

Electrochemistry Chapter 19

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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

$${}^{0}_{2\text{Mg}} \overset{0}{(s)} + \overset{0}{O}_{2} (g) \longrightarrow {}^{2+2-}_{2\text{MgO}} (s)$$

 $2Mg \longrightarrow 2Mg^{2+} + 4e^{-}$ *Oxidation* half-reaction (lose e^{-}) $O_2 + 4e^{-} \longrightarrow 2O^{2-}$ *Reduction* half-reaction (gain e^{-})

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.

$$Li^+, Li = +1; Fe^{3+}, Fe = +3; O^{2-}, O = -2$$

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

- 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.
- Group IA metals are +1, IIA metals are +2 and fluorine is always -1.
- 6. 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.

Identify the oxidation numbers of all the atoms in HCO_3^- ?

 HCO_{3}^{-} O = -2 H = +1 3x(-2) + 1 + ? = -1C = +4

Balancing Redox Equations

The oxidation of Fe²⁺ to Fe³⁺ 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_2O to balance O atoms and H⁺ to balance H atoms.

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

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

$$Fe^{2+} \longrightarrow Fe^{3+} + \underbrace{1e^{-}}_{2Cr^{3+}} + 7H_2O$$

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

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 $6e^{-} + 14H^{+} + Cr_2O_7^{2-} \longrightarrow 2Cr^{3+} + 7H_2O$

Balancing Redox Equations

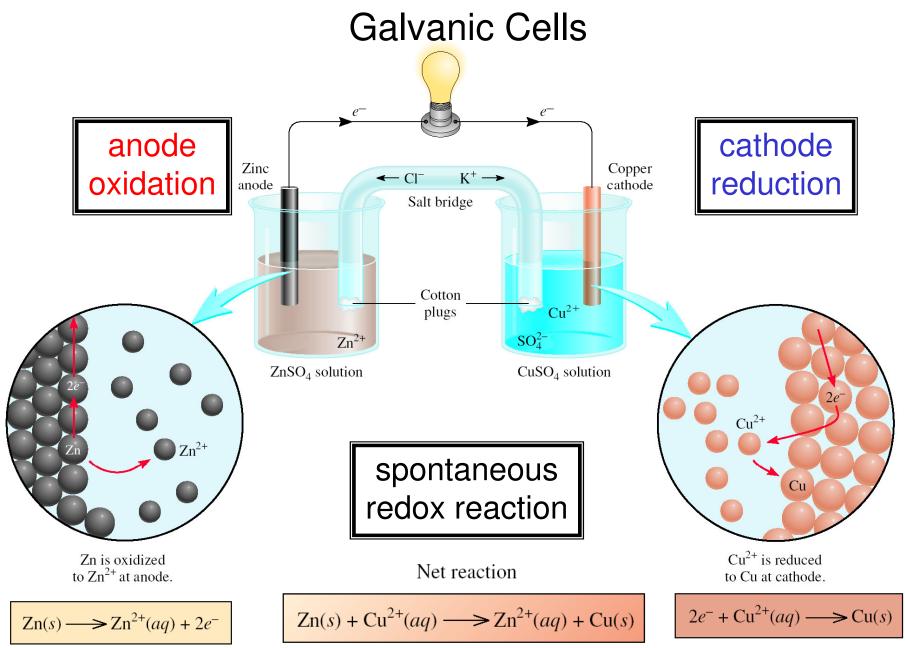
7. Add the two half-reactions together and balance the final equation by inspection. The number of electrons on both sides must cancel.

Oxidation: $6Fe^{2+} \longrightarrow 6Fe^{3+} + 6e^{-1}$ Reduction: $6e^{-1} + 14H^{+} + Cr_2O_7^{2-} \longrightarrow 2Cr^{3+} + 7H_2O^{-1}$ $14H^{+} + Cr_2O_7^{2-} + 6Fe^{2+} \longrightarrow 6Fe^{3+} + 2Cr^{3+} + 7H_2O^{-1}$

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

$$14x1 - 2 + 6 \times 2 = 24 = 6 \times 3 + 2 \times 3$$

 For reactions in basic solutions, add OH⁻ to both sides of the equation for every H⁺ that appears in the final equation.



