



## Electrochemistry

Chapter 19

**Electrochemical** processes are oxidation-reduction reactions in which:

- the energy released by a spontaneous reaction is converted to electricity or
- electrical energy is used to cause a nonspontaneous reaction to occur

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
0 & 0 & 2+ 2- \\
2\text{Mg }(s) + O_2(g) & \longrightarrow & 2\text{MgO }(s)
\end{array}$$

2Mg 
$$\longrightarrow$$
 2Mg<sup>2+</sup> + 4e<sup>-</sup> *Oxidation* half-reaction (lose e<sup>-</sup>)

$$O_2 + 4e^- \longrightarrow 2O^{2-}$$
 Reduction half-reaction (gain e<sup>-</sup>)

## Oxidation number

The charge the atom would have in a molecule (or an ionic compound) if electrons were completely transferred.

1. Free elements (uncombined state) have an oxidation number of zero.

Na, Be, K, Pb, 
$$H_2$$
,  $O_2$ ,  $P_4 = 0$ 

2. In monatomic ions, the oxidation number is equal to the charge on the ion.

Li<sup>+</sup>, Li = 
$$+1$$
; Fe<sup>3+</sup>, Fe =  $+3$ ; O<sup>2-</sup>, O =  $-2$ 

3. The oxidation number of oxygen is usually -2. In  $H_2O_2$  and  $O_2^{2-}$  it is -1.

- 4. The oxidation number of hydrogen is +1 *except* when it is bonded to metals in binary compounds. In these cases, its oxidation number is -1.
- 5. Group IA metals are +1, IIA metals are +2 and fluorine is always -1.
- The sum of the oxidation numbers of all the atoms in a molecule or ion is equal to the charge on the molecule or ion.



Oxidation numbers of all the atoms in HCO<sub>3</sub>-?

$$O = -2$$
  $H = +1$   $3x(-2) + 1 + ? = -1$ 

HCO<sub>3</sub>-

$$C = +4$$

## **Balancing Redox Equations**

The oxidation of Fe<sup>2+</sup> to Fe<sup>3+</sup> by  $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$  in acid solution?

1. Write the unbalanced equation for the reaction ion ionic form.

$$Fe^{2+} + Cr_2O_7^{2-} \longrightarrow Fe^{3+} + Cr^{3+}$$

2. Separate the equation into two half-reactions.

Oxidation: 
$$Fe^{2+} \longrightarrow Fe^{3+}$$
Reduction:  $Cr_2O_7^{2-} \longrightarrow Cr^{3+}$ 

3. Balance the atoms other than O and H in each half-reaction.

$$Cr_2O_7^{2-} \longrightarrow 2Cr^{3+}$$

## **Balancing Redox Equations**

4. For reactions in acid, add H<sub>2</sub>O to balance O atoms and H<sup>+</sup> to balance H atoms.

$$Cr_2O_7^{2-} \longrightarrow 2Cr^{3+} + 7H_2O$$
  
14H<sup>+</sup> +  $Cr_2O_7^{2-} \longrightarrow 2Cr^{3+} + 7H_2O$ 

5. Add electrons to one side of each half-reaction to balance the charges on the half-reaction.

$$Fe^{2+} \longrightarrow Fe^{3+} + 10^{-}$$

$$6e^{-} + 14H^{+} + Cr_{2}O_{7}^{2-} \longrightarrow 2Cr^{3+} + 7H_{2}O$$

 If necessary, equalize the number of electrons in the two halfreactions by multiplying the half-reactions by appropriate coefficients.

$$6Fe^{2+} \longrightarrow 6Fe^{3+} + 6e^{-}$$
  
 $6e^{-} + 14H^{+} + Cr_{2}O_{7}^{2-} \longrightarrow 2Cr^{3+} + 7H_{2}O$ 

## **Balancing Redox Equations**

7. Add the two half-reactions together and balance the final equation by inspection. The number of electrons on both sides must cancel.

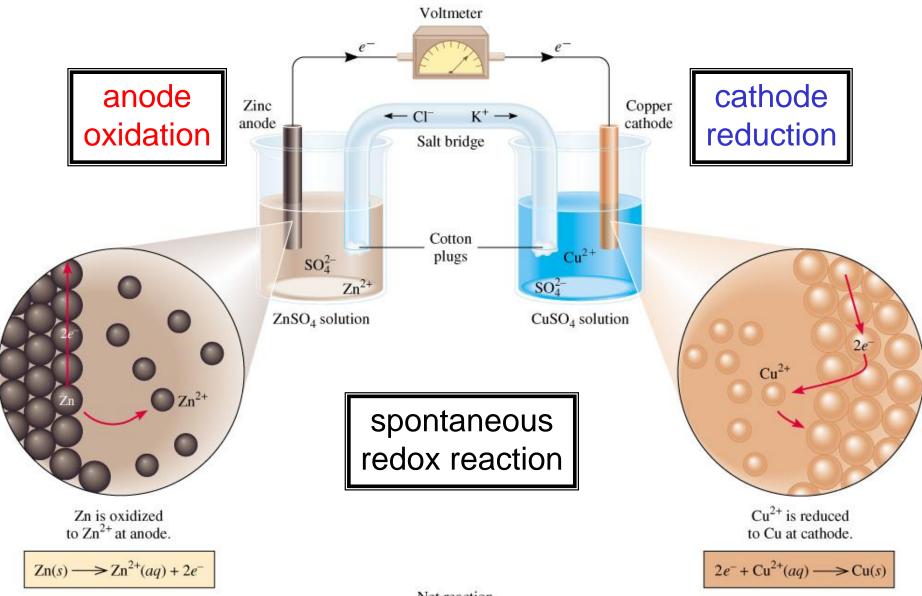
Oxidation: 
$$6Fe^{2+} \longrightarrow 6Fe^{3+} + 6e^{-1}$$
  
