $E = 1,13 \text{ V}$ )

$\Delta \eta$ ?

The error of the effective work is very <sup>high</sup>, because the deviation of  $\Delta G$  is very high ( $\Delta G_{\text{max}} - \Delta G_{\text{min}} = 1543,8 \text{ J}$ ).

As a consequence the error of  $\eta$  is very small (deviation of  $\eta$ :

$$\eta_{\text{max}} - \eta_{\text{min}} = 0,0064$$



