

10. Electrochemistry

➤ Faraday's 1st Law

The mass of substance deposited at an electrode is directly proportional to charge pass through it.

$$\text{Mass} \propto \text{Charge (Q)}$$

$$W \propto Q$$

$$W = ZQ \quad (Z = \text{electrochemical equivalent})$$

$$(Q = \text{Charge in Coulombs})$$

$$W = Z I t$$

I = current in Ampere

t = time in seconds

$$W = Z Q \quad (Q = 1C) \quad \text{Remember}$$

then $W = Z$

1 F charge deposits

1 g eq of any substance

$$\text{So } W = \frac{E I t}{F} \text{ sec of substance}$$

= No. of faradays

➤ Faraday's 2nd Law

If equal electricity is passed through two or more cells connected in series then the mass of substance deposited is directly proportional to equivalent mass

$$W_1 \propto E_1$$

$$W_2 \propto E_2$$

$$\frac{W_1}{E_1} = \frac{W_2}{E_2}$$

$$\text{➤ Degree of dissociation : } \alpha = \frac{\lambda_{\text{eq}}}{\lambda_{\text{eq}}^0}$$

$$\text{➤ Kohlraush's law : } \Lambda_m^0 = x\lambda_A^0 + y\lambda_B^0$$

➤ Under standard conditions (E°)

$$E_{\text{cell}}^\circ = E_{\text{RP}}^\circ(\text{cathode}) - E_{\text{RP}}^\circ(\text{anode}) \quad (\text{or})$$

$$E_{\text{cell}}^\circ = E_{\text{OP}}^\circ(\text{anode}) - E_{\text{OP}}^\circ(\text{cathode}) \quad (\text{or})$$

$$E_{\text{cell}}^\circ = E_{\text{OP}}^\circ(\text{anode}) + E_{\text{RP}}^\circ(\text{cathode})$$

➤ Nernst Equation

$$E = E^\circ - \frac{0.0591}{n} \log_{10} \frac{[\text{Products}]}{[\text{Reactants}]}$$

$$\& E_{\text{Cell}}^\circ = E_{\text{right}}^\circ + E_{\text{left}}^\circ \& K_{\text{eq.}} = \text{antilog} \left[\frac{nE^\circ}{0.0591} \right]$$

$$\Delta G = -nFE_{\text{cell}} \quad \&$$

$$\Delta G^\circ = -nFE_{\text{cell}}^\circ = -2.303 RT \log K_c$$

$$\& W_{\text{max}} = +nFE^\circ \& \Delta G = \Delta H + T \left(\frac{\partial \Delta G}{\partial T} \right)_P$$

➤ Application of Nernst Equation

To find the E_{cell} of concentration cells

$$E_{\text{cell}} = \frac{0.059}{n} \log_{10} \left(\frac{C_2}{C_1} \right) \quad (\text{for conc}^n \text{ cell } E_{\text{cell}}^\circ = 0)$$

To find the pH of concentration cell

For the measurement of Eq. constant (K)

$$E_{\text{cell}}^\circ = \frac{0.059}{n} \log_{10} K_c$$

➤ Calculation of pH of an electrolyte by using a calomel electrode :

$$\text{pH} = \frac{E_{\text{cell}} - 0.2415}{0.0591}$$

➤ Thermodynamic efficiency of fuel cells :

$$\eta = \frac{-\Delta G}{\Delta H} = \frac{-nFE_{\text{cell}}^\circ}{\Delta H} \quad \text{For } \text{H}_2 - \text{O}_2 \text{ fuel cells it is 95\%}$$

$$\text{➤ } P = K_{\text{H}^+} X$$

Summing-up the Units of Different Quantities

S.N.	Physical	Symbol	Expression	Commonly used Units	SI Units
1.	Resistance	R _q	$R = \frac{V}{I}$	ohm (Ω)	ohm (Ω)
2.	Conductance	G	$R = \frac{1}{G}$	ohm ⁻¹ (Ω^{-1})	seimen(S)
3.	Specific resistance	ρ	$\rho = \frac{a}{l}$	ohm cm	ohm m
4.	Conductivity	k	$k = G \frac{l}{a} = \frac{1}{R} \frac{l}{a} = \frac{l}{R a}$	ohm ⁻¹ cm ⁻¹ (Ω^{-1} cm ⁻¹)	S m ⁻¹
5.	Equivalent conductivity	Λ_{eq}	$\Lambda_{eq} = \frac{k}{\text{normality}}$	ohm ⁻¹ cm ² eq ⁻¹ (Ω^{-1} cm ² eq ⁻¹)	S m ² eq ⁻¹
6.	Molar conductivity	Λ_m	$\Lambda_m = \frac{k}{\text{molarity}}$	ohm ⁻¹ cm ² eq ⁻¹ (Ω^{-1} cm ² eq ⁻¹) S	m ² mol ⁻¹
7.	Cell constant	G*	$G^* = \frac{l}{a}$	cm ⁻¹	m ⁻¹

Effect of dilution on

Conductance → Increases

Λ_m & Λ_{eq} → Increases

Conductivity → Decreases

Debye–Huckel–Onsager equation :

$$\Lambda_m = \Lambda_m^0 - b\sqrt{C} \quad (\text{or}) \quad \Lambda_{eq} = \Lambda_{eq}^0 - b\sqrt{C}$$

Λ_m = Molar conductance at given concentration

Λ_m^0 = Molar conductance at infinite dilution

C = concentration in molarity.

b = Constant value depends on type of electrolyte, solvent & temp.

- With dilution the Degree of dissociation of weak electrolyte increases, so Λ_m increases.