

# PARAMETRIC STUDY

Gouy–Chapman, Gouy–Chapman–Stern, Symmetric Bikerman & Asymmetric Bikerman

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# AIM OF TODAY'S EXERCISES

Today, we will investigate how changing the parameters - and therefore the environment of the system - will change the following models:

- Gouy–Chapman–Stern
- Symmetric Bikerman
- Asymmetric Bikerman

This method of studying a model using different parameters is called a parametric study.

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The student is expected to use the following source: *A beginners' Guide to Modelling of Electric Double Layer under Equilibrium, Nonequilibrium, and AC Conditions*

# QUESTION SETUP

The question setup is for the next slides are as follows:

**Ordinary Differential equation**

**Boundary Condition 1**

**Boundary Condition 2**

**Anion concentration**

**Cation concentration**

**Question: ...**

# QUESTION 1 – GOUY–CHAPMAN–STERN

The differential equations system describing the Gouy–Chapman–Stern case is provided by:

$$\text{GCS (1D):} \begin{cases} \frac{d^2\phi}{dx^2} = \frac{F c_b}{\epsilon_s} \sinh\left(\frac{F\phi}{RT}\right), & x \in ]0, \infty[ \\ \phi(x=0) = \phi_M - \phi_{\text{pzc}} + \left. \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x} \right|_{x=x_{\text{HP}+}} \frac{\epsilon_s}{\epsilon_{\text{HP}}} \delta_{\text{HP}}, & x = 0 \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \phi(x) = 0, & x \rightarrow \infty \end{cases} \quad (2.1)$$

with:

$$c_- = c_b \exp\left(-\frac{F\phi}{RT}\right) \quad (2.2)$$

$$c_+ = c_b \exp\left(+\frac{F\phi}{RT}\right) \quad (2.3)$$

**Question:** How does the differential double-layer capacitance change with varying  $c_b$ ?

# QUESTION 2 – SYMMETRIC BIKERMAN

The differential equations system describing the Symmetric Bikerman case is provided by:

$$\text{SB (1D):} \begin{cases} \frac{d^2 \phi}{dx^2} = \frac{F_{Cb}}{\epsilon_S} \frac{2 \sinh \left[ \frac{F\phi}{RT} \right]}{1 + 2\nu \sinh^2 \left[ \frac{F\phi}{2RT} \right]}, & x \in ]0, \infty[ \\ \phi(x=0) = \phi_M - \phi_{pzc} + \left. \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \right|_{x=x_{HP+}} \frac{\epsilon_S}{\epsilon_{HP}} \delta_{HP}, & x = 0 \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \phi(x) = 0, & x \rightarrow \infty \end{cases} \quad (3.1)$$

with:

$$c_+ = \frac{c_b \exp \left( \frac{F\phi}{RT} \right)}{1 + 2\nu \sinh^2 \left[ \frac{F\phi}{2RT} \right]} \quad (3.2)$$

$$c_- = \frac{c_b \exp \left( -\frac{F\phi}{RT} \right)}{1 + 2\nu \sinh^2 \left[ \frac{F\phi}{2RT} \right]} \quad (3.3)$$

**Question:** How does the differential double-layer capacitance change with varying  $\nu$ ?

# QUESTION 3 – ASYMMETRIC BIKERMAN

The differential equations system describing the Asymmetric Bikerman case is provided by:

$$\text{AB (1D):} \begin{cases} \frac{d^2\phi}{dx^2} = \frac{F_{Cb}}{\epsilon_s} \frac{\sinh\left(\frac{F\phi}{RT}\right)}{1 + \frac{\nu}{2} \left( \gamma_+ \left[ \exp\left\{-\frac{F\phi}{RT}\right\} - 1 \right] + \gamma_- \left[ \exp\left\{\frac{F\phi}{RT}\right\} - 1 \right] \right)}, & x \in ]0, \infty[ \\ \phi(x=0) = \phi_M - \phi_{pzc} + \left. \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x} \right|_{x=x_{HP+}} \frac{\epsilon_S}{\epsilon_{HP}} \delta_{HP}, & x = 0 \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \phi(x) = 0, & x \rightarrow \infty \end{cases} \quad (4.1)$$

with:

$$c_- = \frac{c_b \exp\left(\frac{F\phi}{RT}\right)}{1 + \frac{\nu}{2} \left( \gamma_+ \left[ \exp\left\{-\frac{F\phi}{RT}\right\} - 1 \right] + \gamma_- \left[ \exp\left\{\frac{F\phi}{RT}\right\} - 1 \right] \right)} \quad (4.2)$$

$$c_+ = \frac{c_b \exp\left(-\frac{F\phi}{RT}\right)}{1 + \frac{\nu}{2} \left( \gamma_+ \left[ \exp\left\{-\frac{F\phi}{RT}\right\} - 1 \right] + \gamma_- \left[ \exp\left\{\frac{F\phi}{RT}\right\} - 1 \right] \right)} \quad (4.3)$$

**Question:** How does the differential double-layer capacitance change with varying  $\gamma_+$  and  $\gamma_-$ ?