

Applications of Electrochemistry

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Unit 4 Electrochemistry



Important Information

Due Today: HW10 and LE39

Due Tuesday: LE40 and HW11

Exam 4 is on Wednesday (5/3) at 7 PM!

Question

spontaneous $\Delta G = -$ $E_{cell} = +$

Given the below half-reactions, calculate the standard potential of the galvanic electrochemical cell.



$$\varepsilon = +1.66 \text{ V}$$

$$E_{cell} = +2 \text{ V}$$

Question

$$W = \Delta G = \text{charge} \cdot \text{voltage} \quad \left(\frac{\text{J}}{\text{e}} \right) = \text{J}$$

Assuming $E_{\text{cell}}^{\circ} = 2\text{V}$, what is the maximum amount of electrical work that can be extracted from running this cell under standard conditions?



A. 2316 kJ/mol

B. 1158 kJ/mol

C. 579 kJ/mol

D. 239 kJ/mol

$$\Delta G^{\circ} = -nFE^{\circ}$$

$$= -(6) \frac{96,485 \text{ C}}{\text{mol e}^{-}} (2\text{V})$$

↑
mol e⁻

Question

$$[\text{Cu}^{2+}] = 1\text{M}$$

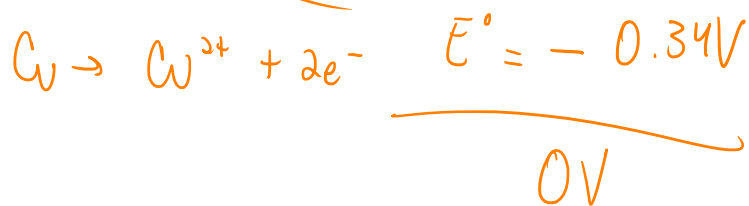
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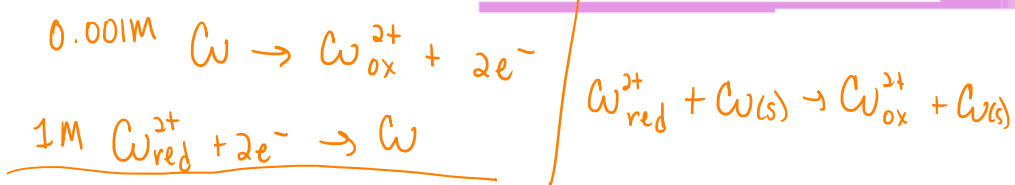
* Equilibrium *



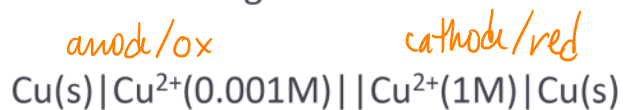
$$G_{\text{product}} = G_{\text{reactant}}$$



Question



Calculate the emf of the following electrochemical cell.



- A. 0.176 V
- B. -0.176 V
- C. 0.088 V
- D. -0.088 V
- E. 0 V

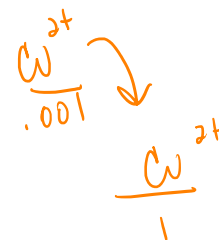
$$E = E^\circ - \frac{0.0591}{n} \log Q$$
$$E = 0 - \frac{0.0591}{2} \log \frac{[\text{Cu}_{\text{ox}}^{2+}]}{[\text{Cu}_{\text{red}}^{2+]}}$$

