

## \*Rules for Ox. No.\*

4. OX. NO. of OXYGEN in all cpd's = -2 EXCEPT in PEROXIDE where it is -1 and  $\text{OF}_2$  where it is +2.

5) In cpd's the sum of the ox. no's of all atoms is equal to zero.

eg  $\text{H}_2\text{O} = 2 \times (+1) + (-2) = 0$

6) In ions containing more than one element, the overall charge is equal to the sum of the ox. no's of the constituent elements.

eg  $\text{NH}_4^+ = -3 + 4(+1) = +1$      $\text{OH}^- = -2 + (+1) = -1$

### Examples

(1) Determine the oxidation no of Manganese in  $\text{MnO}_4^-$ .

(2) Determine the oxidation no of Iron in  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ .

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NB/ some elements have variable oxygen no's

i.e. species                      ox. No

$\text{NO}_3^-$                               +5

$\text{NO}_2$                                 +4

$\text{NO}$                                   +2

$\text{N}_2\text{O}$                                 +1

$\text{N}_2$                                     0

$\text{NH}_3, \text{NH}_4^+, \text{Mg}_3\text{N}_2$       -3

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Others redox rxn:  $\text{Mg} + 2\text{HCl} \rightarrow \text{Mg}^{2+}(\text{aq})$

$2\text{FeCl}_2(\text{aq}) + \text{Cl}_2(\text{g}) \rightarrow 2\text{FeCl}_3(\text{aq})$



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- The qnt. of electricity carried by one mole of electrons is a Constant called Faraday (F) & is equivalent to 96,500 Coulombs.  
 $1 \text{ mol} = 1F = 96500 \text{ C}$

### Example

- In an experiment to electrolyse  $\text{CuSO}_4$  soln. using copper electrodes 0.2 amperes were passed thro' the soln. for 1,930 sec. The mass of copper at the cathode increased from 6.35 to 6.478.

Find the charge on a copper ion. ( $1F = 96,500\text{C}$ ,  $\text{Cu} = 64$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \checkmark Q &= I \times t \\ &= 0.2 \times 1930 \\ &= 386 \text{ C} \end{aligned}$$

mass of copper deposited =  $6.478 - 6.350 = 0.128\text{g}$

0.128g of copper were deposited by 386 C

64g = ?

$$\checkmark = \left( \frac{64 \times 386}{0.128} \right) = 193,000 \text{ C}$$

$\checkmark 1F = 96500 \text{ C}$

$$? \leftarrow 193,000 \text{ C} \quad \checkmark = \frac{193,000}{96500} = 2F \quad \text{tiktok @masteryseries}$$

$1F = 1 \text{ mol of } e's$

NB/ (iii) Problem with this product

$\checkmark$  The number of  $e's$  required to deposited a g is equivalent to the charge on the ion.



obtained **purified**. It is evaporated to give **pellets**.

## Electrolysis

**NB/ (iii) Problem with this product**

- ✓ **Expensive** due to **high cost** of **mercury**.
- ✓ **Mercury** is **poisonous**.

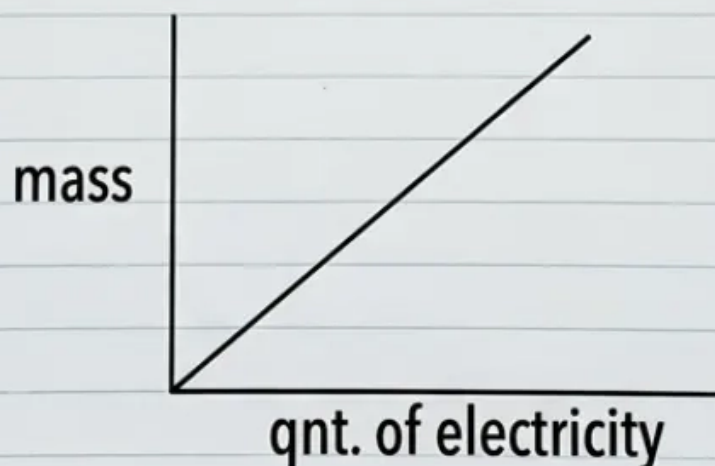
## Quantitative treatment of Electrolysis

• The **charge** on an ion depends on its **valency** (the number of electrons lost or gained).

\* (•) **The Faraday Constant:** The **qnt. of electricity** needed to produce **one mole** of atoms of any element is always **96,500 Coulombs**.

## Faradays law of Electrolysis

**Faradays law of Electrolysis:** The **mass** is **electricity** to produced(+) erncet of the **current** to the **time**, **charge** and it on the **charge** is a osais.



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qnt. of **electricity (Q)** is a coulomb second where **Ampere (I)**, or **seconds (t)**, in a statent oity **Coulombs (C) ⇒ Colcoulomb**

A **colcoulomb** is a qnt. of **electricity** passed when a **current (I)** of **1 ampere** flows for one **second**



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relationship of ... metal lose e's ... negativity ... much more negative change on the surface - vice-versa

NB/ The ease with which a metal lose e's depends on their position in the reactivity series.

- A metal which looses e's easily will acquire a much more negative change on the surface - vice-versa.

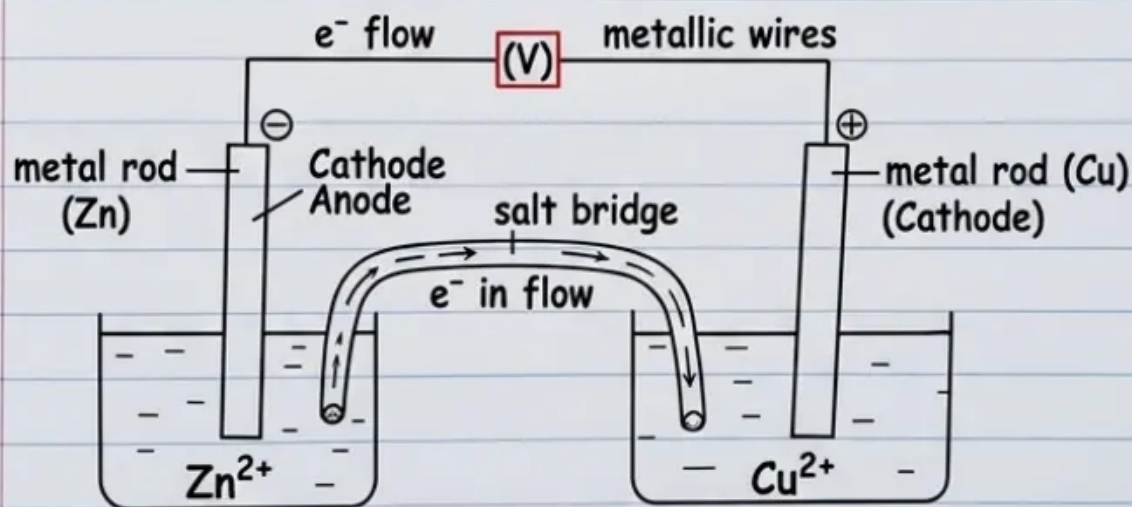
✓ It is not possible to measure the electrode potential of one electrode.

