

STATISTICAL MOLECULAR THERMODYNAMICS

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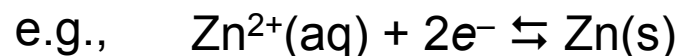
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Standard Potentials

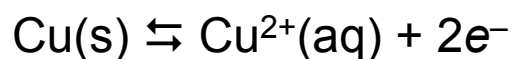
SINGLE ELECTRODE VALUES OF E°

For a given *full* electrochemical cell reaction:

$$\Delta_r G^\circ = \Delta_{\text{oxid}} G^\circ + \Delta_{\text{red}} G^\circ \Rightarrow -nFE^\circ$$



$$\Delta_{\text{red}} G^\circ = -2FE_{\text{red}}^\circ$$



$$\Delta_{\text{ox}} G^\circ = 2FE_{\text{red}}^\circ \quad \text{sign change}$$



$$\Delta_r G^\circ = -2FE^\circ$$

But we can't measure the standard free energies of the half-cell reactions because electrons don't come in bottles for use as reagents! However, if by convention, we set any one half-cell potential, we can determine all of the others from summed full-cell potentials. So, by convention, we assign a relative E° value of 0.00 to the Standard Hydrogen Electrode (SHE).

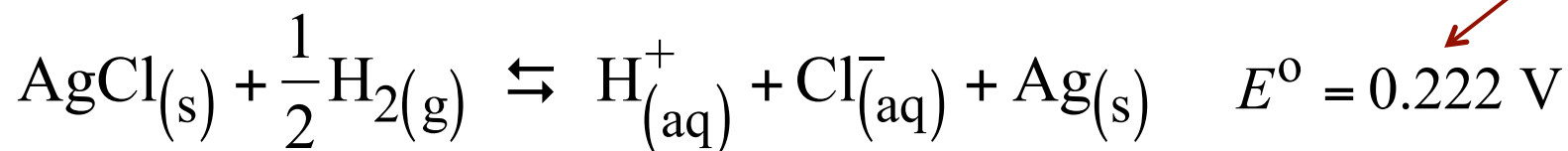
$$E_{\text{red}}^\circ \left[\text{H}^+ (\text{aq.}; a_{\pm} = 1) \mid \text{H}_2 (\text{gas}; 1 \text{ bar}) \right] = 0$$

concentration standard state (molar)

STANDARD REDUCTION POTENTIALS

$$E_{\text{red}}^{\circ} \left[\text{H}^+ (\text{aq.}; a_{\pm} = 1) \mid \text{H}_2 (\text{gas}; 1 \text{ bar}) \right] = 0$$

Then, if we have:

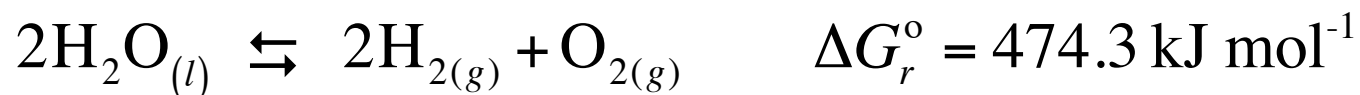


by convention
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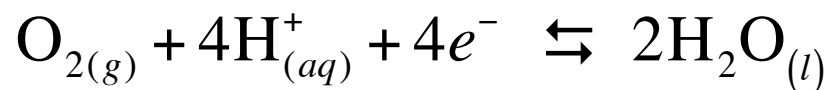
With one electrode set, all other values can be determined. By convention, standard *reduction* potentials are tabulated, and these may be positive (favorable relative to oxidation of H₂) or negative (unfavorable relative to oxidation of H₂).

Self-assessment

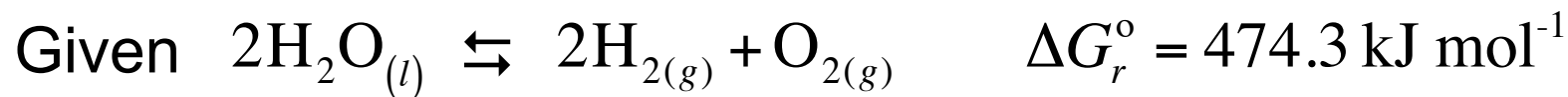
The standard-state free energy required to “split” water into hydrogen (a very clean fuel, since burning it creates only water) and oxygen is indicated below



What is the standard reduction potential for the below half-cell reaction?




Self-assessment Explained

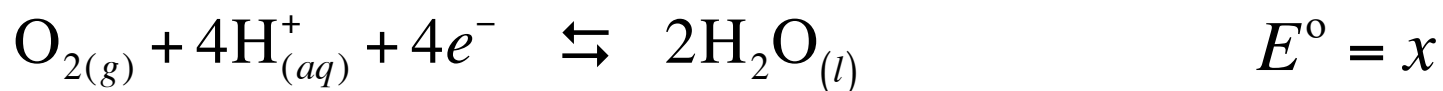


then $E^\circ = -\frac{\Delta G}{nF} = -\frac{1}{n} \frac{474.7 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}}{96.485 \text{ kJ V}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}} = -\frac{4.92 \text{ V}}{n}$

