Answer on the question #49079, Chemistry, Physical Chemistry

Question:

Ni/Ni2+//Zn2+/Zn system emf increase by addition of dimethylglyoxime in left hand electrode.why?

Answer:

The electromotive force (EMF) of the electrochemical element depends on the concentrations of oxidizing/redacting particles. This dependence is explained by Nernst equation:

$$\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{E}^{0} - \frac{\mathbf{RT}}{\mathbf{nF}} \ln[\mathbf{c}]$$

The processes that take place in the cell:

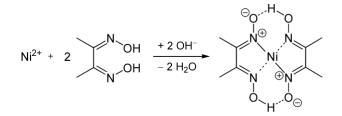
Cathode: $Ni^{2+} + 2e = Ni$

Anode: $Zn = Zn^{2+} + 2e$

$$EMF = E(cathode) - E(anode)$$

$$EMF = E^{0\prime} - \frac{RT}{nF} \ln[Ni^{2+}]$$

One can note, that with decreasing of nickel concentration EMF increases. The addition of dimethylglioxyme will decrease nickel cations concentration:



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