Reduction:  $6e^{-1} + 14H^{+} + Cr_{2}O_{7}^{2-} \longrightarrow 2Cr^{3+} + 7H_{2}O_{7}^{2-} \longrightarrow 6Fe^{3+} + 2Cr^{3+} + 7H_{2}O_{7}^{2-}$ 

8. Verify that the number of atoms and the charges are balanced.

$$14x1 - 2 + 6x2 = 24 = 6x3 + 2x3$$

9. For reactions in basic solutions, add OH<sup>-</sup> to **both sides** of the equation for every H<sup>+</sup> that appears in the final equation.

#### Galvanic Cells



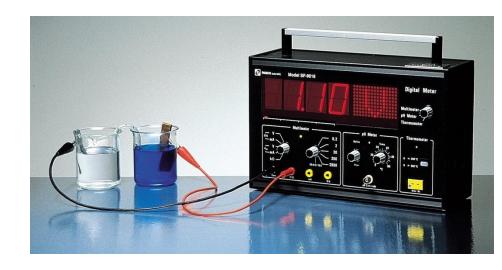
Net reaction

$$\operatorname{Zn}(s) + \operatorname{Cu}^{2+}(aq) \longrightarrow \operatorname{Zn}^{2+}(aq) + \operatorname{Cu}(s)$$

#### Galvanic Cells

The difference in electrical potential between the anode and cathode is called:

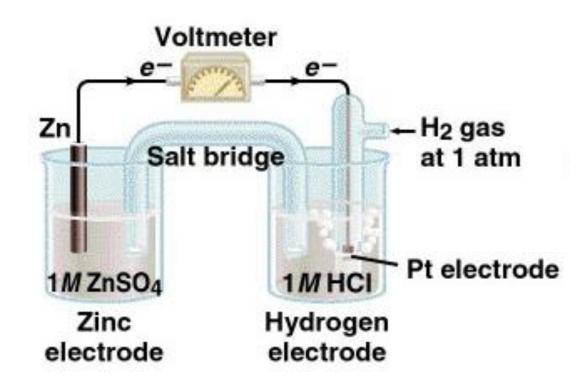
- cell voltage
- electromotive force (emf)
- cell potential



$$Zn (s) + Cu^{2+} (aq) \longrightarrow Cu (s) + Zn^{2+} (aq)$$

$$[Cu^{2+}] = 1 M \& [Zn^{2+}] = 1 M$$

$$Zn (s) | Zn^{2+} (1 M) || Cu^{2+} (1 M) || Cu (s)$$
anode cathode



$$Zn(s) | Zn^{2+} (1 M) | H^{+} (1 M) | H_{2} (1 atm) | Pt(s)$$

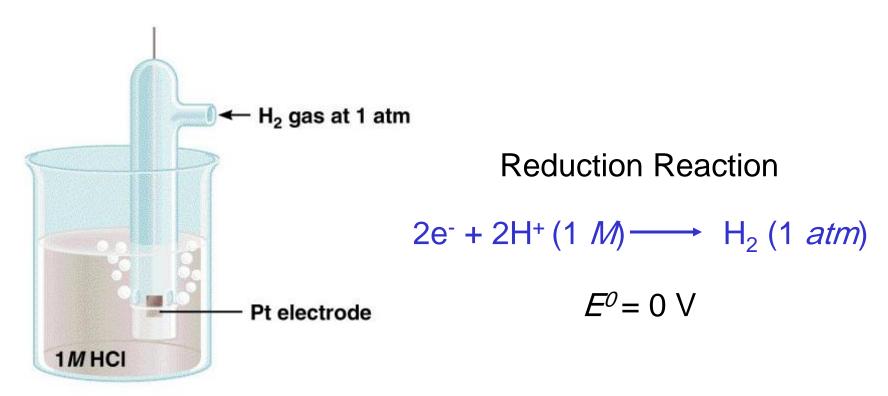
Anode (oxidation):

