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**Sommaire** - Le but de ce travail est de proposer et v erifier des approximations permettant de calculer,   partir de peu de mesures exp erimentales, les corrections de force ionique,  $I$ , et de temp erature,  $T$ , sur les enthalpies libres,  $G$ , les potentiels redox normaux apparents,  $E$ , et les constantes d' quilibres,  $K$ . Dans un premier temps, des d veloppements limit s en  $T$  sont utilis s :  $S$  et  $Cp/2T^\circ$  sont ainsi les termes du premier et du second ordre pour  $-G$ . De m me,  $-\Delta H$  et  $T^2\Delta Cp/2$  sont respectivement les termes du premier et du second ordre du d veloppement limit  de  $R\ln K$  en  $1/T$ . Ce type d'approximation est discut e pour le  $E$  des couples  $M^{4+}/M^{3+}$ ,  $MO_2^{2+}/MO_2^+$  et  $MO_2(CO_3)_3^{4-}/MO_2(CO_3)_3^{5-}$  ( $M = U$  ou  $Pu$ ), mesur  entre 5 et 70 C, pour le  $\Delta G$  standard de plusieurs compos s solides d'uranium calcul s entre 17 et 117 C, et pour les  $\Delta Cp$ ,  $\Delta G$  et  $\lg K$  de l' quilibre  $CO_2(aq)/HCO_3^-$  entre 0 et 150 C. Les fonctions d'exc s,  $X^{ex}$ , sont alors calcul es   partir des coefficients d'activit ,  $\gamma$  : les corrections de force ionique pour l'enthalpie,  $H$ , ou la capacit  calorifique,  $Cp$ , sont uniquement n cessaires lorsque les variations de  $\gamma$  en fonction de  $T$  ne sont pas n gligeables. Les variations en fonction de  $T$  du coefficient,  $\epsilon$ , employ  dans la th orie de l'interaction sp cifique (TIS, SIT en anglais), sont faibles et approximativement lin aires pour les  quilibres redox pr c dents et pour les coefficients d'activit  moyens d' lectrolytes chlorures. Un d veloppement limit  au premier ordre semble donc suffisant pour d terminer  $\epsilon(T)$ , et donc les fonctions d'exc s  $G^{ex}$ ,  $S^{ex}$  et  $H^{ex}$  dans le domaine de temp erature  tudi  ; mais un d veloppement au second ordre est plus coh rent pour estimer  $Cp^{ex}$ .

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The aim of this work is to propose and to check approximations to calculate from only a few experimental measurements, ionic strength,  $I$ , and temperature,  $T$ , influences on Gibbs energy,  $G$ , redox formal potential,  $E$ , and standard equilibrium constant,  $K$ . Series expansions versus  $T$  are first used:  $S$  and  $Cp/2T^\circ$  are typically the  $-G$  first and second order terms. In the same way,  $-\Delta H$  and  $T^2\Delta Cp/2$  are the first and second order terms of  $R \ln K$  expansions versus  $1/T$ . This type of approximation is discussed for the  $E$  of the  $M^{4+}/M^{3+}$ ,  $MO_2^{2+}/MO_2^+$  and  $MO_2(CO_3)_3^{4-}/MO_2(CO_3)_3^{5-}$  couples ( $M = U$  or  $Pu$ ) measured from 5 to 70 C, for the standard  $\Delta G$  of some solid U compounds, calculated from 17 to 117  C, and for  $\Delta Cp$ ,  $\Delta G$  and  $\lg K$  of the  $CO_2(aq)/HCO_3^-$  equilibrium from 0 to 150 C. Excess functions,  $X^{ex}$ , are then calculated from activity coefficients,  $\gamma$  : enthalpy,  $H$ , or heat capacity,  $Cp$ , adjustment as a function of  $I$  changes is needed only when the  $\gamma$  adjustment as a function of  $T$  changes is needed. The SIT (Specific Interaction Theory) coefficient,  $\epsilon$ , variations with  $T$ , are small and roughly linear for the above redox equilibria and for chloride electrolytes mean  $\gamma$  : first order expansion seems enough to deduce  $\epsilon$ , and then the excess functions  $G^{ex}$ ,  $S^{ex}$  and  $H^{ex}$ , in this  $T$  range; but second order expansion is more consistent to estimate  $Cp^{ex}$ .

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## 1. Introduction

Chemical speciation in aqueous solutions is needed to understand and to predict the migration of radioelements in groundwaters, from waste disposal. Normal redox potentials,  $E$ , and equilibrium constants,  $K$ , are needed to predict speciation. They are usually measured with good accuracy only in high ionic strength,  $I$ , electrolytes; but in most groundwaters studied for radioactive waste disposal,  $I$  is lower and temperature,  $T$ , is higher than in usual laboratory conditions. Activity coefficients,  $\gamma$ , are needed to calculate the influence of  $I$ , on  $K$  and  $E$ , typically to extrapolate them to the standard state (infinite dilution). We focus on Actinides. We will, in fact, use the SIT for adjustment as a function of  $I$  changes and we will test some approximations, namely Taylor's series expansion for adjustment as a function of  $T$  changes. This type of calculation with  $\ln \gamma$  first derivative, has already been made for the NaCl Pitzer parameters [1], but their  $T$  variations are not linear: empirical formulae similar to (1) are now proposed [2]. We find that the shapes of the curves representing the  $T$  variations of the LiCl, KCl and SrCl<sub>2</sub> Pitzer parameters, differ from the NaCl one. In addition, the two second virial Pitzer parameters are correlated [3], many experimental points are then needed to fit them: this leads to some difficulties [4][5] for the complex ions whose predominance domain is small. They are even less data measured at different temperatures. We then prefer to calculate the  $\gamma$  of complex ions, by using [6][6a][7][8][9] the Specific Interaction Theory, SIT [10], which needs only one fitted parameter,  $\varepsilon$ . Many published data on  $T$  changes of mean  $\gamma$  are measured at water saturated pressure; but we here focus on  $T$  influence at (constant) atmospheric pressure and then at  $T$  less than 100°C.

We here first evaluate the order of magnitude of  $T$  influence on  $E$ ,  $\lg K$  and  $G$ , from  $E$  measurements and from some published  $C_p$ ,  $\Delta C_p$  and  $K$  values. We then propose and discuss formulae for  $G$ ,  $H$ ,  $S$ ,  $C_p$  and  $K$  adjustments with  $T$  changes. We then examine  $T$  together with  $I$  influences on  $E$  measurements and on some published mean  $\gamma$ . Classical thermodynamic relations that we remind in the working equation paragraph, can then be used to adjust the excess contribution to  $G$ ,  $H$ ,  $S$  and  $C_p$ , as a function of  $I$  and  $T$  changes, by using  $\gamma$  calculated from  $\varepsilon$  value.

## 2. Notations

$$X' = \left( \frac{\partial X}{\partial T} \right)_p = \left( \frac{\partial X}{\partial t} \right)_p \quad 'X = \left( \frac{\partial X}{\partial (1/T)} \right)_p = \left( \frac{\partial X}{\partial f} \right)_p$$

$$X'' = (X')' \quad ''X = '(X)$$

$$\varepsilon^{*'} = \left( \frac{\partial \varepsilon^*}{\partial T} \right)_{P_{\text{sat}}} \quad P_{\text{sat}}, \text{ is saturated water pressure, and } \varepsilon^* \text{ is at this pressure.}$$

$$t = T - T^\circ \quad (T \text{ in Kelvin}) \quad f = \frac{1}{T} - \frac{1}{T^\circ}$$

$$r = R \ln(10) \quad \text{where } R \text{ is the molar gas constant.}$$

$$D_{I,T} = \frac{a_T \sqrt{I}}{1 + b_T \sqrt{I}} \quad \text{where } a_{25^\circ\text{C}} = 0.5091, \quad b_{25^\circ\text{C}} = 1.5 \quad [10].$$

$Y_{I,T}$  is  $Y$  numerical value at ionic strength,  $I$ , and temperature,  $T$ , where  $Y$  is typically  $X$  or  $X'$ ...

$\langle \Delta Y_{i,T^\circ} \rangle$	is Y mean numerical value when T varies about $T=T^\circ$ .
$X^{(q)}$	is $q^{\text{th}}$ order derivative of X with respect to T (or 1/T), hence $X' = X^{(1)}$ etc.
X	$= X^{(0)}$ is G, H, S, Cp, ln K or lg K where we usually omit $\{0\}$ .
$X^{(q)\text{ex}}$	is X excess function, (17) is its definition, we also usually omit $\{0\}$ .
$\Delta X$	is the X algebraic summation with stoichiometric coefficients.
K	is equilibrium constant.
E	is normal redox potential.
F	is the Faraday number
n	is the number of electrons involved in redox equilibrium.