Galvanic Cells

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

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

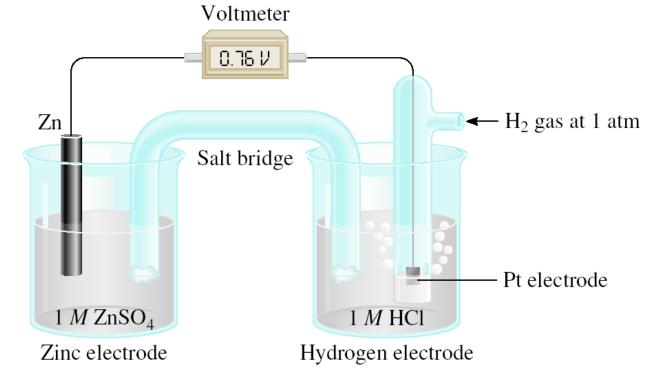


cathode

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

$$[Cu^{2+}] = 1 M \text{ and } [Zn^{2+}] = 1 M$$
Cell Diagram
phase boundary
$$Zn (s) = 2n^{2+} (1 M) = 2n^{2+} (1 M$$

salt bridge



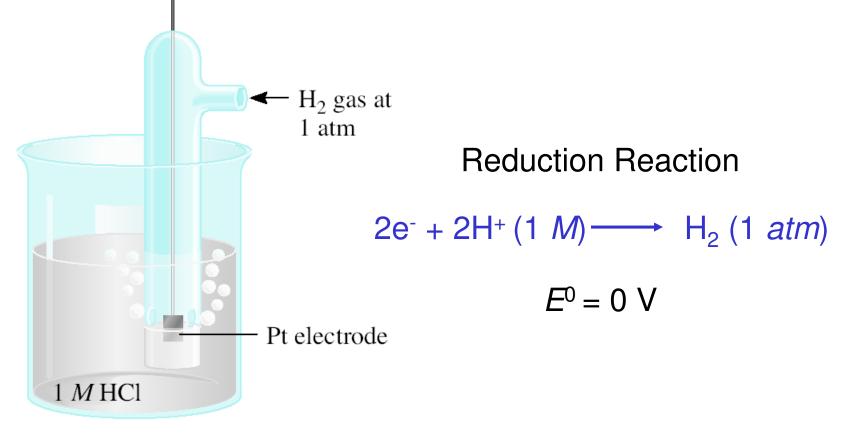
Zn (s) | Zn²⁺ (1 M) || H⁺ (1 M) | H₂ (1 atm) | Pt (s)

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

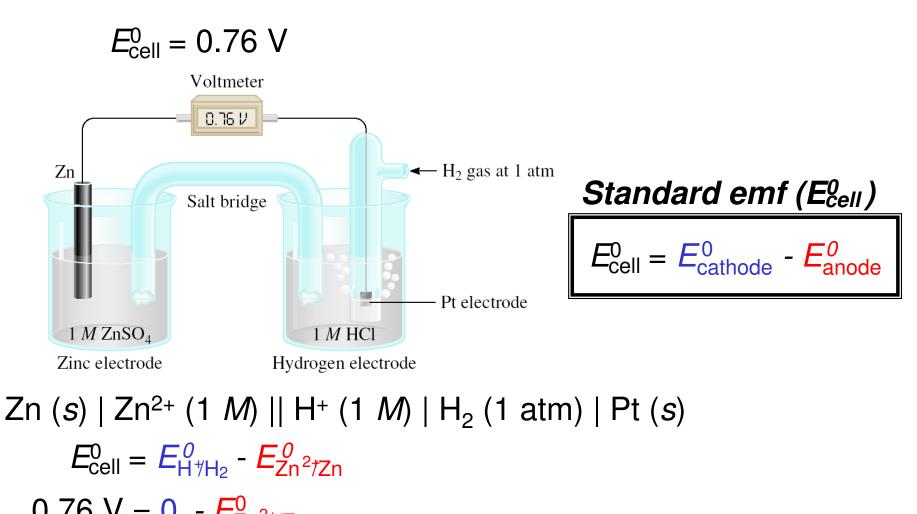
Cathode (reduction): $2e^{-} + 2H^{+} (1 M) \longrightarrow H_{2} (1 atm)$

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

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.



