### Lecture Note #12 (Fall, 2020)

# **Battery Fundamentals**

- 1. Components of a cell
- 2. Classification of batteries
- 3. Theoretical capacity and state of charge
- 4. Cell characteristics and electrochemical performance
- 5. Ragone plots
- 6. Heat generation
- 7. Efficiency of secondary cells
- 8. Charge retention and self-discharge
- 9. Capacity fade in secondary cells

### Components of a cell

-Components of Daniel cell (1839) Negative electrode: zinc bar Positive electrode: copper bar Electrolyte: ionic conductor, electronic insulator Separator

$$\begin{split} \mathsf{E} &= \mathsf{E}^0 - (\mathsf{RT}/\mathsf{2F})\mathsf{ln}(\mathsf{a}_{\mathsf{Zn2+}}/\mathsf{a}_{\mathsf{Cu2+}}) \\ \mathsf{E}^0 &= \mathsf{E}_{\mathsf{Cu}}{}^0 - \mathsf{E}_{\mathsf{Zn}}{}^0 = 0.337 - (-0.763) = 1.10 \ \mathsf{V} \end{split}$$

-A commercial cell: silver-zinc coin or button cell

Zn + Ag<sub>2</sub>O → ZnO + 2Ag E<sup>0</sup> =  $-\Delta$ G/nF = [-11210 –(-318300)]/[(2)96485] = 1.591 V

(+)  $Ag_2O + H_2O + 2e^- \rightarrow 2Ag + 2OH^- 0.340 V$ (-)  $Zn + 2OH_- \rightarrow H_2O + 2e^- + ZnO 1.251 V$ 

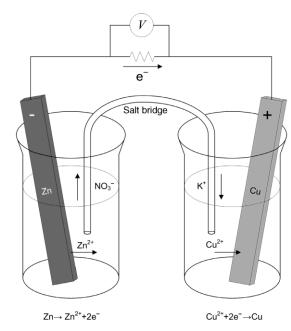
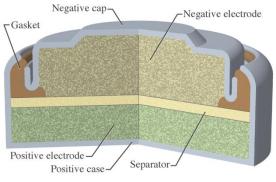


Figure 7.1 The Daniell cell is a simple battery, shown undergoing discharge.

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### **Classification of batteries & cell chemistries**

-Primary(1차) or secondary(2차, rechargeable) Primary battery: higher specific energy(Wh/kg) & power (W/kg) Special category of primary battery: reserve battery

-Two important classes of electrode reactions for batteries 1. Reconstruction (or conversion reaction): formation or displacement (i)  $A + B \rightarrow AB$  formation (생성)

e.g.  $2\text{Li} + 2\text{SO}_2 \rightarrow \text{Li}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_4 \text{ (Li} \rightarrow \text{Li}^+ + e^-, 2\text{Li}^+ + 2\text{SO}_2 + 2e^- \rightarrow \text{Li}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_4 \text{)}$ 

(ii) A + BX → AX + B displacement (치환)

e.g.  $Zn + Ag_2O \rightarrow ZnO + 2Ag$ 

-dissolution-precipitation mechanism  $M \rightarrow M^{z+} + ze^{-}$  dissolution  $M^{z+} + zX^{-} \rightarrow MX_{z}(s)$  precipitation

