



UNIVERSITÀ  
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

## COURSE SYLLABUS

### Applied Physical Chemistry With Laboratory

2021-1-F5302Q004

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#### Aims

Aims of the lectures (5 CFU) are to supply the student with base knowledge about the physical chemistry of ionic conductors and the electrochemistry and its application in the energy conversion by electrochemical devices and in corrosion and protection of metals.

The lab part (3 CFU) is devoted to the characterization of functional materials. In the lab FT-IR, XRPD, electrochemical and spectroelectrochemical techniques will be used.

#### Contents

Ionics and Electrodeics. Batteries and Corrosion. Lab. experience.

#### Detailed program

Fundamental aspects, development and the relation of electrochemistry to other sciences. Ionic conductors: ion-solvent interaction, ion-ion interaction and Debye-Hückel theory; diffusion, migration and conductivity; solid state electrolytes, polymer electrolytes.

Fundamentals of Electrodeics: electrochemical potential, double-layer theories and adsorption phenomena; electrochemical thermodynamics and Nernst law, electrode types.

Electrodeics: electron transfer at the interface and overpotential, charge transfer overpotential, exchange current,

symmetry factor, Butler Volmer equation and Tafel law, diffusion overpotential and limiting current, other kinds of overpotential.

Electrochemical conversion of chemical energy into electrical energy: batteries and fuel cells. Thermodynamics and kinetic of corrosion, the galvanic element in short circuit, corrosion prevention.

Lab. experiences:

- 1) Structural and electrochemical characterization of materials for secondary lithium ion batteries,
- 2) Preparation and characterization of organic semiconductors,
- 3) Determination of oxygen impurities in silicon wafers,
- 4) Corrosion of 304 stainless steel in acidic solutions.

## **Prerequisites**

Standard physic and mathematic knowledge , thermodynamic and kinetic of chemical systems

## **Teaching form**

Lectures (5 CFU), lab experiences (3 CFU) in group of 3 to 5 students.

In the Covid-19 emergency period, the lessons will take place completely remotely asynchronously with some events in presence .

## **Textbook and teaching resource**

Teacher's slides and slected chapters from the following books:

Bockris Reddy, Modern Electrochemistry 1 – Ionics (second edition) chapters 2,3,4

Bockris Reddy Gamboa-Aldeco, Modern Electrochemistry 2A – Fundamental of Electrodics (second edition), chapters 6,7

Bard Faulkner: Electrochemical Methods, Fundamental and Applications (2° Edition), chapters 3,4

Selected scientific papers

## **Semester**

Lectures: first semester

Lab class: second semester

## **Assessment method**

Oral exam to verify the student knowledge about the fundamental concepts and their applications.

For each lab experiences, the students will prepare a scientific paper which will be judged regarding the internal coherence, the scientific correctness and the quality of the results.

The final score will be the weighted average of the two scores

During the Covid-19 emergency period, oral exams will only be online. They will be carried out using the WebEx platform and on the e-learning page of the course there will be a public link for access to the examination of possible virtual spectators.

## **Office hours**

On appointment

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