*sign change
for reversed
reaction*



so using



since $n = 4$ electrons, the standard reduction potential $x = 1.23 \text{ V}$

TABULATED REDUCTION POTENTIALS

Half-Reaction	E° (V)	Half-Reaction	E° (V)
$F_2 + 2e^- \rightarrow 2F^-$	2.87	$O_2 + 2H_2O + 4e^- \rightarrow 4OH^-$	0.40
$Ag^{2+} + e^- \rightarrow Ag^+$	1.99	$Cu^{2+} + 2e^- \rightarrow Cu$	0.34
$Co^{3+} + e^- \rightarrow Co^{2+}$	1.82	$Hg_2Cl_2 + 2e^- \rightarrow 2Hg + 2Cl^-$	0.27
$H_2O_2 + 2H^+ + 2e^- \rightarrow 2H_2O$	1.78	$AgCl + e^- \rightarrow Ag + Cl^-$	0.22
$Ce^{4+} + e^- \rightarrow Ce^{3+}$	1.70	$SO_4^{2-} + 4H^+ + 2e^- \rightarrow H_2SO_3 + H_2O$	0.20
$PbO_2 + 4H^+ + SO_4^{2-} + 2e^- \rightarrow PbSO_4 + 2H_2O$	1.69	$Cu^{2+} + e^- \rightarrow Cu^+$	0.16
$MnO_4^- + 4H^+ + 3e^- \rightarrow MnO_2 + 2H_2O$	1.68	$2H^+ + 2e^- \rightarrow H_2$	0.00
$2e^- + 2H^+ + IO_4^- \rightarrow IO_3^- + H_2O$	1.60	$Fe^{3+} + 3e^- \rightarrow Fe$	-0.036
$MnO_4^- + 8H^+ + 5e^- \rightarrow Mn^{2+} + 4H_2O$	1.51	$Pb^{2+} + 2e^- \rightarrow Pb$	-0.13
$Au^{3+} + 3e^- \rightarrow Au$	1.50	$Sn^{2+} + 2e^- \rightarrow Sn$	-0.14
$PbO_2 + 4H^+ + 2e^- \rightarrow Pb^{2+} + 2H_2O$	1.46	$Ni^{2+} + 2e^- \rightarrow Ni$	-0.23
$Cl_2 + 2e^- \rightarrow 2Cl^-$	1.36	$PbSO_4 + 2e^- \rightarrow Pb + SO_4^{2-}$	-0.35
$Cr_2O_7^{2-} + 14H^+ + 6e^- \rightarrow 2Cr^{3+} + 7H_2O$	1.33	$Cd^{2+} + 2e^- \rightarrow Cd$	-0.40
$O_2 + 4H^+ + 4e^- \rightarrow 2H_2O$	1.23	$Fe^{2+} + 2e^- \rightarrow Fe$	-0.44
$MnO_2 + 4H^+ + 2e^- \rightarrow Mn^{2+} + 2H_2O$	1.21	$Cr^{3+} + e^- \rightarrow Cr^{2+}$	-0.50
$IO_3^- + 6H^+ + 5e^- \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}I_2 + 3H_2O$	1.20	$Cr^{3+} + 3e^- \rightarrow Cr$	-0.73
$Br_2 + 2e^- \rightarrow 2Br^-$	1.09	$Zn^{2+} + 2e^- \rightarrow Zn$	-0.76
$VO_2^+ + 2H^+ + e^- \rightarrow VO^{2+} + H_2O$	1.00	$2H_2O + 2e^- \rightarrow H_2 + 2OH^-$	-0.83
$AuCl_4^- + 3e^- \rightarrow Au + 4Cl^-$	0.99	$Mn^{2+} + 2e^- \rightarrow Mn$	-1.18
$NO_3^- + 4H^+ + 3e^- \rightarrow NO + 2H_2O$	0.96	$Al^{3+} + 3e^- \rightarrow Al$	-1.66
$ClO_2 + e^- \rightarrow ClO_2^-$	0.954	$H_2 + 2e^- \rightarrow 2H^-$	-2.23
$2Hg^{2+} + 2e^- \rightarrow Hg_2^{2+}$	0.91	$Mg^{2+} + 2e^- \rightarrow Mg$	-2.37
$Ag^+ + e^- \rightarrow Ag$	0.80	$La^{3+} + 3e^- \rightarrow La$	-2.37
$Hg_2^{2+} + 2e^- \rightarrow 2Hg$	0.80	$Na^+ + e^- \rightarrow Na$	-2.71
$Fe^{3+} + e^- \rightarrow Fe^{2+}$	0.77	$Ca^{2+} + 2e^- \rightarrow Ca$	-2.76
$O_2 + 2H^+ + 2e^- \rightarrow H_2O_2$	0.68	$Ba^{2+} + 2e^- \rightarrow Ba$	-2.90
$MnO_4^- + e^- \rightarrow MnO_4^{2-}$	0.56	$K^+ + e^- \rightarrow K$	-2.92
$I_2 + 2e^- \rightarrow 2I^-$	0.54	$Li^+ + e^- \rightarrow Li$	-3.05
$Cu^+ + e^- \rightarrow Cu$	0.52		

$$dU = \delta q + \delta w$$



Next: Activities and Other Thermodynamic Properties