### 2차전지: galvanic cell + electrolytic cell

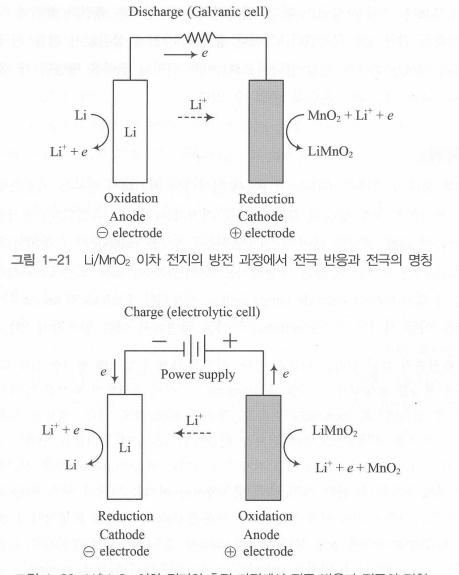


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Cell	Electrochemical reactions	potential	Comments
Lead-acid	$\begin{array}{l} Pb(s) + HSO_4^- + H_2O \rightarrow PbSO_4(s) + H_3O^+ + 2e^- \\ PbO_2(s) + 3H_3O^+ + HSO_4^- + 2e^- \rightarrow PbSO_4(s) + 5H_2O(l) \\ Pb(s) + PbO_2(s) + 2H_3O^+ + 2HSO_4^- \rightarrow 2PbSO_4(s) + 4H_2 \end{array}$		Secondary During discharge, lead sulfate is formed at both electrodes. The electrolyte is part of the active material
Alkaline	$\begin{split} &Zn(s) + 2OH^{-} = ZnO(s) + H_2O(l) + 2e^{-} \\ &2MnO_2(s) + H_2O(l) + 2e^{-} \rightarrow Mn_2O_3 + 2OH^{-} \\ &Zn(s) + 2MnO_2(s) = ZnO(s) + Mn_2O_3 \end{split}$	1.5 V	Primary Common battery
Lithium-ion	$\text{Li}_{x}\text{C}_{6} \rightarrow x\text{Li}^{+} + x\text{e}^{-} + 6\text{C}$	3.5-4.2 V	Secondary
	$\begin{aligned} &L_{x}C_{6} \rightarrow Li_{x} + xe^{-} + Mn_{2}O_{4} \rightarrow Li_{x}Mn_{2}O_{4} \\ &Li_{x}C_{6} + Mn_{2}O_{4} \rightarrow Li_{x}Mn_{2}O_{4} + 6C \end{aligned}$		The spinel manganese dioxide is just one of the chemistries of rechargeable lithium-ion batteries
Silver-zinc	$\begin{split} &Zn+2OH^- \rightarrow H_2O+2e^- + ZnO \\ &Ag_2O+H_2O+2e^- \rightarrow 2Ag+2OH^- \end{split}$	1.5 V	Manufactured as both a primary and a secondary battery
	$Zn + Ag_2O \rightarrow ZnO + 2Ag$		
Ni/Cd	$\begin{split} & Cd(s) + 2OH^- \rightarrow Cd(OH)_2 + 2e^- \\ & NiOOH + e^- + H_2O \rightarrow Ni(OH)_2 + OH^- \\ & Cd(s) + 2NiOOH + 2H_2O \rightarrow Cd(OH)_2 + Ni(OH)_2 \end{split}$	1.2 V	Secondary, out of favor because of environmental issue with cadmium
Ni/Fe	$\begin{split} & \text{Fe} + 2\text{OH}^- \rightarrow \text{Fe}(\text{OH})_2 + 2\text{e}^- \\ & \text{NiOOH} + \text{e}^- + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{Ni}(\text{OH})_2 + \text{OH}^- \\ & \text{Fe} + 2\text{NiOOH} + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{Fe}(\text{OH})_2 + 2\text{Ni}(\text{OH})_2 \end{split}$	1.2 V	Secondary, also called the Edison cell
NiMH	$\begin{split} MH + OH^- &\rightarrow M + H_2O + e^- \\ NiOOH + e^- + H_2O &\rightarrow Ni(OH)_2 + OH^- \\ MH + NiOOH &\rightarrow M + Ni(OH)_2 \end{split}$	1.2 V	Secondary
Na-S	$Na \rightarrow Na^+ + e^-$ $xS + 2e^- \rightarrow S_x^{2-}$ $2Na + xS \rightarrow Na_2S_x$	1.9 V	Secondary high temperature
Li-SO <sub>2</sub>	$Li \rightarrow Li^{+} + e^{-}$ $2Li^{+} + 2SO_{2} + 2e^{-} \rightarrow Li_{2}S_{2}O_{4}$ $2Li + 2SO_{2} \rightarrow Li_{2}S_{2}O_{4}$	3 V	Primary Lithium–sulfur dioxide
Li-SOC1	$Li \rightarrow Li^{+} + e^{-}$ $2SOCl_{2} + 4e^{-} \rightarrow 4Cl^{-} + S + SO_{2}$ $4Li + 2SOCl_{2} \rightarrow 4LiCl + S + SO_{2}$	3.4 V	Primary Lithium thionyl chloride
Li/FeS <sub>2</sub>	$\begin{array}{l} Li \rightarrow Li^{+} + e^{-} \\ 4Li^{+} + 4e^{-} + 3FeS_{2} \rightarrow Li_{4}Fe_{2}S_{5} + FeS \\ 4Li + 3FeS_{2} \rightarrow Li_{4}Fe_{2}S_{5} + FeS \end{array}$	<b>1.5 V</b> September Felder als son under A	Reserve Thermally activated LiCl/KCl eutectic for electrolyt
Mg/AgCl	$Mg \rightarrow Mg^{2+} + 2e^{-}$ $2AgCl + 2e^{-} \rightarrow 2Ag + 2Cl^{-}$ $Mg + 2AgCl \rightarrow 2Ag + MgCl_{2}$	1.4 V	Reserve water activated

 Table 7.1 Example Chemistries for a Number of Common Batteries

-The amount of precipitated depends on the solubility of  $MX_z$  in the solvent  $\rightarrow$  three solubility conditions : (1) an insoluble salt, (2) a highly soluble salt, (3) an intermediate or sparingly soluble salt