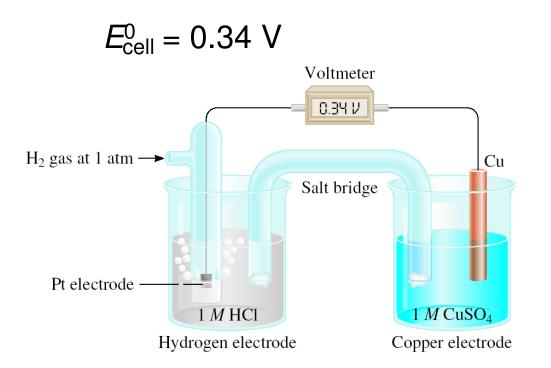
Standard hydrogen electrode (SHE)



$$E_{Zn^{2+}/Zn}^{0} = -0.76 V$$

 $Zn^{2+}(1 M) + 2e^{-} \longrightarrow Zn$ $E^{0} = -0.76 V$

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$$E_{cell}^{0} = E_{cathode}^{0} - E_{anode}^{0}$$
$$E_{cell}^{0} = E_{Cu}^{0}{}^{2+/Cu} - E_{H^{+/H_{2}}}^{0}$$
$$0.34 = E_{Cu}^{0}{}^{2+/Cu} - 0$$
$$E_{Cu}^{0}{}^{2+/Cu} = 0.34 \text{ V}$$

Pt (s) | H₂ (1 atm) | H⁺ (1 M) || Cu²⁺ (1 M) | Cu (s) Anode (oxidation): H₂ (1 atm) \longrightarrow 2H⁺ (1 M) + 2e⁻ Cathode (reduction): 2e⁻ + Cu²⁺ (1 M) \longrightarrow Cu (s) H₂ (1 atm) + Cu²⁺ (1 M) \longrightarrow Cu (s) + 2H⁺ (1 M) 13

