

Unit 1: Basics of Electrochemistry

Electrochemical cells: Galvanic cell. Half reactions and reversible electrodes: metalmetal ion electrodes, Gas electrodes – hydrogen electrode, oxygen electrode, oxygen electrode, Metal – insoluble metal salt electrodes – calomel electrode, oxidation – reduction electrode. Over potential. Butler – Volmer equation. The Nernst equation.

Concentration cells: Electrode concentration cells, Electrolyte concentration cells. Ion –solvent interaction. Ion transport. Debye – Huckel treatment. Onsagar equation.

Unit 2: Catalysis

Theories of catalysis: Intermediate compound formation theory of catalysis, Adsorption theory of catalysis. Heterogeneous catalysis: classic gas/solid system, the concept of the active site, promoters, modifiers and poisons. Homogeneous catalysis: elementary steps in homogeneous catalysis, ligand exchange, oxidative addition, reductive elimination, insertion and migration, de-insertion and beta –elimination, nucleophilic attack on a coordination site, industrial examples: Wacker oxidation process.

Unit 3: Hydrogen evolution

Sustainable energy source; renewable energy, hydrogen energy economy, hydrogen production, methods of hydrogen storage, hydrogen as an engine fuel. Hydrogen evolution: Electrochemical and photocatalytic water splitting. Properties of electro/photocatalytic materials. Role of cocatalyst in hydrogen evolving reaction.

Advantages of electro/photo catalyst in hydrogen evolution. Difficulties in the development of electro and photocatalyst.

Unit: 4: Materials and its characterization

Doping with metals- nonmetals as modifiers. Dye sensitized Titania, Coupled semiconductors, conducting polymers as dopant, Supported Titania catalysts. Advanced techniques used in electrocatalysis: Electrochemical impedance analyzer-principle, OCP measurement, UV Visible spectro photometer, Photo simulator. GC analysis for hydrogen evolution rate.

Unit5: Advanced electrochemical methods

Principle and applications of potentiodynamic polarization. Electrochemical impedance analysis : principle, applications, Nyquist and Bode plots, Different circuit used in impedance analysis. Principle of cyclic voltametry. Linear sweep voltametry – linear potential wave form.

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