$$Zn(s) \longrightarrow Zn^{2+}(1 M) + 2e^{-}$$

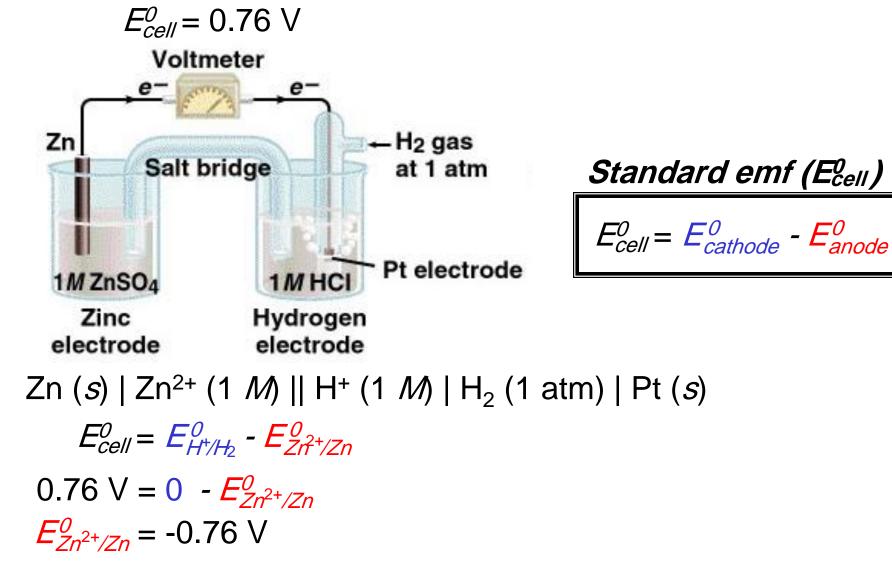
Cathode (reduction):  $2e^{-} + 2H^{+} (1 M) \longrightarrow H_{2} (1 atm)$ 

$$Zn(s) + 2H^{+}(1 M) \longrightarrow Zn^{2+} + H_{2}(1 atm)$$

**Standard reduction potential (E^0)** is the voltage associated with a **reduction reaction** at an electrode when all solutes are 1 M and all gases are at 1 atm.

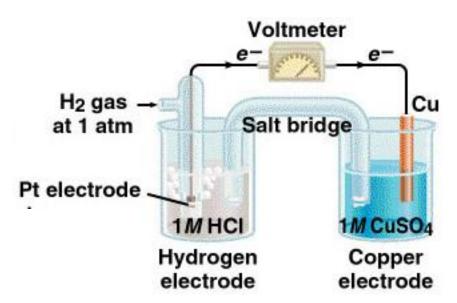


Standard hydrogen electrode (SHE)



 $Zn^{2+}$  (1 M) + 2e<sup>-</sup> — Zn  $E^0 = -0.76 \text{ V}$ 

$$E_{ce//}^0 = 0.34 \text{ V}$$



$$E_{cell}^0 = E_{cathode}^0 - E_{anode}^0$$

$$E_{cell}^0 = E_{Cu^{2+}/Cu}^0 - E_{H^+/H_2}^0$$

$$0.34 = E_{Cu^{2+}/Cu}^0 - 0$$

$$E_{Cu^{2+}/Cu}^{0} = 0.34 \text{ V}$$

Anode (oxidation):

$$H_2 (1 \text{ atm}) \longrightarrow 2H^+ (1 \text{ M}) + 2e^-$$

Cathode (reduction):  $2e^{-} + Cu^{2+} (1 M) \longrightarrow Cu (s)$ 

$$H_2 (1 \text{ atm}) + Cu^{2+} (1 \text{ M}) \longrightarrow Cu (s) + 2H^+ (1 \text{ M})$$

