Text n°3: Electrolysis

Definition and Basic principle of Electro Deposition Electro deposition is the process of coating a thin layer of one metal on top of different metal to modify its surface properties. It is done to achieve the desire electrical and corrosion resistance, reduce wear and friction, improve heat tolerance and for decoration. (Paragraph1)

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(Paragraph 2)

Faraday's Laws of Electrolysis From his experiments, Faraday deduced two fundamental laws which govern the phenomenon of electrolysis. These are:

First Law. The mass of ions liberated at an electrode is directly proportional to the quantity of electricity i.e. charge which passes through the electrolyte.

Or The weight of a substance liberated from an electrolyte in a given time is proportional to the quantity of electricity passing through the electrolyte.

That is $W \alpha Q \alpha It$, where I is the current and t is the time. $W = Zit$ Where Z is a constant called electro-chemical equivalent.

If $I = 1$ ampere and $T =$ one second then, $Z = W$, which gives a definition of Z.

The electro-chemical equivalent of a substance is the amount of that substance by weight liberated in unit time by unit current.

Second Law. The masses of ions of different substances liberated by the same quantity of electricity are proportional to their chemical equivalent weights.

or, If the same current flows through several electrolytes, the weights of ions liberated are proportional to their chemical equivalents.

The chemical equivalent of a substance is the weight of the substance which can displace or combine with unit weight of hydrogen. Obviously, the chemical equivalent of hydrogen is 1 by definition.

(Paragraph 3)

Definitions

1. Current Efficiency: On account of the impurities which cause secondary reactions, the quantity of a substance liberated is less than that calculated from Faraday's Law. Current efficiency is the ratio of the actual mass of a substance liberated from an electrolyte by the passage of current to the theoretical mass liberated according to Faraday's law. Current efficiency can be used in measuring electro deposition thickness on materials in electrolysis. Current efficiency is also known as faradic efficiency, faradic yield and columbic efficiency.
2. Energy Efficiency: On account of secondary reactions, the voltage actually required for the deposition or liberation of metal is higher than the theoretical value which increases the actual energy required. Energy efficiency is defined as $= \frac{\text{theoritical energy}}{\text{actual energy required}}$

It is a process by which a metal is deposited over another metal or non-metal. Electro-plating is a very common example of such process.
Conditions have to be provided so that the deposit will be fine grained and will have a smooth appearance. The factors which affect the electro-deposition of metals are:
(i) Current Density, (ii) Electrolyte concentration, (iii) Temperature, (iv) Addition agents, (v) Nature of electrolyte; (vi) Nature of the metal on which the deposit is to be made, (vii) Throwing power of the electrolyte.
Current density: At low values of current density, the ions are released at a slow rate and the rate of growth of nuclei is more than the rate at which the new nuclei form themselves. Electro-deposition depends upon the rate at which crystals grow and the rate at which fresh nuclei are formed. Therefore, at low current densities the deposit will be coarse and crystalline in nature. At higher values of current density, the quality of deposit becomes more uniform and fine-grained on account of the greater rate of formation of nuclei. If the current density is so high that it exceeds the limiting value for the electrolyte hydrogen is released and spongy and porous deposit is obtained.
Electrolytic Concentration: This is more or less complementary to the first factor, i.e. current density, since by increasing the concentration of the electrolyte higher current density can be achieved. Increase of concentration tends to give better deposits and some people therefore favour it.
Temperature: The temperature of the electrolyte has two contradictory effects. One, at comparatively high temperature there is more diffusion and even at relatively high current density smooth deposits may be produced. Two, the rate of crystal growth increases the possibility of coarse deposits. At moderate temperatures the deposits are good. In chromium plating the temperature is maintained at 35°C, and in nickel between 50°C to 60°C.
Addition Agents: The quality of a deposit is improved by the presence of an addition agent which may be colloidal matter or an organic compound, otherwise the metal deposits in the form of large crystals and the surface becomes rough. Materials used as addition agents are gelatin, agar, glue, gums, rubber, alkaloids, sugar etc. The addition agents are supposed to be absorbed by crystal nuclei and prevent their growth into large crystals. The discharged ions start to build up new nuclei and the deposit of metal is fine-grained.
Nature of electrolyte: Smooth deposits are obtained from solutions having complex ions, e.g., cyanides. Silver from nitrate solution forms a coarse deposit while from cyanide solution it forms a smooth deposit. Therefore, the formation of smooth deposit largely depends upon the nature of electrolyte used.
Nature of the metal on which deposit is to be made: This factor influences the growth of crystals since it is believed that the operation of crystals is in continuation of these in the base metal.

