# Modellierung elektrochemischer Systeme – Von den Grundlagen zu Batterien

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# **Hierarchy of Modeling**



### Relativity $\rightarrow$ Batteries

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# Relativity and the Lead-Acid Battery

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In conclusion, the lead-acid battery belongs to those phenomena whose characteristic features are due to the relativistic dynamics of fast electrons when they move near a heavy nucleus. In this case the main actors are the 6selectrons of lead, in the substances involved. This insight may not help one to improve the lead battery, but it might be useful in exploring alternatives. Finally, we note that cars start due to relativity.

### **Motivation**





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# Overview

Fuel Cells





# (Electro-)Catalysis





# Photo-Electrocatalysis





# **Battery-Types**



# **Motivation**

### **Battery**



### **Fuel Cell**



→ Similar working principles (e.g. solid/liquid or solid/solid interfaces)

# Electrochemistry









### What is known about the ORR: the first electron transfer is rate determining

# $O_2^* + e^- \rightarrow O_2^{*-}$

# $O_2^* + H^+ + e^- \rightarrow OOH^*$





### Google search: "Damjanovic Genshaw Bockris 4057"

Damjanovic, A.; Genshaw, M.A.; Bockris, I.O.M.

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### ORR on Pt

A. Damjanovic, M. A. Genshaw, and J. O'M. Bockris, J. Chem. Phys., 45, 4057 (1966)

 $\rightarrow$  doesn't discuss the ORR explicitly

→ describes how to interpret electrochemical kinetic experiments with different reaction pathways

A. Damjanovic and V. Brusic, *Electrochim. Acta* 1967, 12, 615

explicitly argues for:  $O_2^* + H^+ + e^- \rightarrow OOH^*$ 

and against:  $O_2^* + e^- \rightarrow O_2^{*-}$ 

### How does the ORR work?

 $H_2 + \frac{1}{2}O_2$  $H_2O$ 



# **Considered pathways**

Determine the actual ORR mechanism dependent on T, p, U, and pH



### O<sub>2</sub>-Dissociation Mechanism (Eley-Rideal + Langmuir Hinshelwood)





# **Influence of Environment**

### Water-Solvent:



Reaction Mechanism: Langmuir–Hinshelwood-type



### Eley-Rideal-type



### O<sub>2</sub>-Dissociation Mechanism (Eley-Rideal + Langmuir Hinshelwood)



### O<sub>2</sub>-Dissociation Mechanism (Eley-Rideal + Langmuir Hinshelwood)





### **Barriers to form Intermediates**



### Differences in barrier (OUT) – barrier (IN)



# Cathode Reaction with ReaxFF (reactive forcefield)



# ReaxFF

### non-reactive forcefields (only spheres and springs)





### **Reactive forcefields**



# H<sub>2</sub> +O<sub>2</sub> reactions on Pt(111)



 $8 H_2$ +  $4 O_2$  in contact with a perfect 96-atom (111) Pt-surface. T=1000K



 $8 H_2 + 4 O_2$  in contact with a stepped 84-atom (111) Ptsurface. T=1000K



### **Li-Sulfur Batteries**

- Density Functional Theory (DFT) calculations on Li-polysulfides in gas and in solution
- DFT of carbon-based electrodes
- DFT and Force field Simulations on the electrochemical interface



Li-Polysulfide Chemistry

### $S_8 \longrightarrow Li_2S_8 \longrightarrow Li_2S_6 \longrightarrow Li_2S_4 \longrightarrow Li_2S_3 \longrightarrow Li_2S_2 \longrightarrow Li_2S$





### Ni cluster growth on graphene

Ni clusters were "grown" one atom at a time on the illustrated graphene defects



Atomization energies  $(E_b)$  and cluster adsorbtion energies  $(E_{ad})$  were computed for each cluster.



Gao, W.; Mueller, J. E.; Anton, J.; Jiang, Q.; Jacob, T. In preparation.

### Bond types in Ni on graphene



Adsorption Energies in eV

Ni-C- $\pi$  bonding is worth < 1 eV per Ni



Ni-Ni bonding is worth 1.5 - 3 eV per Ni



**Ni-C** $\sigma$  bonding is worth > 4 eV per Ni

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# Model for an All-solid state battery



# **Battery Model**

### Transport equations:

- Lithium diffusion in anode/cathode
- Li<sup>+</sup> diffusion in solid-electrolyte
  - $\rightarrow$  new system of equations

#### **Double layer:**

- Poisson equation

### **Boundary conditions:**

- Potential-step at electrode/solid-electrolyte interface
- Electrochemical reactions
  - 1. order redoxreaction
  - Ion concentration at interface



Cathode  $c_3$ 

 $x_3$ 



## Fest-Elektrolyt: Li<sub>7</sub>La<sub>3</sub>Zr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>12</sub>



Weppner et al., Angew. Chem. Int. Ed., 46 (2007).





### Potential-Induced Faceting of Ir(210)



### Faceted Ir(210) in 0.1M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>



P. Kaghazchi, K. A. Soliman, F. C. Simeone, L. A. Kibler, TJ, Faraday Diss., 140, 69 (2008)

### Characterization by in-situ STM





### Structure Stability in HClO<sub>4</sub>

### Fixing potential at 0.2 V





P. Kaghazchi, K. A. Soliman, F. C. Simeone, L. A. Kibler, TJ, Faraday Diss., 140, 69 (2008)

### Ir-nanoparticles: Synthesis by square-wave pot.

### **SEM characterization**





# The Gang



### Frühromantischer Kreis in Jena – Weimar



z.B. ..., Novalis, Gebrüder Schlegel, Achim v. Arnim, Schiller, Herder, **Ritter, Goethe,** Döbereiner, ...

> Verlässt man nie den herrlichen elektrochemischen Leitfaden, so kann uns das Übrige auch nicht entgehen.

Goethe in einem Brief an Döbereiner