TABLE 19.1 Standard Reduction Potentials at 25°C*

	Half-Reaction	<i>E</i> °(V)	
•	$F_2(g) + 2e^- \longrightarrow 2F^-(aq)$	+2.87	
	$O_3(g) + 2H^+(aq) + 2e^- \longrightarrow O_2(g) + H_2O$	+2.07	
	$\operatorname{Co}^{3^+}(aq) + e^- \longrightarrow \operatorname{Co}^{2^+}(aq)$	+1.82	
	$H_2O_2(aq) + 2H^+(aq) + 2e^- \longrightarrow 2H_2O$	+1.77	
	$PbO_2(s) + 4H^+(aq) + SO_4^{2-}(aq) + 2e^- \longrightarrow PbSO_4(s) + 2H_2O$	+1.70	
	$\operatorname{Ce}^{4+}(aq) + e^{-} \longrightarrow \operatorname{Ce}^{3+}(aq)$	+1.61	
	$\operatorname{MnO}_{4}^{-}(aq) + 8\operatorname{H}^{+}(aq) + 5e^{-} \longrightarrow \operatorname{Mn}^{2+}(aq) + 4\operatorname{H}_{2}\operatorname{O}$	+1.51	
	$\operatorname{Au}^{3+}(aq) + 3e^{-} \longrightarrow \operatorname{Au}(s)$	+1.50	
	$\operatorname{Cl}_2(g) + 2e^- \longrightarrow 2\operatorname{Cl}^-(aq)$	+1.36	
	$\operatorname{Cr}_2\operatorname{O}_7^{2-}(aq) + 14\operatorname{H}^+(aq) + 6e^- \longrightarrow 2\operatorname{Cr}^{3+}(aq) + 7\operatorname{H}_2\operatorname{O}$	+1.33	
	$MnO_2(s) + 4H^+(aq) + 2e^- \longrightarrow Mn^{2+}(aq) + 2H_2O$	+1.23	
	$O_2(g) + 4H^+(aq) + 4e^- \longrightarrow 2H_2O$	+1.23	
	$\operatorname{Br}_2(l) + 2e^- \longrightarrow 2\operatorname{Br}^-(aq)$	+1.07	
	$NO_3^-(aq) + 4H^+(aq) + 3e^- \longrightarrow NO(g) + 2H_2O$	+0.96	
	$2\text{Hg}^{2+}(aq) + 2e^{-} \longrightarrow \text{Hg}_{2}^{2+}(aq)$	+0.92	
	$\operatorname{Hg}_{2}^{2+}(aq) + 2e^{-} \longrightarrow 2\operatorname{Hg}(l)$	+0.85	
	$\operatorname{Ag}^+(aq) + e^- \longrightarrow \operatorname{Ag}(s)$	+0.80	
	$\operatorname{Fe}^{3+}(aq) + e^{-} \longrightarrow \operatorname{Fe}^{2+}(aq)$	+0.77	
	$O_2(g) + 2H^+(aq) + 2e^- \longrightarrow H_2O_2(aq)$	+0.68	
	$MnO_4^-(aq) + 2H_2O + 3e^- \longrightarrow MnO_2(s) + 4OH^-(aq)$	+0.59	
gent	$I_2(s) + 2e^- \longrightarrow 2I^-(aq)$	+0.53	ent
ting ag	$O_2(g) + 2H_2O + 4e^- \longrightarrow 4OH^-(aq)$	+0.40	ag
	$\operatorname{Cu}^{2+}(aq) + 2e^{-} \longrightarrow \operatorname{Cu}(s)$	+0.34	ing
idis	$\operatorname{AgCl}(s) + e^{-} \longrightarrow \operatorname{Ag}(s) + \operatorname{Cl}^{-}(aq)$	+0.22	duc
Increasing strength as oxidizing agent	$\mathrm{SO}_4^{2-}(aq) + 4\mathrm{H}^+(aq) + 2e^- \longrightarrow \mathrm{SO}_2(g) + 2\mathrm{H}_2\mathrm{O}$	+0.20	Increasing strength as reducing agent
	$\operatorname{Cu}^{2+}(aq) + e^{-} \longrightarrow \operatorname{Cu}^{+}(aq)$	+0.15	1 as
	$\operatorname{Sn}^{4+}(aq) + 2e^{-} \longrightarrow \operatorname{Sn}^{2+}(aq)$	+0.13	lgth
trer	$2\mathrm{H}^+(aq) + 2e^- \longrightarrow \mathrm{H}_2(g)$	0.00	trer
с СС	$Pb^{2+}(aq) + 2e^{-} \longrightarrow Pb(s)$	-0.13	00 00
usin	$\operatorname{Sn}^{2+}(aq) + 2e^{-} \longrightarrow \operatorname{Sn}(s)$	-0.14	usin
ser	$Ni^{2+}(aq) + 2e^{-} \longrightarrow Ni(s)$	-0.25	ser
Inc	$\operatorname{Co}^{2+}(aq) + 2e^{-} \longrightarrow \operatorname{Co}(s)$	-0.28	Inc
	$PbSO_{4}(s) + 2e^{-} \longrightarrow Pb(s) + SO_{4}^{2-}(aq)$ $Cd^{2+}(aq) + 2e^{-} \longrightarrow Cd(s)$	-0.31	
	$\operatorname{Cd}^{-\gamma}(aq) + 2e \longrightarrow \operatorname{Cd}(s)$	-0.40	
	$Fe^{2+}(aq) + 2e^{-} \longrightarrow Fe(s)$ $Cr^{3+}(aq) + 3e^{-} \longrightarrow Cr(s)$	-0.44	
	$\operatorname{Cr}^{(aq)} + 3e \longrightarrow \operatorname{Cr}(s)$ $\operatorname{Zn}^{2+}(aq) + 2e^{-} \longrightarrow \operatorname{Zn}(s)$	-0.74	
		-0.76	
	$2H_2O + 2e^- \longrightarrow H_2(g) + 2OH^-(aq)$ $Mn^{2+}(aq) + 2e^- \longrightarrow Mn(s)$	-0.83 -1.18	
	$\operatorname{Al}^{3+}(aq) + 3e^{-} \longrightarrow \operatorname{Al}(s)$	-1.18 -1.66	
	$\operatorname{Re}^{2+}(aq) + 2e^{-} \longrightarrow \operatorname{Re}(s)$	-1.85	
	$\operatorname{Be}^{(aq)} + 2e^{-} \longrightarrow \operatorname{Be}(s)$ $\operatorname{Mg}^{2+}(aq) + 2e^{-} \longrightarrow \operatorname{Mg}(s)$	-1.83 -2.37	
	$\operatorname{Mg}^{-}(aq) + 2e^{-} \longrightarrow \operatorname{Mg}(s)$ $\operatorname{Na}^{+}(aq) + e^{-} \longrightarrow \operatorname{Na}(s)$	-2.37 -2.71	
	$\operatorname{Ca}^{2+}(aq) + 2e^{-} \longrightarrow \operatorname{Ca}(s)$	-2.71 -2.87	
	$\operatorname{Sr}^{2+}(aq) + 2e^{-} \longrightarrow \operatorname{Sr}(s)$	-2.87 -2.89	
	$\operatorname{SI}^{(dq)} + 2e^{-} \longrightarrow \operatorname{SI}(s)$ $\operatorname{Ba}^{2+}(aq) + 2e^{-} \longrightarrow \operatorname{Ba}(s)$	-2.89 -2.90	
		-2.90 -2.93	
	$\mathbf{K}^+(aq) + e^- \longrightarrow \mathbf{K}(s)$ $\mathbf{Li}^+(aq) + e^- \longrightarrow \mathbf{Li}(s)$	-2.93 -3.05	,
	$LI(uq) + c \longrightarrow LI(s)$	-5.05	