(1) An insoluble salt: positive electrode of a lithium thionyl chloride battery  $2SOCI_2 + 4e \rightarrow 4CI^- + S + SO_2$  dissolution  $Li^+ + CI^- \rightarrow LiCl(s)$  precipitation electrolyte: a mixture of LiAlCI\_4 + SOCI\_2 \rightarrow insoluble \rightarrow a primary battery

(2) A highly soluble salt: zinc electrode in an alkaline electrolyte(KOH)  $Zn + 4OH^- \leftrightarrow Zn(OH)_4^{2-} + 2e^-$  dissolution  $Zn(OH)_4^{2-} \leftrightarrow ZnO + 2OH^- + H_2O$  precipitation ZnO soluble in KOH  $\rightarrow$  a rechargeable battery

(3) A sparingly soluble: negative electrode of the lead-acid battery Pb ↔ Pb<sup>2+</sup> + 2e<sup>-</sup> dissolution Pb<sup>2+</sup> + SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> ↔ PbSO<sub>4</sub>(s) precipitation Solubility가 충분히 작아 cycle (2차전지) 가능

#### 2. Insertion

-stable host material + guest material for unoccupied sites of the host material  $\rightarrow$  the insertion into a layered structure of the host material, "intercalation"  $\rightarrow$  retain crystalline structure of the host material  $\rightarrow$  highly reversible

e.g. Li intercalation into a layered  $TiS_2$  (van der Waals forces between the layer), "galley space"

A positive electrode for a lithium-ion cell

 $xLi^+ + xe^- + TiS_2 \rightarrow Li_xTiS_2$ 

where x varies from zero to one

-this insertion process results in a kind of solid solution of the guest species in the host  $\rightarrow$  a characteristic sloping discharge curve (Fig. 7.5)

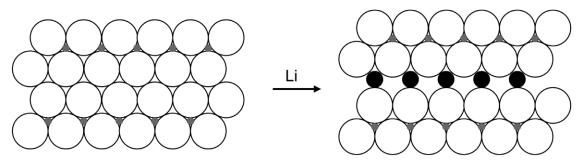
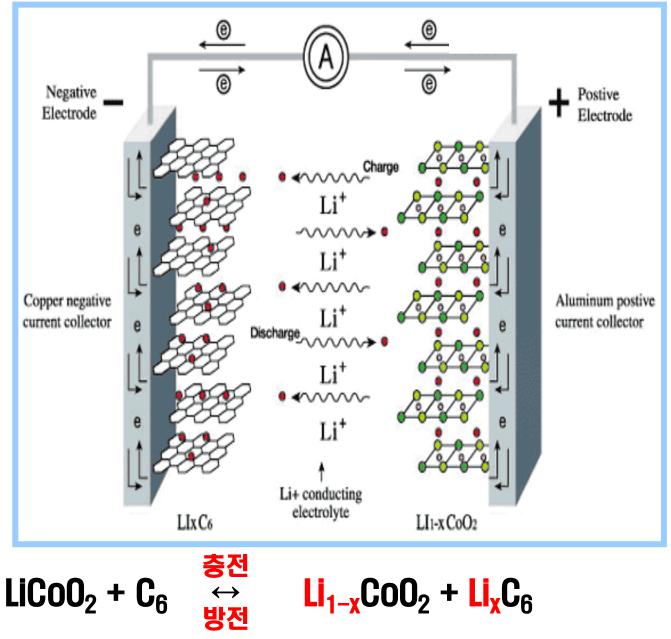


Figure 7.3 Insertion of lithium (solid black circles) into the gallery space of titanium disulfide.

# 리튬이차전지



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### **Insertion reaction electrodes**

- -1976 Whittingham, xLi + TiS<sub>2</sub>  $\rightarrow$  Li<sub>x</sub>TiS<sub>2</sub>, x: 0~1
  - $\rightarrow$  insertion-driven solid solution redox process
  - $\rightarrow$  reversible over many cycles

