

# ELECTROCHEMISTRY

## Electrochemical/Galvanic/ Voltaic Cell

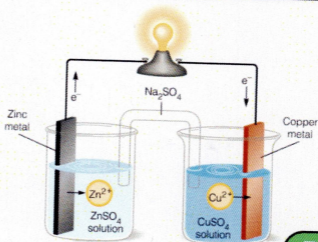
- Spontaneous Reaction  $\rightarrow$  Electrical Energy
- $\Delta G < 0$  (meaning Spontaneous Redox Reaction)
- Anode (-) : Oxidation ; Cathode (+) : Reduction

## Electrolytic cell

- Electrical Energy used for non-Spontaneous Reaction
- $\Delta G > 0$  (meaning non Spontaneous Reaction)
- Anode (+) : Oxidation ; Cathode (-) : Reduction

## Electrochemical/Galvanic/ Voltaic Cell

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## Important Points : Daniel Cell (Galvanic)

- **Anode** :  $\text{Zn(s)} \rightarrow \text{Zn}^{2+}(\text{aq}) + 2\text{e}^{-}$
- **Cathode** :  $\text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{aq}) + 2\text{e}^{-} \rightarrow \text{Cu(s)}$
- **Overall Reaction** :  $\text{Zn(s)} + \text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{aq}) \rightarrow \text{Cu(s)} + \text{Zn}^{2+}(\text{aq})$
- **Representation** :  $\text{Zn} \mid \text{Zn}^{2+}(\text{aq}) \parallel \text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{aq}) \mid \text{Cu}$ .
- Here  $\parallel$  represents salt Bridge which completes circuit.
- The concentration of Zinc Sulphate increases while the concentration of Copper Sulphate decreases.
- The zinc rod loses mass while copper gains it.
- In both the compartments, the solutions remain electrically neutral. Net cell Potential,  $E^{\circ}_{\text{cell}} = 1.1 \text{ eV}$

Remember

**LOAN**

Left side      Oxidation Anode      Negative Potential

## Salt Bridge

- **U-Tube** containing solutions of inert electrolytes.
- $\text{KCl}$ ,  $\text{KNO}_3$ ,  $\text{K}_2\text{SO}_4$  or  $\text{NH}_4\text{NO}_3$ .
- $\text{KCl}$  is not used in electrodes of  $\text{Ag}$ ,  $\text{Pb}$ ,  $\text{Hg}$ .
- Inner circuit completed by flow of ions through S.B.
- Maintains Electrical neutrality.
- Prevents Liquid-Liquid Junction potential.
- Ionic mobility (Cation) = Ionic Mobility (Anion)

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## Standard Electrode Potential ( $E^\circ$ )

- Potential difference between electrode and solution at standard conditions of 1M at 25°C and 1 atm
  - Oxidation Potential :  $E^\circ_{\text{Zn}^{2+}/\text{Zn}}$
  - Reduction Potential :  $E^\circ_{\text{Zn}/\text{Zn}^{2+}}$
- These have equal and opposite values

## Standard Reduction Potential ( $E^\circ_{\text{red}}$ )

- Mostly used in questions (values provided)
- Representation :**  $E^\circ_{\text{M}^{n+}/\text{M}}$
- For **Hydrogen**, SRP is taken as  $E^\circ_{\text{H}_2/\text{H}^+} = 0$

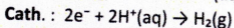
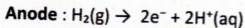
## EMF of a cell

- Potential difference between two electrodes
- EMF = Red. Pot. where - Red. Pot. where  
reduction occurs      Oxidation occurs
- NOTE :** Use only Reduction potential to not get confused

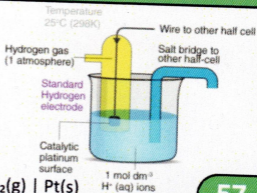
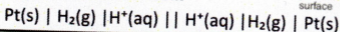
$$E^\circ_{\text{cell}} = E^\circ_{\text{cathode}} - E^\circ_{\text{anode}}$$

## Standard Hydrogen Electrode

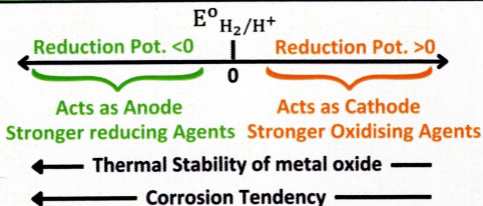
Reference electrode used to find electrode potential of other electrodes.



