Bayesian Calibration of Models of SOFC Electrode Materials

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Introduction



Bayes' Theorem is used to update the prior probability of a model's parameters from experimental evidence to obtain the posterior probability. This is typically done using Markov Chain Monte Carlo since integrating the P(Z) term above is, usually, intractable.

To use Bayesian Calibration a Likelihood function is required. This is a statistical model of the process.

Dissociative adsorption: $\frac{1}{2}O_2(g) + Mn_B^x + V_{ad}^x \leftrightarrow O_{ad}' + Mn_B'$ Incorporation: $O'_{ad} + V'_O + Mn^x_B \leftrightarrow O^x_O + Mn^i_B + V^x_{ad}$ 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 $\leftrightarrow 3 V_{O}^{"} + V_{La}^{'''} + V_{Mn}^{'''}$ adsorption Surface Diffusion Triple Phase Boundar Incorporation Bulk Diffusion Vacancy Φ₂ YSZ MIEC $X_{i,j} = \Phi_i - \Phi_j$



Results



As a result of the Bayesian Calibration, coverage of the experimental data was obtained. Note that there are 200 superimposed line in the figures above.



After one million steps the parameters reach their equilibrium values. By sampling the the next one million steps, we reconstruct the posterior distribution. Note, the $C_{LSM-YSZ}$ is higher than expected, indicating that the model did not resolve C_{chem} .

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Most of the current is from the TPR reaction; however, as the temperature increases, the fraction of the total current decreases.





Posterior distribution of the 2PB reaction's activation energy and pre-exponential factor





Posterior distribution of the incorporation reaction's activation energy and preexponential factor





We are currently investigating a thin film system at different temperatures and pressure using a modified version of the porous model. Currently, the simulations have not reached equilibrium and the pressure dependence is not yet correct



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