*For all half-reactions the concentration is 1 M for dissolved species and the pressure is 1 atm for gases. These are the standard-state values.

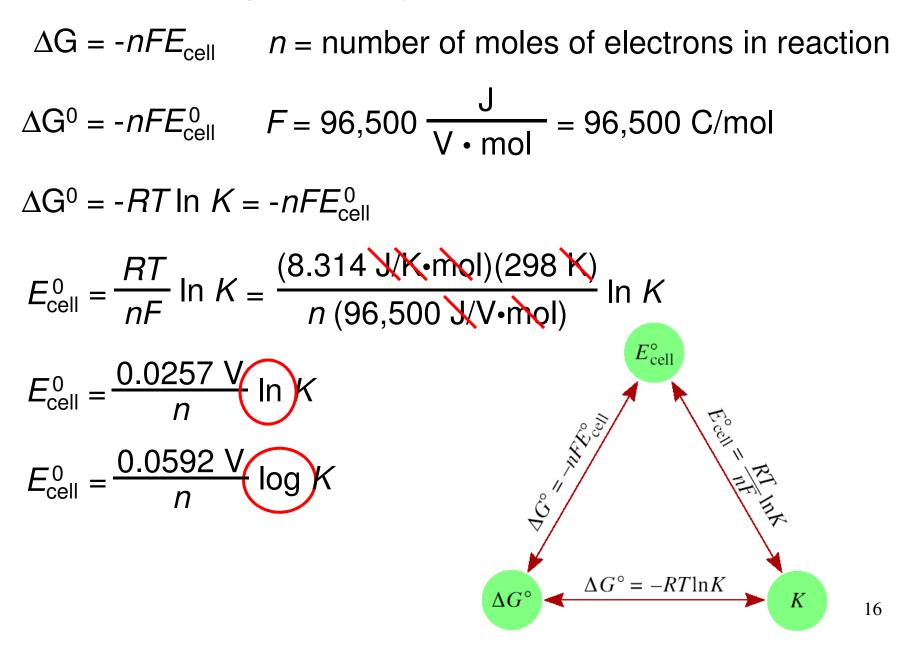
- E⁰ is for the reaction as written
- The more positive E⁰ the • greater the tendency for the substance to be reduced
- The half-cell reactions are • reversible
- The sign of E⁰ changes when the reaction is reversed
- Changing the stoichiometric coefficients of a half-cell reaction *does not* change the value of E^0

What is the standard emf of an electrochemical cell made of a Cd electrode in a 1.0 M Cd(NO₃)₂ solution and a Cr electrode in a 1.0 M Cr(NO₃)₃ solution?