**Representation of cell:**



## Electrochemical Series



**Li > K > Ca > Na > Mg > Al > Zn > Fe > Ni > Sn > Pb > H=0 >**

**Important Metal series Trick**

**Cu > Hg > Ag > Au > Pt**

- **Lion Kings Can Not Make A Zebra Fed Near Sun Pablo**
- **Cute Mercury Silver Gold Platinum**

### Other Points about Electrochemical Series

- **Lithium** has most negative Reduction potential.  
Strongest reducing Agent
- **Fluorine** has most Positive Reduction potential.  
Strongest Oxidising Agent
- Reactivity Decreases on Going from Li to F.
- If we go from Li to F,
  - The Metal lying above in E.C.S displaces the other metal lying below
  - The non metal lying below in E.C.S. displaces the other metal lying above.

## Nernst Equation

- Half Cell Nernst Equation :  $M^{n+} + ne^- \rightarrow M$

$$E = E^{\circ}_{\text{cell}} - \frac{0.059}{n} \log \frac{1}{[M^{n+}]} \quad \text{at } 298\text{K}$$

- Half Cell Nernst Equation :  $B^{n+} + A \rightarrow A^{n+} + B$

$$E = E^{\circ}_{\text{cell}} - \frac{0.059}{n} \log \frac{[A^{n+}]}{[B^{n+}]} \quad \text{at } 298\text{K}$$

- At Any other Temperature

$$E = E^{\circ}_{\text{cell}} - \frac{RT}{nF} \ln \frac{[A^{n+}]}{[B^{n+}]}$$

## Relation between $\Delta G$ and EMF of cell

- $\Delta G$  is an extensive (Additive) Property,  $E^{\circ}$  is an intensive (non Additive) Property.

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta G &= -nRT \ln K_c \\ &= -nFE^{\circ}_{\text{cell}} \end{aligned}$$

- If two half cells Having Potentials  $E_1^{\circ}$  &  $E_2^{\circ}$  are combined to give third half cell with  $E_3^{\circ}$ . Then,

$$E_3^{\circ} = \frac{n_1 E_1^{\circ} + n_2 E_2^{\circ}}{n_3} \quad \text{Where, } n = \text{Number of electrons involved}$$

## Other Formulas

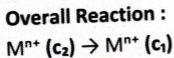
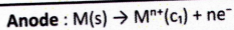
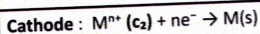
Temp. Coeff	Enthalpy Change of rxn	Entropy change
$\left(\frac{\partial E}{\partial T}\right)_P$	$= -nFE + nFT \left(\frac{\partial E}{\partial T}\right)_P$	$nF \left(\frac{\partial E}{\partial T}\right)_P$



## Concentration Cells, Here ( $E^\circ=0$ )

### Electrolytic Concentration Cells

Same Substance used with different concentration



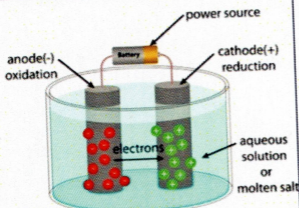
$$E = \frac{0.059}{n} \log \frac{c_2}{c_1}$$

### Electrode Concentration Cells

E.g. Two hydrogen electrodes at different pressure dipped in same solution of  $H^+$  ion

$$E = \frac{0.059}{n} \log \frac{p_2}{p_1}$$

### Electrolytic Cell



- Cells which bring Chemical Change during passage of electric current.
- Cations go to Cathode
- Anions go to Anode

