

# Ac-impedance - Electrochemical Impedance Spectroscopy (EIS) (II)

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# 1. Introduction

Systems

Characterization of systems = Equivalent Circuits

Parameters of systems = Electric parameters (R, C, L..)

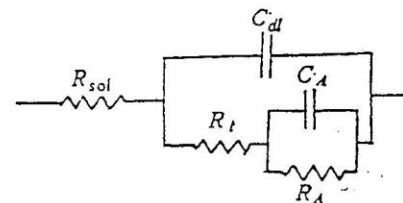
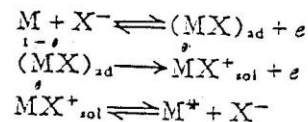
Mechanisms = Combination of Circuits

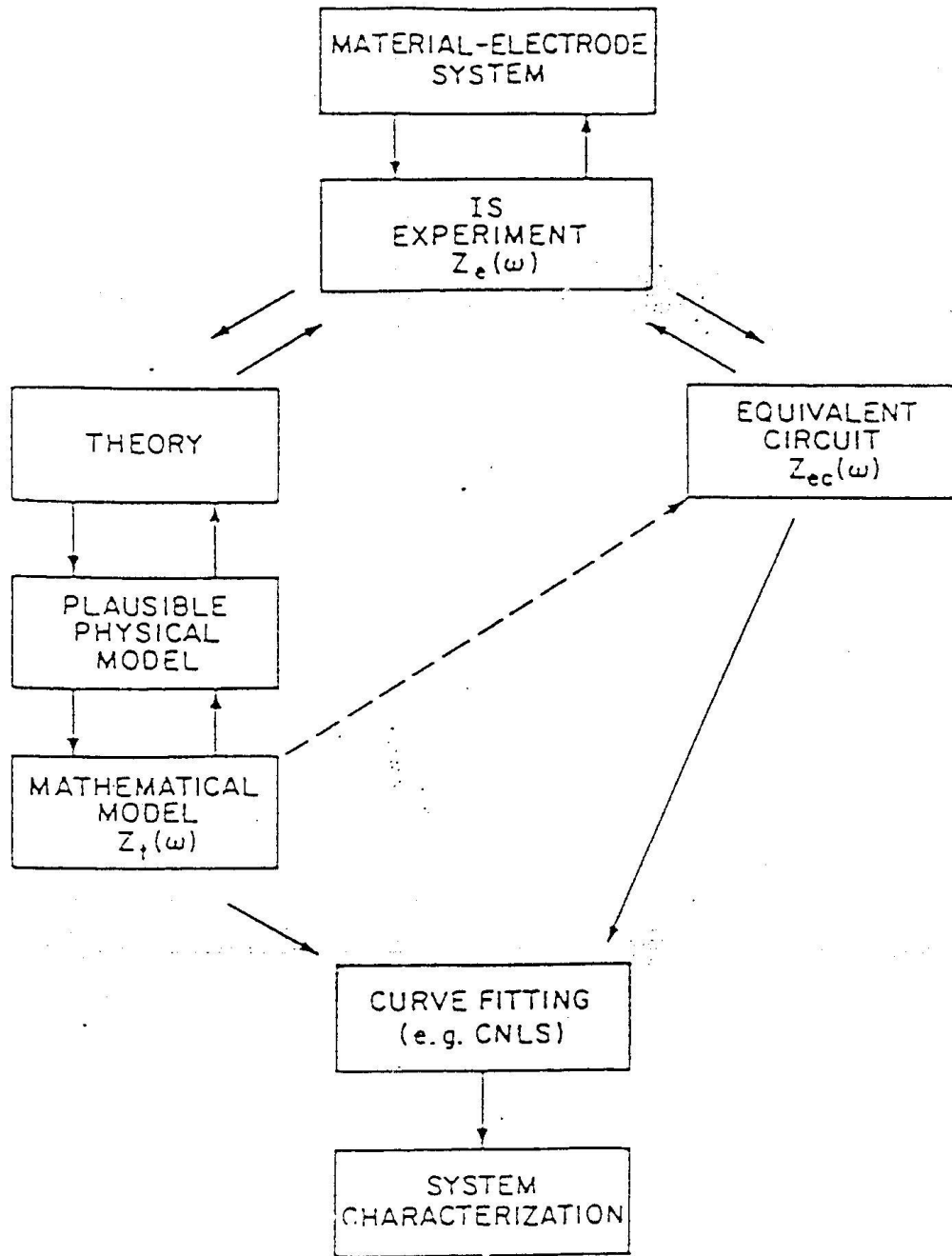
Ex. Electrochemical Systems

Kinetics of systems = Equivalent Circuits

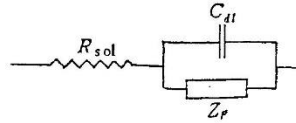
Kinetic parameters of systems = Electric parameters

Kinetic mechanisms = Combination of Circuits





## B. Kinetic Systems



$$I = f(E, C_{\alpha}, \theta_{\beta}) \quad (\alpha=1,2,\dots,n; \beta=1,2,\dots,m) \quad [31]$$

At steady state

$$dE/dt = 0; \quad dC_{\alpha}/dt = 0; \quad d\theta_{\beta}/dt = 0 \quad [32]$$

Perturbation of potential  $E \rightarrow E + \delta E$

$$\begin{aligned} \delta I = & (\partial f / \partial E)_{C_{\alpha}, \theta_{\beta}} \delta E + \sum_{\alpha=1}^n (\partial f / \partial C_{\alpha})_{E, C_{\alpha'} \neq C_{\alpha}, \theta_{\beta}} \delta C_{\alpha} \\ & + \sum_{\beta=1}^m (\partial f / \partial \theta_{\beta})_{E, C_{\alpha}, \theta_{\beta'} \neq \theta_{\beta}} \delta \theta_{\beta} \end{aligned} \quad [33]$$

