

CHEM 3590 Deferred Final examination Friday January 8, 9-12 am. Instructor : Dr. Hélène Perreault

**Questions 1-15** have multiple choices (50 pts). Please answer on the bubble sheet. **Questions 16-25** must be answered in the examination booklet (50 pts).

# Question 1



This picture shows a detection window used in capillary electrophoresis. Which of the following CE detection methods could use such a window? (More than one answer may be possible; you may circle more than one).

- a) UV-visible
- b) Infrared
- c) Raman
- d) Amperometric
- e) Fluorescence

# Question 2

Given the following anions:  $Cl^-$ ,  $F^-$ ,  $SO_4^{2-}$  and  $ClO_4^-$ , predict their migration order in capillary zone electrophoresis (CZE), if the apparatus is operated from - to + at high pH. The order is given from first to last to reach the detector.

- a) Cl<sup>-</sup>, F<sup>-</sup>, SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>, ClO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> b) ClO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>, SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2</sup>, Cl<sup>-</sup>, F<sup>-</sup>.
- c) F<sup>-</sup>, Cl<sup>-</sup>, SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>, ClO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> d) SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>, Cl<sup>-</sup>, F<sup>-</sup>, ClO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>.

Which statement is TRUE about reversed UV-vis detection in CZE?

- a) In reversed UV-vis detection, there is no electroosmotic flow and the overall flow is aimed toward the anode (+).
- b) This method used a Z-shaped window to reverse the flow direction for a short moment and enhance UV absorptivity due to a longer path.
- c) Reversed UV detection in CE involves derivatization of the analyte to make it absorb more light than the buffer.
- d) In reversed UV detection, the buffer is highly absorbing and the analytes produce a negative signal relative to the baseline.
- e) All statements are true.

### Question 4 (NOT COVERED)

What happens if radioactive samples containing atoms such as <sup>14</sup>C, <sup>19</sup>O and <sup>20</sup>F are run in a mass spectrometer? (More than one answer may be possible).

- a) During the experiment, the beta decay of these particular atoms produces a mixture of elements.
- b) These elements are heavier than their stable counterparts, therefore non-volatile and cannot be analyzed.
- c) Care must be taken not to contaminate instruments with radioactive elements.
- d) The half-lives of all these elements are shorter than the duration of the experiment.
- e) All these answers are correct.

### Question 5

Calculate E<sup>o</sup> for the reaction:

 $2Na^+ + ClO_3^- + 2OH^- \rightarrow 2Na(s) + ClO_4^- + H_2O$ 

a) +2.88 V b) +2.54 V c) -2.54 V d) -5.59 V e) - 2.88 V

From the following data, determine which system was used for potentiometric analysis. For SCE  $E_{ref} = 0.244$  V.

Conc M <sup>n+</sup>	$E_{cell}$
0.01	-0.0795
0.03	-0.0700
0.05	-0.0657
0.07	-0.0628
0.09	-0.0606
0.11	-0.0589
0.13	-0.0575
0.15	-0.0562

a) SHE||Mg<sup>2+</sup>|Mg(s)
b) SCE||Al<sup>3+</sup>|Al(s)
c) SCE|| Cu<sup>2+</sup>|Cu(s)
d) SHE|| Fe<sup>3+</sup>|Fe(s)
e) SHE||Ag<sup>+</sup>|Ag(s)

### Question 7 (NOT COVERED)

An unstable nucleus decays by alpha emission, then the product undergoes fission into two identical <sup>116</sup>Rh nuclei. The decay constant of the fission process is 3 events/min. Determine the nature of the original isotope and of the intermediate product. What is the half life of the fissible nucleus?