According to Preferential Discharge Theory,

- In case of Cations, **Higher  $E^\circ$  (red), Migration faster.**
- In case of Anions,  $SO_4^{2-} < NO_3^- < Cl^- < Br^- < I^- < OH^-$



## Product of Electrolysis

Ionic Comp.	Cathode	Anode	Electrode
$\text{CuSO}_4$	Cu	$\text{O}_2$	Pt/graphite
$\text{CuSO}_4$	Cu	Cu	Cu Electrode
$\text{AgNO}_3$	Ag	$\text{O}_2$	Pt/graphite
$\text{NaCl}$	$\text{H}_2$	$\text{Cl}_2$	Pt/graphite
Conc. $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$	$2\text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{H}_2$	$2\text{SO}_4^{2-} \rightarrow \text{S}_2\text{O}_8^{2-} + 2\text{e}^-$	Pt/graphite
$\text{AgNO}_3$	$\text{Ag}^+ + \text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Ag}$	$\text{Ag} \rightarrow \text{Ag}^+ + \text{e}^-$	Ag (inert)

## Faraday's Law of Electrolysis

### 1st Law of Faraday

Weight of Metal deposited  $\propto$  Quantity of charge passed

$$W \propto Q$$

$$W = ZQ$$

$$W = Z \times i \times T$$

$Z$  = Electrochemical Equivalent;  $i$ =current ;  $t$  = time

Other important formula  
from exam P.O.V.

$$W = \frac{\text{eq. weight}}{96500} \times Q$$

### 2nd Law of Faraday

Passage of the same charge through  
diff. electrolytes brings in equal  
equivalents of ion to be ox. or red.

$$\frac{W_A}{E_A} = \frac{W_B}{E_B} = \frac{W_C}{E_C}$$



## Formulas for Conductance

<b>Resistance</b> $V = \text{Voltage}, I = \text{Current}$	$R = \frac{V}{I}$	Ohm
<b>Resistivity</b> $A = \text{area of Cross sec}$ $l = \text{dist. b/w electrodes}$	$\rho = \frac{RA}{l}$	Ohm-m
<b>Conductance</b>	$G = \frac{1}{R}$	ohm <sup>-1</sup> Siemen (S)
<b>Conductivity</b>	$k = \frac{l}{RA}$	ohm <sup>-1</sup> m <sup>-1</sup> S m <sup>-1</sup>
<b>Cell Constant</b>	$\text{c. c.} = \frac{l}{A} = k \times R = \frac{k}{G}$	

## Types of Conductivities

<b>Molar Conductivity</b>	$\Lambda_m = \frac{k \times 1000}{C}$	S cm <sup>2</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup>
<b>Molar Conductivity</b>	$\Lambda_{eq} = \frac{k \times 1000}{N}$	S cm <sup>2</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup>
<b>Relationship</b>	$\Lambda_m = \Lambda_{eq} \times \text{n. f.}$	n-factor is total +ve or -ve charge

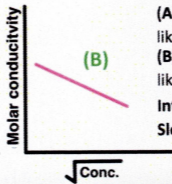
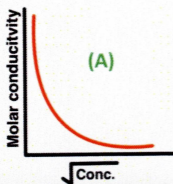


## Debye huckel Molar Conductivity

Relation between Molar conductivity and concentration

$$\Lambda_m = \Lambda_m^0 - A\sqrt{c}$$

A depends on electrolyte nature



(A) Weak electrolyte  
like  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$

(B) Strong electrolyte  
like KCl

Intercept :  $\Lambda_m^0$

Slope :  $-A$

## Kohlrausch's law

If the limiting molar conductivity of the cations is denoted by  $\lambda_+^0$  and that of the anions by  $\lambda_-^0$  then the limiting molar conductivity of electrolyte is:

$$\Lambda_m^0 = v_+ \lambda_+^0 + v_- \lambda_-^0 \quad v = \text{no. of ions present}$$

eg.  $\text{BaCl}_2$        $\Lambda_{m(\text{BaCl}_2)}^0 = \lambda_{\text{Ba}^{2+}}^0 + 2 \times \lambda_{\text{Cl}^-}^0$