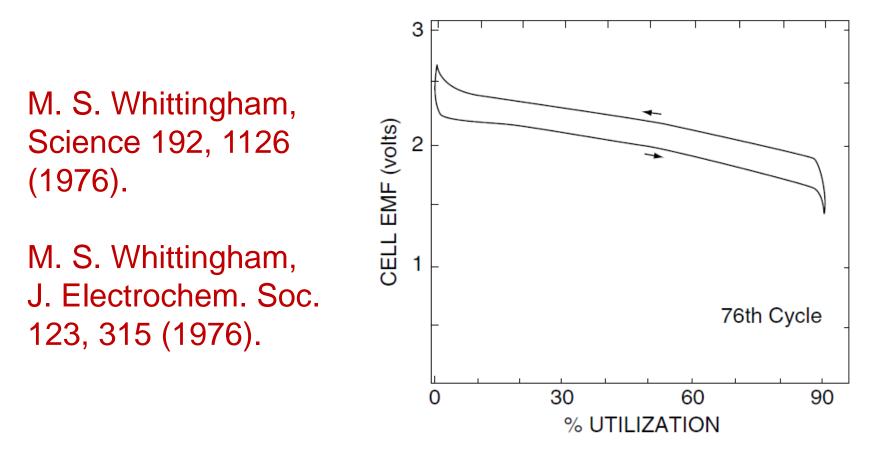
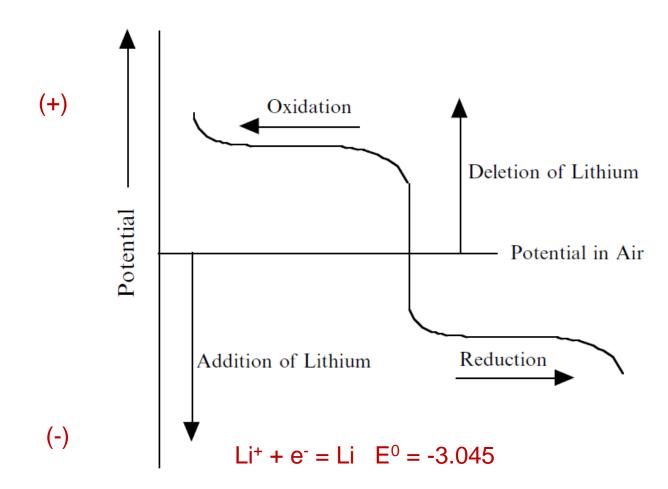


Fig. 9.1 Charge/discharge behavior of a Li/TiS<sub>2</sub> cell after 76 cycles
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#### Goodenough



**Fig. 9.3** Schematic of the behavior of a material that is amphoteric, i.e., that can be both electrochemically oxidized at high potentials by the deletion of lithium, and electrochemically reduced at lower potentials by the addition of lithium

-This approach, involving the use of materials in which lithium is already present, was first demonstrated in Prof. Goodenough's laboratory in Oxford. The first examples of materials initially containing lithium, and electrochemically deleting lithium from them, were the work on  $\text{Li}_{1-x}\text{CoO}_2$  [12] and  $\text{Li}_{1-x}\text{NiO}_2$  [13] in 1980. They showed that it is possible in this way to obtain high reaction potentials, up to over 4V.

[12] K. Mizushima, P.C. Jones, P.J. Wiseman and J.B. Goodenough, Mater. Res. Bull. 15, 783 (1980).

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 $\rightarrow$  SONY of a lithium battery containing a carbon negative electrode and a LiCoO<sub>2</sub> positive electrode that became commercially available in 1990

 $\rightarrow$  assembled in the discharged state. They were activated by charging, whereby lithium left the positive electrode material, raising its potential, and moved to the carbon negative electrode, whose potential was concurrently reduced. This cell can be represented as

Li<sub>x</sub>C/organic solvent electrolyte/Li<sub>1-x</sub>CoO<sub>2</sub>

and the cell reaction can be written as  $C + LiCoO_2 = Li_xC + Li_{1-x}CoO_2$ 

# 이차전지(배터리)의 역사

Date	Туре	
1860	Lead-acid 납축전지	PbO <sub>2</sub> /
1900	Edison cell	Ni/2N
	Ni-Cd cell	Ni/2N
1965	Beta cell	Na/β-
1970	Zinc-chlorine	Zn/Zn
1980-90	Li/SSE	Li/PC
	Polymeric cells	Li/PE
	Glassy cells	Li/Li+
1991	Li microbatteries	Li/Li+
1992	Rocking-chair cells	LiMn
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Chemistry

PbO<sub>2</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>/Pb Ni/2NiOOH/Fe Ni/2NiOOH/Cd Na/ $\beta$ -Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>/S Zn/ZnCl<sub>2</sub>/Cl<sub>2</sub> Li/PC-Li<sub>2</sub>ClO<sub>4</sub>/MX<sub>2</sub> Li/PEO-LiClO<sub>4</sub>/TiS<sub>2</sub> Li/Li<sup>+</sup>-glass/TiS<sub>2</sub> Li/Li<sup>+</sup>-glass/TiS<sub>2</sub> LiMn<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/elect./carbon LiCoO<sub>2</sub>/elect./carbon