_	19.	Si	tanda	ard Reduction Potentials at 25°C*	
	TABLE	٠.		Half-Reaction	E°(V)
	9			$F_2(g) + 2e^- \longrightarrow 2F^-(aq)$	+2.87
	-	1		$O_3(g) + 2H^+(aq) + 2e^- \longrightarrow O_2(g) + H_2O$	+2.07
	- 1			$Co^{3+}(aq) + e^{-} \longrightarrow Co^{2+}(aq)$	+1.82
<b>⊥</b> \	10			$H_2O_2(aq) + 2H^+(aq) + 2e^- \longrightarrow 2H_2O$	+1.77
+/	<b>/</b> प	7		$PbO_2(s) + 4H^+(aq) + SO_4^{2-}(aq) + 2e^- \longrightarrow PbSO_4(s) + 2H_2O$	+1.70
/	κl			$Ce^{4+}(aq) + e^{-} \longrightarrow Ce^{3+}(aq)$	+1.61
′	`			$MnO_4^-(aq) + 8H^+(aq) + 5e^- \longrightarrow Mn^{2+}(aq) + 4H_2O$	+1.51
				$Au^{3+}(aq) + 3e^{-} \longrightarrow Au(s)$	+1.50
				$Cl_2(g) + 2e^- \longrightarrow 2Cl^-(aq)$	+1.36
$\equiv$				$Cr_2O_7^{2-}(aq) + 14H^+(aq) + 6e^- \longrightarrow 2Cr^{3+}(aq) + 7H_2O$	+1.33
₽				$MnO_2(s) + 4H^+(aq) + 2e^- \longrightarrow Mn^{2+}(aq) + 2H_2O$	+1.23
D				$O_2(g) + 4H^+(aq) + 4e^- \longrightarrow 2H_2O$	+1.23
$\boldsymbol{\sigma}$				$Br_2(l) + 2e^- \longrightarrow 2Br^-(aq)$	+1.07
$\Box$				$NO_3^-(aq) + 4H^+(aq) + 3e^- \longrightarrow NO(g) + 2H_2O$	+0.96
$\geq$				$2Hg^{2+}(aq) + 2e^{-} \longrightarrow Hg_2^{2+}(aq)$	+0.92
· <b>三</b>				$Hg_2^{2+}(aq) + 2e^- \longrightarrow 2Hg(l)$	+0.85
. <u>''</u>				$Ag^{+}(aq) + e^{-} \longrightarrow Ag(s)$	+0.80
<u>0</u>				$Fe^{3+}(aq) + e^{-} \longrightarrow Fe^{2+}(aq)$	+0.77
Oxidizing agent				$O_2(g) + 2H^+(aq) + 2e^- \longrightarrow H_2O_2(aq)$	+0.68
$\bigcirc$				$MnO_4^-(aq) + 2H_2O + 3e^- \longrightarrow MnO_2(s) + 4OH^-(aq)$	+0.59
•			ien	$I_2(s) + 2e^- \longrightarrow 2I^-(aq)$	+0.53
			3 ag	$O_2(g) + 2H_2O + 4e^- \longrightarrow 4OH^-(aq)$	+0.40 80
			Increasing strength as oxidizing agent	$Cu^{2+}(aq) + 2e^{-} \longrightarrow Cu(s)$	+0.34
			igi	$AgCl(s) + e^{-} \longrightarrow Ag(s) + Cl^{-}(aq)$	+0.53 +0.40 88 +0.40 98 +0.22 pp +0.22 +0.13 0.00 -0.13 significant significan
			XO	$SO_4^{2-}(aq) + 4H^+(aq) + 2e^- \longrightarrow SO_2(g) + 2H_2O$	+0.20
			ı as	$\operatorname{Cu}^{2+}(aq) + e^{-} \longrightarrow \operatorname{Cu}^{+}(aq)$	+0.15 &
			ngth	$\operatorname{Sn}^{4+}(aq) + 2e^{-} \longrightarrow \operatorname{Sn}^{2+}(aq)$	+0.13 th
	.		ILE	$2H^{+}(aq) + 2e^{-} \longrightarrow H_{2}(g)$	tig 00.0
			80	$Pb^{2+}(aq) + 2e^{-} \longrightarrow Pb(s)$ $Sn^{2+}(aq) + 2e^{-} \longrightarrow Sn(s)$	-0.13 ts 50 -0.14 E
			Sin	$ \begin{array}{ccc} \operatorname{Sin} & (aq) + 2e & \longrightarrow \operatorname{Sin}(s) \\ \operatorname{Ni}^{2+}(aq) + 2e^{-} & \longrightarrow \operatorname{Ni}(s) \end{array} $	$-0.14$ $\frac{1}{8}$ $-0.25$
<u>;</u>			res	$ \begin{array}{ccc} \operatorname{NI} & (aq) + 2e & \longrightarrow \operatorname{NI}(3) \\ \operatorname{Co}^{2+}(aq) + 2e^{-} & \longrightarrow \operatorname{Co}(s) \end{array} $	-0.28 D
$\overline{\zeta}$			Ĭ	$PhSO_{s}(s) + 2a^{-} \longrightarrow Ph(s) + SO^{2-}(aa)$	-0.31
Æ				$PbSO_4(s) + 2e^{-} \longrightarrow Pb(s) + SO_4^{2-}(aq)$ $Cd^{2+}(aq) + 2e^{-} \longrightarrow Cd(s)$	-0.40
$\widetilde{\omega}$				$Fe^{2+}(aq) + 2e^{-} \longrightarrow Fe(s)$	-0.44
<del>.</del>				$\operatorname{Cr}^{3+}(aq) + 3e^{-} \longrightarrow \operatorname{Cr}(s)$	-0.74
<u>ල</u>				$Zn^{2+}(aq) + 2e^{-} \longrightarrow Zn(s)$	-0.76
.⊑				$2\text{H}_2\text{O} + 2e^- \longrightarrow \text{H}_2(g) + 2\text{OH}^-(aq)$	-0.83
$\underline{\circ}$				$\operatorname{Mn}^{2+}(aq) + 2e^{-} \longrightarrow \operatorname{Mn}(s)$	-1.18
$\supseteq$				$Al^{3+}(aq) + 3e^{-} \longrightarrow Al(s)$	-1.66
$\mathcal{C}$				$Be^{2+}(aq) + 2e^{-} \longrightarrow Be(s)$	-1.85
reducing agent				$Mg^{2+}(aq) + 2e^{-} \longrightarrow Mg(s)$	-2.37
Λ.	,			$Na^{+}(qq) + e^{-} \longrightarrow Na(s)$	-2.71
\	<b>*</b>			$Ca^{2+}(aq) + 2e^{-} \longrightarrow Ca(s)$	-2.87
				$\operatorname{Sr}^{2+}(aq) + 2e^{-} \longrightarrow \operatorname{Sr}(s)$	-2.89
				$Ba^{2+}(aq) + 2e^{-} \longrightarrow Ba(s)$	-2.90
١,,	$\sim$			$K^+(aq) + e^- \longrightarrow K(s)$	-2.93
-7	C			$\operatorname{Li}^+(aq) + e^- \longrightarrow \operatorname{Li}(s)$	−3.05 V
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- $E^{0}$  is for the reaction as written
- The more positive  $E^0$  the greater the tendency for the substance to be reduced
- The half-cell reactions are reversible
- The sign of  $E^0$  changes when the reaction is reversed
- Changing the stoichiometric coefficients of a half-cell reaction *does not* change the value of  $E^0$