Paragraph 4

Throwing Power The throwing power of an electrolyte may be regarded as the quality which produces a uniform deposit on a cathode having an irregular shape. Since the shape is irregular, the distance of the various parts of the cathode from the anode is not the same and therefore the conductance of the electrolyte is not the same for all parts of the cathode. The phenomenon of throwing power has not been clearly understood so far. In an electrolyte of low conductance, the current will concentrate on the parts of the cathode which are nearer the cathode resulting in poor throwing power. If the electrolyte has good conductance, the throwing power will also be good. One way to improve the throwing power is to keep a good distance between the cathode and the anode thereby providing more or less the same conductance for all parts of cathode. Presence of colloidal matter improves the throwing power but increase of temperature may produce the opposite effect.	
Extraction of Metals This is done in two ways: 1. The ore is treated with a strong acid to obtain a salt and the solution of such a salt is electrolyzed to liberate the metal. 2. When the ore in molten state is available it is electrolysed in a furnace. Extraction of Zinc The ore consisting of zinc is treated with concentrated sulphuric acid, roasted and passed through other processes to get rid of impurities by precipitation. The zinc-sulphate solution is then electrolysed. The cells consist of large lead-lined wooden boxes having aluminum cathodes and lead anodes. The current density is about 1000 amperes per square meter. Zinc is deposited on cathodes. Extraction of Aluminium Ores of aluminium are bauxite cryolite. Bauxite is treated chemically and reduced to aluminium oxide and then dissolved in fused cryolite and electrolysed. The furnace is lined with carbon. The temperature of the furnace is about 1000°C to keep the electrolyte in a fused state. Aluminium deposits at the cathode. Refining of Metals Electrolytic extraction gives about 98 to 99 percent pure metal. Further refining is done by electrolysis. The anodes are made of the impure metal extracted from its ores and the electrolyte is a solution of the salt of the metal. Pure metal is deposited on the cathode.	Paragraph 5

Exercise 1

Decide if the following statements are true or false.

N°	Sentence	True	False
	Paragraph 4		
1	At high values of current density, the ions are released at a slow rate		
2	the rate of growth of nuclei is less than the rate at which the new nuclei form themselves		
3	Conditions have to be provided so that the deposit will be fine grained and will have a rough appearance		
4	Energy efficiency is defined as = (experimental energy)/ (actual energy required)		
5	The throwing power of an electrolyte may be regarded as the quantity which produces a uniform deposit on a cathode having an irregular shape		
6	the rate of growth of nuclei is more than the acceleration at which the new nuclei form themselves		
7	At low values of current density, the electrons are released at a slow rate		
8	the voltage actually required for the deposition or liberation of metal is lower than the theoretical value which increases the actual energy required		
9	The throwing power of an electrolyte may be regarded as the quality which produces a uniform deposit on a anode having an irregular shape		
10	Conditions have to be provided so that the deposit will be thick grained and will have a smooth appearance		
11	The throwing power of an electrolyte may be regarded as the quality which produces a uniform deposit on a cathode having an irregular shape		
12	Energy efficiency is defined as = (theoretical current)/ (actual energy required)		
13	the rate of growth of nuclei is more than the rate at which the new nuclei form themselves		
14	the voltage actually required for the deposition or liberation of metal is higher than the experimental value which increases the actual energy required		
15	At low values of current density, the ions are released at a slow rate		
16	Conditions have to be provided so that the deposit will be fine grained and will have a smooth appearance		
17	Energy efficiency is defined as = (theoretical energy)/ (actual energy required)		
18	the voltage actually required for the deposition or liberation of metal is higher than the theoretical value which increases the actual energy required		

Paragraph 3	**Exercise 2:** Match a word in column A with a definition in column B
Column A	Column B
Faraday's first law	The masses of ions of different substances liberated by the same quantity of electricity are proportional to their chemical equivalent weights.
Faraday's second law	The mass of ions liberated at an electrode is directly proportional to the quantity of electricity i.e. charge which passes through the electrolyte.