Element	MW [g·mol <sup>−1</sup> ]	Standard potential [V]	Density [g·cm <sup>-3</sup> ]	Valence	Specific capacity [A·h·g <sup>-1</sup> ]	Volumetric capacity [A·h·cm <sup>-3</sup> ]
Li	6.941	-3.01	0.534	1	3.86	2.06
Na	22.99	-2.714	0.971	1	1.16	1.12
Mg	24.305	-2.4	1.738	2	2.20	3.8
Al	26.98	-1.7	2.699	3	2.98	8.1
Fe	55.845	-0.44	7.86	2	0.96	7.5
Zn	65.39	-0.763	7.13	2	0.82	5.8
Cd	112.41	-0.403	8.65	2	0.48	4.1
Pb	207.21	-0.126	11.34	2	0.26	2.9

 Table 7.2
 Common Negative Electrode Materials for Batteries. Values Are Theoretical

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### Theoretical capacity and state of charge

-The capacity is a rating of the charge or energy stored in the cell  $\rightarrow$  [A·h] or [W·h], W·h = A·h x V<sub>ave</sub>, A = C/s  $\rightarrow$  1 Ah = 3600 C

Theoretical capacity of electrode = m<sub>i</sub>nF/M<sub>i</sub> [C]

 $m_i$ : the mass of active material,  $M_i$ : its molecular weight  $\rightarrow$  theoretical capacity expressed in units as Ah/kg, Ah/g, mAh/g  $\rightarrow$  the theoretical capacity for electrode and cell (two electrodes)

Illustration 7.1

-State of charge (SOC) or state of discharge (SOD, or depth of discharge (DOD)) to quantify the available capacity remaining in a cell while in use

Fig. 7.4

When the cell is fully charged or at 100% SOC, pure Zn and  $Ag_2O$  are present. As the reaction proceeds the reactants to ZnO and Ag

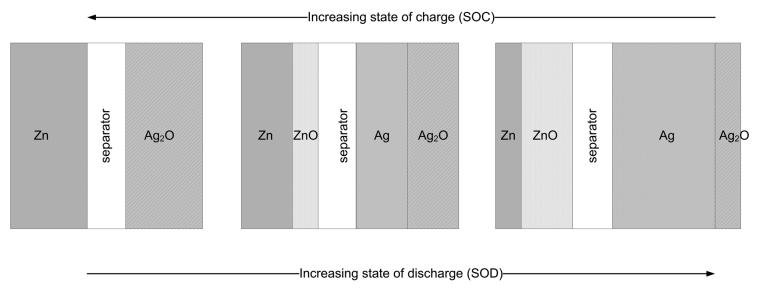


Figure 7.4 State of charge as conversion of active material.

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SOC = available capacity remaining / total capacity x 100%

SOD = 100 - SOC

### Cell characteristics & electrochemical performance

#### (1) Potential as a function of capacity (SOD)

-In general, the cell potential decreases with increasing SOD (decreasing SOC)  $\rightarrow$  depending on the cell chemistry, the slope of the curves can vary

NiCd battery: flat between 20 and 80% SOD Lead-acid battery: decreases steadily over the entire range

Discharge:  $Pb(s) + PbO_2(s) + 2H_2SO_4$  $\rightarrow 2PbSO_4(s) + 2H_2O$ 

 $\mathsf{E} = \mathsf{E}^0 + (\mathsf{RT/F})\mathsf{ln}(\mathsf{a}_{\mathsf{H2SO4}}/\mathsf{a}_{\mathsf{H2O}})$ 

As discharged,  $E\downarrow$  (sloping)

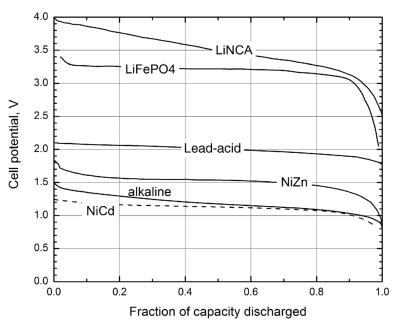


Figure 7.5 Potentials of several battery chemistries.

-Insertion reactions

(i) Negative electrode: Li in carbon in lithium-ion battery

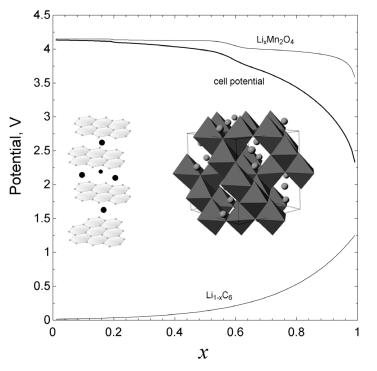
 $\rightarrow$  discharge: Li<sub>1-x</sub>C<sub>6</sub>  $\rightarrow$  (1-x)Li<sup>+</sup> + (1-x)e<sup>-</sup> + 6C