HOWEVER; We can measure the difference in potential of two electrodes.

Where:

The two electrodes are connected by metallic wires then - The solns are connected thro' a salt bridge.

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Electrochemical Cell

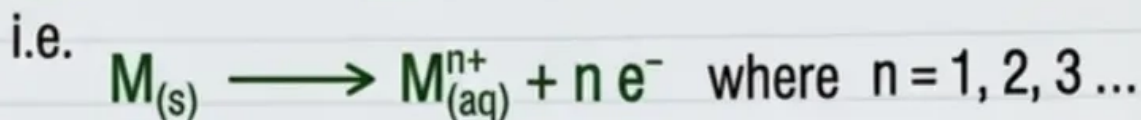
NB/ The salt bridge is in form of a filter paper soaked in a saturated soln of  $\text{KNO}_3$  or  $\text{NaNO}_3$ .

CAUTION:

The salts chosen for the salt bridge must not react with the salt soln in each half cell.

Imp - Electron will flow from the metal electrode higher conc. of electrons to the electrode with a lower conc. of e's.

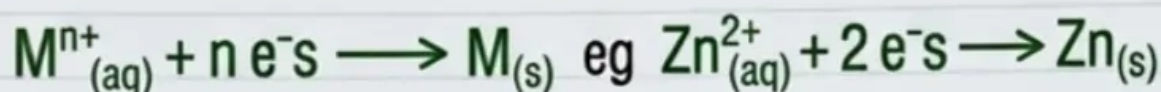




- The **lost** e-s remain on the metal surface, while the metal **develops** a **negative** charge.

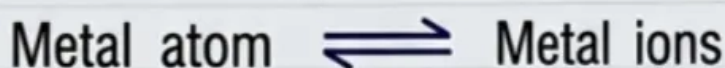
- The **negative** charges attracts the ions gains & accept e-s from the metal rod & form atoms once more.

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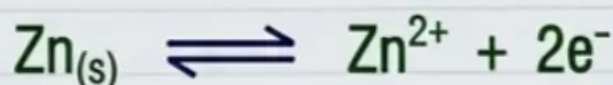


**NB/** The two rxns face place at the same time & rate  
i.e an **equilibrium** is established.

i.e.



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Now, A **potential difference** is always created/generated btwn the metal rod & the freely charged ions in the solu.

This normally occurs whenever there is a separation of +ve & -ve charges.

✓ The conc. of electrons on the metal rod is measured by a quantities called **electrode potential**.

✓ This kind of arrn shown by the figure above is called a **half cell**.

Representation:

**Metal / metal ion**

Where; The **vertical line** rep. change of ph

eg  $\text{Zn}_{(s)} / \text{Zn}^{2+}_{(aq)}$  (Zn half cell)



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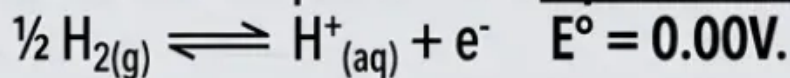
more +ve (has highest tendency)  
more -ve (has lowest tendency)  
to lose e<sup>-</sup>s

*\*strongest oxidizing agent\**  
*\*strongest reducing agent\**  
oxidation

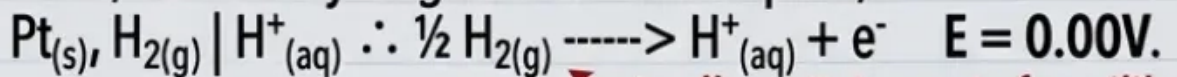
**Platinised - platinum** electrode is immersed in 1M H<sup>+</sup> ions solution.

**Function of platinised- platinum**

1. It provides a large S.A. for dissociation of hydrogen molecules to be adsorbed on the platinum at equilibrium.

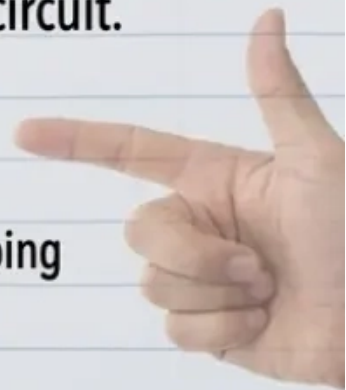
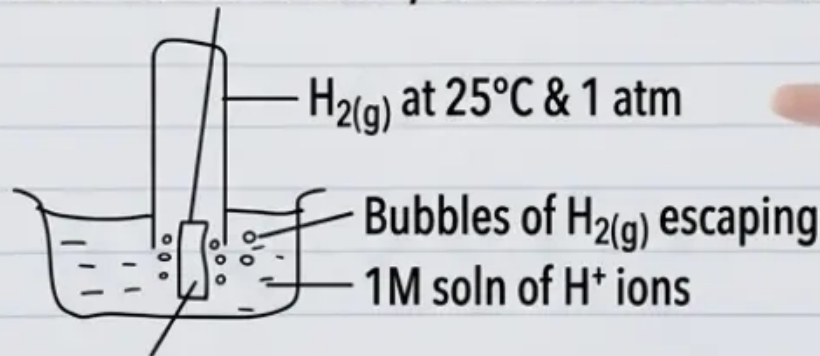


2. It is an inert electrode which provides a connection btwn H<sub>2(g)</sub> | H<sup>+</sup>.  
Theref; the std. hydrogen half cell is rep. as;



*to allow attainment of equilibrium*

3. Acts as an electrical conductor; to the external circuit.



**NB/** The std electrode potential of any element is taken as the difference btwn its potential & that of hydrogen.

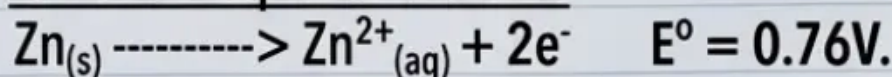
✓ IF the electrode has a **greater** tendency to loose e<sup>-</sup>s than hydrogen then the **electrode potential** of its half-cell is **negative** with respect to the hydrogen half cell.

Vice versa.

[\*]s the +ve eg copper.]