0.001M
1M

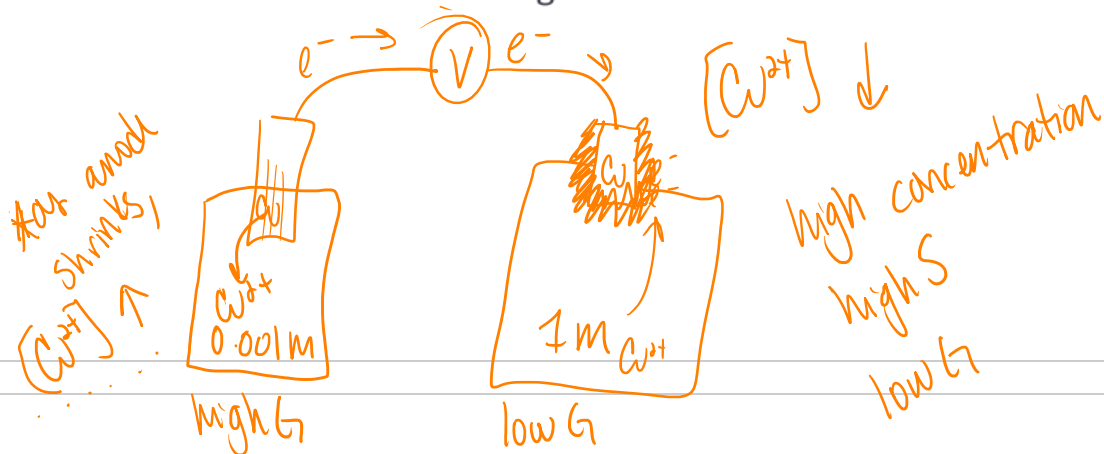
$$E = 0.08865V$$

Question

How does this cell produce a voltage?



- A. More concentrated cell, lower free energy
- B. Less concentrated cell, lower free energy
- C. Chemical reaction is moving in a direction to maximize free energy

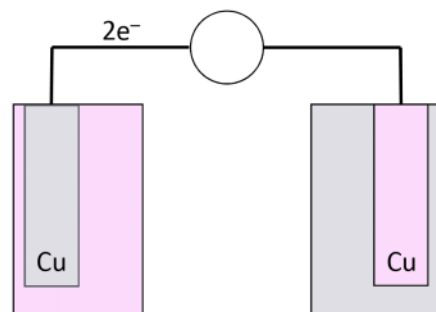


Explanation

A more concentrated cell has a lower free energy.



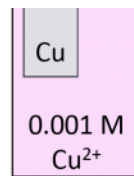
Handwritten note: ... when $[\text{Cu}^{2+}] = [\text{Cu}^{2+}]_{\text{anode}}$



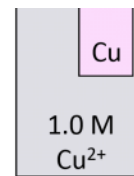
* stops when $[Cu^{2+}]_{ox} = [Cu^{2+}]_{red}$

or

run out of electrode



High G
As oxidation occurs,
[Cu²⁺] increases



Low G
As reduction occurs,
[Cu²⁺] decreases

Batteries

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Key Characteristics of Batteries: Potential (E)

* amount of work needed to move charge

$$* \text{unit} = V = \frac{J}{C}$$

* large E , good battery

* we can string batteries together to overcome a low E

$$E_{\text{cell}} = E_{\text{cathode}} - E_{\text{anode}}$$

Key Characteristics of Batteries: Capacity (Q)

↳ charge

* "total Energy"

* value of charge the system can generate at a specific voltage

* unit = C (coulomb)

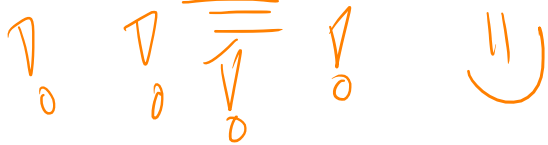
$$Q = I \cdot t$$

Key Characteristics of Batteries: Current (I)

* how fast battery can generate charge

* unit = $A = \frac{C}{s}$ ($\frac{\text{charge}}{\text{time}}$)

* provides a time factor



$$I = \frac{Q}{t}$$

Key Characteristics of Batteries: Power (P)

* rate of doing work per unit time

* Unit = Watts (W) = $\frac{J}{s}$ $\frac{\text{Energy}}{\text{time}}$

$$P = \frac{VQ}{t} = V \cdot I$$
$$\left(\frac{J}{C}\right) \left(\frac{C}{s}\right) = \frac{J}{s}$$



Key Characteristics of Batteries: Cycle Life

* how well the battery recharges

Question

Which of the following terms is the most important thing to consider when creating a new battery application?

- A. Power
- B. Potential
- C. Capacity
- D. Current
- E. Cycle Life

"efficiency"

how fast charge can be generated

Optimal Battery Characteristics

*perfect combination of energy density + power density

light

efficient

cheap

long-lasting

⊗ nontoxic

small

solid

Battery Type: Primary

* dry cells - paste inside the battery

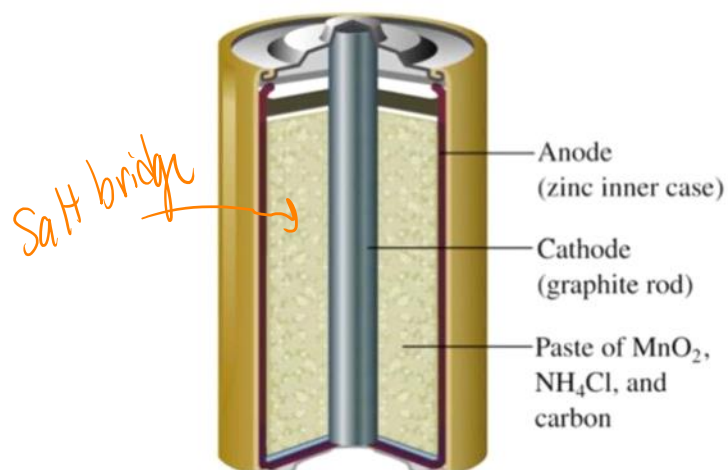
↳ not reversible

↳ not rechargeable

↳ alkaline batteries (1.5V)