### 3. Working equations

#### 3.1. Temperature variations of thermodynamic functions

The T variations of solid compound heat capacity (1), are typically calculated with empirical coefficients (a, b, d, e) in thermochemical data bases, e.g. [10]. We easily deduce similar expressions for the entropy, S (2), and for the enthalpy, H (3), from the (4) and (5) classical thermodynamic relations:

$$C_{p,i,T} = a + bT + \frac{d}{T} + \frac{e}{T^2} \quad (1)$$

$$S_{i,T} = S_{i,T^\circ} + a \ln \frac{T}{T^\circ} + b(T-T^\circ) - d \left( \frac{1}{T} - \frac{1}{T^\circ} \right) - \frac{e}{2} \left( \frac{1}{T^2} - \frac{1}{T^{\circ 2}} \right) \quad (2)$$

$$H_{i,T} = H_{i,T^\circ} + a(T-T^\circ) + \frac{b}{2}(T^2-T^{\circ 2}) + d \ln \frac{T}{T^\circ} - e \left( \frac{1}{T} - \frac{1}{T^\circ} \right) \quad (3)$$

$$H'_{i,T} = C_{p,i,T} \quad (4)$$

$${}'H_{i,T} = -T^2 C_{p,i,T} \quad (4)$$

$$S'_{i,T} = \frac{C_{p,i,T}}{T} \quad (5)$$

$$S''_{i,T} = \frac{C_{p,i,T}}{T} - \frac{C_{p,i,T}}{T^2} \quad (6)$$

$$G'_{i,T} = -S_{i,T} \quad (7)$$

$$G_{i,T} = H_{i,T} - T S_{i,T} \quad (8)$$

S, Cp and  $\Delta H/T^2$  are the first order terms of T series expansion of respectively -G (7), H (4) and  $R \ln K$  (11). G, H and lg K can be directly measured. The above (1) to (8) relations are valid at each I and T: we write a, b... and not  $a_{i,T}$ ,  $b_{i,T}$ ... since we shall use (1) to (3) only for T adjustments. We shall use (1) to (3) together with (8) and (10) for discussion and to build the table 2. We shall see that Taylor's series expansion are also useful approximations in our T range in solution chemistry. For this, we shall use

$$C_{p,i,T} \approx C_{p,i,T^\circ} + C_{p,i,T^\circ}' t + C_{p,i,T^\circ}'' t^2 / 2 \quad (1a)$$

instead of the equation (1). As for Cp (1a), from (4) to (7) differential relations and from (11) to (13) similar ln K ones, we shall expand G, H, S, E (9) and ln K (10) into series as a function of T (or t, this is equivalent) about  $T = T^\circ$ , (24) and (table 1). We shall also expand (last line of table 1) ln K as a function of 1/T (or f, this is equivalent) by using Van't Hoff, ('11), and ('4), ('12) and ('13) differential relations:

$$\Delta G_{i,T} = -n F E_{i,T} \quad (9)$$

$$\Delta G_{i,T} = -R T \ln K_{i,T} \quad (10)$$

$$RT(\ln K_{i,T})' = \Delta H_{i,T} / T \quad (11)$$

$$RT^2(\ln K_{i,T})'' = \Delta C_{p,i,T} - 2 \Delta H_{i,T} / T \quad (12)$$

$$RT^3(\ln K_{i,T})''' = T \Delta C_{p,i,T}' - 4 \Delta C_{p,i,T} + 6 \Delta H_{i,T} / T \quad (13)$$

$$R'(\ln K_{i,T}) = -\Delta H_{i,T} \quad ('11)$$

$$R''(\ln K_{i,T}) = T^2 \Delta C_{p,i,T} \quad ('12)$$

$$R'''(\ln K_{i,T}) = -T^3 (2\Delta C_{p,i,T} + T \Delta C_{p,i,T}') \quad ('13)$$

#### 3.2. Temperature variations of activity and SIT coefficients

We calculate activity coefficient,  $\gamma(i)$ , of an ion, i, by using the SIT [10]:

$$\lg \gamma(i)_{I,T} = -z(i)^2 D_{I,T} + \sum_j \varepsilon(i,j)_T m(j) \quad (14)$$

$\varepsilon(i,j)_T$  are fitted parameters related to the ions  $i$  and  $j$ , with opposite charges.  $z(i)$  is the charge of the ion  $i$ .  $m(j)$  is the molality of the ion  $j$ .  $\varepsilon(i,j)_T$  is supposed to be only  $T$  dependent, (14) is then an approximation ; we still use = symbol and not  $\approx$  one that we are writing only for Taylor's series expansion as a function of  $T$  (or  $1/T$ ). When  $m(j)$  is low enough (typically when  $j$  is at trace level), we disregard the  $\varepsilon(i,j)_T m(j)$  term [10]. We shall now omit  $i$  and  $j$  notations, and we shall take into account only one major ion,  $j$ , (14a). Since all equations are linear, generalisation is straightforward [9]. Excess functions [11], (17) to (23), account for the transformation from ideal ( $I = 0$ ) to real solution. They introduce new linear relations. We write exact equations (16) to (23) before using the Taylor's series expansion, (15):

$$\lg \gamma_{I,T} \approx -z^2(D_{I,T^\circ} + D'_{I,T^\circ} t + D''_{I,T^\circ} t^2 / 2) + m (\varepsilon_{T^\circ} + \varepsilon'_{T^\circ} t + \varepsilon''_{T^\circ} t^2 / 2) \quad (15)$$

$$\lg K_{0,T} = \lg K_{I,T} + \Delta \lg \gamma_{I,T} \quad (16)$$

$$X_{I,T} = X_{0,T} + X^{\text{ex}}_{I,T} \quad (\text{Where } X = G \text{ or } H \text{ or } S \text{ or } Cp) \quad (17)$$

$$G^{\text{ex}}_{I,T} = R T \ln \gamma_{I,T} \quad (18)$$

$$H^{\text{ex}}_{I,T} = -R T^2 (\ln \gamma)'_{I,T} \quad (19)$$

$$S^{\text{ex}}_{I,T} = -R (\ln \gamma_{I,T} + T (\ln \gamma)'_{I,T}) \quad (20)$$

$$Cp^{\text{ex}}_{I,T} = -RT(2(\ln \gamma)'_{I,T} + T (\ln \gamma)''_{I,T}) \quad (21)$$

$$(Cp^{\text{ex}})'_{I,T} = -R(2(\ln \gamma)'_{I,T} + 4 T (\ln \gamma)''_{I,T} + T^2 (\ln \gamma)'''_{I,T}) \quad (22)$$

$$(Cp^{\text{ex}})''_{I,T} = -R(6(\ln \gamma)''_{I,T} + 6 T (\ln \gamma)'''_{I,T} + T^2 (\ln \gamma)''''_{I,T}) \quad (23)$$

(16) is the  $\gamma$  definition and (17) is the excess function one; since they are linear, (4) to (8) are still valid for the excess functions. We obtain (18) from (16) and (10); (20) from (18) and (7); (19) from (18), (20) and (8); (21) from (19) and (4); (22) from (21); (23) from (22). (18) [12], (19) [11], (20) [12][13] and (21) [2] have more or less already been proposed.  $\Delta H$  (19) and  $\Delta Cp$  (21) adjustments as a function of changes in  $I$  are needed only when  $\gamma$  adjustments as a function of changes in  $T$  are needed. The  $\gamma$  derivative in (19) to (23) equations come from differential thermodynamic equations (and not from series expansion): there are no approximations in these equations that can be used for any  $\gamma$  theory. To write them for the SIT, we substitute (14a) SIT equation into (16) and (18) to (21).

$$\lg \gamma = -z^2 D_{I,T} + m \varepsilon_T \quad (14a)$$

$$\lg K_{I,T} = \lg K_{0,T} + \Delta z^2 D_{I,T} - m \Delta \varepsilon_T \quad (16a)$$

$$G^{\text{ex}}_{I,T} = r T (-z^2 D_{I,T} + m \varepsilon_T) \quad (18a)$$

$$H^{\text{ex}}_{I,T} = r T^2 (z^2 D'_{I,T} - m \varepsilon'_T) \quad (19a)$$

$$S^{\text{ex}}_{I,T} = r (z^2 (D_{I,T} + T D'_{I,T}) - m (\varepsilon_T + T \varepsilon'_T)) \quad (20a)$$

$$Cp^{\text{ex}}_{I,T} = r T (z^2 (2 D'_{I,T} + T D''_{I,T}) - m (2 \varepsilon'_T + T \varepsilon''_T)) \quad (21a)$$

In the same way,  $\varepsilon'$ ,  $\varepsilon''$ ,  $D'$  and  $D''$  come from exact relations in (19a) to (21a). We finally write  $X_{I,T}$  ( $X = G, H, Cp$  or  $R \ln K$ ) Taylor's series expansion:

$$X_{I,T} \approx \sum_{q \geq 0} (X^{\{q\}}_{0,T^\circ} + X^{\{q\}\text{ex}}_{I,T^\circ}) X^q \quad (24)$$

$$X^{\{q+1\}} = \frac{(X^{\{q\}})'}{q+1} \quad \text{when } x = t \quad (25)$$

$$X^{\{q+1\}} = -T^2 \frac{(X^{\{q\}})'}{q+1} \quad \text{when } x = f \quad (25')$$

We first focus on  $X^{\{q\}}$  and  $X^{\{q\}\text{ex}}$  functions. We will then explain how to get their numerical values,  $X^{\{q\}\text{ex}}_{0,T^\circ}$  and  $X^{\{q\}\text{ex}}_{I,T^\circ}$  respectively. Since (24) is  $X$  series expansion  $X = X^{\{0\}}$ . We obtain  $X^{\{1\}}$  definition by deriving  $X^{\{0\}}$ : we set  $q$  to 0 in equation (25) or '(25). We deduce the same way  $X^{\{2\}}$  definition from  $X^{\{1\}}$  one, and so on (table 1). Some above formulae explain the (24) equation by giving more explicit relations: when we set  $q$  to 0 in equation (25),  $(X^{\{0\}})' = X^{\{1\}}$  is the thermodynamic relation (4) when  $X = H$ ; it is (5) one when  $X = S$ ; or it is (7) one when  $X = G$ . In the same way, (25) and '(25) summarise (6), (11) to (13), '(4) and '(11) to '(13), e.g.: when  $X = G$ ,  $X^{\{1\}}$  is  $G' = -S$ , and  $-(S_{0,T^\circ} + S^{\text{ex}}_{I,T^\circ})t$  is  $G_{I,T}$  first order term (7). We shall see that  $Cp'''$  numerical values are not