<sup>\*</sup>For all half-reactions the concentration is 1 M for dissolved species and the pressure is 1 atm for gases. These are the



What is the standard emf of an electrochemical cell made of a Cd electrode in a 1.0 M Cd(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> solution and a Cr electrode in a 1.0 M Cr(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> solution?

Cd<sup>2+</sup> (aq) + 2e<sup>-</sup> 
$$\longrightarrow$$
 Cd (s)  $E^0$  = -0.40 V Cd is the stronger oxidizer Cr<sup>3+</sup> (aq) + 3e<sup>-</sup>  $\longrightarrow$  Cr (s)  $E^0$  = -0.74 V Cd will oxidize Cr Anode (oxidation): Cr (s)  $\longrightarrow$  Cr<sup>3+</sup> (1  $M$ ) + (3e<sup>-</sup>) × 2 Cathode (reduction): (2e<sup>-</sup>) + Cd<sup>2+</sup> (1  $M$ )  $\longrightarrow$  Cd (s) × 3

2Cr (s) + 3Cd<sup>2+</sup> (1  $M$ )  $\longrightarrow$  3Cd (s) + 2Cr<sup>3+</sup> (1  $M$ )
$$E_{cell}^0 = E_{cathode}^0 - E_{anode}^0$$

$$E_{cell}^0 = -0.40 - (-0.74)$$

 $E_{Ce''}^0 = 0.34 \text{ V}$ 

## Spontaneity of Redox Reactions

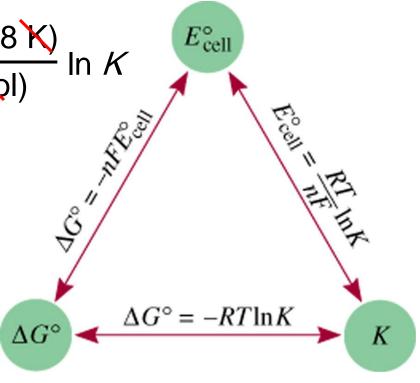
$$\Delta G = -nFE_{cell}$$
  $n =$  number of moles of electrons in reaction

$$\Delta G^0 = -nFE_{cell}^0$$
  $F = 96,500 \frac{J}{V \cdot mol} = 96,500 C/mol$ 

$$\Delta G^0 = -RT \ln K = -nFE_{cell}^0$$

$$E_{\text{cell}}^0 = \frac{RT}{nF} \ln K = \frac{(8.314 \text{ J/K} \cdot \text{mol})(298 \text{ K})}{n (96,500 \text{ J/V} \cdot \text{mol})} \ln K$$

$$E_{\text{cell}}^0 = \frac{0.0257 \text{ V}}{n} \ln K$$



## Spontaneity of Redox Reactions

#### Relationships among $\Delta G^{\circ}$ , K, and $E^{\circ}_{\text{cell}}$

ΔG°	K	<b>E</b> cell	Reaction under Standard-State Conditions
Negative	>1	Positive	Favors formation of products.
0	=1	0	Reactants and products are equally favored.
Positive	<1	Negative	Favors formation of reactants.



## What is the equilibrium constant for the following reaction at 25°C? Fe<sup>2+</sup> (aq) + 2Ag (s) $\rightleftharpoons$ Fe (s) + 2Ag<sup>+</sup> (aq)

$$E_{\text{cell}}^0 = \frac{0.0257 \text{ V}}{n} \ln K$$

$$2Ag \longrightarrow 2Ag^{+} + (2e^{-})$$

Oxidation:  $2Ag \longrightarrow 2Ag^{+} + 2e^{-}$ Reduction:  $2e^{-} + Fe^{2+} \longrightarrow Fe$ 

$$E^0 = E_{Fe^{2+}/Fe}^0 - E_{Ag^+/Ag}^0$$

$$E^0 = -0.44 - (0.80)$$

$$E^0 = -1.24 \text{ V}$$

$$K = \exp\left[\frac{E_{cell}^{0} \times n}{0.0257 \text{ V}}\right] = \exp\left[\frac{-1.24 \text{ V} \times 2}{0.0257 \text{ V}}\right]$$

$$K = 1.23 \times 10^{-42}$$

#### The Effect of Concentration on Cell Emf

$$\Delta G = \Delta G^0 + RT \ln Q$$
  $\Delta G = -nFE$   $\Delta G^0 = -nFE^0$ 

$$-nFE = -nFE^0 + RT \ln Q$$

#### Nernst equation

$$E = E^{0} - \frac{RT}{nF} \ln Q$$

At 298

$$E = E^0 - \frac{0.0257 \text{ V}}{n} \ln Q$$
  $E = E^0 - \frac{0.0592 \text{ V}}{n} \log Q$ 