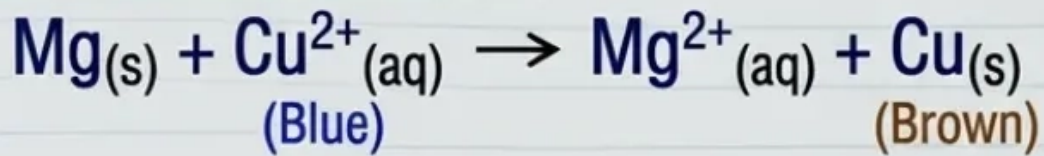
**eg Zinc**

Ionic half eqns for the rxns



## \*Redox Reactions & Displacement Series\* (continued)

### Combined half eqn



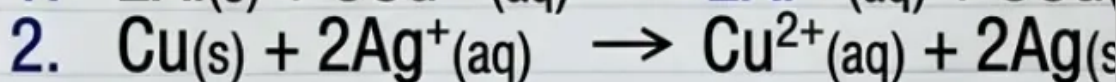
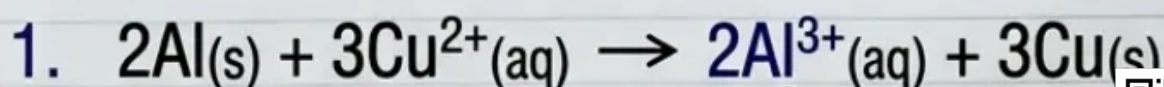
**NB/** The more reactive elements are **stronger reducing agents** since they **lose e's faster**, vice versa.

i.e. The **less reactive metal**, e.g. lead (Pb) & copper (Cu), **lose e's less readily** & are **weakly reducing agents**.

### Reactivity Series

Potassium	K	↓ Strongest reducing agent.  Decreasing reducing power ↓  Weakest reducing agent
Sodium	Na	
Calcium	Ca	
Magnesium	Mg	
Aluminium	Al	
Zinc	Zn	
Iron	Fe	
Lead	Pb	
Copper	Cu	
Silver	Ag	
Gold	Au	

### Other displacement rxns



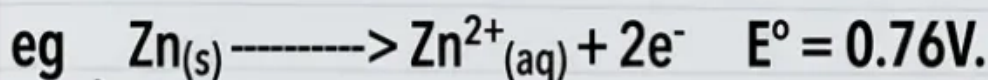
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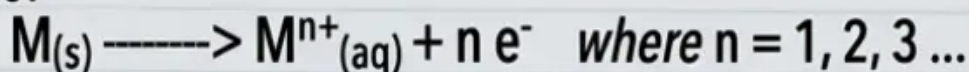
**NB:** Write the **ionic half equations** for each rxn

$[E^\circ +ve - E^\circ -ve]$

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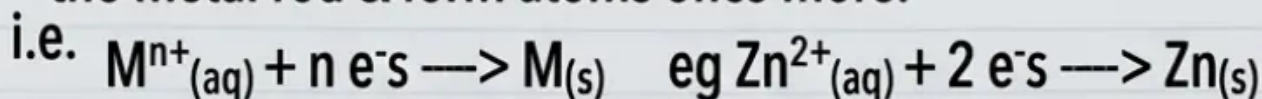
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$Cl_2O_7$

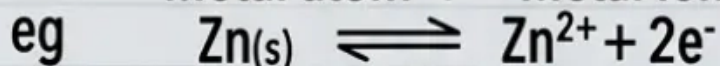
-under special conditions

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i.e. Metal atom  $\rightleftharpoons$  Metal ions



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**DIAG : KLB - assignment** (Zn half cell)

- ✓ use of std electrode potentials
  - ① To compare oxidizing & reducing powers of substances
  - ④ To determine emf of a cell
  - ③ To predict whether or not a rxn will take place or not

**EXAMPLE : KLB pg 114 - 115**

- ✓ uses of Electrochemical cells  
[Above] are used as a source of energy  
i.e a) Dry cell

- They are used in a variety of electrical appl radius, watches, clocks, electric bells etc.
- They are cheap & convenient to use bec<sub>3</sub> they contain



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## \*Redox Reactions & Displacement Series\* (continued)

### Displacement Rxns

Is a rxn in which a **more** reactive element takes over the place of a less reactive element (**metal**).

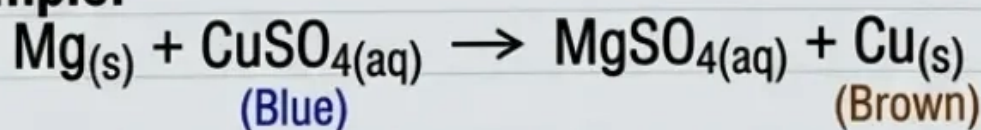
### Case: Rxns btwn. solid samples and aqueous solns.

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Metal	Soln of Metal Ion					
	Ca <sup>2+</sup>	Mg <sup>2+</sup>	Zn <sup>2+</sup>	Fe <sup>2+</sup>	Pb <sup>2+</sup>	Cu <sup>2+</sup>
Calcium	no rxn			no rxn	no rxn	
Magnesium	no rxn		✓ rxn		no rxn	
Zinc	no rxn	✓ rxn		✓ rxn		
Iron	no rxn			✓ rxn		
Lead	no rxn			no rxn	no rxn	
Copper	no rxn		no rxn		no rxn	

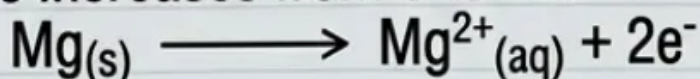
It is noted that metals **higher** in the reactivity series displace these metals **lower** in the reactivity series.

### Example:



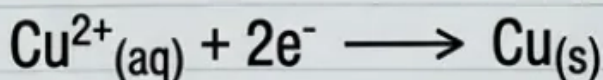
i.e.

✓ Magnesium loses 2e<sup>-</sup>s to copper ie it is oxidized & its ox. state increases from 0 to +2.



✓ Copper is then displaced by magnesium ions & the colour of soln. changes from blue to brown ie it is reduced to copper metal.

i.e.



\*CAUTION: Halogens are poisonous when inhaled and the reactions should be performed in fume cupboard or in open.

$\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_7$  -under special conditions

## Halogens Reactivity & Oxidizing Power


✓ The above rxns shows that **chlorine** has a **greater** tendency of accepting **e's** unlike bromine and iodine.

i.e.

$\text{Cl}_2 > \text{Br}_2 > \text{I}_2$  ; **Reactivity reduces down the group** in halogens.

In conclusion, the **greater** the tendency to accept **e's**, the **higher** is the **oxidizing power**. Therefore, **Chlorine** is the **strongest oxidizing agent**.

