

## Survey of Materials

### Homework 3, due date is set in Canvas LMS

**Notes:** *In multiple choice problems explain your answer. Be concise: if your answer is correct but the explanations contain mistakes or irrelevant information the grade will be decreased. Add references if needed. Upload solution as a single file "YourName.pdf" or "YourName.zip".*

#### Batteries

1. List 3-5 most important material requirements for membrane in redox flow batteries.
2. Determine anode/cathode and calculate EMF of electrochemical cell composed of Pb and Zn electrodes. Write the electrochemical reaction.
3. Estimate the maximum specific capacity of  $\text{Li}_2\text{CoPO}_4\text{F}$  cathode.
4. Estimate the maximum specific energy of the battery based on  $\text{LiFePO}_4$  cathode and graphite anode (excluding battery case, electrolyte, current collectors etc.). Hint: electrode potential of  $\text{LiFePO}_4$  is 3.4 V, of graphite is 0.3 V with up to one Li per six carbon atoms insertable.
5. Why  $\text{LiCoO}_2$  is only half-charged in real batteries (up to  $\text{Li}_x\text{CoO}_2$  where  $x = 0.4 - 0.5$ )?
6. Calculate solvation free energy for Li and Rb cations in methanol (in kJ/mol).