* different sizes for different max electric
current

Dry Cells



*slow reactions, constant V (1.5V), low I

Battery Type: Secondary

* rxn is reversible

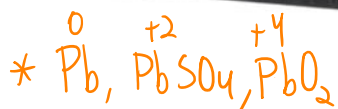
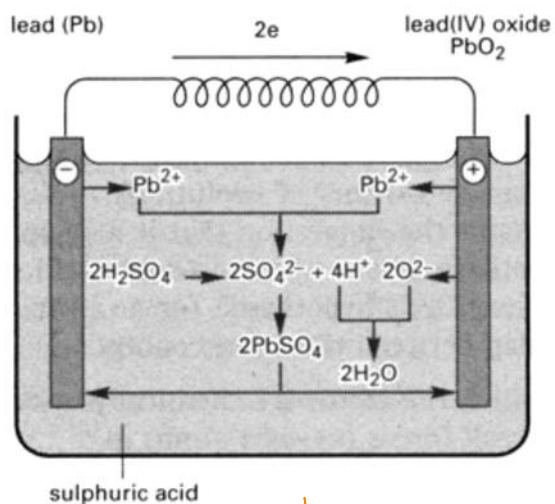
↳ rechargeable

* NiCd (toxic)

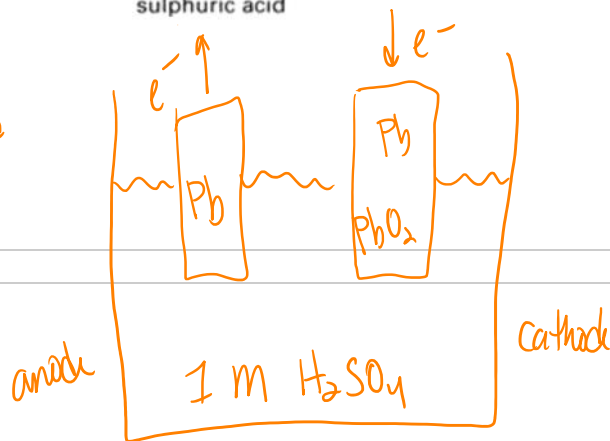
⊗ Li-ion

⊗ Pb-storage (car battery)

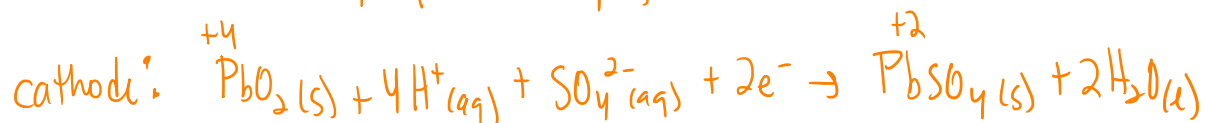
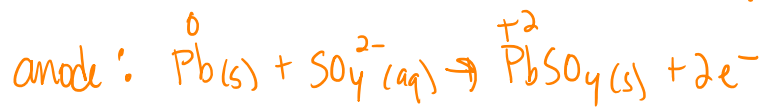
Lead Storage Battery



* all solids - no salt bridge needed



Lead Storage Battery (discharge)