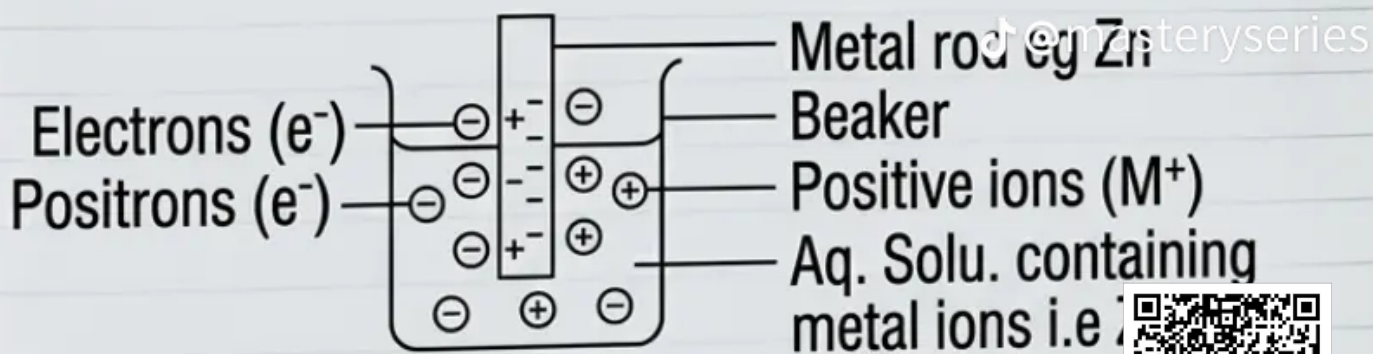
i.e.

<b>Cl</b>	(Chlorine)		<b>Decreasing oxidizing power</b>
<b>Br</b>	(Bromine)		
<b>I</b>	(Iodine)		

## ELECTROCHEMICAL CELL

In an electrochemical cell, chemical rxn generate electric current.

**The tendency of metal's to form ions**



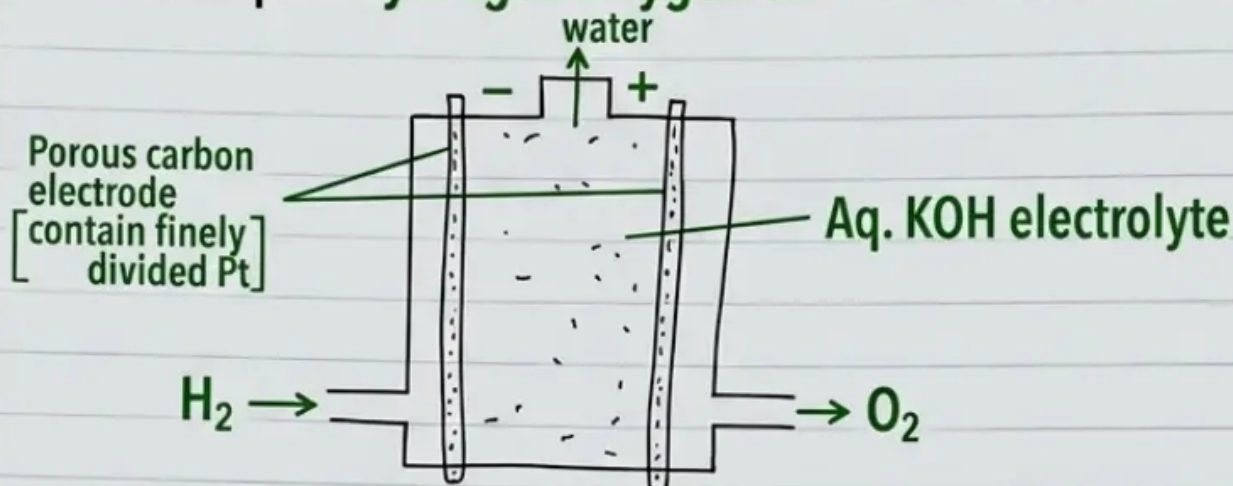
IF; a metal is dipped into an aq. soln. containing it tends to loose e's and forms an ion.



### (c) Fuel cell

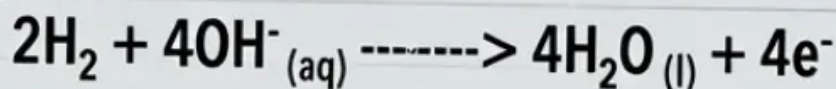
These are **electrochemical cells** which convert the chemical energy of a **fuel** directly to **electrical energy**.

Example: **Hydrogen Oxygen cell**



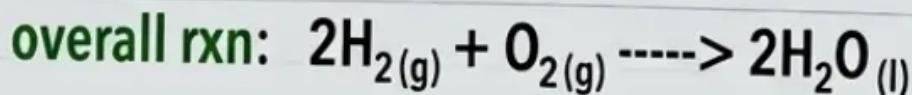
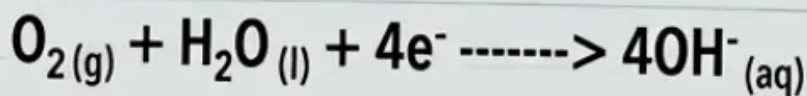
At the **-ve terminal**, hydrogen reacts with **OH<sup>-</sup>** ions to form water & **e<sup>-</sup>**s are **released**.

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At the **+ve terminal**, oxygen & water acquire **e<sup>-</sup>**s to form **OH<sup>-</sup>** ions

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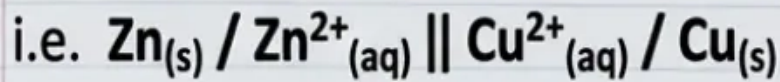


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The cell produces **electricity continuously** as long as hydrogen & oxygen are **fed** into it. However; it does not store energy unlike every cell unlike a **dry cell**.



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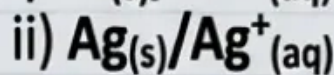
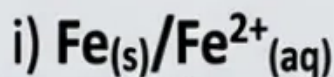
Where; / : rep. change of phase.

: || : rep the **salt bridge**

NB/ The **half cell** in which oxidation takes place is always on the **left hand** cell. [NB] **electron flow** from the L.H.S to the R.H.S

### Example

1. Write the cell rep developed when  $\text{Cu}_{(s)}/\text{Cu}^{2+}_{(aq)}$  is connected to:



2. Draw the electrochemical cells in 1 and show the **dir** of flow of e's.

**TABLE: KLB pg 108:** Electrode potentials obtained when  $\text{Cu}_{(s)}/\text{Cu}^{2+}_{(aq)}$  half cell is used as a **reference** half cell.