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Addition Agents	This is more or less complementary to the first factor, i.e. current density, since by increasing the concentration of the electrolyte higher current density can be achieved. Increase of concentration tends to give better deposits and some people therefore favour it.
Nature of electrolyte	The quality of a deposit is improved by the presence of an addition agent
Electrolytic Concentration	= (theoretical energy)/ (actual energy required)
Current efficiency	The throwing power of an electrolyte may be regarded as the quality which produces a uniform deposit on a cathode having an irregular shape
Energy efficiency is defined as	Therefore, the formation of smooth deposit largely depends upon the nature of electrolyte used.
Throwing Power	Is the ratio of the actual mass of a substance liberated from an electrolyte by the passage of current to the theoretical mass liberated according to Faraday's law

Exercise 4: Fill in the blanks with an appropriate word from the box. The first letter is given.

sulphuric	zinc	electrolyte	grained	voltage	
hydrogen	proportional	smooth	throwing	equivalent	quantity
theoretical	extraction	bauxite	quality	weights	

N°	Sentence
1	Ores of aluminium are b _ _ _ _ _ _ cryolite.
2	The t _ _ _ _ _ _ _ power of an electrolyte may be regarded as the q _ _ _ _ _ _ which produces a uniform deposit on a cathode having an irregular shape.
3	Electrolytic e _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ gives about 98 to 99% pure metal.
4	The ore consisting of z _ _ _ is treated with concentrated s _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ acid.
5	The chemical e _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of a substance is the weight of the substance which can displace or combine with unit weight of ________

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6	The masses of ions of different substances liberated by the same q _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of electricity are proportional to their chemical equivalent w _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
7	The v _ _ _ _ _ _ actually, required for the deposition or liberation of metal is higher than the t _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ value which increases the actual energy required.
8	Conditions have to be provided so that the deposit will be fine g _ _ _ _ _ _ _ and will have a s _ _ _ _ _ appearance.
9	The weight of a substance liberated from an electrolyte in a given time is p _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ to the quantity of electricity passing through the e _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

Terminology	مصطلحات	Terminologie	Terminology	مصطلحات	Terminologie
Electrolysis			Corrosion resistance		
Corrosion			Plating bath		
Friction			Directly proportional		
Voltage			Fundamental laws		
Current			Electro-chemical equivalent		
Electrodes			Theoretical energy		
Anode			Fine-grained		
Cathode			Soluble		
Electrolyte			Insoluble		
Copper			Inert		
Tin			Thickness		
Silver			Colloidal		
Nickel					

Phrasal verbs

What are phrasal verbs? Phrasal verbs are phrases that indicate actions. They are generally used in spoken English and informal texts. Examples of such verbs include: *turn down*, *come across* and *run into*.

Phrasal verbs consist of a verb and a preposition or an adverb

Verb	Preposition/ adverb
get	up
go	through
write	down
take	after

Sometimes phrasal verbs consist of three elements:

Verb	Preposition / adverb 1	Preposition / adverb 2
look	forward	to
put	up	with
sit	in	for

When added to the verb the preposition or adverb may change completely the meaning of the verb. Here are some examples:

Phrasal verb	Meaning	Example
look for	search/seek	He is looking for his keys
look up to	have a great deal of respect for a person	His father is his model. He is the person he **looks up to**.
look forward to	await eagerly/anticipate with pleasure	She is **looking forward to** visiting Paris.
look up	to try to find a piece of information by looking in a book or on a computer:	She didn't understand the word. So she **looked** it **up** in her dictionary

The meaning of phrasal verbs:
Sometimes, it is difficult to understand the meaning of phrasal verbs. Before looking them up in a dictionary, it would be helpful to use the context to understand them.

Literal meaning: Some phrasal verbs have a literal meaning. They can be easily understood.
- She opened the door and ***looked outside***.
- She was ***walking across*** the street when she heard the sound of an explosion.

Idiomatic meaning: Phrasal verbs can also have a figurative or idiomatic meaning which makes them difficult to understand.
- Can you ***put*** me ***up*** for tonight?
The phrasal verb ***'put up'*** here does not mean to build (as in ***putting*** *a fence* ***up***). It has, however, an idiomatic/figurative meaning. It means to let someone stay in your house.

Separable or inseparable?	1. Sometimes, the preposition/adverb is placed either after the verb or after the object. Examples: Mary ***made up*** a really entertaining story/Mary ***made*** the story ***up***.	2. If the object is a pronoun, however, the preposition/adverb has to be placed after the pronoun (object). Examples: She **made** it **up**/Put it down/Take it off.	3. Some phrasal verbs are always inseparable. Example: I ***came across*** some old photos in a drawer. NOT: ~~I *came* some old photos *across* in a drawer.~~

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