**Application to calculate D.O.D of weak Electrolytes using conductivity**

$$\alpha = \frac{\Lambda_m}{\Lambda_m^0}$$

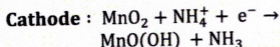
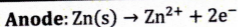
$$K_a = \frac{C\alpha^2}{(1-\alpha)} = \frac{C\Lambda_m^2}{\Lambda_m^0 (\Lambda_m^0 - \Lambda_m)}$$

**Equilibrium constant**



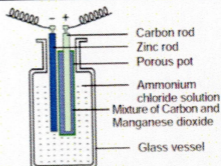
## Batteries

### Primary : Leclanche cell

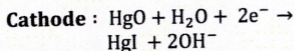
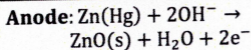


$\text{NH}_3$  forms a complex with  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$

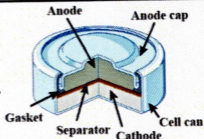
Cell Potential Energy = 1.5 V



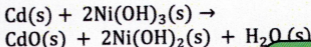
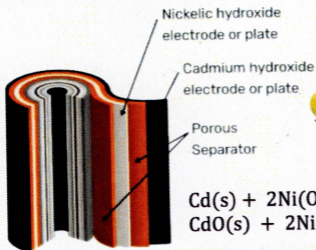
### Primary : Mercury cell



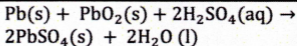
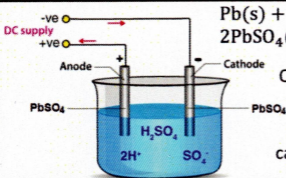
Cell Potential Energy = 1.35 V



### Secondary : Ni-Cd Battery

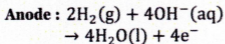
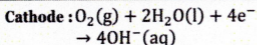


## Secondary : Pb Storage Battery

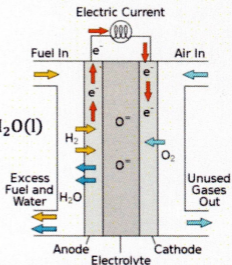


On charging the battery the reaction is reversed and  $\text{PbSO}_4\text{(s)}$  on anode and cathode is converted into Pb and  $\text{PbO}_2$  respectively.

## Fuel Cells

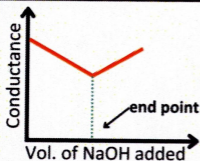


Galvanic cells that are designed to convert the energy of combustion of fuels like hydrogen, methane, methanol, directly into electrical energy are called fuel cells.



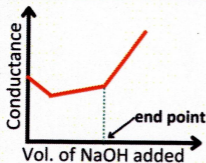
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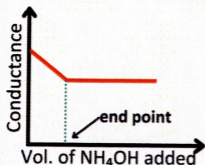
### Strong Acid HCl - Strong Base NaOH

The fast-moving hydrogen ions are replaced by slow-moving sodium ions and the conductance decreases gradually up to the equivalent point.



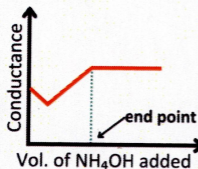
### Weak Acid $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$ - Strong Base NaOH

Slight decrease in the conductance of the solution due to the substitution of free  $\text{H}^+$  ions by slow-moving  $\text{Na}^+$  ions. Then increase due to formation of  $\text{CH}_3\text{COONa}$



### Strong Acid HCl - Weak Base $\text{NH}_4\text{OH}$

The fast-moving  $\text{H}^+$  ions are replaced by slow-moving  $\text{NH}_4^+$  ions. Therefore, the conductance decreases until the endpoint is reached.



### Weak Acid $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$ - Weak Base $\text{NH}_4\text{OH}$

The conductance slightly decreases due to the substitution of  $\text{H}^+$  ions by slow-moving  $\text{NH}_4^+$  ions. On further addition of  $\text{NH}_4\text{OH}$  solution, the conductance of solution increases till the endpoint due to the formation of highly ionized