### Standard electrode potential

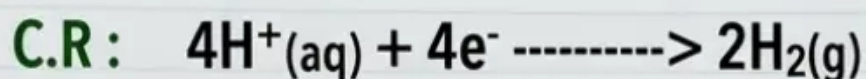
Hydrogen is chosen as the reference electrode in a standard series the **Standard hydrogen half cell**.

-\* Being the ref. electrode, it is assigned an **electrode potential** value of **0.00V**

### Std. conditions for measuring electrode potential

- ✓ Temp = **25°C**.
- ✓ ALL: soln hv a conc. of **1M**.
- ✓ pressure = **1 atm**.





NB/ The amt. of copper oxidized at the anode is equal to the amt. of copper deposited on the cathode if the conc. of copper (II) ions in the soln. remains the same.

## Factors affecting preferential discharge

### 1) Position in the electrochemical series

The cations high in the reactivity series req. more energy to be reduced. AND ; ANIONS high in the reactivity series req. more energy to be oxidized.

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### 2) Conc. of the electrolyte

A cation/anion high in concn is preferentially discharged if the ions are close in the electrochemical series.

✓ Nature of electrode used

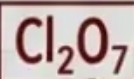
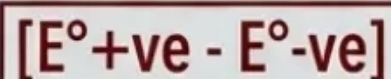
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## Applic of electrolysis



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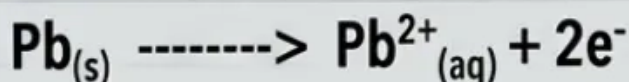


## B Accumulators

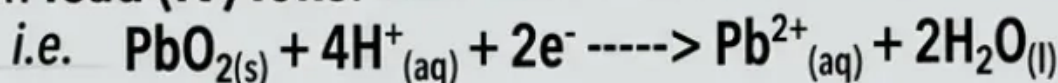
Lead acid accumulator contains a lead paste which is the negative terminal & the lead (IV) oxide plate which is the positive terminal.

✓ The electrodes are dipped in an aq. soln of sulphuric (VI) acid.

At the negative terminal lead atoms loose e-s to form lead (II) ions.  
i.e.



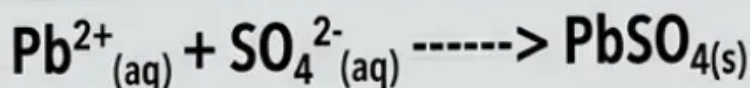
At the positive terminal;  $PbO_2$  reacts with  $H^+$  ions in  $H_2SO_4$  to form lead (IV) ions.



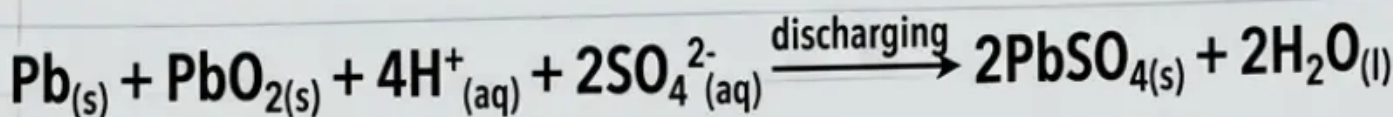
Then;

The  $Pb^{2+}$  ions formed reacts instantly with  $SO_4^{2-}$  ions to form lead sulphate.

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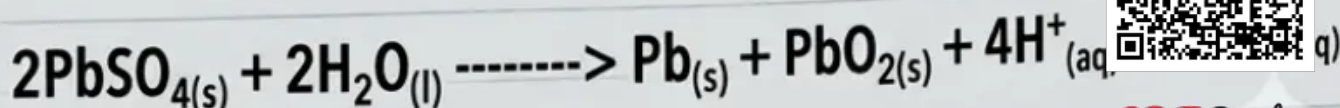


✓ Overall rxn:



During recharging, the reverse rxn occurs.

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The difference btwn the electrode potentials of the two electrodes is called electromotive force (emf) & is measured by a voltmeter.

### Func. of Salt Bridge

1. Complete the circuit by providing contact btwn the two electrolytes
2. Maintains **balance of charges** in the electrolytes by providing ions to replace those ions used up in the ions formed.

### The Zinc-Copper Electrochemical Cell

DIAG

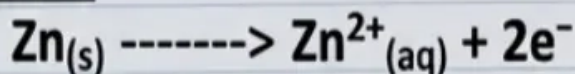
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What is observed when copper-copper ions half cell  $\text{Cu}_{(s)}/\text{Cu}^{2+}_{(aq)}$  ... is connected to Zinc-zinc ion half cell,  $\text{Zn}_{(s)}/\text{Zn}^{2+}_{(aq)}$ ?

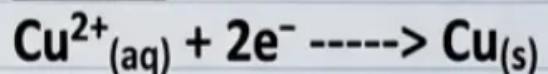
- ✓ The **zinc rod** wears out.
- ✓ The blue colour of  $\text{CuSO}_4$  on the Cu electrode fades away to form **brown deposits of copper**.
- ✓ A voltage of **1.10V** is registered by the **voltmeter**.

NB/ oxidation takes place at the anode while reduction occurs at the cathode.

Anode

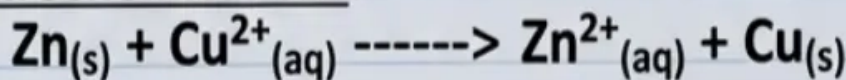


cathode



- ✓ From these rxns release of e's take place from the  $\text{Zn}_{(s)}/\text{Zn}^{2+}_{(aq)}$  half cell, while  $\text{Cu}_{(s)}/\text{Cu}^{2+}_{(aq)}$  half cell gain e's.

Overall electrochemical cell:



- ✓ The ionic eqn & the emf of an electrochemical cell rep by what is r.t.a a cell notation / cell diagram



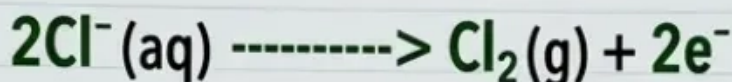
## Manufacture of NaOH & Cl<sub>2</sub> from Electrolysis of Conc. sodium chloride [Brine]

The method used to make chlorine & NaOH is by use of **Mercury cell** i.e flowing mercury cathode cell.

It consists of **conc. NaCl** as the electrolyte, **graphite or titanium rods** as the anode and **mercury** as the cathode since it is a good conductor of electricity.

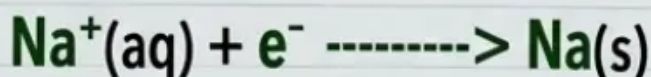
- ✓ When an electric current is allowed to pass thro' the electrolyte, **Cl<sup>-</sup> ions & OH<sup>-</sup>** move to the anode & **Cl<sup>-</sup> ions** are preferentially discharged due to high conc.