 $Cd^{2+}(aq) + 2e^{-} \longrightarrow Cd(s)$ $E^{0} = -0.40 V$ Cd is the stronger oxidizer Cd will oxidize Cr $Cr^{3+}(aq) + 3e^{-} \longrightarrow Cr(s) \quad E^{0} = -0.74 \text{ V}$ Anode (oxidation): $Cr(s) \longrightarrow Cr^{3+}(1 M) + (3e^{-}) \times 2$ Cathode (reduction): $(2e) + Cd^{2+} (1 M) \longrightarrow Cd (s) \times 3$ $2Cr(s) + 3Cd^{2+}(1 M) \longrightarrow 3Cd(s) + 2Cr^{3+}(1 M)$ $E_{\text{cell}}^0 = E_{\text{cathode}}^0 - E_{\text{anode}}^0$ $E_{\rm cell}^0 = -0.40 - (-0.74)$ $E_{\rm cell}^0 = 0.34 \, {\rm V}$

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Spontaneity of Redox Reactions



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TABLE 19.2 Relationships Among ΔG° , *K*, and E°_{cell}

ΔG°	к	E ° _{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.

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

What is the equilibrium constant for the following reaction at 25°C? Fe²⁺ (*aq*) + 2Ag (*s*) \longrightarrow Fe (*s*) + 2Ag⁺ (*aq*)

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

Oxidation: $2Ag \rightarrow 2Ag^{+} + 2e^{-}$ Reduction: $2e^{-} + Fe^{2+} \rightarrow Fe$ $E^{0} = E_{Fe^{2+}/Fe}^{0} - E_{Ag^{+}/Ag}^{0}$ $E^{0} = -0.44 - (0.80)$ $E^{0} = -1.24 \text{ V}$ $K = e^{\left(\frac{E_{cell}^{0} \times n}{0.0257 \text{ V}}\right)} = e^{\left(\frac{-1.24 \text{ V} \times 2}{0.0257 \text{ V}}\right)}$

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

The Effect of Concentration on Cell Emf $\Delta G = \Delta G^{0} + RT \ln Q \qquad \Delta G = -nFE \qquad \Delta G^{0} = -nFE^{0}$

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

Nernst equation

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

At 298 K

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

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Will the following reaction occur spontaneously at 25°C if $[Fe^{2+}] = 0.60 M \text{ and } [Cd^{2+}] = 0.010 M?$ $Fe^{2+} (aq) + Cd (s) \longleftarrow Fe (s) + Cd^{2+} (aq)$

Oxidation:
$$Cd \rightarrow Cd^{2+} + 2e^{-}$$

Reduction: $2e^{-} + Fe^{2+} \rightarrow 2Fe$
 $E^{0} = E_{Fe^{2+}/Fe}^{0} - E_{Cd^{2+}/Cd}^{0}$
 $E^{0} = -0.44 - (-0.40)$
 $E^{0} = -0.04 \text{ V}$
 $E = E^{0} - \frac{0.0257 \text{ V}}{n} \ln Q$
 $E = -0.04 \text{ V} - \frac{0.0257 \text{ V}}{2} \ln \frac{0.010}{0.60}$
 $E = 0.013$

$$E > 0$$
 Spontaneous

Concentration Cells

Galvanic cell from two half-cells composed of the *same* material but differing in ion concentrations.