- a)  $^{120}$ Ag,  $^{116}$ Rh, 0.046 min b)  $^{234}$ Pu,  $^{232}$ Th, 0.23 min
- c) <sup>232</sup>Ac, <sup>232</sup>Th, 3.08 min d) <sup>236</sup>U, <sup>232</sup>Th, 0.23 min

#### Question 8 (NOT COVERED)

A radiochemist does a duplicate analysis of lead in water. He/she takes two 100-mL samples of well water and subjects them to 6 h of neutron irradiation. <sup>209</sup>Pb is formed and has a half-life of 3.253 h. A first sample is measured 10 h after irradiation, but the spectrometer breaks down and the second sample can only be analyzed three days after irradiation. What percentage of <sup>209</sup>Pb is left in each sample at measurement time?

a) 12% and 2 x 10  $^{-5}$  % b) 1.2% and 0.8% c) 1.2% and 0.5% d) 12% and 2 x 10  $^{-7}$  %

# Question 9 (NOT COVERED)

High performance liquid chromatography may be used with a scintillation detector which is sensitive to the decay of unstable <sup>3</sup>H (tritium) atoms. This is useful in biochemical experiments where amino acids labeled with <sup>3</sup>H are used for protein biosynthesis. Which of the following statements is FALSE?

- a) Tritium decays by radiating  $\beta^{-}$  particles.
- b) Tritium labelling does not influence HPLC retention times of proteins significantly.
- c) A scintillation detector is a particle counter.
- d) Tritium decays by radiating  $\alpha$  particles.
- e) The exposure to tritium may be hazardous to humans.

# Question 10 (NOT COVERED)

In neutron activation analysis (NAA), many experiments require that a destructive route be followed to treat samples after neutron irradiation. Identify the main reason for using this approach.

- a) Leaving all radioactive elements together in a sample may burn the sample, especially if it is biological tissue.
- b) Short-lived isotopes in general must be removed as they interfere with Na and Br signals.
- c) Na and Br must be removed as their decay interferes with that of other elements.
- d) Elements must always be isolated from one another and measured in specific compartments.
- e) Elements will not capture neutrons if Na and Br are in the sample.

# Question 11 (NOT COVERED)

A sample containing 10 g of <sup>54</sup>Mn is irradiated and 1 day after cooling, it gives off 20500 decays/h as radiation rate. From an identical sample, all the unstable manganese is extracted and isolated as  $MnCO_3$  (100% yield). What will the radiation rate be for 10 g of this compound if measured at the same time as the first sample?

a) 10250 decays/h b) 9804 decays/h c) 330 decays/h d) 2.3 x 10<sup>6</sup> decays/h

What can be concluded from this voltammogram?



- a) The analyte is first reduced, then oxidation is fully reversibley.
- b) The analyte is first oxidized, then reduction is fully reversible.
- c) The analyte is first reduced, but oxidation is not fully reversible.
- d) The analyte is first oxidized, but reduction does not yield the material of origin.

### Question 13

In an amperostatic coulometric experiment, a current was fed for 5 minutes to complete the titration of Cl<sup>-</sup> using Ag<sup>+</sup> generated from an Ag/Ag(s) electrode. If the original Cl<sup>-</sup> concentration was 8  $\mu$ M and the solution volume 250 mL, what value of current was used? 1 Faraday = 96368 C/mol.

a) 38 µA b) 2.5 mA c) 642 µA d) 193 mA

Select the INCORRECT statement about the mercury drop electrode:

- a) Each drop generates a fresh metallic surface
- b) It is often used as a working electrode (µ electrode)
- c) The mercury drops serve to form Hg<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> as in the SCE reference electrode
- d) It can be used in polarography experiments

#### Question 15

Assign each number correctly on this voltammogram.



- a) 1 peak of cathodic wave; 2 cathodic peak current; 3 potential reversal; 4 anodic peak current; 5 peak of anodic wave.
- b) 1 peak of anodic wave; 2 anodic peak current; 3 potential reversal; 4 cathodic peak current; 5 peak of cathodic wave.
- c) 1 limiting anodic current; 2 peak anodic current; 3 potential reversal; 4 limiting cathodic current; 5 peak of cathodic wave.
- d) 1 start of experiment; 2 anodic peak current; 3 potential reversal; 4 cathodic peak current; 5 end of experiment.