$$\delta E = \Delta E e^{j\omega t} \quad [34]$$

Admittance

$$\begin{aligned} Y_F = & (\partial f / \partial E)_{C_{\alpha}, \theta_{\beta}} + \sum_{\alpha=1}^n (\partial f / \partial C_{\alpha})_{E, C_{\alpha'} \neq C_{\alpha}, \theta_{\beta}} \delta C_{\alpha} / \delta E \\ & + \sum_{\beta=1}^m (\partial f / \partial \theta_{\beta})_{E, C_{\alpha}, \theta_{\beta'} \neq \theta_{\beta}} \delta \theta_{\beta} / \delta E \end{aligned} \quad [35]$$

Case 1 :  $\delta C_a=0, \delta \theta_\beta=0$

$$Y_F = \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial E} \right)_{C_a, \theta_\beta} \quad [36]$$

Function

$$I = I_0 [e^{\alpha nF(E-E_e)/RT} - e^{-(1-\alpha)nF(E-E_e)/RT}] \quad [37]$$

If  $\alpha = 0.5$  and at equilibrium

$$Z_F = 1/Y_F = \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial E} \right)_{E_e} = RT/nFI_0 \quad [38]$$

If  $\alpha = 0.5$  and far away from the equilibrium

$$Z_F = 1/Y_F = \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial E} \right)_E = \beta_a/I \quad [39]$$

where

$$\beta_a = RT/\alpha nF \quad [40]$$

Case 2 : Diffusion resistance is not negligible.

Function :  $O + ne \rightarrow R$

$$I = - I_0 (C_s/C_b) \exp(-(E-E_e)/\beta_c) \quad [41]$$

$$\delta I = (\partial f/\partial E)_{C_s} \delta E + (\partial f/\partial C_s)_E \delta C_s \quad [42]$$