much useful (and it is difficult to measure) for our purpose. For consistency when (table 1) writing formula (24), we then do not write the  $X^{(q)}$  terms that include any  $C_p$  contribution. We will test approximations with experimental data on  $C_p$  and other functions. We calculate  $X^{(q)}_{0,T^\circ}$  (typically  $G^{(1)}_{0,T^\circ} = -S_{0,T^\circ}$ ) numerical value from tabulated, e.g. [10],  $G_{0,T^\circ}$ ,  $H_{0,T^\circ}$  or  $C_{p,0,T^\circ}$  standard values.  $X^{(q)ex}_{I,T^\circ}$  numerical values are not tabulated. To calculate them, we propose to use  $D$  and  $\varepsilon$  Taylor's series expansions to get formulae such as (15) and to substitute them into (16), (18) to (23). The first order terms of these formulae are equations (14a), (16a) or (18a) to (21a) where we set  $T$  to  $T^\circ$ . Explicit writings of the equation (24) is now straightforward (some of them will be in Eric Giffaut's thesis). We then need  $D_{I,T^\circ}$ ,  $D'_{I,T^\circ}$ ,  $D''_{I,T^\circ}$ ...  $\varepsilon_{T^\circ}$ ,  $\varepsilon'_{T^\circ}$ ,  $\varepsilon''_{T^\circ}$ ... numerical values. We calculate  $D'_{I,T^\circ}$ ,  $D''_{I,T^\circ}$ ... ones from tabulated  $D_{I,T}$  values, e.g. [10]. We measure  $\varepsilon_T$  as a function of  $T$  to deduce  $\varepsilon_{T^\circ}$ ,  $\varepsilon'_{T^\circ}$ ,  $\varepsilon''_{T^\circ}$  by curve fitting (see next paragraph).

## 4. Results and discussion of numerical data and of equations

### 4.1. Temperature influence on thermodynamic functions

#### 4.1.1. Some U and Pu redox equilibria in acidic and carbonate media

We have found [8][9] roughly linear variations from 5 to 70°C, for the reversible U and Pu redox potentials in acidic and carbonate solutions : by using (7) and (9), we deduce  $\langle \Delta S_{I,T^\circ} \rangle$  mean value from the slope of  $E_{I,T}$  (as a function of  $T$ ) measurements, and we detect (5)  $\Delta C_p$  influence on  $E_{I,T}$  (also  $\Delta G_{I,T}$ ); but it is not straightforward to deduce  $\Delta C_{p,I,T^\circ}$ . We fit  $E_{I,T}$  experimental data to the second order (24, where  $X = G$ ) power function as a function of  $T$  (constant  $I$ ). The results are  $E_{I,T^\circ}$ ,  $\Delta S_{I,T^\circ}$ , and inaccurate  $\langle \Delta C_{p,I,T^\circ} \rangle$  values. They are not much different from previous interpretation [8][9] where we disregarded  $\Delta C_p$ . The potential,  $E(\text{Ag}/\text{AgCl})$ , of the reference electrode that we are using in our measurements is tabulated only when  $I = 0$ . Power functions formally equivalent to (24) Taylor's series expansion, are typically proposed [17]. For consistency we treat the original experimental  $E(\text{Ag}/\text{AgCl})$  values the same way as our U and Pu data to get them versus NHE. We will give supplementary results of this data treatment elsewhere [14].

#### 4.1.2. $\text{CO}_{2(\text{aq})}$ -bicarbonate equilibrium

There are few published measurements of the heat capacities of soluble actinide complexes [15]. The  $\Delta C_p$  value of  $\text{CO}_{2(\text{aq})}$  bicarbonate equilibrium [16] varies between -400 and -50 J/(mol. K) in NaCl (0 to 5 M) from 0 to 150 °C. Some data were measured at saturated water pressure which varies with  $T$ . Hence, we should use other terms in table 1 equations to take into account pressure influence, we believe that  $C_p$  value at (constant) atmospheric pressure is not much different. In pure water or at low  $I$ ,  $\Delta C_p$  increases with  $T$  (up to 70°C) and then decreases, but at  $I$  more than 3 no  $\Delta C_p$  decrease is observed at least up to 150°C. This last (at high  $I$ ) shape of the curve representing  $\Delta C_p$  variations with  $T$ , is usually also observed for solids compounds (see below). The  $\Delta G$  variations with  $T$  seem to be roughly linear, this means that the first order term,  $-\Delta S_{I,T^\circ}$ , is the predominating one and consequently the second,  $\Delta C_{p,I,T^\circ}/2T$ , and further terms (table 1) have small or negligible influence in these conditions.  $\lg K$  variations with  $T$  are classically interpreted with Van't Hoff equation, ('11). We have then plotted the carbonate equilibrium  $\lg K$  variations as a function of  $T$  or as a function of  $1/T$ . These representations are roughly straight lines :  $\Delta C_{p,I,T^\circ}$  and further terms have again small or negligible influence on  $\lg K$  variations with  $T$ , the main contribution is due to  $H_{I,T^\circ}$ . Van't Hoff representation is the better  $\lg K$  one in this case. For consistency with usual data bases, we only fit  $\Delta C_{p,I,T^\circ}$  and we use published [16]  $\Delta G_{I,T^\circ}$ ,  $\Delta S_{I,T^\circ}$  and  $\Delta C_{p,I,T^\circ}$ .  $\Delta G$  and  $\lg K$  representations are then predictions and not curve fitting. Anyhow  $\lg K$  and  $\Delta G$  changes as a function of  $T$ , are relatively small, typically  $\lg K$  varies by less than 0,4 unit, at  $I=0$ .

#### 4.1.3. Formation of some U compounds

We calculate the variations of the thermodynamic functions from 290 to 390 Kelvin, for some solid U compounds (table 2) by using (1) to (3), (8), (10). We find (in this T range) that Cp variations are usually lower than  $20 \text{ J.Kelvin}^{-1}.\text{mol}^{-1}$ , S ones lower than  $60 \text{ J.Kelvin}^{-1}.\text{mol}^{-1}$ ; this induces less than  $50 \text{ kJ.mol}^{-1}$  G variations (table 2). The "a" term of these developments (1) to (3) is then always the most important one. This means that Cp is roughly constant in this T range. Still, for further discussion about solubility, soluble species heat capacity data are lacking.

#### 4.1.4. Discussion of formulae

We previously [9] disregarded  $\Delta C_{pI,T}$  influence on  $E_{I,T}$  variations with T. This attributes to  $\Delta S_{I,T^\circ}$ , the estimated mean value,  $\langle \Delta S_{I,T^\circ} \rangle$ , which includes (disregarded)  $\Delta C_{pI,T^\circ}$  contributions.  $\langle \Delta S_{I,T^\circ} \rangle$  is indeed a little different from  $\Delta S_{I,T^\circ}$ . In the same way, when disregarding  $\Delta C_{pI,T^\circ}$  we fit  $E_{I,T^\circ}$ ,  $\Delta S_{I,T^\circ}$  and we estimate  $\langle \Delta C_{pI,T^\circ} \rangle$  which might include (disregarded)  $\Delta C_{pI,T^\circ}$  contribution etc. First order rough approximation on  $\Delta C_p$  is enough to account for  $\Delta G_{I,T}$  or  $\lg K_{I,T}$  results but not for  $\Delta C_{pI,T}$  ones. Interpretation deduced either from the (1) approximation or from the (1a) one should both be just as good (table 1) in our T range since (table 2)  $a \approx C_{pI,T^\circ}$  and  $C_{pI,T^\circ} \approx b - 2e/T^3$ . The first formula, (1), is supposed to be valid in a wider T range but the above discussion on numerical values suggests that, in aqueous solution conditions at atmospheric pressure, it is equivalent to (1a) Taylor's series expansion of Cp to the second order and then, at the most, the corresponding ones (24) for G, H, S and  $\ln K$  (table 1). Chemical speciation predictions only need E and  $\lg K$  thermodynamic functions: anyhow Cp variations induce only small variations on them (figures 1).

In solution chemistry around 10 to  $100^\circ\text{C}$ , "zero" (disregarding S), "first" (disregarding Cp, hence S and H are not T dependent) or "second" (not T dependent Cp) order estimate can be used to predict chemical speciation depending on the needed accuracy. The validity domain of these approximations is correlated to  $T^\circ$ .  $T^\circ$  could also be chosen in the middle of the working T range to minimise uncertainties. We do not do it for consistency with classical thermodynamic data base.

Taylor's series expansions are approximations, hence, classical thermodynamic relations, typically (4) to (8), are valid only within the same order of approximation: we always disregard the third or fourth order and further terms in (24) since they should also include  $C_{p''I,T^\circ}$  that we disregard, even when there is also  $C_{pI,T^\circ}$ ,  $C_{p'I,T^\circ}$  or  $C_{p''I,T^\circ}$  contributions to these higher terms. For many solids, and in the above example in high I electrolyte,  $C_{pI,T}$  increases with T and is then constant in the T range that we are discussing. In pure water and in low I electrolyte for the above example, the shape of the curve representing  $C_{pI,T}$  variations with T, is different: this type of behaviour might be related to physical properties of electrolytes. It is then not straightforward to propose a general simple analytical formula that would account for  $C_{pI,T}$  variations with T, in any cases. Anyhow this has little practical consequence for chemical speciation. These approximations are certainly no longer valid at higher T, where the thermal energy involved in the physical phenomena related to Cp, is no longer much smaller than the energy of chemical bounds. Since activity coefficients and excess functions (17) are related to weak interactions (and not chemical bound) there is no reason to find the same temperature behaviour for excess and ideal functions.

## 4.2. Temperature Variations of Activity and SIT Coefficients

At each T, we fit  $\varepsilon_T$  values of some chloride electrolytes from published mean  $\gamma$  data (table 3, figure 1), by using the SIT for I changes at constant T. Some of the  $\gamma$  data were measured at T more than  $100^\circ\text{C}$ , at saturated water vapour pressure. We select the data only up to  $150^\circ\text{C}$ . We fit  $\varepsilon_{T^\circ}$  and  $\varepsilon'_{T^\circ}$  (table 3) on the data at atmospheric pressure and we fit  $\varepsilon^*_{T^\circ}$  and  $\varepsilon'^*_{T^\circ}$  from the ones at higher pressure: we find negligible difference between the results of the two fitting.

