# Interpretation of Impedance Spectroscopy Data on Porous LSM Electrodes

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## Introduction:

This study uses Bayesian Analysis in conjunction with microstructural data from Xray tomography to analyze impedance data from a symmetric porous LSM electrode button cell



Figure 1: Schematic of the electrochemical cell. The TPB length is obtained through X-ray tomography.

## **Electrochemical Model:**

A finite volume one dimensional model solved in phase space using the Nernst-Planck equations for species' migration and linearized kinetic equations.

**Dissociative adsorption:**  $\frac{1}{2}O_2(g) + Mn_B^x + V_{ad}^x \leftrightarrow O_{ad}' + Mn_B^i$ Incorporation:  $O'_{ad} + V'_O + Mn^x_B \leftrightarrow O^x_O + Mn^{\cdot}_B + V^x_{ad}$ Vacancy Transfer:  $O_O^x + V_{O,YSZ}^{"} \longleftrightarrow O_{O,YSZ}^x + V_O^{"}$ **Triple Phase Boundary:**  $\begin{array}{c} O_{ad}' + V_{O,YSZ}^{\cdot \cdot} + Mn_{Mn}^{x} \longleftrightarrow V_{ad}^{x} + O_{O,YSZ}^{x} + Mn_{Mn}^{\cdot} \end{array}$ Schottky:

nil  $\leftrightarrow 3 V_{O}^{"} + V_{La}^{''} + V_{Mn}^{''}$ 

Figure 2: These chemical equations' thermodynamic and linearized kinetic equations were used

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## **Bayesian Analysis:**

Bayes' theorem provides a way to update prior belief given a experimental data to obtain a posterior



Figure 3: Bayes' theorem ties together experimental data, a physical model and a set of Priors to obtain a posterior distribution.

#### **Priors:**

## The probability distribution of a model's parameter (the unconditional probability)

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Figure 4: Good priors accelerate the search in parameter space and produce better results

| Parameter                  | Units  | Prior       | Bounds       | Parameter                  | Units            | Prior        | E  |
|----------------------------|--------|-------------|--------------|----------------------------|------------------|--------------|----|
| $\Delta H_{ads}$           | eV     | N(-1.5,0.5) | -3 to 0      | $\Delta H_{3PB}^{+}$       | eV               | Uniform      |    |
| $\Delta S_{ads}$           | J/molK | N(-200,25)  | -250 to -100 | $\Delta S_{3PB}^{\dagger}$ | J/molK           | Uniform      | -5 |
| $\Delta H_{inc}$           | eV     | N(-1,0.5)   | -3 to 1      | $\Delta H_{2PB}^{\dagger}$ | eV               | Uniform      |    |
| $\Delta S_{inc}$           | J/molK | Uniform     | -100 to 100  | $\Delta S_{2PB}^{\dagger}$ | J/molK           | Uniform      | -5 |
| $\Delta H_{ads}^{+}$       | eV     | Uniform     | 0 to 4       | $Q_{\theta}$               | eV               | Uniform      |    |
| $\Delta S_{ads}^{\dagger}$ | J/molK | Uniform     | -150 to 200  | κ <sub>θ</sub>             | m²/s             | Uniform      | 10 |
| $\Delta H_{inc}^{\dagger}$ | eV     | Uniform     | 0 to 5       | Q <sub>v</sub>             | eV               | N(0.65,0.2)  |    |
| $\Delta S_{inc}^{\dagger}$ | J/molK | Uniform     | -100 to 200  | Κ <sub>ν</sub>             | m²/s             | Uniform      | 10 |
| $\Delta H_{schottky}$      | eV     | N(4.5,0.25) | 3 to 5.5     | C <sub>miec-YSZ</sub>      | F/m <sup>2</sup> | N(1e-3,3e-3) | 10 |
| $\Delta S_{schottky}$      | J/molK | Uniform     | -30 to 100   | C <sub>miec-gas</sub>      | F/m <sup>2</sup> | N(0.01,0.05) | 10 |

Table 1: The priors used to obtain figure 6. Note that some priors are uninformed.



### **Posterior**:

The probability distribution of a parameter given data. This is obtained once a good fit to the experimental data is obtained



**Figure 5:** A family of well fitting parameters (posterior) were found using priors that were too broad

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|------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|---|----------------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Parameter                    | Units              | Old Value |   | Parameter                  | Units              | Old Value |
| $\Delta H_{ads}$             | eV                 | -0.87     |   | $\Delta H_{3PB}^{+}$       | eV                 | 1.34      |
| $\Delta S_{ads}$             | J/molK             | -163      |   | $\zeta_{3PB}$              | mol/m <sup>2</sup> | 2.1e-16   |
| $\Delta H_{inc}$             | eV                 | -2.55     |   | $\Delta H_{2PB}^{\dagger}$ | eV                 | 1.78      |
| $\Delta S_{inc}$             | J/molK             | -99.0     |   | $\zeta_{2PB}$              | mol/m <sup>2</sup> | 3.9e-9    |
| $\Delta H_{ads}^{\dagger}$   | eV                 | 1.88      |   | $Q_{\theta}$               | eV                 | 1.42      |
| $\zeta_{ads}$                | mol/m <sup>2</sup> | 1.0e-6    |   | κ <sub>θ</sub>             | m²/s               | 3.8e-9    |
| $\Delta H_{inc}^{\dagger}$   | eV                 | 0.99      |   | Q <sub>v</sub>             | eV                 | 1.73      |
| $\zeta_{inc}$                | mol/m <sup>2</sup> | 2.55e-11  |   | Κ <sub>ν</sub>             | m²/s               | 2.1e-9    |
| $\Delta H_{schottky}$        | eV                 | 3.85      |   | C <sub>miec-YSZ</sub>      | F/m <sup>2</sup>   | 1.60e-3   |
| $\Delta S_{\text{schottky}}$ | J/molK             | 23.6      |   | C <sub>miec-gas</sub>      | F/m <sup>2</sup>   | 35        |
|                              |                    |           |   |                            |                    |           |

Table 2: The mean of the parameters' posterior used in figure 5.





mag Impedance vs. log Frequence

**Figure 6:** The search for a solution is a random walk. A low frequency peak is starting to emerge

#### **Conclusions:**

Previously, the solution found had a large capacitance and activation energy (30 F/m<sup>2</sup> and 1.7 eV). A new solution is currently being found.

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