

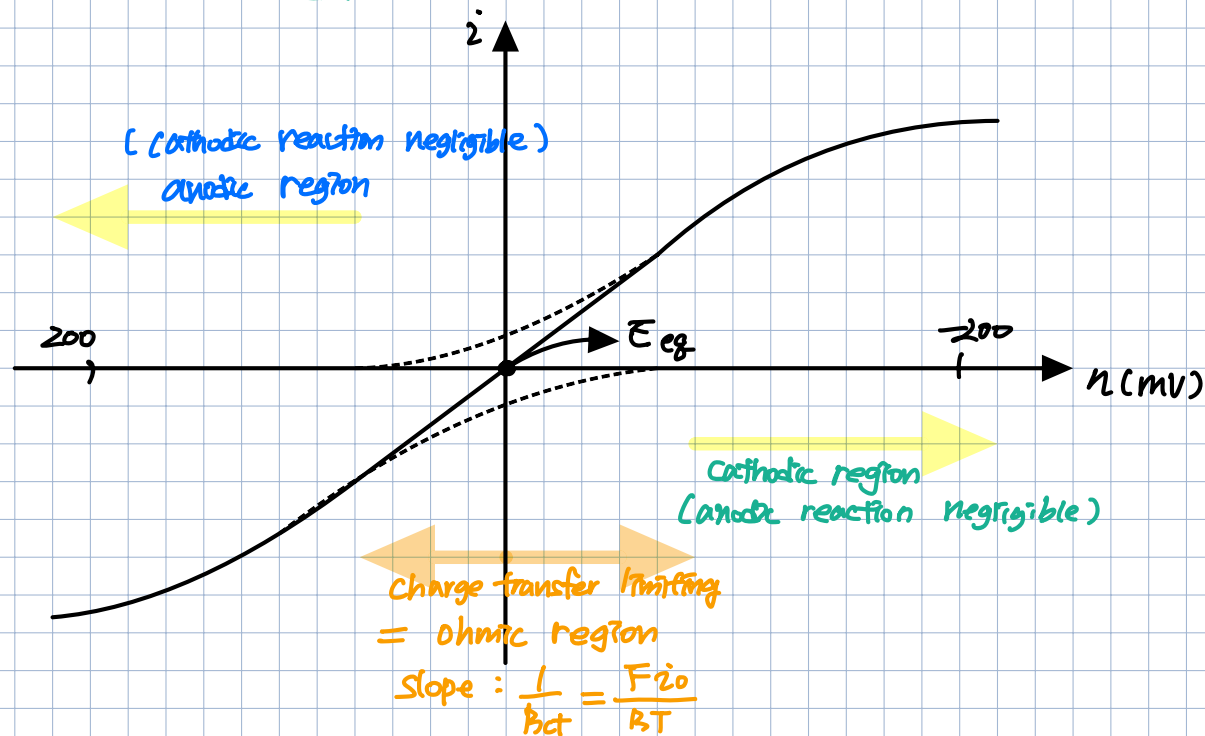
13. Charge transfer kinetics 2

1 Review

- Charge transfer rate ($i = i_c - i_a = nFA[k_f C_O(0,t) - k_b C_R(0,t)]$, $k_f = A_f e^{-\Delta G_f^\ddagger / RT}$) ... ①
- Energy barrier & current ($\Delta G_f^\ddagger = \Delta G_{oh}^\ddagger - (1-\alpha)F(E-E^\circ)$) ... ②
- ① + ② = current - potential relation ($i = FAK^\circ \{ C_O(0,t) e^{-\alpha F(E-E^\circ)} - C_R(0,t) e^{(1-\alpha)F(E-E^\circ)} \}$) ... ③
- using exchange current (i_0) & $C_O^* = C_O(0,t)$ & ③,
current - overpotential eqn. : $i = i_0 \left[\frac{C_O(0,t)}{C_O^*} e^{-\alpha f \eta} - \frac{C_R(0,t)}{C_R^*} e^{(1-\alpha) f \eta} \right]$

2 Current-overpotential curve

$$i = i_0 \left[\underbrace{\frac{C_O(0,t)}{C_O^*} e^{-\alpha f \eta}}_{\text{cathodic}} - \underbrace{\frac{C_R(0,t)}{C_R^*} e^{(1-\alpha) f \eta}}_{\text{anodic}} \right]$$



③ Butler - Volmer equation & Tafel plot

→ Mass transfer > Charge transfer $\frac{1}{2} \eta$, $C_O(0,t) \approx C_O^*$ & $C_R(0,t) \approx C_R^*$

$$i = i_0 \left[\frac{C_O(0,t)}{C_O^*} e^{-\alpha f \eta} - \frac{C_R(0,t)}{C_R^*} e^{(1-\alpha) f \eta} \right]$$

$$\therefore i = i_0 [e^{-\alpha f \eta} - e^{(1-\alpha) f \eta}] \quad \text{Butler - Volmer eqn.}$$

→ for small η , ohmic region

$$(\text{using } e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots = 1 + x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} i &= i_0 [e^{-\alpha f \eta} - e^{(1-\alpha) f \eta}] \\ &= i_0 [1 - \alpha f \eta - \{1 + (1-\alpha) f \eta\}] \\ &= -i_0 f \eta \quad \rightarrow f = \frac{F}{RT} \\ &= \frac{i_0 F}{RT} \cdot (-\eta) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow i = \frac{1}{R_{ct}} \cdot (-\eta) \quad (R_{ct}: \text{charge transfer resistance})$$

→ for large η , Tafel region

1) at large negative overpotential,

$$i = i_0 [e^{-\alpha f \eta} - e^{(1-\alpha) f \eta}] = i_0 e^{-\alpha f \eta}$$

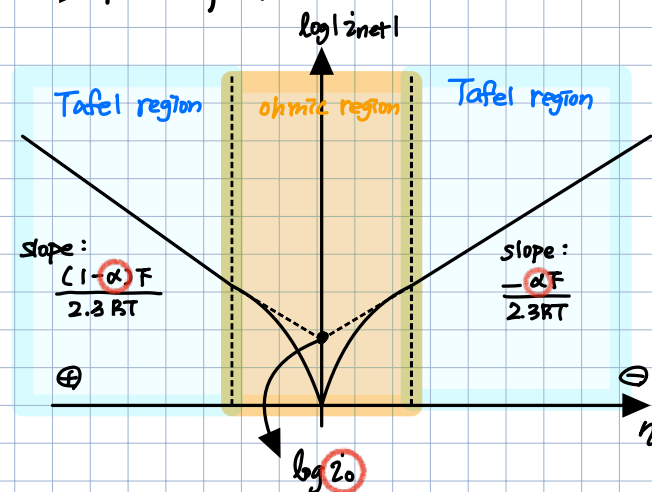
$$\therefore \log |i_{net}| = \log i_0 - \frac{\alpha F}{2.303 RT} \eta$$

2) at large positive overpotential,

$$i = i_0 [e^{-\alpha f \eta} - e^{(1-\alpha) f \eta}] = -i_0 e^{(1-\alpha) f \eta}$$

$$\therefore \log |i_{net}| = \log i_0 + \frac{(1-\alpha) F}{2.303 RT} \eta$$

→ Tafel plot



$$\oplus i_0 = F A k^0 C_O^{*(1-\alpha)} C_R^{\alpha}$$

$$\oplus R_{ct} = \frac{RT}{i_0 F}$$