#### END OF THE MULTIPLE CHOICE SECTION

- a) What is the concentration of  $Ca^{2+}$  ions at pH 3, in a system where the only source of calcium is a solid  $CaCO_3$  precipitate ( $K_{sp} = 5 \times 10^{-9}$ )? You may use the graph below.
- b) Suggest, by a diagram, a potentiometric electrode system that could be used to measure Ca<sup>2+</sup> concentration. What would be E<sup>0</sup> for this cell?



# Question 17

Light is used in different ways to measure concentration in the various spectrophotometric systems in MCAL.

- a) Describe how light is used to measure concentration in <u>three</u> different detection systems in MCAL instruments.
- b) What is the source of light in each of the three different systems?

For the analysis of a mixture of amino acids by capillary zone electrophoresis using fluorescence detection, labelling with dansyl chloride is often used.



a) How in general would this affect the migration order of the amino acids?

b) Using a diagram for a detector, show how fluorescence can be used in combination with CZE.

# Question 19 (NOT COVERED)

A 0.20 M solution of radioactive  ${}^{41}CaCO_3$  (100 mL) is measured for its gamma ray radiation intensity and the value obtained is 2.7 x 10<sup>6</sup> units. This solution is poured into a well of unknown volume and the well water is stirred mechanically. A 100-mL sample of the mixed water is then collected and measured at an intensity of 23 units.

- a) Determine the volume of the well.
- b) Would it matter if rate measurements were made a few minutes apart?

# Question 20 (NOT COVERED)

From the 100 mL sample of mixed water (see question above), all soluble Ca was extracted and weighed as pure metal: 10.05  $\mu$ g. Determine the concentration of non-radioactive Ca<sup>2+</sup> in the well.

Two amino acids, tyrosine (pl 5.66) and lysine (pl 9.74), can be separated by ion exchange chromatography and by capillary zone electrophoresis. Describe the behaviour of these two amino acids (elution order) during separation by:

- a) Cation exchange chromatography
- b) Anion exchange chromatography
- c) Capillary zone electrophoresis (+ to direction).

# Question 22

Two chromatograms A and B (below) are produced by separation of a mixture on two columns. Column A and column B are different types of columns in the same GC, but are identical in size and length and the carrier gas is set the same for both columns. Looking at the two chromatograms, what would you say are the major differences between the two columns? What are the major factors causing separation in the two columns? Explain.



# Question 23

The  $K_{sp}$  of Al(OH)<sub>3</sub> is 1.8 x 10<sup>-33</sup>. Determine the  $E_0$  value for the half reaction:

 $AI(OH)_3(s) + 3e \rightarrow AI(s) + 3OH^-$ 

It is possible to synthesize a molecule of naphthalene where all C (<sup>12</sup>C) atoms have been replaced by the stable isotope <sup>13</sup>C. Describe two methods where naphthalene with all <sup>13</sup>C would be useful for the quantitative analysis of "normal" naphthalene by mass spectrometry (you may include GC-MS and HPLC-MS in your answer).



### Question 25

The polarogram shown below was obtained using a mercury dropping electrode against a standard hydrogen electrode.



Using this polarogram, classify the metal ions in order from the best oxidizing agent to the best reducing agent.