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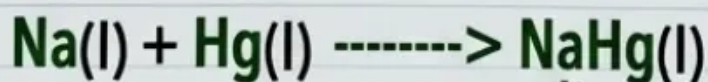
- ✓ Both **Na<sup>+</sup> & H<sup>+</sup>** move to the cathode; instead of **H<sup>+</sup>** being discharged, a **mercury cathode** allows preferential discharge of **Na<sup>+</sup> ions**.

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- ✓ The **Na** formed dissolves in mercury to form **sodium amalgam**.

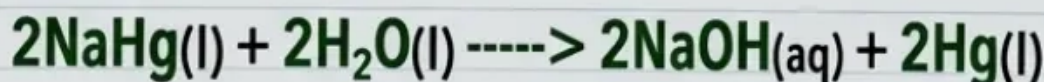
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- ✓ The **sodium amalgam** flows thro' a separate tank called **soda cell** that contains **distilled water**. Then the **sodium** in the amalgam reacts with water to form **NaOH & H<sub>2</sub> gas**.

- ✓ i.e



- ✓ The mercury is **recycled** [Thus cut cost & min. pollution] **H<sub>2</sub> gas** is pumped out thro' a pipe at the top of the tank. The **NaOH**



\*E. Chem: - is the branch of chemist that deal with the r/ship btwn electrical current & chemical rxns

## ELECTROCHEMISTRY

In form II we did electrolysis (effect of electric current on subst). This topic deals with how chemical rxns produces electrical energy & how electrical energy produces chemical rxns.

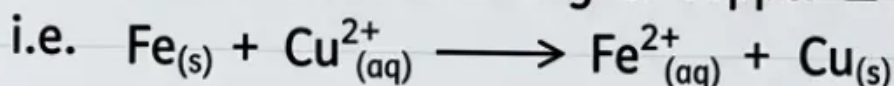
### Redox rxns

It is an abbreviation of reduction-oxidation rxn.

i.e. It involves both reduction & oxidation & involves electron gain & electron loss.

#### 4 Instance:

In a rxn of iron filing & Copper II sulphate soltn.



Observation:- A brown solid (copper) is formed.

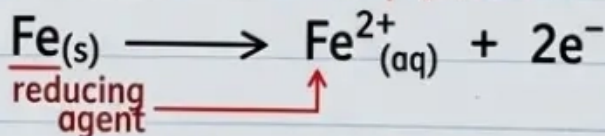
- A green ppt of iron II sulphate is formed.

#### ExplN:

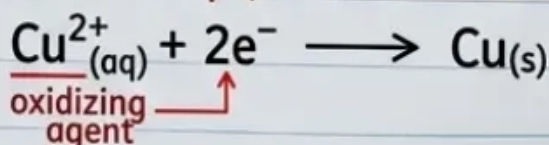
The rxn involves transfer of  $e^-$ s from iron to copper while iron itself loses  $e^-$ s to copper.

i.e.

Oxidation: Loss of  $e^-$ s or / (increase in oxidation number)



Reduction: Gain of  $e^-$ s or / (decrease in oxidation number)



NB / The species that gains an  $e^-$  is the oxidizing agent

#### Example

When sodium hydroxide (is added to) aq. ammonia solution is added to freshly prepared Iron II sulphate, a green ppt of Iron II hydroxide is formed.



# Displacement rxns in Halogens.

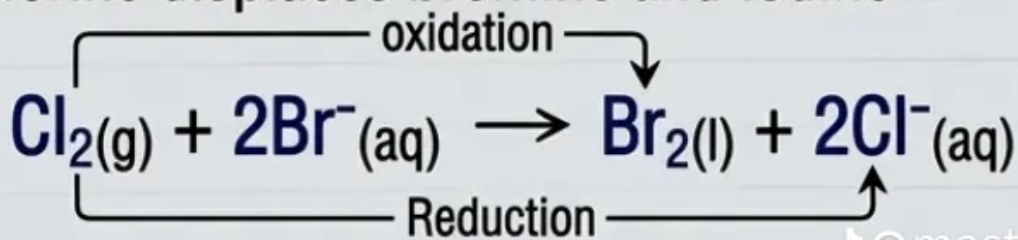
**Observation:** when halogens are added to solns containing halide ions.

	Halide Solns		
	KCl	KBr	KI
Cl <sub>2</sub> (g)		orange soln	Dark brown soln
Br <sub>2</sub> (l)	No visible Δ	No visible Δ	Dark brown soln
I <sub>2</sub> (s)	No visible Δ	No visible Δ	No visible Δ

**NB/** Halogens are poisonous. The rxns should be carried in a ~~fume~~ cupboard or in the open.

## EXPLN:

1. Chlorine is yellow in colour, bromine is Red-brown while Iodine is purple in colour.
2. Chlorine displaces bromine and Iodine



Oxidation step:  $2\text{Br}^-(\text{aq}) \longrightarrow \text{Br}_2(\text{l}) + 2\text{e}^-$

Reduction step:  $\text{Cl}_2(\text{g}) + 2\text{e}^- \longrightarrow 2\text{Cl}^-(\text{aq})$

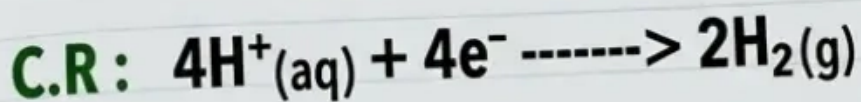
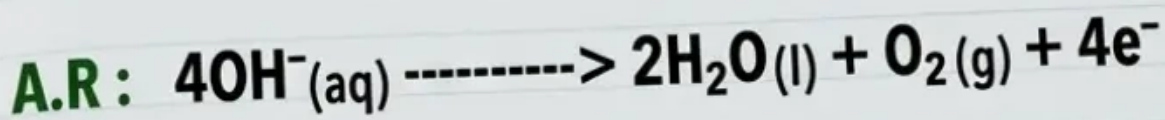
✓ Bromine has been oxidised since the Ox. no. increased from -1 to zero (0) while chlorine is reduced since it reduces from 0 to -1



Therefore: Chlorine is the oxidizing agent while bromine is the

### (iii) Hydrolysis of dil. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>

Ions present: **Anode:** OH<sup>-</sup>, SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>  
**Cathode:** H<sup>+</sup>



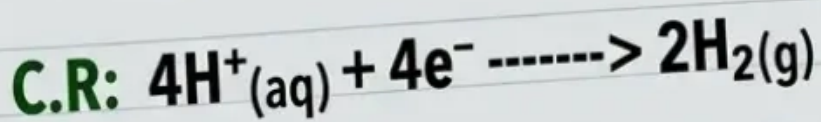
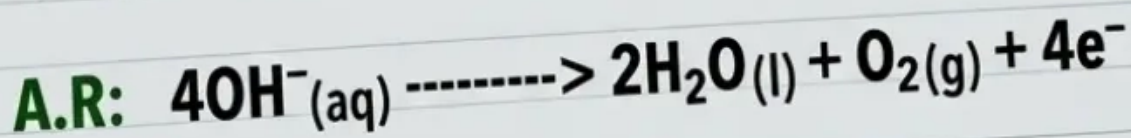
NB / For every **mole of oxygen** produced at the **anode**, **two moles of hydrogen** are formed at the **cathode**.