In the same way, by using classical methodology [10], we can treat our redox measurements [8][9] by first using the SIT for I influence and by then using Taylor's series expansion for T influence: we first fit  $E_{0,T}$  and  $\Delta\varepsilon_T$  values at each T, from  $E_{I,T}$  data, by using (9) and (18a). We then fit the standard values,  $E_{0,T^\circ}$  and at least  $\Delta S_{0,T^\circ}$ , by using (9) and (24), from  $E_{0,T}$  data fitted at the first step. We finally use  $\Delta\varepsilon$  Taylor's series expansion to fit  $\Delta\varepsilon_{T^\circ}$  and at least  $\Delta\varepsilon'_{T^\circ}$  from  $\Delta\varepsilon_T$  fitted at the first step. We can also treat the data the other way round. At first step, by using (9) and (24) at each I, we fit  $E_{I,T^\circ}$  and at least  $\Delta S_{I,T^\circ}$  (that we do not directly calculate with the previous methodology) as a function of T changes. We can then fit again  $E_{0,T^\circ}$  and  $\Delta\varepsilon_{T^\circ}$  by using the (18a) classical SIT equation on the first step results,  $E_{I,T^\circ}$ . We then fit  $\Delta\varepsilon'_{T^\circ}$  by using the (20a) new SIT equation for entropy, on the first step results,  $\Delta S_{I,T^\circ}$  etc. Treating experimental data by using any of these procedures should be consistent: the link between these two data treatments are the new SIT formulae including T influence (14a) (16a) (18a) to (21a). We can also fit the parameters of equation (24) altogether and then calculate  $S_{I,T}$ ,  $H_{I,T}$  etc. by using again this equation (table 1); but two step data treatments are needed to validate these equations, i.e., to control consistency.

The  $\varepsilon_T$  or  $\Delta\varepsilon_T$  variations with T, seem to be linear (figure 1). We have also checked from  $D_{I,T}$  tabulated values [10], that  $D'_{I,T}$  is neither much T dependent. A first order expansion (as a function of T) of (14a) seems a reasonable estimate, in the present work (figure 1).

Our  $\varepsilon_{T^\circ}$  and  $\Delta\varepsilon_{T^\circ}$  determinations (table 3) are in accordance with published ones [6][6a][7][9][10]. We cannot compare our  $\varepsilon'_{T^\circ}$  or  $\Delta\varepsilon'_{T^\circ}$  determinations with other ones, since we do not find any published ones (excepted recently in [9] by one of us). As usual [10] similar ions have similar  $\varepsilon_{T^\circ}$  numerical values e.g. :  $\varepsilon(\text{HCl}) \approx \varepsilon(\text{LiCl})$  and  $\varepsilon(\text{NaCl}) \approx \varepsilon(\text{KCl})$ .  $\varepsilon$  decreases with atomic number among the alkaline metals. We now observe (table 3) the same analogies for  $\varepsilon'$ . As we already observed [9]  $\Delta\varepsilon(\text{M(VI)/M(V)})$  is an exception, probably due to ion pairing. Published  $\varepsilon$  numerical values of most complexes with charge more negative than -5, are surprising e.g. : the limiting carbonate complexes of M(IV) and M(V) and the trinuclear M(VI) carbonate complex [9][10].

$\lg K_{I,T}$ ,  $\Delta G_{I,T}$  or  $\Delta H_{I,T}$  can be directly measured from solution chemistry, electrochemical or calorimetric techniques at fixed T and I in each experiment.  $\Delta S_{I,T}$  and  $\Delta C_{pI,T}$  can then be deduced from them. When typically measuring  $\lg K_{I,T}$  or  $\Delta G_{I,T}$ , we calculate  $\Delta\varepsilon_T$  and control that it is not I dependent, by [10] plotting ( $\lg K_{I,T} - \Delta z^2 D_{I,T}$ ) versus m (16a) : it must be a straight line with slope  $-\Delta\varepsilon_{T^\circ}$ . Using (18a) for E (9) measurements is equivalent [6] to [10]. One could, in the same way, plot (19a) ( $\Delta H_{I,T} - r T^2 \Delta z^2 D'_{I,T}$ ) as a function of m, to calculate  $\Delta\varepsilon'_{T^\circ}$  from calorimetric experiments. For verification one should also plot as a function of m (20a) [ $\Delta S_{I,T} - r \Delta z^2 (D_{I,T} + T D'_{I,T})$ ]; or (21a) [ $\Delta C_{pI,T} - r T \Delta z^2 (2 D'_{I,T} + T D''_{I,T})$ ]. These data treatments can be performed at any (constant) T. It is also possible to fit all the parameters  $X^{(q)}_{0,T^\circ}$ ,  $\varepsilon_{T^\circ}$ ,  $\varepsilon'_{T^\circ}$  and eventually  $\varepsilon''_{T^\circ}$  together by using (15), (16a) to (21a) and (24).

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**Table 1 Series expansion coefficients,  $X^{(q)}_{0,T^\circ}$ , of thermodynamic functions  $X_{I,T}$ .** The expansion is equation (24):  $X_{I,T} \approx \sum_{q \geq 0} (X^{(q)}_{0,T^\circ} + X^{(q)}_{I,T^\circ}) x^q$ ,  $x = t = T - T^\circ$  except in the last line where  $x = 1/T - 1/T^\circ$ .

$X = G, H, S, Cp$  or  $\ln K$  (first column).  $X = X^{(0)}$  and  $X^{(q+1)}$  is  $X^{(q)}/(q+1)$  derivative, typically  $X (= X^{(0)})$  derivative value for  $I=0$  and  $T = T^\circ$  is  $X^{(1)}_{0,T^\circ}$  and this correspond to the exact (4), (5) and (7) thermodynamic relations. Typically, when  $X = G$  (first line),  $-(S_{0,T^\circ} + S^{ex}_{I,T^\circ})t$  is  $G_{I,T}$  first (second column) order term.  $X^{(q)}_{0,T^\circ}$  and  $X^{(q)ex}_{I,T^\circ}$  numerical values are then needed to calculate  $X_{I,T}$  by using (24). We calculate  $X^{(q)}_{0,T^\circ}$  (typically  $X^{(1)}_{0,T^\circ}$  is  $-S_{0,T^\circ}$  when  $X = G$ ) numerical value from tabulated  $G_{0,T^\circ}$ ,  $H_{0,T^\circ}$  or  $Cp_{0,T^\circ}$  standard values e.g. [10]. Neither  $X^{(q)ex}_{I,T}$  nor  $X^{(q)ex}_{0,T^\circ}$  numerical values are tabulated : we calculate them by using the equations (16a) or (18a) to (21a).  $D_{I,T^\circ}$ ,  $D'_{I,T^\circ}$ ,  $D''_{I,T^\circ} \dots \varepsilon_{T^\circ}$ ,  $\varepsilon'_{T^\circ}$ ,  $\varepsilon''_{T^\circ} \dots$  numerical are needed for this. We calculate  $D'_{I,T^\circ}$ ,  $D''_{I,T^\circ} \dots$  ones from tabulated Debye-Hückel term values,  $D_{I,T}$ , and we measure (see text) the other ones. For consistency (see text), we do not write the  $X^{(q)}$  terms that include  $Cp'''$  contribution.

\* in the last line we tabulate the coefficients of the  $R \ln K$  Taylor expansion versus  $1/T$  (and not versus  $T$ )

$X = X^{(0)}$	$X^{(1)}$	$X^{(2)}$	$X^{(3)}$	$X^{(4)}$
G	-S	$-\frac{Cp}{2T}$	$\frac{Cp - T Cp'}{6 T^2}$	$-\frac{T^2 Cp'' + 2 Cp}{24 T^3}$
H	Cp	$\frac{Cp'}{2}$	$\frac{Cp''}{6}$	
S	$\frac{Cp}{T}$	$\frac{T Cp' - Cp}{2 T^2}$	$\frac{T^2 Cp'' + 2 Cp}{6 T^3}$	
Cp	Cp'	$\frac{Cp''}{2}$		
R ln K	$\frac{\Delta H}{T^2}$	$\frac{T \Delta Cp - 2 \Delta H}{2 T^3}$	$\frac{T^2 \Delta Cp' - 4 T \Delta Cp + 6 \Delta H}{6 T^4}$	$\frac{T^3 \Delta Cp'' - 6 T^2 \Delta Cp' + 18 T \Delta Cp - 24 \Delta H}{24 T^5}$
*R ln K	$-\Delta H$	$T^2 \frac{\Delta Cp}{2}$	$-\frac{T^3 T \Delta Cp' + 2 \Delta Cp}{6}$	$T^4 \frac{T^2 \Delta Cp'' + 6 T \Delta Cp' + 6 \Delta Cp}{24}$

**Table 2: T influence on formation enthalpy and entropy of some U compounds.**  
 $X_{T_{\max}}$  (or min) is X (S or G) maximum (or minimum) value from 290 to 390 Kelvin. We calculate these values from Grenthe et al. [10] by using equations (1) to (3) and (9).  $C_p \approx a$  when  $T_{ea} < T < T_{ab}$ , but (1) is only valid between  $T_{\min}$  and  $T_{\max}$ , so this estimate is valid only in the grey temperature domain.  $T_{ea} = \left| \frac{e}{a} \right|^{0.5}$  and  $T_{ab} = \left| \frac{a}{b} \right|$ .  $C_p \approx \frac{e}{T^2}$  when  $T < T_{ea}$ ;

$C_p \approx b T$  when  $T_{ab} < T$ . Typically, the  $U^{(cr.)}$  heat capacity is nearly constant from 298 to 923 Kelvin and its variations with T are linear from 923 to 941 Kelvin; but  $UO_2^{(cr.)}$  heat capacity is nearly constant from 250 to 600 Kelvin, since the b and e fitted parameters have negligible influence in the temperature range where the formula (1) is valid.