Fick's 2nd law

$$\partial(\delta C)/\partial t = D \partial^2(\delta C)/\partial x^2 \quad [43]$$

$$\partial(\delta C)/\partial t = j\omega \delta C \quad [44]$$

$$D \partial^2(\delta C)/\partial x^2 - j\omega \delta C = 0 \quad [45]$$

Solution :

$$\delta C = B \exp(-(j\omega/D)^{0.5}x) \quad [46]$$

where

$$B = \delta I / (nF(\omega D j)^{0.5}) \quad [47]$$

$$(\delta C)_{x=0} = \delta C_s = \delta I / (nF(\omega D j)^{0.5}) \quad [48]$$

$$\delta I = (|I_c| / \beta_c) \delta E - (|I_c| \delta I / C_s n F (\omega D j)^{0.5}) \quad [49]$$

$$Z_F = \delta E / \delta I = (\beta_c / |I_c|) (1 + |I_c| / C_s n F (\omega D j)^{0.5}) \quad [50]$$

where

$$j^{-0.5} = (1-j) / \sqrt{2} \quad [51]$$

Faradaic impedance

$$Z_F = R_t + (R_t |I_c| / (C_s n F (2 \omega D)^{0.5})) (1-j) \quad [52]$$

$$= R_t + R_w \quad [53]$$

where  $R_w$  is the Warburg impedance.

Surface concentration

$$C_s = (|I_c| - |I_c|) / I_c C_b \quad [54]$$

Impedance of whole system

$$Z = R_{sol} + R_t (1 + A/\sqrt{\omega} - j/\sqrt{\omega}) / (1 + j\omega C_{dl} R_t (1 + A/\sqrt{\omega} - j/\sqrt{\omega})) \quad [55]$$

where

$$A = |I_c| / (nFC_s \sqrt{2D}) \quad [56]$$

If  $\omega \gg A^2$

$$Z \cong R_{sol} + R_t / (1 + j\omega R_t C_{dl}) \quad [57]$$

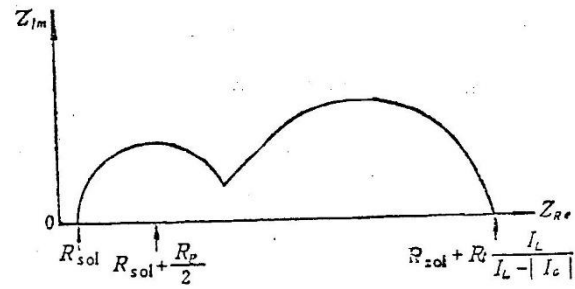
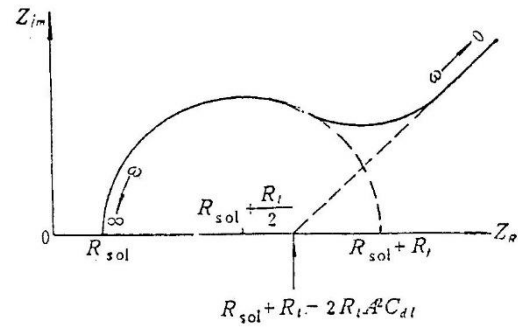
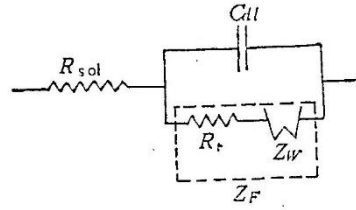
If  $\omega$  is very small