 $\rightarrow$  only a few % volume change with insertion of lithium

 $\rightarrow$  potential varies with the amount of lithium inserted (solid solution)

(ii) Positive electrode:  $LiMn_2O_4$  (spinel structure)  $\rightarrow$  discharge:  $xLi^+ + xe^- + Mn_2O_4 \rightarrow Li_xMn_2O_4$ 

x = 0 (fully charged) x↑ as discharged



**Figure 7.6** Potential versus the fraction discharged for a lithiumion cell. Also shown are the structural aspects of the negative electrode (a) and positive electrode (b).

cf. Shape of discharge curves and the Gibbs phase rule

### -discharge curves: flat or S-shape(slope) $\rightarrow$ **Gibbs phase rule F = C - P + 2**

C : the number of components (e.g. elements) present, P : the number of phases present in this materials system F : the number of degrees of freedom; i.e., the number of intensive thermodynamic parameters (pressure, temp, chemical potential or chemical composition)

-Li/I<sub>2</sub> cell: Li +  $\frac{1}{2}$ I<sub>2</sub>  $\rightarrow$  LiI

(-)electrode: only one phase Li, P = 1, C = 1, F = 2

F = 2 (temp, pressure)  $\rightarrow$  no other freedom left  $\rightarrow$  chemical as well as electrical potential have fixed value

The amount of Li in (-) electrode  $\downarrow$  as cell discharged and Lil produced  $\rightarrow$  since F = 2, if T & P are constant  $\rightarrow$ F = 0  $\rightarrow$  electrical potential of lithium electrode is independent of the state of charge of the cell

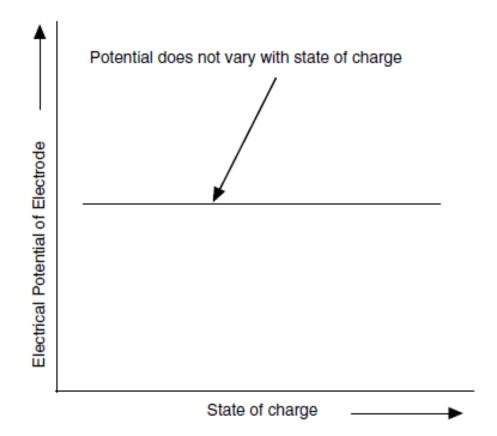


Fig. 2.4 Potential of a pure lithium electrode does not vary with the state of charge of the LiI cell

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If some iodide could dissolve in lithium, forming a solid solution, which it does not (actually not happened)  $\rightarrow$  C = 2, P = 1, F = 3  $\rightarrow$  if T, P const, F = 1  $\rightarrow$  electrical potential varies

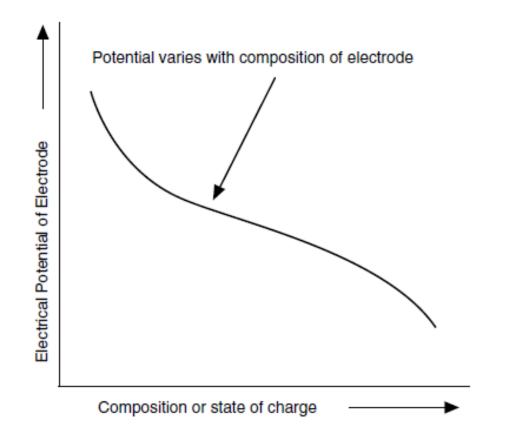


Fig. 2.5 Schematic representation of the variation of the electrical potential of an electrode as a function of its composition for the case in which the residual value of F is not zero

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-Gibbs Phase Rule:

Single-phase regions in a binary system:  $F = C - P + 2 = 2 - 1 + 2 = 3 \rightarrow$  electrical potential varies with composition within single-phase regions (at const T & P)

It is composition-independent when two phases are present in a binary system (F = 2 - 2 + 2 = 2)

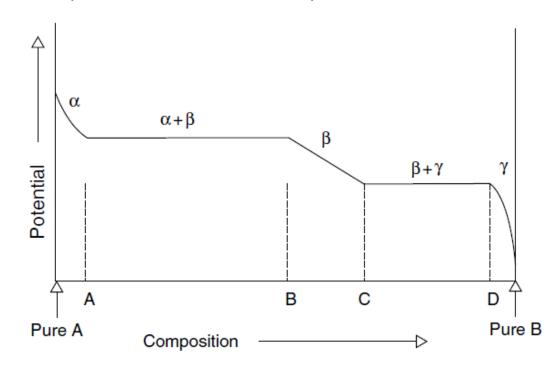


Fig. 3.6 Schematic variation of electrical potential with composition across the binary phase diagram shown in Fig. 3.5 Robert A. Huggins, *Advanced Batteries*, Springer, 2009