	$T_{ea}$	$T_{\min}$	$T_{ab}$	$T_{\max}$	$T_{ab}$	$S_{T_{\max}} - S_{T_{\min}}$ (J.Kelvin <sup>-1</sup> .mol <sup>-1</sup> )	$G_{T_{\max}} - G_{T_{\min}}$ (kJ.mol <sup>-1</sup> )
U(cr.)		298	923	941		8.5	0
UO <sub>2</sub> (cr.)	111	250		600	1978	19.7	17.0
UO <sub>2.6667</sub> (cr.)	119	233		600	3938	24.8	21.9
β.UO <sub>2</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub>	291	298		473		41.8	43.5
β.UO <sub>3</sub>	113	298		678	3450	25.1	25.1
UO <sub>3</sub> .2H <sub>2</sub> O(cr.)		298	286	400		54.4	61.3
UCl <sub>3</sub> (cr.)	74	298		1000	1128	28.1	21.5
UCl <sub>4</sub> (cr.)	29	298		800	2197	36.3	30.1
UCl <sub>5</sub> (cr.)		298		600	3940	45.1	34.6
UCl <sub>6</sub> (cr.)	65	298		452	4946	52.9	41.1
UOCl(cr.)	105	298		900	5283	21.7	15.3
UOCl <sub>2</sub> (cr.)	97	298		700	4449	29.0	22.5
UOCl <sub>3</sub> (cr.)	14	298		900	2640	35.1	30.2
UO <sub>2</sub> Cl(cr.)	93	298		1000	4050	26.9	24.3
UO <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> (cr.)	100	298		650	6311	32.9	31.4
U <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>5</sub> (cr.)	98	298		700	6588	66.9	50.8
(UO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>3</sub> (cr.)	114	298		900	6353	62.7	54.3

**Table 3 : Specific Interaction Coefficients,  $\epsilon$ , as function of Temperature :**

$\epsilon_T = (\epsilon_{T^\circ} + \epsilon'_{T^\circ} (T-T^\circ))$ , where  $\epsilon_T$  is  $\epsilon$  value at temperature,  $T$ , and  $T^\circ = 298.15$  Kelvin,  $T$  range is \*usually within 0 to 70°C. We calculate  $\epsilon_T$  from mean  $\gamma_T$  data of MCl electrolyte, we then fit  $\epsilon_{T^\circ}$  and  $\epsilon'_{T^\circ}$ . We fit  $\Delta\epsilon_{T^\circ}$  and  $\Delta\epsilon'_{T^\circ}$  from  $\Delta\epsilon_T$  data.  $M(VI) = MO_2(CO_3)_3^{4-}$ ;  $M(V) = MO_2(CO_3)_3^{5-}$ .  $\Delta\epsilon(\text{ox/red}) = \epsilon(\text{ox},N) - \epsilon(\text{red},N) + \epsilon(Na^+, Cl^-)$ ,  $N$  is  $Na^+$  when ox and red are anionic carbonate complexes, it is  $ClO_4^-$  when ox and red are the aquo cations.  $\epsilon(\text{ox},N)_{T^\circ}$  is  $\epsilon(\text{ox},N)$  value at  $T = T^\circ$ .  $\epsilon$  unit is (kg/mol.),  $\epsilon'$  unit is (kg/mol./Kelvin).

\*  $\epsilon^*_{T^\circ}$  and  $\epsilon'^*_{T^\circ}$  are fitted from  $\gamma$  measurements up to 150°C, at saturated water vapour pressure for LiCl and the second lines of NaCl and KCl results.

ox / red	$\Delta\epsilon_{T^\circ}$		$\Delta\epsilon'_{T^\circ}$	Reference of $\gamma_T$ or
	this work	[10]		$\Delta\epsilon_T$ original data.
U(VI)/U(V)	0.95	0.77	-0.006	[8][9]
Pu(VI)/Pu(V)	0.28		-0.001 <sub>5</sub>	[9]
PuO <sub>2</sub> <sup>2+</sup> / PuO <sub>2</sub> <sup>+</sup>	0.25	0.32	-0.001	[9]
Pu <sup>4+</sup> / Pu <sup>3+</sup>	0.36	0.55	0.002	[9]
MCl	$\epsilon_{T^\circ}$ (or $\epsilon^*$ )		$\epsilon'_{T^\circ}$ (or $\epsilon'^*$ )	
HCl	0.11 <sub>5</sub>	0.12	-0.0005	[21][22]
LiCl	*(0.09)	0.10	-0.0000	*([19][20][23])
NaCl	0.03 *(0.03 <sub>5</sub> )	0.03	0.0001 *(-0.0002)	[18][23] *([13][23])
KCl	-0.01 *(-0.00)	0.00	-0.0002 *(-0.0000)	[21][23][24] *([23][25])
SrCl <sub>2</sub>	0.15		-0.0010	[20]

**Figure 1 :** **Specific Interaction Coefficients,  $\varepsilon$ , as a function of Temperature.** We draw the lines with  $\varepsilon_T = (\varepsilon_{T^\circ} + \varepsilon'_{T^\circ} (T-T^\circ))$  equation, where  $\varepsilon_T$  is  $\varepsilon$  value at temperature, T, and  $T^\circ = 298.15$  Kelvin. We calculate  $\varepsilon_T$  from mean  $\gamma_T$  data of MCl electrolyte, we then fit  $\varepsilon_{T^\circ}$  and  $\varepsilon'_{T^\circ}$ . We fit  $\Delta\varepsilon_{T^\circ}$  and  $\Delta\varepsilon'_{T^\circ}$  from  $\Delta\varepsilon_T$  data.  $\text{Pu(VI)} = \text{PuO}_2(\text{CO}_3)_3^{4-}$ ;  $\text{Pu(V)} = \text{PuO}_2(\text{CO}_3)_3^{5-}$ . We plot  $\varepsilon = \varepsilon(\text{M}^{Z+}, \text{Cl}^-)$  and  $\Delta\varepsilon = \varepsilon(\text{Pu(VI)}, \text{ClO}_4^-) - \varepsilon(\text{Pu(V)}, \text{ClO}_4^-) + \varepsilon(\text{Na}^+, \text{Cl}^-)$ . See table 3 for references, numerical values and other examples.

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## **Figures ayant servi de base à l'élaboration des diapositives.**

Les diapositives effectivement projetées sont les 13 premières : jusqu'aux deux intitulées conclusion.

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## A propos de l'utilisation de l'état standard pour les potentiels d'oxydo-réduction, l'entropie et les autres fonctions thermodynamiques.

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### 3.1. Introduction.

In the U book, on the [Figure V.1](#) page 91,  $\Delta\varepsilon = -0.20 = 0.46-0.26$  (Table B.3 p 693 and 694) =  $\varepsilon(\text{UO}_2^{2+}) - \varepsilon(\text{UO}_2^+)$  which is not consistent with the equilibrium written in the legend, just above the figure, that involves  $\text{H}^+$  :  $\text{H}^+$  should be suppressed (in my opinion, see below). This is also not much consistent with Appendix B where the only redox example (B.27, p 691) involves again  $\text{H}^+$ . Figure V.2 is OK. Still this has no influence on numerical values since the SIT is correctly used in all these examples.

**There are several ways to use the SIT for redox equilibria**, only one of them is explained in Appendix B. I already pointed out this type of problem twice, first time when Jean Fuger reviewed our paper, second time when I suggested to add new examples in appendix B. I still think that appendix B should first give :

- \* an example for a **real equilibrium** (not involving the reference state assumption and problems...) this is done for real hydrogen electrode, an example with another one could be added, typically AgCl-Ag, because the SIT can be used with any electrode (not only real or standard hydrogen electrode). Primary experimental measurement cannot depend on the (arbitrary chosen) standard state. The standard electrode does not exist (it is a concept that (see below) is equivalent to the half cell concept) at least because when  $\text{H}^+$  activity is 1, its activity coefficient cannot be 1 in real solution,
  - \* then an (the same) example using the **standard electrode**,
  - \* then an (the same) example using **half cells**,
- and then the link among the 3 treatments that I will now explain.

### 3.2. Half cell.

#### 3.2.1. First example: U(VI)/U(V).

The **electrochemists** do not always use the standard state, just because they do not always need it. It is then more convenient to use **half cells**. I am doing it now for the following example: the working electrode is



its potential is:

$$E_1 = E^{\circ}_1 + A \Delta \lg \gamma_1 \quad (1e)$$

$$E^{\circ}_1 = E^{\circ}_1 + A \lg(m(\text{VI})/m(\text{V})) \quad (1e')$$

$$\Delta \lg \gamma_1 = \lg(\gamma(\text{VI})/\gamma(\text{V})) \quad (1ac)$$

$$\Delta \varepsilon_1 = \varepsilon(\text{V}) - \varepsilon(\text{VI}) \quad (1sc)$$

for this reaction, the thermodynamic function, X (= G or S...), is :

$$\Delta G_1 = -F E_1 \quad (1g)$$

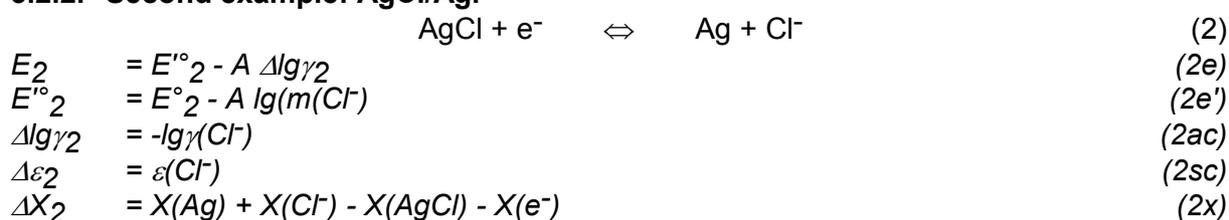
$$\Delta X_1 = X(\text{V}) - X(\text{VI}) - X(e^-) \quad (1x)$$

where VI is  $\text{UO}_2^{2+}$  and V is  $\text{UO}_2^+$ .