# Will the following reaction occur spontaneously at 25°C if $[Fe^{2+}] = 0.60 M$ and $[Cd^{2+}] = 0.010 M$ ?

$$Fe^{2+}$$
 (aq) + Cd (s)  $\rightleftharpoons$  Fe (s) + Cd<sup>2+</sup> (aq)

#### Oxidation:

$$Cd \longrightarrow Cd^{2+} + (2e^{-})$$

Reduction: 
$$(2e^{-})+ Fe^{2+} \longrightarrow 2Fe$$

$$E^0 = E_{Fe^{2+}/Fe}^0 - E_{Co^{2+}/Cd}^0$$

$$E^0 = -0.44 - (-0.40)$$

$$E^0 = -0.04 \text{ V}$$

$$E = E^0 - \frac{0.0257 \text{ V}}{n} \ln Q$$

$$E = -0.04 \text{ V} - \frac{0.0257 \text{ V}}{2} \ln \frac{0.010}{0.60}$$

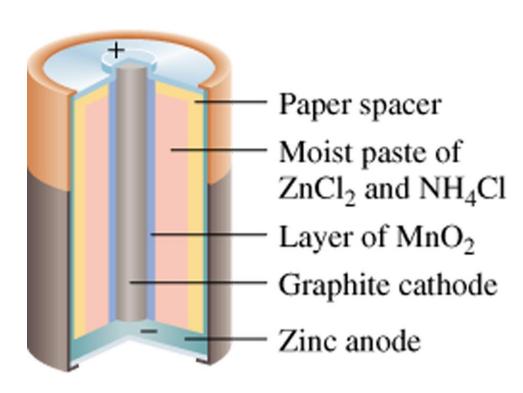
n=2

$$E = 0.013$$

$$E > 0$$
 Spontaneous

Dry cell

Leclanché cell



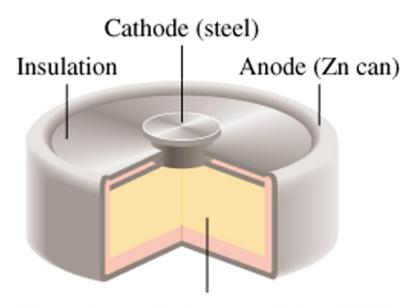
Anode:

$$Zn (s) \longrightarrow Zn^{2+} (aq) + 2e^{-}$$

Cathode:  $2NH_4^+(aq) + 2MnO_2(s) + 2e^- \longrightarrow Mn_2O_3(s) + 2NH_3(aq) + H_2O(h)$ 

$$Zn(s) + 2NH_4(aq) + 2MnO_2(s) \longrightarrow Zn^{2+}(aq) + 2NH_3(aq) + H_2O(l) + Mn_2O_3(s)$$

**Mercury Battery** 



Electrolyte solution containing KOH and paste of Zn(OH)<sub>2</sub> and HgO

Anode: 
$$Zn(Hg) + 2OH^{-}(aq) \longrightarrow ZnO(s) + H_2O(l) + 2e^{-l}$$

Cathode: 
$$HgO(s) + H_2O(l) + 2e^- \longrightarrow Hg(l) + 2OH^-(aq)$$

$$Zn(Hg) + HgO(s) \longrightarrow ZnO(s) + Hg(l)$$

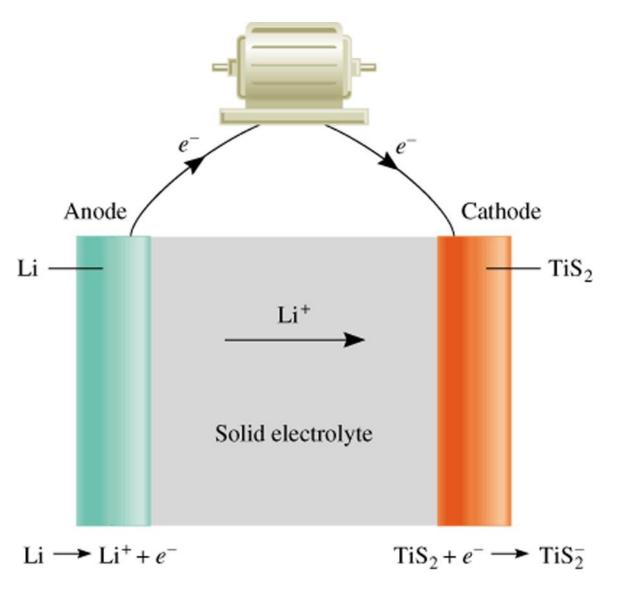
Removable cap Cathode Anode-H2SO4 electrolyte Negative plates (lead grills filled with spongy lead) Positive plates (lead grills filled with PbO<sub>2</sub>)