(2) Effect of rate on potential as a function of capacity

-"C-rate": normalized rate of charge or discharge

 $\rightarrow$  "1C" rate: the current at which it requires one hour to utilize the capacity of the battery

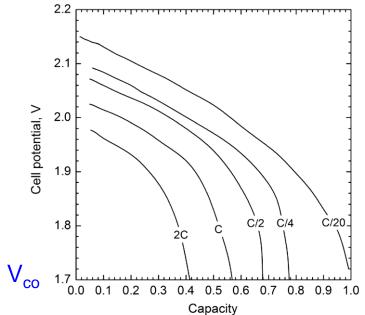
e.g. 5 Ah battery: 5 A for  $1h \rightarrow$ 5 A corresponds to the 1 C-rate. 0.5 A for 10h: C/10

#### Fig. 7.7

During discharge, potential of the cell is always less than the equilibrium or thermodynamic potential

$$\begin{split} \mathsf{E}^0 - \mathsf{V}_{\mathsf{cell}} &= \mathsf{\eta} \\ &= |\mathsf{\eta}_{\mathsf{ohmic}}| + |\mathsf{\eta}_{\mathsf{neg}}| + |\mathsf{\eta}_{\mathsf{pos}}| + |\mathsf{\eta}_{\mathsf{conc}}| \end{split}$$

During discharge, potential of the cell↓ with current↑ due to polarization (during charge, potential of the cell is greater than equilibrium potential)



**Figure 7.7** Effect of rate on potential as a function of the fractional capacity for a lead–acid cell.

The Rate of Charging or Discharging as Expressed in Terms of the "C-Rate"				
C- rate, $h^{-1}$	Discharge time, hours			
C/20				
C/5	5 hours			
С	1 hour			
2C	30 minutes			
10C	6 minutes			

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-Equilibrium potential (E<sup>0</sup> or U): potential of cell described by thermodynamics. The potential depends on the materials, temperature, pressure, and composition

-Open-circuit voltage ( $V_{ocv}$ ): Potential of the cell when no current is flowing, not necessarily equal to the equilibrium potential

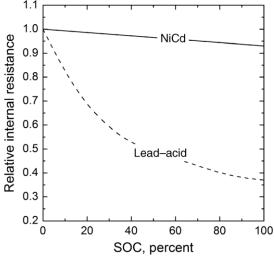
-Nominal potential: typical potential of the cell during operation, this will be less than the thermodynamic potential when discharging

-Average voltage: potential averaged over either the discharge or charge -End or cutoff voltage ( $V_{co}$ ): potential of the cell when the discharge is terminated

-Ohmic polarization  $\rightarrow$  largest contribution to the cell polarization

#### Illustration 7.2

-Resistance can change during discharge Lead-acid battery: H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> $\downarrow$  during discharge  $\rightarrow$  resistance $\uparrow$ Ni-Cd battery: hydroxyl ion not consumed



**Figure 7.8** Change in cell resistance with state of charge. A fully discharged cell has a value of unity.

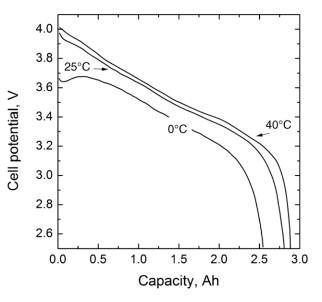
-Activation or kinetic polarization  $\rightarrow$  kinetic losses typically do not vary linearly with the current, most significant at low currents

-Semiempirical Shepherd equation

#### Illustration 7.3

-Capacity vs. temperature  $\rightarrow$  temperature $\uparrow \rightarrow$  ohmic/concentration/kinetic polarization $\downarrow$ 

Temperature is enemy of long battery life



**Figure 7.9** Effect of temperature on the cell voltage during discharge for a lithium-ion cell.

# Ragone plots

-Power and energy are key design aims of an electrochemical system for energy storage and conversion

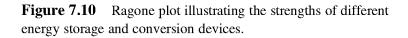
Power [W, kW],  $P_{ave} = (1/t_d) \int IV(t) dt$ 

specific power [kW/kg], specific energy [kWh/kg], power density [kW/L], energy density [kWh/L]

-Ragone plot: trade-off between power and energy

1000 ICE 100 hours FC specific Energy, Wh·kg<sup>-1</sup> 100 Battery 10 hours 10 3.6 seconds 1 hours EDLC 6 minutes 36 seconds 0.1 10 100 1000 10,000 Specific Power, W·kg<sup>-1</sup>