I am adding extra equations that I will use below and I will always write as an indice, the equilibrium number which the parameter is related to.

$X^\circ$  ( $X = E, G, S, \dots$ ) is (usually tabulated) standard value.  $E^\circ$  is formal potential. For  $X = G$ , (1x) can be obtained from (1e) to (1e') with the chemical potentials  $\mu(M) = G(M) = \mu^\circ(M) + A \lg(m(M) \gamma(M))$ , where  $M = V$  or  $VI$  but not  $e^-$  because this would mean that  $G(e^-)$  is set to 0 (which I am not doing in (1x)) and this would implicitly be standard state definition. One must first verify that the usual standard state does not already set a value for  $X(e^-)$ : I will do it below (I will then have to come back to these equations). I know that one can introduce the electrochemical potential and so on; but this introduces new (extra-thermodynamical) physical hypothesis (double layer and so on): it is not my point here, I just want to use the classical thermodynamical cycles to write explicitly the links between the different classical ways to handle redox equilibria. Cutting redox equilibrium into two half equilibria is arbitrary: the exact place of the boundary is arbitrary or is set with standard state definition (see below). The fundamental reason for this, is that one have to handle the exchange of a particle,  $e^-$ , that is never free (even in hydrated form) in aqueous solution, hence, for this individual particle, one cannot measure any physical entity:  $X(e^-)$  and then  $\Delta X_1$ ,  $E_1$ , and so on cannot be measured directly, one can typically measure  $E_1$  only versus a real reference system, typically the AgCl/Ag reference electrode.

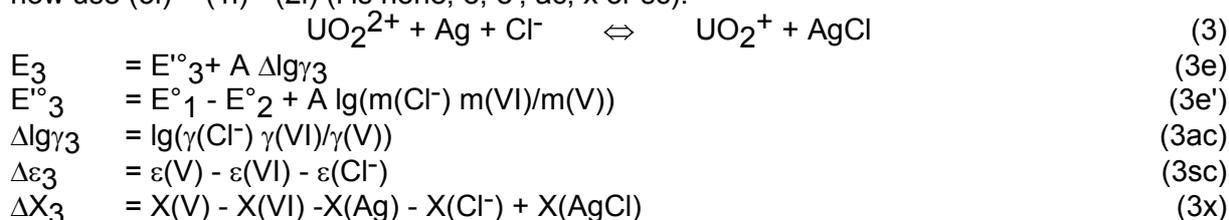
### 3.2.2. Second example: AgCl/Ag.



Again the same type of remarks as for (1) are valid and will be valid for all half cell equilibria used below.

### 3.3. Real redox equilibrium in aqueous solution: AgCl oxydates U(V).

One **measures the potential** of (1) - (2) = (3) equilibrium. With the above notations, I can now use (3i) = (1i) - (2i) (i is none, e, e', ac, x or sc):



(3e') and (3e) equations also indicate that

$$E^\circ_3 = E^\circ_1 - E^\circ_2 \quad (3')$$

$X(e^-)$  term now cancels which is consistent, because (3) is a real equilibrium, and  $E_3$  and  $\Delta X_3$  are now measurable parameters. My notations are then not very good because they do not make any **difference between measurable parameters and (conventional) not measurable ones**; I have then written in italic face the non measurable parameters, and the corresponding equilibria and equations. Also typically  $G(\text{Ag})$  is 0 because the metal phase is the Ag standard state; but I am presently ignoring this convention (I will discuss it below): one can set it to 0, to get the usual equations.

(3sc) indicates that **SIT regression** gives  $\Delta \varepsilon_3$ , the slope is  $-\Delta \varepsilon$  (3ac): sign must then be changed or (3x) directly used.

*It is the SIT data treatment that I prefer* since it does not need any assumption on the standard state during the data treatment (I do not have to verify whether the tabulated values

of my reference electrode potential are obtained by using a data treatment that is SIT consistent); but the (non standard) parameters (at least E) calculated by using this treatment, cannot be compared (used) when different reference electrodes are used : they must then be recalculated (after the above data treatment) in standard conditions (by using reference electrode tabulated values).

(3e), (3e') and (3ac) indicate how to calculate the standard value of the (VI/V) couple,  $E^\circ_3 = E^\circ_2 - E^\circ_1$ , from  $m(\text{Cl}^-)$ , the activity (or SIT) coefficients for the equilibrium (3), and the tabulated  $E^\circ_2$  value (see below).

**None of these formulae involve explicitly  $\text{H}^+$  or  $\text{H}_2$**  (including the case  $X = \text{S}$ ); but it was involved when tabulating  $E^\circ_2$ .

(3x) can typically be used for  $X = \text{S}$  (see below).

### 3.4. Hydrogene electrodes.

#### 3.4.1. $\text{H}^+/\text{H}_2$ half cell.

When **using tabulated  $E^\circ_2$  values**, I am making a difference between the standard electrode and the real hydrogen electrode that have been used to measure the AgCl/Ag electrode potential,  $E_5$  (that had then been extrapolated to  $E^\circ_2$ ). For this, we can subtract from the (2) equilibrium, the real hydrogen electrode half reaction



$$E_4 = E^\circ_4 + A \Delta \lg \gamma_4 \quad (4e)$$

$$E^\circ_4 = E^\circ_4 + A \lg(m(\text{H}^+)/P(\text{H}_2)^{0.5}) \quad (4e')$$

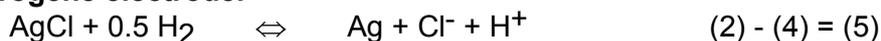
$$\Delta \lg \gamma_4 = A \lg(\gamma(\text{H}^+)/f(\text{H}_2)^{0.5}) \quad (4ac)$$

$$\Delta \varepsilon_4 = -\varepsilon(\text{H}^+) \quad (4sc)$$

$$\Delta X_4 = 0.5 X(\text{H}_2) - X(\text{H}^+) - X(\text{e}^-) \quad (4x)$$

where at  $I = 0$  and  $T = 298.15 \text{ K}$ ,  $E_4$  is  $E_4^\circ = 0$ , to get the real equilibrium (5) used to measure  $E_5$ .

#### 3.4.2. AgCl/Ag vs a hydrogene electrode.



$$E_5 = E^\circ_5 + A \Delta \lg \gamma_5 \quad (5e)$$

$$E^\circ_5 = E^\circ_2 - E^\circ_4 + A \lg(P(\text{H}_2)^{0.5}/m(\text{H}^+)/m(\text{Cl}^-)) \quad (5e')$$

$$\Delta \lg \gamma_5 = \lg(f(\text{H}_2)^{0.5}/\gamma(\text{H}^+)/\gamma(\text{Cl}^-)) \quad (5ac)$$

$$\Delta \varepsilon_5 = \varepsilon(\text{H}^+) + \varepsilon(\text{Cl}^-) \quad (5sc)$$

$$\Delta X_5 = X(\text{Ag}) + X(\text{Cl}^-) - X(\text{AgCl}) - 0.5 X(\text{H}_2) + X(\text{H}^+) \quad (5x)$$

where (5i) = (2i) - 4(i) (i is none, e, e', ac, x or sc).

(5e') and (5e) equations also indicate that

$$E^\circ_5 = E^\circ_2 - E^\circ_4 \quad (5')$$

(5ac) indicates that the HCl mean activity coefficient should be used to deduce the standard value  $E^\circ_2$ : with a SIT treatment one would hence measure (assuming that  $\text{H}_2$  is a perfect gas above the solution),  $\Delta \varepsilon_5$ .

(5e') and (5e) indicate how to use these activity coefficients to calculate  $E^\circ_2$  from the experimental measurements,  $E_5$ .

I have again written  $X(\text{H}_2)$  and  $X(\text{H}^+)$  to point out that these terms do not cancel; but they are set to 0 when the standard state definition states so. When  $X = \text{G}$ , the standard state states these terms to 0.  $G(\text{H}_2)^\circ = 0$  (in fact  $\Delta_f G(\text{H}_2)^\circ$ , but I am not using this notation : see

just below) since dihydrogen gas is the hydrogen reference state (as metal U is U reference state); but when  $X = S$ , "absolute" entropy at 298.15 K,  $S^\circ$ , is not 0, since  $S$  is 0 at 0 K.

(5x) can typically be used for entropy calculation (see below).

### 3.4.3. Standard and absolute states.

**2 different notations,  $S^\circ$  and  $\Delta_f G^\circ$** , are typically used in the TDB tables:

- \*  $S^\circ$  (so  $X^\circ$ ) is the ("absolute") entropy ( $S$  is 0 at 0 K and tabulated  $S^\circ$  is  $S$  value at 298.15 K).
- \*  $\Delta_f G^\circ$  or  $\Delta_f H^\circ$  (so  $\Delta_f S^\circ$ ) refers to the usual standard state (metal or gas phase at 298.15 K).

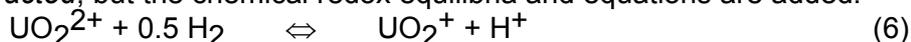
I am not using these notations here. This type of problem is discussed in the first two chapters of A. Bard, R. Parson and J. Jordan's Book (Standard Potentials in Aqueous Solution, IUPAC, Marcel Dekker, New York 1985). In both books one finally gets tables where 2 different standard states are used, this is only indicated in the notation ( $\Delta$  for  $G^\circ$  and  $H^\circ$ , but not for  $S^\circ$ ), this could be reminded in the caption of the tables and more clearly explained in the Chapter 1 and in the Appendix B of TDB book.