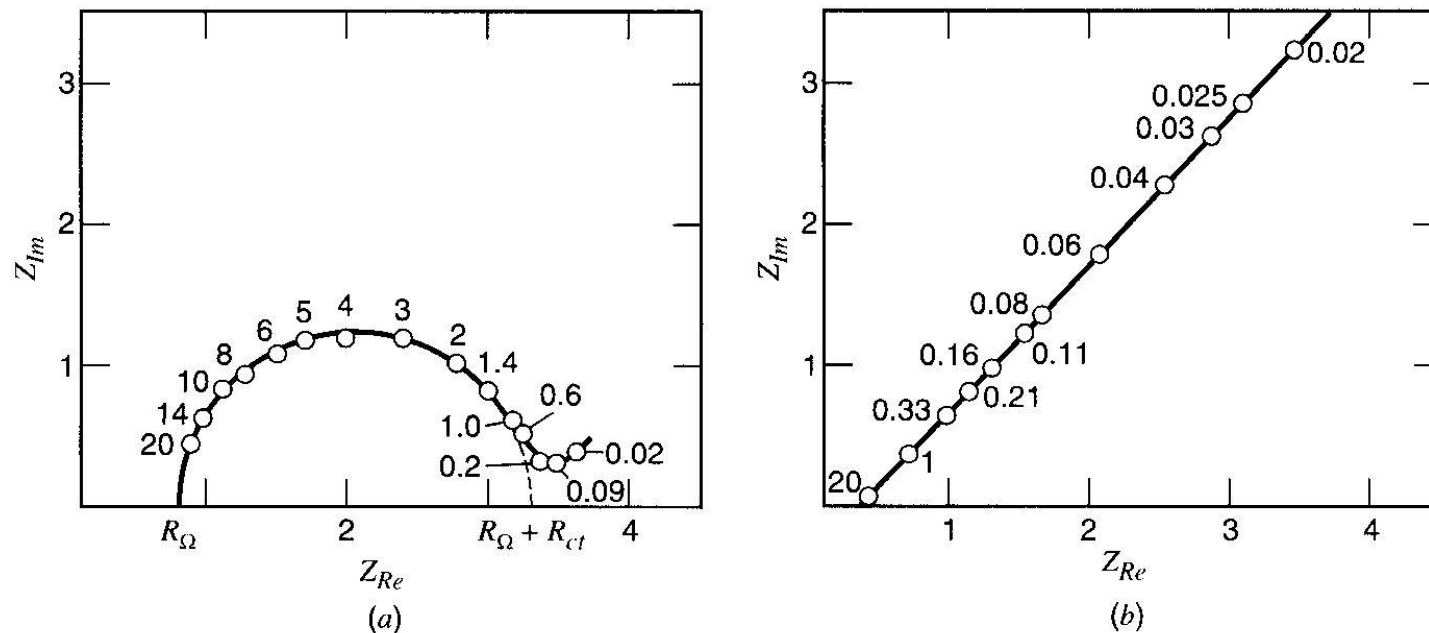
$$Z_{Re} \cong R_{sol} + R_t + R_t A / \sqrt{\omega} \quad [58]$$

$$Z_{Im} \cong 2R_t^2 A^2 C_{dl} + R_t A / \sqrt{\omega} \quad [59]$$

$$\cong Z_{Re} - R_{sol} - R_t + 2R_t^2 A^2 C_{dl} \quad [60]$$







**Figure 10.4.5** Impedance plane plots for actual chemical systems. Numbers by points are frequencies in kHz. (a) For the electrode reaction  $\text{Zn}^{2+} + 2e \rightleftharpoons \text{Zn(Hg)}$ .  $C_{\text{Zn}^{2+}}^* = C_{\text{Zn(Hg)}}^* = 8 \times 10^{-3} M$ . Electrolyte was  $1 M \text{NaClO}_4$  plus  $10^{-3} M \text{HClO}_4$ . (b) For the electrode reaction  $\text{Hg}_2^{2+} + 2e \rightleftharpoons \text{Hg}$  in  $1 M \text{HClO}_4$ .  $C_{\text{Hg}_2^{2+}} = 2 \times 10^{-3} M$ . [From J. H. Sluyters and J. J. C. Oomen, *Rec. Trav. Chim. Pays-Bas*, **79**, 1101 (1960), with permission.]