Cathode (Reduction) Half-Reaction	Standard Potential E° (volts)	Cathode (Reduction) Half-Reaction	Standard Potential E° (volts)
$Li^+(aq) + e^- > Li(s)$	-3.04	IO'(aq) + H <sub>2</sub> O(I) + 2e <sup>-</sup> -> I'(aq) + 2OH'(aq)	0.49
$K^{+}(aq) + e^{-} \gg K(s)$	-2.92	$Cu^+(aq) + e^- \rightarrow Cu(s)$	0.52
$Ca^{2+}(aq) + 2e^{-} -> Ca(s)$	-2.76	I <sub>2</sub> (s) + 2e <sup>-</sup> -> 2I <sup>-</sup> (aq)	0.54
Na <sup>+</sup> (aq) + e <sup>-</sup> -> Na(s)	-2.71	CiO <sub>2</sub> (aq) + H <sub>2</sub> O(l) + 2e <sup>-</sup> -> CiO <sup>-</sup> (aq) + 2OH <sup>-</sup> (aq)	0.59
$Mg^{2+}(aq) + 2e^{-} \rightarrow Mg(s)$	-2.38	$Fe^{3+}(aq) + e^{-} -> Fe^{2+}(aq)$	0.77
Al <sup>3+</sup> (aq) + 3e <sup>-</sup> -> Al(s)	-1.66	$Hg^{2^{+}}(aq) + 2e^{-} > 2Hg(1)$	0.80
$2H_2O(1) + 2e^{-} > H_2(g) + 2OH(aq)$	-0.83	$Ag^{+}(aq) + e^{-} > Ag(s)$	0.80
$Zn^{2+}(aq) + 2e^{-} \ge Zn(s)$	-0.76	$Hg^{2+}(aq) + 2e^{-} > Hg(1)$	0.85
$Cr^{3+}(aq) + 3e^{-} > Cr(s)$	-0.74	CIO <sup>-</sup> (aq) + H <sub>2</sub> O(l) + 2e <sup>-</sup> -> Cl <sup>-</sup> (aq) + 2OH <sup>-</sup> (aq)	06.0
$Fe^{2+}(aq) + 2e^{-2} Fe(s)$	-0.41	$2Hg^{2+}(aq) + 2e^{-} \rightarrow Hg^{2+}(aq)$	06.0
$Cd^{2+}(aq) + 2e^{-} \rightarrow Cd(s)$	-0.40	$NO_3(aq) + 4H^+(aq) + 3e^- > NO(g) + 2H_2O(1)$	0.96
$Ni^{2+}(aq) + 2e^{-} > Ni(s)$	-0.23	$Br_2(1) + 2e^- > 2Br(aq)$	1.07
$Sn^{2+}(aq) + 2e^{-} > Sn(s)$	-0.14	$O_2(g) + 4H^+(aq) + 4e^- > 2H_2O(1)$	1.23
$Pb^{2+}(aq) + 2e^{-} \rightarrow Pb(s)$	-0.13	$Cr_2O^{-2}(aq) + 14H^+(aq) + 6e^- > 2Cr^{3+}(aq) + 7H_2O(1)$	1.33
$Fe^{3+}(aq) + 3e^{-} > Fe(s)$	-0.04	Cl <sub>2</sub> (g) + 2e <sup>-</sup> -> 2Cl <sup>-</sup> (aq)	1.36
$2H^{+}(aq) + 2e^{-} \rightarrow H_{2}(g)$	0.00 (ref)	Ce <sup>4+</sup> (aq) + e <sup>-</sup> -> Ce <sup>3+</sup> (aq)	1.44
$Sn^{4+}(aq) + 2e^{-} > Sn^{2+}(aq)$	0.15	$MnO4'(aq) + 8H^{+}(aq) + 5e^{-} -> Mn^{2+}(aq) + 4H_{2}O(1)$	1.49
$Cu^{2+}(aq) + e^{-} \rightarrow Cu^{+}(aq)$	0.16	$H_2O_2(aq) + 2H^+(aq) + 2e^> 2H_2O(1)$	1.78
$CIO_4(aq) + H_2O(1) + 2e^{-} -> CIO_3(aq) + 2OH(aq)$	0.17	$Co^{3+}(aq) + e^{-} -> Co^{2+}(aq)$	1.82
$AgCI(s) + e^{-} \rightarrow Ag(s) + CI(aq)$	0.199 (ref)	$S_2O_8^{2-}(aq) + 2e^{-} \ge 2SO_4^{2-}(aq)$	2.01
$Cu^{2+}(aq) + 2e^{-} \rightarrow Cu(s)$	0.34	$O_3(g) + 2H^+(aq) + 2e^- > O_2(g) + H_2O(1)$	2.07
C1057(aq) + H2O(1) + 2e <sup>-</sup> -> C1027(aq) + 20H7(aq)	0.35	$F_2(g) + 2e^{-2} 2F(aq)$	2.87

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