$G(H^+) = 0$  (hence the standard hydrogen electrode is the standard reference electrode) is an extra convention that cannot account for  $H_2$  ionisation energy or any pathway that includes this reaction. Again, one measures  $\Delta X$  only for real reactions and (more or less implicitly) state  $X$  to 0 in the reference state, but there are in fact 4 (more or less reference) states or assumptions:

- \* **Pure water activity is 1** for solution chemistry (infinite dilution and so on).
- \* **Standard hydrogen electrode is 0** to use standard potential.. Since this electrode does not exist, it is not consistent to write a chemical equilibrium with the usual writing conventions (see below), and for which  $\Delta G(= -FE) = 0$ .
- \* **Gas or metal phase is the reference state** (only one phase per element... except for hydrogen:  $H_2$  and  $H^+$  for the usual standard hydrogen electrode). Physical properties of these (reference) phases change with  $T$ . Water must now be taken into account.
- \* **S is 0 at 0 K...** where measurements are not so easy!..

### 3.4.4. U(VI/V) redox couple vs a real hydrogen electrode.

Now to give the  $E_1$  versus a real hydrogen electrode one can either use (1) and (4) half cell or (3) and (5) chemical equilibria to get (6) = (1) - (4) = (3) + (5), the *half cell equilibria and equations are subtracted*; but the chemical redox equilibria and equations are added:



$$E_6 = E^\circ_6 + A \Delta \lg \gamma_6 \quad (6e)$$

$$E^\circ_6 = E^\circ_1 - E^\circ_4 + A \lg(P(H_2)^{0.5} m(VI)/m(V)/m(H^+)) \quad (6e')$$

$$= E^\circ_3 + E^\circ_5 + A \lg(P(H_2)^{0.5} m(VI)/m(V)/m(H^+))$$

$$\Delta \lg \gamma_6 = \lg(\gamma(VI) f(H_2)^{0.5} / \gamma(V) \gamma(H^+)) \quad (6ac)$$

$$\Delta \varepsilon_6 = \varepsilon(V) - \varepsilon(VI) + \varepsilon(H^+) \quad (6sc)$$

$$\Delta X_6 = X(V) - X(VI) - 0.5 X(H_2) + X(H^+) \quad (6x)$$

(6e') and (6e) equations also indicate that

$$E^\circ_6 = E^\circ_1 - E^\circ_4 \quad (6')$$

$$= E^\circ_3 + E^\circ_5$$

This, and specially the equation (6sc), explains the figure V.1 problem. (6) equilibrium is the usual way used in the TDB book to write redox reactions; but (in the TDB book), from primary data,  $E_3$ , one first calculates the formal potential  $E(VI,V)$  vs ENH, and then tabulates it.  $E(VI,V)$  is not  $E_6$ . SIT treatment is supposed to be performed on  $E(VI,V)$  and not on  $E_6$ : this SIT regression does not use the (6) equilibrium and corresponding SIT equations.

Hence the way the SIT figures are presented in the book, is not much consistent for the redox reactions.

### 3.4.5. U(VI/V) redox couple vs the standard hydrogen electrode, E(VI/V) formal potential vs NHE.

$E_6$  is now measured. The VI/V (formal) redox potential vs the standard electrode, **E(VI/V)**, is  **$E_6$  potential when the hydrogen electrode is in standard condition**, i.e. it is  $E_6$  when all the activities of the hydrogen electrode components are 1, i.e. when all the concentrations and all the activity coefficients of the hydrogen electrode components are 1:

$$P^\circ(\text{H}_2) = m^\circ(\text{H}^+) = f^\circ(\text{H}_2) = \gamma^\circ(\text{H}^+) = 1 \quad (7s)$$

In the same way, I should use (but I am not using it)

$$X^\circ(\text{H}_2) = X^\circ(\text{H}^+) = S^\circ(\text{H}^+) = 0 \text{ when } X \text{ is not S} \quad (7s)$$

$$E_6 = E^\circ_6 + A \Delta \lg \gamma_6 \quad (6e)$$

$$E^\circ_6 = E^\circ_6 + A \lg(P(\text{H}_2)^{0.5} m(\text{VI})/m(\text{V})/m(\text{H}^+)) \quad (6e')$$

$$\Delta \lg \gamma_6 = \lg(\gamma(\text{VI}) f(\text{H}_2)^{0.5}/\gamma(\text{V})/\gamma(\text{H}^+)) \quad (6ac)$$

$$\Delta \varepsilon_6 = \varepsilon(\text{V}) - \varepsilon(\text{VI}) + \varepsilon(\text{H}^+) \quad (6sc)$$

$$\Delta X_6 = X(\text{V}) - X(\text{VI}) - 0.5 X(\text{H}_2) + X(\text{H}^+) \quad (6x)$$

then

$$E(\text{VI/V}) = E^\circ_6 + A \lg(m(\text{VI}) \gamma(\text{VI})/\gamma(\text{V}) m(\text{V}))$$

and so one... With the above notations, this gives

$$\mathbf{E(\text{VI/V}) = E_7}$$

$$E_7 = E^\circ_7 + A \Delta \lg \gamma_7 \quad (1e) = (7e)$$

$$E^\circ_7 = E^\circ_6 + A \lg(m(\text{VI})/m(\text{V})) \quad (1e') = (7e')$$

$$\Delta \lg \gamma_7 = \lg(\gamma(\text{VI})/\gamma(\text{V})) \quad (1ac) = (7ac)$$

$$\Delta \varepsilon_7 = \varepsilon(\text{V}) - \varepsilon(\text{VI}) \quad (1sc) = (7sc)$$

$$\Delta X_7 = X(\text{V}) - X(\text{VI}) - 0.5 X(\text{H}_2) + X(\text{H}^+) \quad (1x) \text{ is not } (7x)$$

where (7s) I have substituted  $P(\text{H}_2)$ ,  $m(\text{H}^+)$ ,  $f(\text{H}_2)$ ,  $m(\text{H}^+)$  for 0 in all the (6) equations. (7e') equation also indicates that

$$E^\circ_7 = E^\circ_6 \quad (7')$$

$$= E^\circ_1 - E^\circ_4 = E^\circ_1 \text{ since } E^\circ_4 = 0 \text{ (standard electrode } E^\circ) \quad (6')$$

$$= E^\circ_3 + E^\circ_5$$

I have also noted that (1ac) = (7ac) and (1sc) = (7sc): they are just the same equations. First (6') equation shows that (1e') = (7e') and then (1e) = (7e). This would again induce to write (1) equilibrium for Figure V.1; but this is not yet completely consistence because (1x) is not (7x). **To make it consistent one has to state**

$$\mathbf{X(e^-) = 0.5 X^\circ(\text{H}_2)} \quad (4nhe)$$

This convention (or standard state definition) is possible since, as I stated above,  $X(e^-)$  value was not needed up to now.

### 3.4.6. Conclusion: thermodynamic functions for hydrated $e^-$ .

I can "demonstrate" this convention by rewriting equation (4x) this way:

$$\mathbf{X(e^-) = 0.5 X(\text{H}_2) - X(\text{H}^+) - \Delta X_4} \quad (4x)$$

since  $\Delta X_4$  is X function change for a real hydrogen electrode,  $\Delta X^\circ_4$  is  $X^\circ$  function change for the standard electrode it is then 0. Hence, with the usual conventions (4nhe)

$$\mathbf{G^\circ(e^-) = H^\circ(e^-) = 0} \quad (4nhe)$$

$$\mathbf{S^\circ(e^-) = 0.5 S^\circ(\text{H}_2)} \quad (4nhe)$$

Now  $X_1$  and (1) equilibrium correspond to the (VI/V) potential vs NHE, and then to the legend of the figure V.1. This explain what I was meaning just above when saying "the way the SIT figures are presented in the book, is not much consistent for the redox reactions". This also means that it is more consistent to present half cell reaction, (1), in figure V.1 and not the chemical equilibrium with hydrogen as a reductant, (6). This is also, in my opinion, a good reason to give a half cell example in appendix B. Half cells are explained in Bard's book.

### 3.5. Usual ways to handle potential vs NHE.

When using real AgCl/Ag reference electrode to measure the (VI/V) redox potential (it is then  $E_3$ ) we can use these primary data,  $E_3$ , to calculate the formal (VI/V) redox potential vs the standard electrode (NHE),  $E(\text{VI/V})$ . We then use tabulated standard potential (vs NHE) of the AgCl/Ag reference electrode, to subtract the real AgCl/Ag reference electrode potential (vs NHE),  $E(\text{AgCl/Ag})$ , from  $E_3$ :

$$E(\text{VI/V}) = E_3 + E(\text{AgCl/Ag})$$

I am simulating this treatment of data, to check again consistency (it is not necessary; but it is just to be convinced again that the usual data treatment is consistent).