Illustration 7.4



## Heat generation

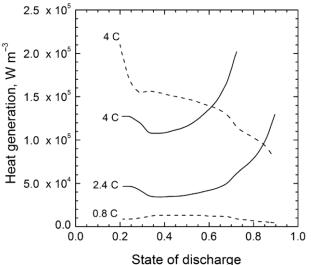
-heat generation in battery plays an important role in cell performance, system design, battery safety, cell life

-Heat can be generated in electrochemical cells due to irreversible losses associated with kinetics and concentration overpotentials, by resistive or Joule heating associated with the flow of current in solution, and by reversible changes due to differences in the entropy of reactants and products

Heat generation,  $q = I(E^0 - V_{cell}) - I[T(\partial U/\partial T)]$  [W] entropic contribution

Fig. 7.11 Nonlinearly increase Increase with current

Illustration 7.5 Illustration 7.6



**Figure 7.11** Rates of heat generation for a lithium-ion cell. Solid lines are for discharges and dashed lines are for charges. (Adapted from *J. Power Sources*, **247**, 618 (2014).)

# Efficiency of secondary cells

-The most basic efficiency of a rechargeable cell is the coulombic efficiency: refer to a battery that undergoes a complete charge-discharge cycle

 $\eta_{coul}$  = # of coulombs on discharge / # of coulombs on charge x 100%

Typical coulombic efficiency >95% for many rechargeable battery

-Voltage efficiency: any polarization of the cell↑→ the efficiency↓ current density↑→ the efficiency↓ (due to the increased irreversible losses at the higher current)

 $\eta_V = V^d_{cell} / V^c_{cell} x 100\%$ 

The average voltage: by integrating over time,  $V_{cell}^d = (1/t_d) \int V(t) dt$ 

-Energy efficiency: the product of coulombic efficiency x voltage efficiency

Energy efficiency =  $\eta_{coul} \eta_{V}$  = energy out / energy in x 100%

~90% for rechargeable batteries

# Charge retention and self-discharge

-Charge retention: the amount of charge, usually expressed as a percentage of capacity, remaining after a cell is sored for a period of time and not connected to an external circuit

-Self-discharge: the mechanism by which the capacity of the cell is reduced

e.g. 10% loss in capacity in 5 years for a lithium primary battery 10% loss in 24 h for some nickel-based battery 30% per month for Ni-MH secondary battery 5% per month for lithium secondary battery (reversible self-discharge)
cf. capacity fade: irreversible self-discharge (next topic)

-self-discharge sources

(i) Electronic short

 $I_{self-discharge} = V_{cell} / R_{short}$ 

#### (ii) Shuttle mechanism

NiCd, Ni metal-hydride battery  $\rightarrow$  ammonium hydroxide (impurity) can be formed from the breakdown of a polymer separator  $\rightarrow$  self-discharge through chemical shuttle mechanism

At the positive electrode of the Ni-MH cell,  $NH_4OH + 6NiOOH + OH^- \rightarrow 6Ni(OH)_2 + NO_2^-$ Transport of nitrite to the negative electrode yields  $NO_2^- + 6MH \rightarrow NH_4OH + 6M + OH^-$ These two reaction combine to yield  $MH + NiOOH \rightarrow M + Ni(OH)_2$  (Table 7.1)  $\rightarrow$  these reactions & transport between electrodes result in a chemical short, which discharge the cell

Another shuttle involving the redox reaction of an impurity metal (M)  $M^{2+} + e^- \leftrightarrow M^+$ 

 $\rightarrow$  contribute to self-discharge forming chemical short

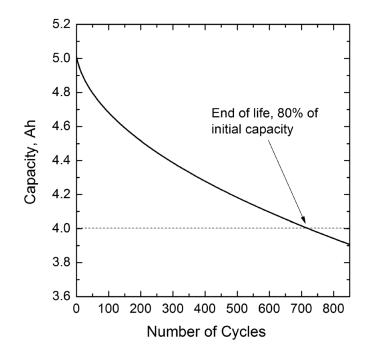
#### (iii) Corrosion

Often one or both of the electrode are thermodynamically unstable in the charged state e.g. lead-acid battery: grid corrosion & hydrogen evolution  $\rightarrow$  self-

discharge reactions

Illustration 7.7

### Capacity fade in secondary cells



**Figure 7.12** Typical behavior for capacity fade of a lithium-ion cell.

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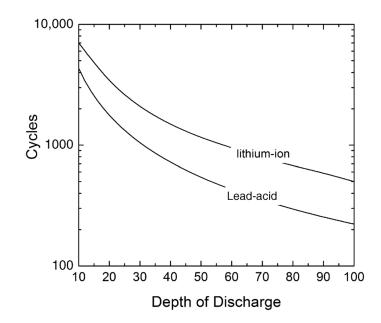


Figure 7.13 Effect of depth of discharge on cycle life.