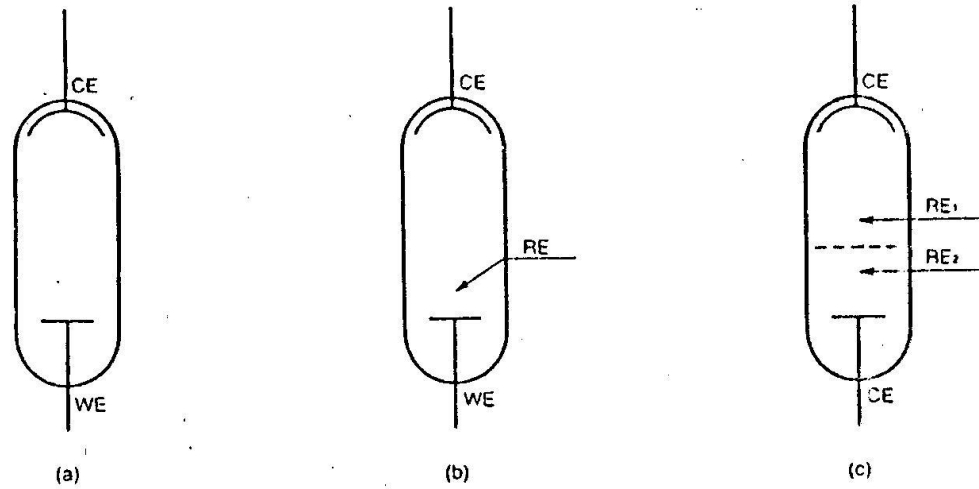
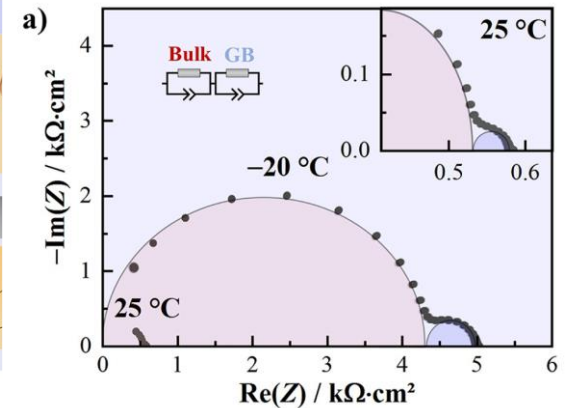
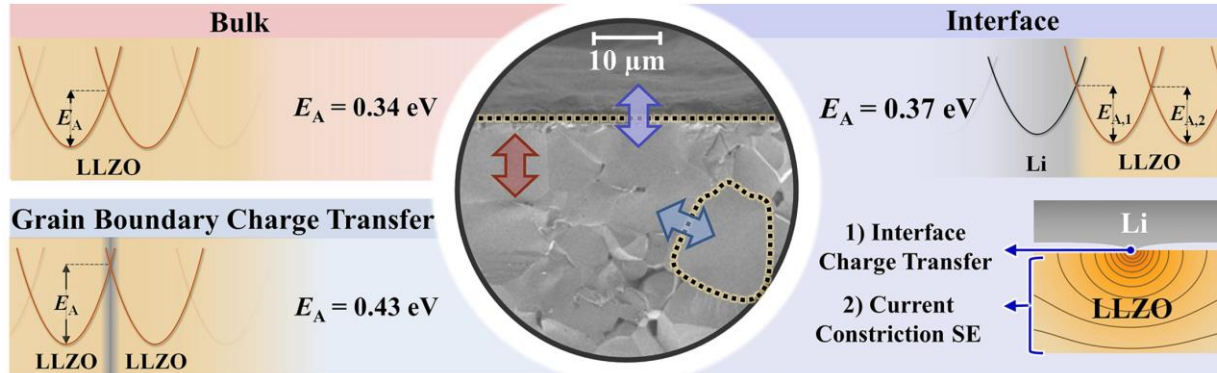
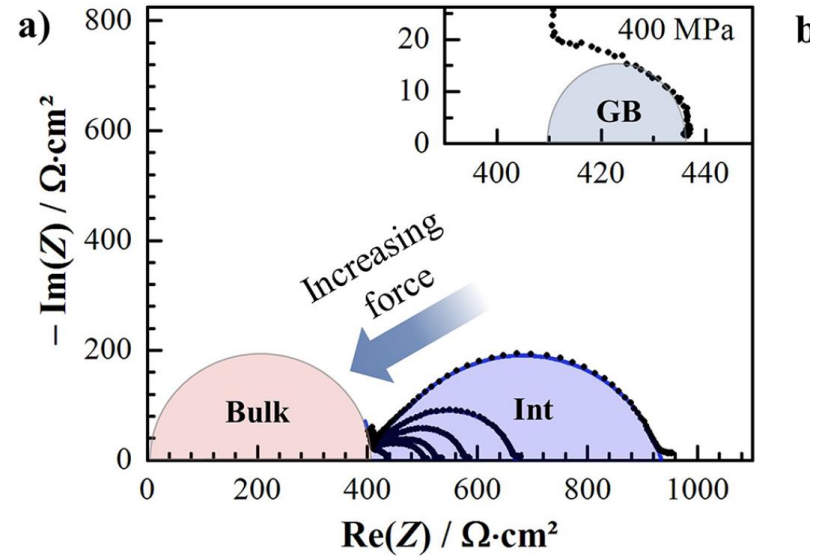