#### 3.5.1. Calculating AgCl/Ag potential vs NHE, $E(\text{AgCl/Ag})$ , from measurement vs real hydrogen electrode.

Equilibrium (5) must be used to deduce the real AgCl/Ag reference electrode potential (vs NHE),  $E(\text{AgCl/Ag})$ , just in the same way, (6) was used for  $E(\text{VI/V}) = E_7$ . It is the same type of demonstration, I am then only writing equations without justifications.

$$E_5 = E^\circ_5 + A \Delta \lg \gamma_5 \quad (5e)$$

$$E^\circ_5 = E^\circ_5 + A \lg(P(\text{H}_2)^{0.5}/m(\text{H}^+)/m(\text{Cl}^-)) \quad (5e')$$

$$\Delta \lg \gamma_5 = \lg(f(\text{H}_2)^{0.5}/\gamma(\text{H}^+)/\gamma(\text{Cl}^-)) \quad (5ac)$$

$$\Delta \varepsilon_5 = \varepsilon(\text{H}^+) + \varepsilon(\text{Cl}^-) \quad (5sc)$$

$$\Delta X_5 = X(\text{Ag}) + X(\text{Cl}^-) - X(\text{AgCl}) - 0.5 X(\text{H}_2) + X(\text{H}^+) \quad (5x)$$

$$E^\circ_5 = E^\circ_2 - E^\circ_4 \quad (5')$$

**$E_8 = E(\text{AgCl/Ag})$ ,**

**it is  $E_5$  when all the activities of the hydrogen electrode components are 1**, i.e. when all the concentrations and all the activity coefficients of the hydrogen electrode components are 1. I am then using (7s) in the (5i) equations.

$$P^\circ(\text{H}_2) = m^\circ(\text{H}^+) = f^\circ(\text{H}_2) = \gamma^\circ(\text{H}^+) = 1 \quad (7s)$$

$$X^\circ(\text{H}_2) = X^\circ(\text{H}^+) = S^\circ(\text{H}^+) = 0 \text{ when } X \text{ is not S} \quad (7s)$$

$$E_8 = E^\circ_8 + A \Delta \lg \gamma_8 \quad (8e)$$

$$E^\circ_8 = E^\circ_5 - A \lg(m(\text{Cl}^-)) \quad (8e')$$

$$E^\circ_5 = E^\circ_8 \text{ from } (8e') \quad (5)$$

$$= E^\circ_2 - E^\circ_4 \quad (5')$$

$$= E^\circ_2 (= E^\circ_8) \text{ since } E^\circ_4 = 0 \text{ (standard electrode } E^\circ)$$

$$\Delta \lg \gamma_8 = -\lg(\gamma(\text{Cl}^-)) \quad (8ac)$$

$$\Delta \varepsilon_8 = \varepsilon(\text{Cl}^-) \quad (8sc)$$

$$\Delta X_8 = X(\text{Ag}) + X(\text{Cl}^-) - X(\text{AgCl}) - 0.5 X(\text{H}_2) + X(\text{H}^+) \quad (8x)$$

#### 3.5.2. Calculating U(VI/V) potential vs NHE, $E(\text{VI/V})$ , from measurement vs real AgCl/Ag electrode by using its standard potential, $E(\text{AgCl/Ag})$ .

$$E^\circ_9 = E^\circ_3 + E^\circ_8$$

$$E(\text{VI/V}) = E_9$$

$$E_3 = E^\circ_3 + A \Delta \lg \gamma_3 \quad (3e)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
E^{\circ}_3 &= E^{\circ}_3 + A \lg(m(\text{Cl}^-) m(\text{VI})/m(\text{V})) & (3e') \\
E^{\circ}_3 &= E^{\circ}_1 - E^{\circ}_2 \\
\Delta \lg \gamma_3 &= \lg(\gamma(\text{Cl}^-) \gamma(\text{VI})/\gamma(\text{V})) & (3ac) \\
\Delta \varepsilon_3 &= \varepsilon(\text{V}) - \varepsilon(\text{VI}) - \varepsilon(\text{Cl}^-) & (3sc) \\
\Delta X_3 &= X(\text{V}) - X(\text{VI}) - X(\text{Ag}) - X(\text{Cl}^-) + X(\text{AgCl}) & (3x) \\
E_9 &= E_3 + E_8 \\
&= E^{\circ}_9 + A \Delta \lg \gamma_9 & (9e) \\
E^{\circ}_9 &= E^{\circ}_9 + A \lg(m(\text{VI})/m(\text{V})) & \text{from (3e')+(8e') (9e')} \\
E^{\circ}_9 &= (E^{\circ}_1 - E^{\circ}_2) + E^{\circ}_2 - E^{\circ}_4 \\
&= E^{\circ}_1 - E^{\circ}_4 \text{ since } E^{\circ}_4 = 0 \text{ (standard electrode } E^{\circ}) \\
&= E^{\circ}_1 & \text{hence (1e') = (9e')} \\
&= E^{\circ}_1 = E^{\circ}_7 = E^{\circ}_6 & (6') \text{ and } (7') \\
\Delta \lg \gamma_9 &= \lg(\gamma(\text{VI})/\gamma(\text{V})) & \text{from (3ac)+(8ac), (1ac) = (9ac)} \\
\Delta \varepsilon_9 &= \varepsilon(\text{V}) - \varepsilon(\text{VI}) & \text{from (3sc)+(8sc), (1sc) = (9sc)} \\
\Delta X_9 &= X(\text{V}) - X(\text{VI}) - 0.5 X(\text{H}_2) + X(\text{H}^+) & \text{from (3x)+(8x), (9x)}
\end{aligned}$$

**Equations and equilibria (7i) and (9i) are indeed identical.**

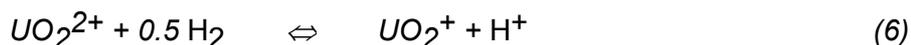
$\varepsilon(\text{H}^+)$  finally also cancel in (9sc) because it has already been used when calculating  $E^{\circ}_2$  from measurements. In other words, the (virtual) components of the standard electrode do not require any activity coefficient. I already pointed out this type of problem when checking the consistency of the tabulated water ionic product or carbonate equilibrium constants and also when working in  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  media where it is quite difficult to imagine an  $\varepsilon(\text{H}^+, \text{CO}_3^{2-})$  !.: One can always use some constants where some of the components are concentrations (the macroscopic ones used to control the chemical reactions) and other are activity (the theoretical or trace ones whose influence on mass balance can be disregarded, typically  $\text{H}^+$  in basic media, or  $\text{H}^+$  and  $\text{H}_2$  in a redox reaction where neither  $\text{H}^+$  is the real oxidant, nor  $\text{H}_2$  is the real reductant).

Finally, the only consistent way to write (7) or (9) equilibria is **either**



since we are quite free to give the needed signification to  $e^-$ ,

**or**

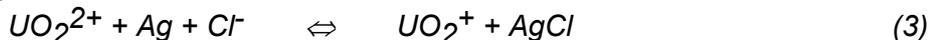


where I have written  $\text{H}_2$  and  $\text{H}^+$  in italic face to say that they are not only components (I do not like to have notation with several meanings): the notation also includes concentration and activity.

### 3.6. Entropy.

I am now focusing on entropy, because we are working on temperature influence. All the treatment is already implicitly above ; there are several ways to treat the data :

#### 3.6.1. Real equilibrium.



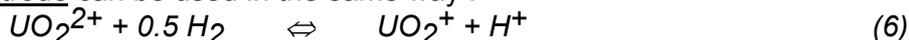
the X change

$$\Delta X_3 = X(V) - X(VI) - X(Ag) - X(Cl^-) + X(AgCl) \quad (3x)$$

does not need any convention.

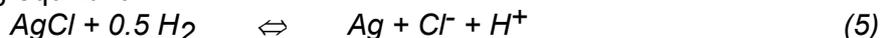
#### 3.6.2. Real hydrogen electrode.

A real hydrogen electrode can be used in the same way :



$$\Delta X_6 = X(V) - X(VI) - 0.5 X(H_2) + X(H^+) \quad (6x)$$

or might have been used before studying (3) to measure the AgCl/Ag real electrode potential with the following equilibrium :



$$\Delta X_5 = X(Ag) + X(Cl^-) - X(AgCl) - 0.5 X(H_2) + X(H^+) \quad (5x)$$

to deduce (6) = (3) + (5). In this procedure, (- 0.5 X(H<sub>2</sub>) + X(H<sup>+</sup>)) term is used twice; one just have to verify that he is using the numerical value that was used to tabulate ΔX<sub>5</sub>. When, in (5x), X is Δ<sub>f</sub>Y° (Y = G, H or S) each term is 0 :

$$\Delta_f G(H_2)^\circ = \Delta_f G(H^+)^\circ = \Delta_f H(H_2)^\circ = \Delta_f H(H^+)^\circ = \Delta_f S(H_2)^\circ = \Delta_f S(H^+)^\circ = 0$$

when, in (5x), X is S (not Δ<sub>f</sub>S)

S(H<sup>+</sup>)° = 0, but S(H<sub>2</sub>)° is not 0.

Reference state has then been chosen. It is H<sub>2</sub> gas at 298.15 K (or U metal etc.). Δ<sub>f</sub>G(A) of a compound, A, at T, is calculated with a cycle that includes typically H<sub>2</sub> gas at 298.15 K (and not T) and heating up A from T° to T: only Δ<sub>f</sub>X(H<sub>2</sub>)° is needed, it is then consistent (with thermodynamical differential equations) to set it to 0 (for any X).

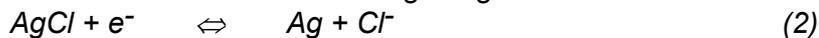
#### 3.6.3. Potentials first recalculated vs NHE.

We have seen that no real chemical equilibrium is consistent with this treatment : half cell reactions must be used.



$$\Delta X_1 = X(V) - X(VI) - X(e^-) \quad (1x)$$

And this is again consistent with tabulated values for the AgCl/Ag electrode :



$$\Delta X_2 = X(Ag) + X(Cl^-) - X(AgCl) - X(e^-) \quad (2x)$$

Now one can choose any value for X(e<sup>-</sup>)°. It is usually sometime implicitly set to 0; but when one wants to be consistent with thermodynamic reference state and standard electrode definition

$$X(e^-) = 0.5 X(H_2) - X(H^+) - \Delta X_4 \quad (4x)$$

where ΔX<sub>4</sub>° = 0...: this is the standard electrode and this gives the (4nhe) equations. Ouf ! This is consistent !