Lead storage battery

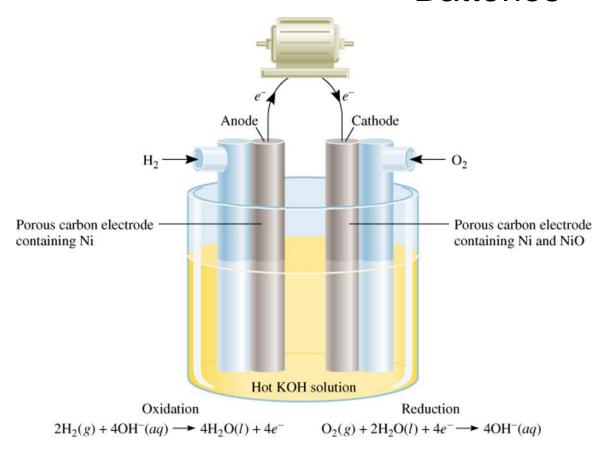
Anode: Pb (s) +  $SO_4^{2-}$  (aq)  $\longrightarrow$  PbSO<sub>4</sub> (s) +  $2e^{-}$ 

Cathode:  $PbO_2(s) + 4H^+(aq) + SO_4^{2-}(aq) + 2e^- \longrightarrow PbSO_4(s) + 2H_2O(h)$ 

Pb (s) + PbO<sub>2</sub> (s) + 4H<sup>+</sup> (aq) + 2SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> (aq)  $\longrightarrow$  2PbSO<sub>4</sub> (s) + 2H<sub>2</sub>O (h)



Solid State Lithium Battery



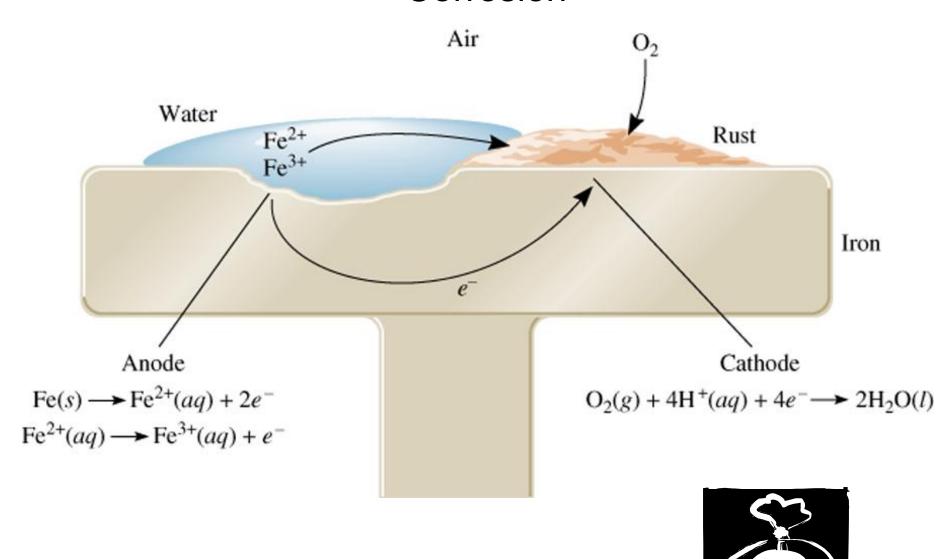
A *fuel cell* is an electrochemical cell that requires a continuous supply of reactants to keep functioning

Anode: 
$$2H_2(g) + 4OH^-(aq) \longrightarrow 4H_2O(l) + 4e^-$$

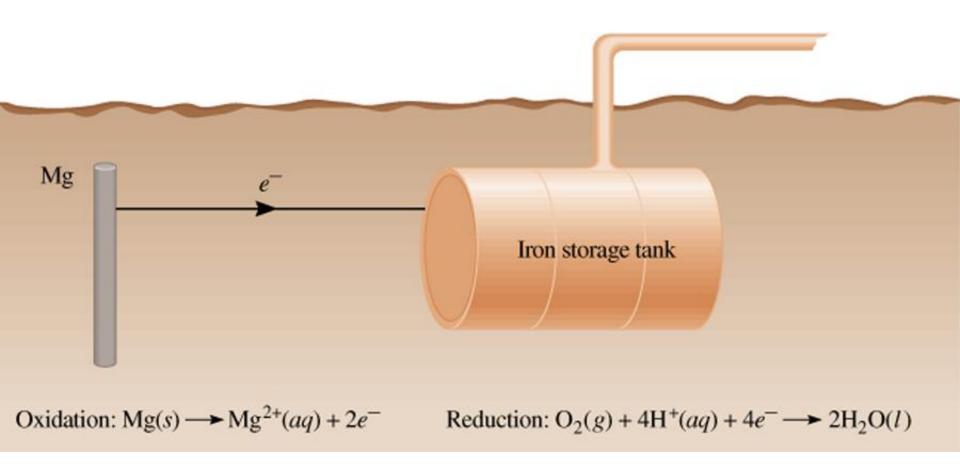
Cathode: 
$$O_2(g) + 2H_2O(l) + 4e^- \longrightarrow 4OH^-(aq)$$