Hence;

The **vol. of H<sub>2</sub>** is **twice the vol. of oxygen**

### (v) Electrolysis of aq. MgSO<sub>4</sub>

Ions present: **Cathode:** Mg<sup>2+</sup>, H<sup>+</sup>  
**Anode:** OH<sup>-</sup>, SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>



(vi) Electrolysis of CuSO<sub>4</sub>(aq) diff. electrodes eg carbon, copper electrode

Ions present: **Anode:** SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>, OH<sup>-</sup>  
**Cathode:** Cu<sup>2+</sup>, H<sup>+</sup>



## REDOX REACTION OF HYDROGEN PEROXIDE

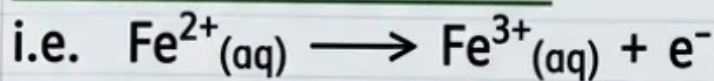
This is due to the presence of  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  ions.

HOWEVER, IF  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  is added to acidified Iron II sulphate, a red-brown ppt of Iron III hydroxide is formed.

Reason

Hydrogen peroxide oxidizes  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  ions to iron III  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  ions

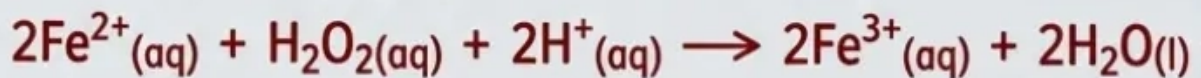
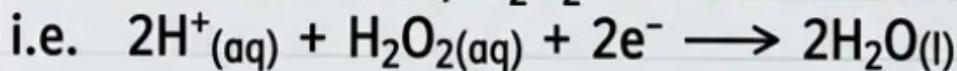
### Oxidation Half-Reaction



i.e. Oxidation no. has increased from +2 to +3 i.e. Inc. in oxidation number.

### Reduction Half-Reaction

On the other hand;  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  has been reduced to water.



### Oxidation Number

Is the apparent charge that an element has in a compound or on an ion.

Significance:

- To track movement of  $\text{e}^{-}$ s in redox reactions.
- To understand naming of inorganic compounds.

### Rules for Determining Oxidation Numbers

1. Oxidation no. of uncombined element = 0

e.g. in molecules of free atoms.

(number drops) ↓

2. The charge on an ion with one element is equal to the Ox. no. of that element.

oxidation no.  
(same value)

e.g.  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  : ox no. = +2

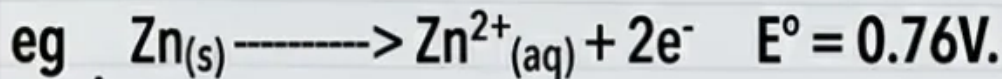
3. Ox. no. of hydrogen in ALL compounds = +1 [metal hydrides where it is -1.

e.g.  $\text{HCl} = +1$ .  $\text{NaH} = -1$



$[E^\circ +ve - E^\circ -ve]$

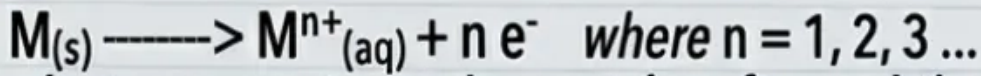
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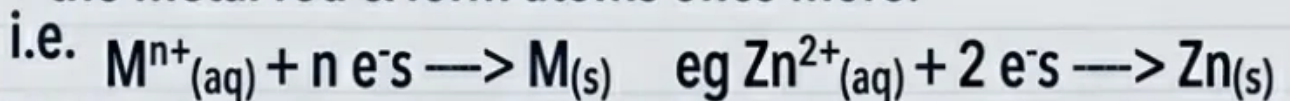
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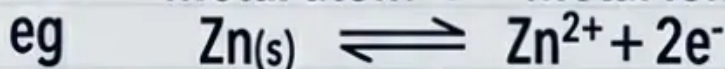


- The lost e-s remain on the metal surface, while the metal gets a -ve charge.
- The -ve charges attracts the ions gains & accept e-s from the metal rod & form atoms once more.



NB/ The two rxns face place at the same time & rate  
i.e an equilibrium is established.

i.e. Metal atom  $\rightleftharpoons$  Metal ions



Now, A potential difference is always created/generated btw the metal rod & the freely charged ions in the solu.  
This normally occurs whenever there is a separation of +ve & -ve charges.

- ✓ The conc. of e-s on the metal rod is measured by a qt. called electrode potential.
- ✓ This kind of arrn shown by the figure above is called a half cell.

Representation: Metal / metal ion

Where; The vertical line rep. change of phase

DIAG : KLB - assignment (Zn half cell)

✓ use of std electrode potentials

- ① To compare oxidizing & reducing powers of substances
- ④ To determine emf of a cell
- ③ To predict whether or not a rxn will take place or not

EXAMPLE : KLB pg 114 - 115

✓ uses of Electrochemical cells

[Above] are used as a source of energy

i.e a) Dry cell

- They are used in a variety of electrical appliances eg radio, watches, clocks, electric bells etc.
- They are cheap & convenient to use bec<sub>3</sub> they contain

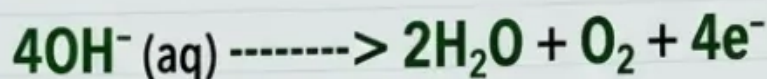


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### Using Carbon / platinum electrodes

- **A.R:**  $\text{OH}^-$  ions have a greater tendency to lose e<sup>-</sup> unless  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$  & hence is **preferentially discharged**.