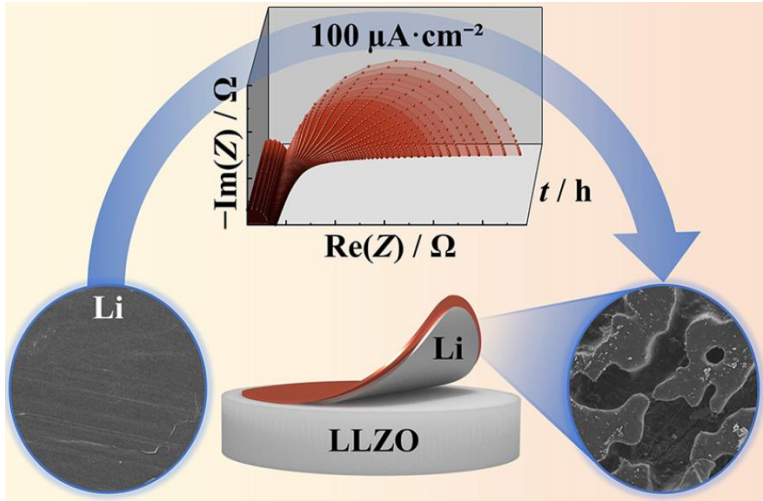
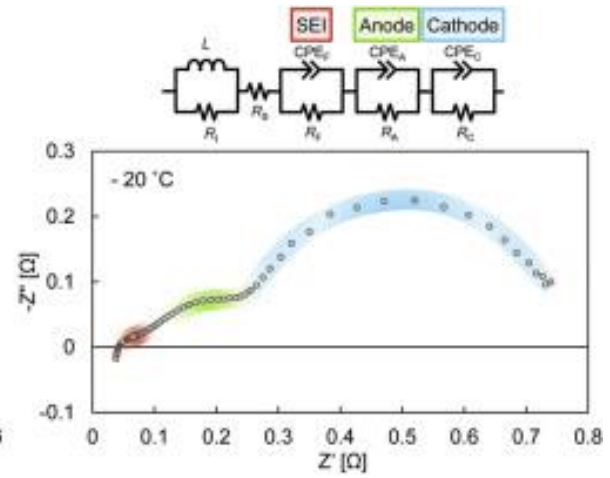
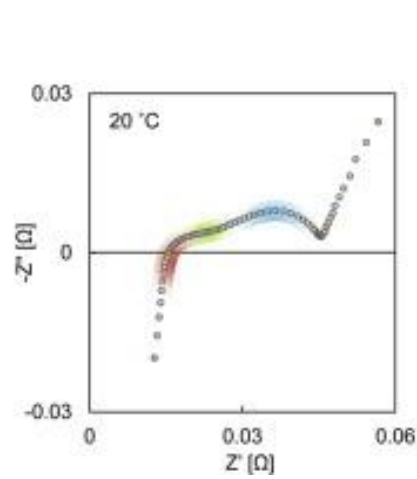
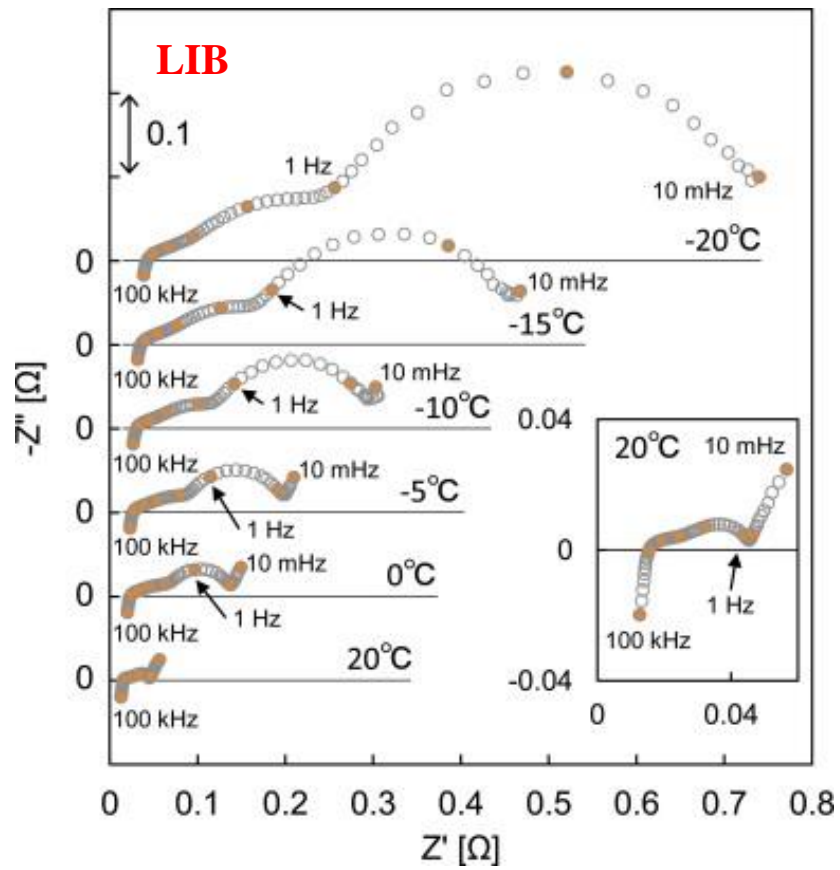


