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Reminder: Test #2 on Friday next week.

Review Session Monday 10-11am PS 607

Last time:

- 1) balancing redox reactions
- 2) electrochemical potential
- 3) electrochemical cells

Today:

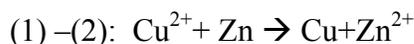
- 1) galvanic cells
- 2) adding 2 half rxns to get another half rxn
- 3) Nernst equation

Lecture:

0) Review:

Write a possible redox reaction based on the following redox couples.

1	$\text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{aq}) + 2\text{e}^{-} \rightarrow \text{Cu}(\text{s})$	+0.34V
2	$\text{Zn}^{2+}(\text{aq}) + 2\text{e}^{-} \rightarrow \text{Zn}(\text{s})$	-0.76



$$E^{\circ}_{\text{rxn}} = .34 + .76 = 1.10\text{V}$$

1.10 V is the redox potential.

$$E^{\circ}_{\text{Cu}^{2+}/\text{Cu}} - E^{\circ}_{\text{Zn}^{2+}/\text{Zn}} = .34 + .76 = 1.10\text{V}$$

1) Electrochemical Cells:

2 types:

- a) Voltaic Cells or Galvanic Cells (spontaneous)
- b) Electrolysis cells (nonspontaneous)

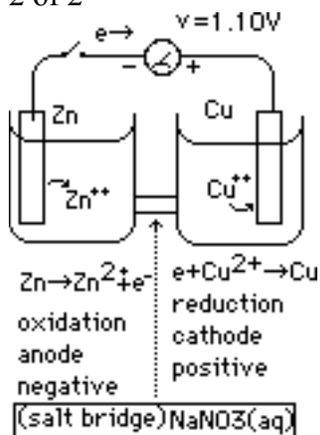
### Galvanic Cells

We can utilize the above redox reaction between Zn and  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  to do work. By using a galvanic cell.

How? Force electrons to go thru a wire!

Daniell cell:

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write the cell notation:

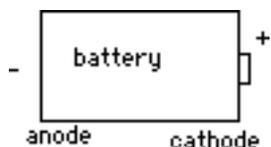


The cell potential can be expressed as the reduction potentials of the half rxns: anode -cathode:

$$E^\circ_{\text{cell}} = E^\circ_{\text{cat}} - E^\circ_{\text{an}} = 0.34 - (-.76) = +1.10 \text{ V}$$

Or  $E = E_+ - E_-$ .

A galvanic cell: battery



What's the work?

work can be done by a voltaic cell

$$w = qE = nFE$$

by def:  $E > 0$  for spont rxns.

$E^\circ$  = std conditions same as in thermo

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

Note: that  $\Delta G^\circ$ ,  $E^\circ$  and  $K_{\text{eq}}$  are related to each other!

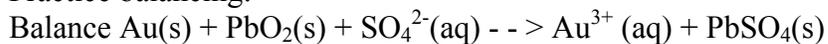
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eg for Zn+Cu rxn,  $E^\circ = +1.1 \text{ V}$  so

$$\Delta G^\circ = -(2\text{mol})(96500\text{C/mol})(1.1\text{V}) = -212\text{kJ/mol}$$

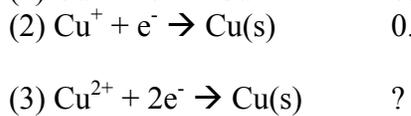
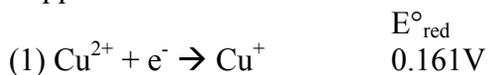
$$K_{\text{eq}} = \exp(-\Delta G^\circ/RT)$$

Practice balancing:



Know how to add 2 half reactions. (both of them reductions or both are reductions)

Suppose:



This is sometimes represented by Latimer diagrams:

Nernst equation relates E to the concentration

Write the **Nernst equation**. Relate it to free energy.  
note that

$$\Delta G = \Delta G^\circ + RT \ln Q$$

$$\Rightarrow -nFE = -nFE^\circ + RT (2.303 \log Q)$$

$$E = E^\circ - (2.303) (RT/nF) \log Q$$

$$= E^\circ - (0.059V/n) \log Q$$

$\Rightarrow$  Nernst Eqn can be written as:

$$E = E^\circ - RT/nF \ln Q$$

$$E = E^\circ + RT/nF \ln Q$$

and  $\Delta G = -nFE$ ;