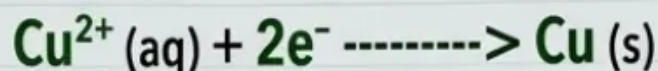
i.e



- **C.R:**

**copper** has a greater tendency to gain e<sup>-</sup> than **Hydrogen** & hence is **preferentially discharged**. The atoms are deposited on the cathode as **red-brown coating**.

i.e



### Observations

- ✓ The **conc. of  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$**  dec. & the **blue colour fades** & finally becomes **colourless**.
- ✓  **$\text{H}^+$  ions** accumulate & hence the soln. becomes **acidic**.

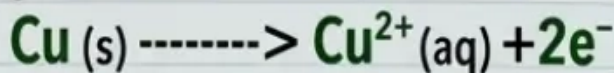
### Using copper electrodes

Observation: ✓ Mass of the **anode decreases** while that of the **cathode increases**.

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**$\text{OH}^-$  &  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$  ions** move to the **anode** but none of them is discharged; instead the **copper anode is gradually oxidized** & goes into soln.

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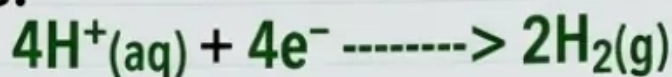
Reason: copper atoms have a less std. reduction potential than  $\text{OH}^-$  &  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$  hence they are **readily oxidized**.



This explains why the **loss of the anode** is readily **oxidized**.

discharged since it is lower in the electrochemical series than  $\text{Na}^+$  (i.e. low emf) i.e.  $\text{H}^+$  has a less -ve std. reduction potential [more readily reduced]

i.e.



Therefore, electrolysis of dil. NaCl involves oxygen gas at the anode & hydrogen gas at the cathode. It is essentially electrolysis of water.

### (ii) Electrolysis of brine (conc. NaOH)

; Anode :  $\text{OH}^-$ ,  $\text{Cl}^-$



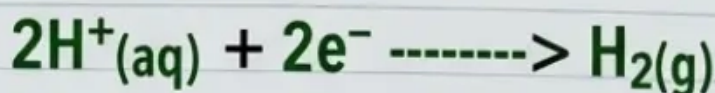
preferent  
chloride ions are preferent  
discharged since it has a  
higher conc.

C.R:

Ions present :  $\text{Na}^+$ ,  $\text{H}^+$

$\text{H}^+$  ions are preferentially discharged due to their low emf of 0.000V i.e have a higher tendency to gain e's

i.e



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NB/ 1. The e's released at the anode are the same ones accepted at the cathode.

2. This process is used in the production of Na



# Electrolysis

This is the process in which electrical energy is used to cause non-spontaneous chemical rxns to occur.

- In **electrolysis**, the **electrolyte** undergoes chemical decomposition.
- In **electrolysis of aqueous solns**, there are more than two ions since water also ionises unlike **molten electrolytes**.
- For example: In **electrolysis of aqueous  $MgCl_2$** , there are 2 diff **cations** & 2 diff **anions**

*i.e.*             $Mg^{2+}$  &  $H^+$ ,  $Cl^-$ ,  $OH^-$   
                  [Cations]            [Anions]

## Preferential discharge of ions dur. electrolysis

### ① Electrolysis of dil. NaCl

Ions present:

$Na^+$ ,  $Cl^-$  : From NaCl

$H^+$ ,  $OH^-$  : From water

*IF*; an electrical current is passed thro' it,  **$OH^-$  ion &  $Cl^-$  ions** migrate to the anode(+) since they are -vely charged.  
(vice versa)

**$OH^-$  ions** is preferentially discharged than chlorine ions since it's **lower** than  **$Cl^-$**  in the **electrochemical series**.  
(Higher tendency to loose  $e^-$ s)  $\Rightarrow$   $OH^-$  ions are more readily oxidised

**A R:**  $4OH^-(aq) \rightarrow 2H_2O(l) + O_2(g) + 4e^-$

✓ At the **cathode**,  **$Na^+$  &  $H^+$**  are present &  **$H^+$**  are preferentially

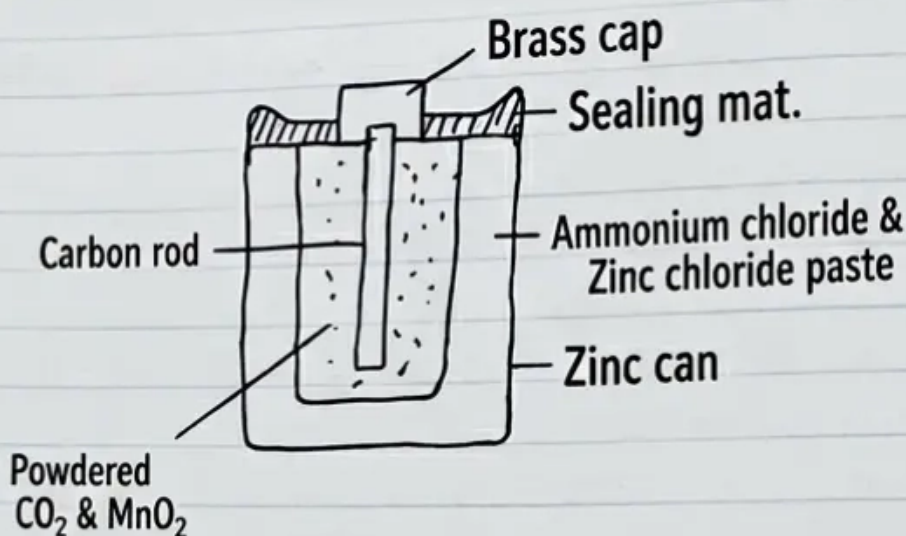


$[E^{\circ} +ve - E^{\circ} -ve]$

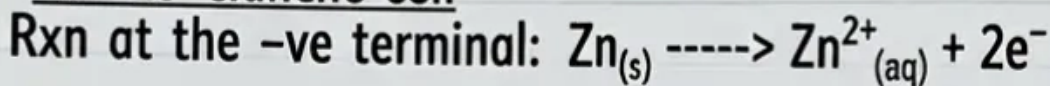
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- \* The electrolyte is paste form rather than liquid.
- \* Therefore, it cannot spill or leak.

$Cl_2O_7$



### The Le-clanche cell



At the positive terminal, ammonia ions are converted to ammonia & hydrogen.

i.e.



- ✓ These gases do not escape but are immediately used in other rxns.
- ✓ Manganese (IV) oxide oxidizes hydrogen to water, while ammonia forms a complex ion with zinc chloride paste.
- ✓ NB/ Any  $NH_4Cl$  paste does not conduct electricity: they are recommended.
- ✓ A dry cell is an example of a 1<sup>o</sup> cell; since the are used up & thereg the cell is discarded.  
- others, can be reused after recharge. - They are cont