$$E_{\text{cell}} = 2\text{V}$$

* 6 cells in a battery

$$6 \times 2\text{V} = 12\text{V}$$

(*) discharge

↳ voltaic cell

↳ start car

(*) recharge

↳ electrolytic cell

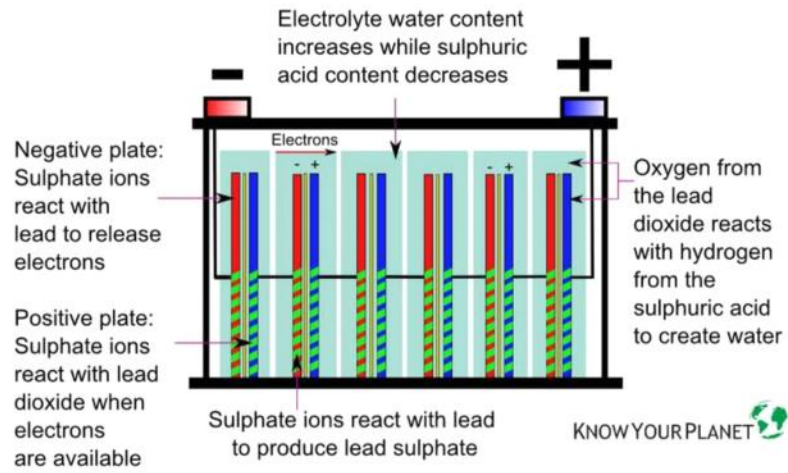
↳ car is on

* alternator turns ME \rightarrow EE

* recharge cell

↳ cathode becomes anode } rxn
↳ anode becomes cathode } flipped

12V Lead-Acid Battery (Discharge)

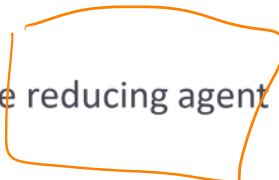


Question

* discharge *

Which of the following species is the reducing agent in the Lead-Acid car battery?

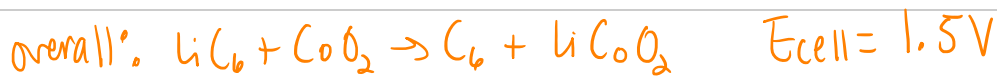
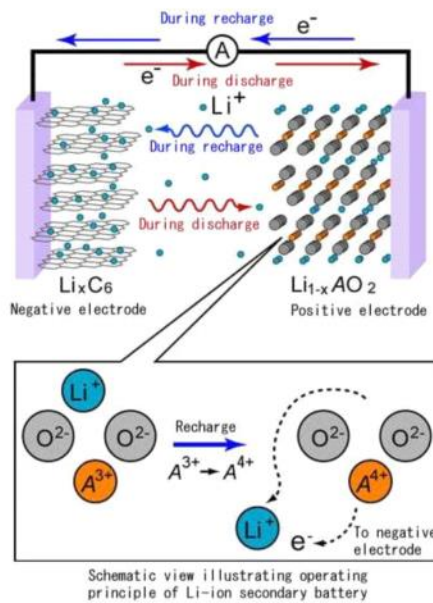
- A. Pb (s)
- B. PbO₂ (s)
- C. PbSO₄ (s)
- D. H₂O (l)



oxidation / anode

Li-Ion Battery

portable electronic devices



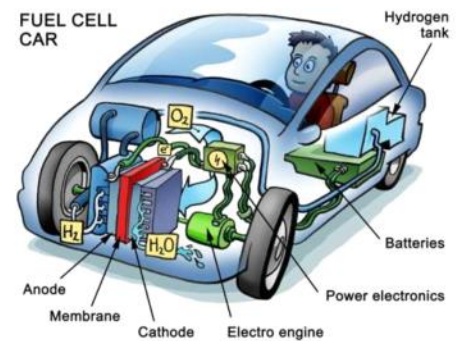
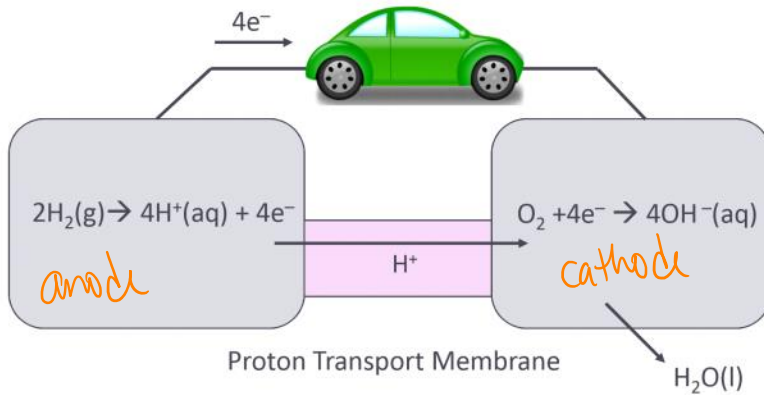
Battery Type: Fuel Cells

* voltaic cell where the fuel is continuously supplied

* not rechargeable

* refillable!

Fuel Cells



* H_2 & O_2 gas must be continuously supplied

Photovoltaic Cells