$$2H_2(g) + O_2(g) \longrightarrow 2H_2O(h)$$

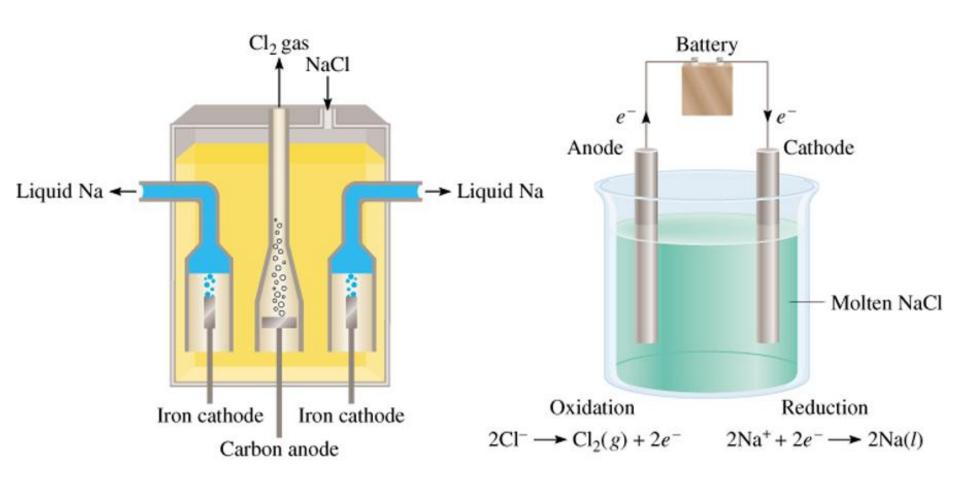
#### Corrosion



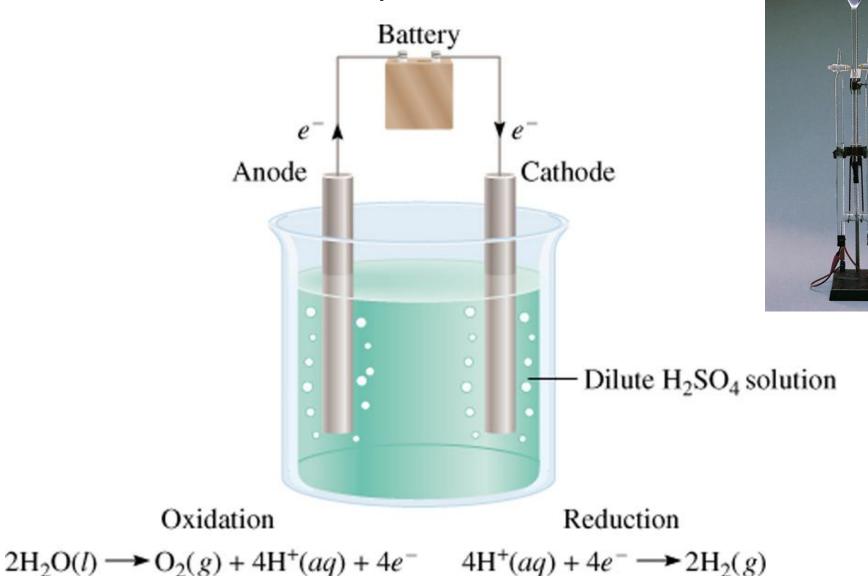
## Cathodic Protection of an Iron Storage Tank



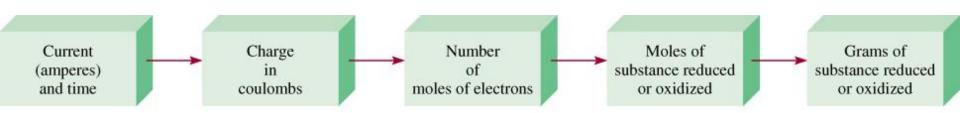
*Electrolysis* is the process in which electrical energy is used to cause a **nonspontaneous** chemical reaction to occur.



#### **Electrolysis of Water**



#### Electrolysis and Mass Changes



charge (C) = current (A) x time (s)

1 mole  $e^- = 96,500 \text{ C}$ 



How much Ca will be produced in an electrolytic cell of molten CaCl<sub>2</sub> if a current of 0.452 A is passed through the cell for 1.5 hours?

Anode:  $2Cl^{-}(I) \longrightarrow Cl_{2}(g) + 2e^{-}$ 

Cathode:  $Ca^{2+}$  (I) +  $(2e^{-})$  + Ca (s)

$$Ca^{2+}(h) + 2Cl^{-}(h) \longrightarrow Ca(s) + Cl_{2}(g)$$

2 mole  $e^{-}$  = 1 mole Ca

96500 = 1mol e, So 2 moles of electrons requires = 2x 96500

 $Q = I \times t = 0.452 \times 1.5 \times 3600 = 2440 C$ 

193000 C = 1 mole Ca

2440 C = x

 $X = 2440 \times 1 / 193000 = 0.0126 \text{ mol Ca}$ 

Mass =  $0.0126 \times 40 = 0.5 \text{ g Ca}$ 

#### Chemistry In Action: Dental Filling Discomfort

## Corrosion of a Dental Filling

 $Hg_{2}^{2+}/Ag_{2}Hg_{3}$  0.85 V

 $Sn^2$  /  $Ag_3Sn - 0.05 V$ 

 $Sn^{2+}/Ag_3Sn -0.05 V$ 