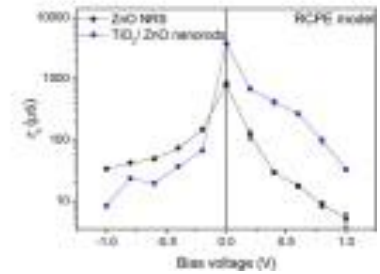
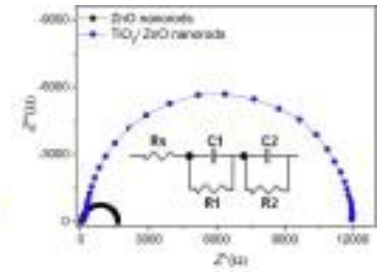
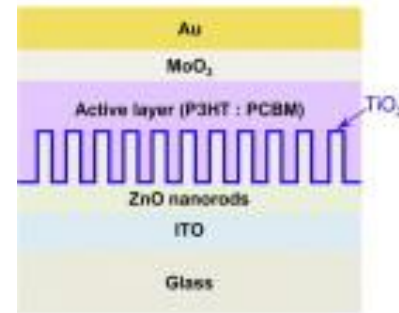
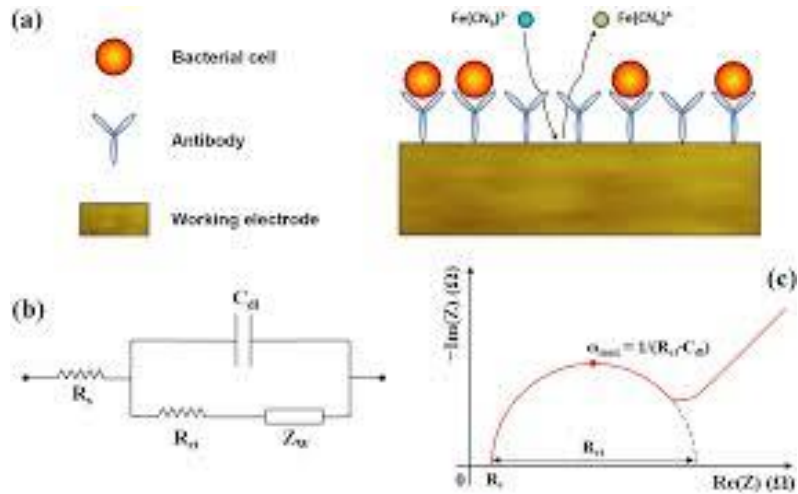
Fig 2.1 Scheme of experimental electrochemical cells:

- (a) 2 - electrode cell
- (b) 3 - electrode cell
- (c) 4 - electrode cell

*WE* Working electrode,  
*CE* Counter electrode  
*RE* Reference electrode







polymer solar cell