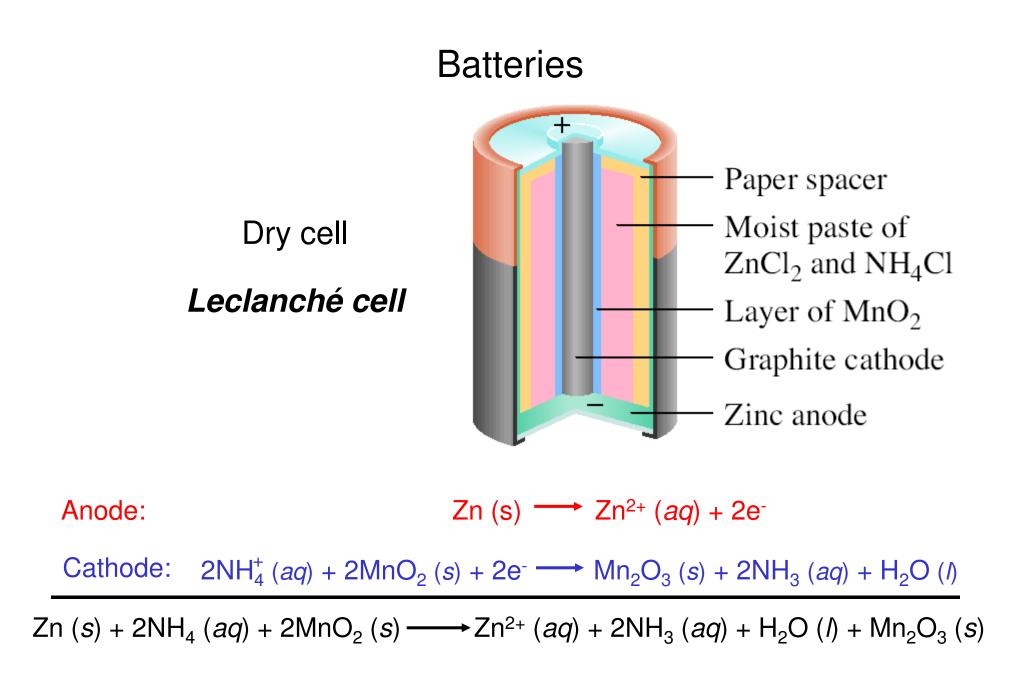
$$Zn(s) |Zn^{2+}(0.10 M)| |Zn^{2+}(1.0 M)| Zn(s)$$
Oxidation:
Reduction:

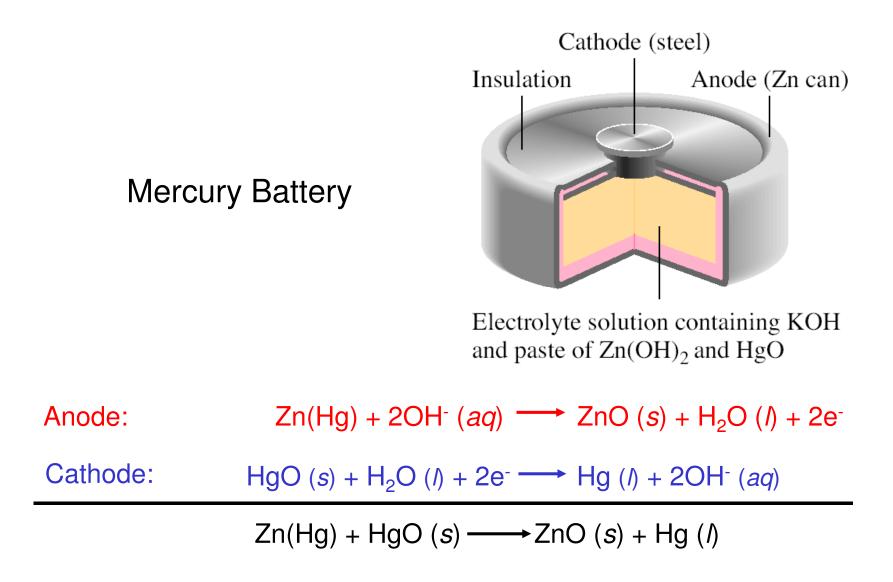
$$Zn(s) \longrightarrow Zn^{2+}(0.10 M) + 2e^{-}$$
Overall:

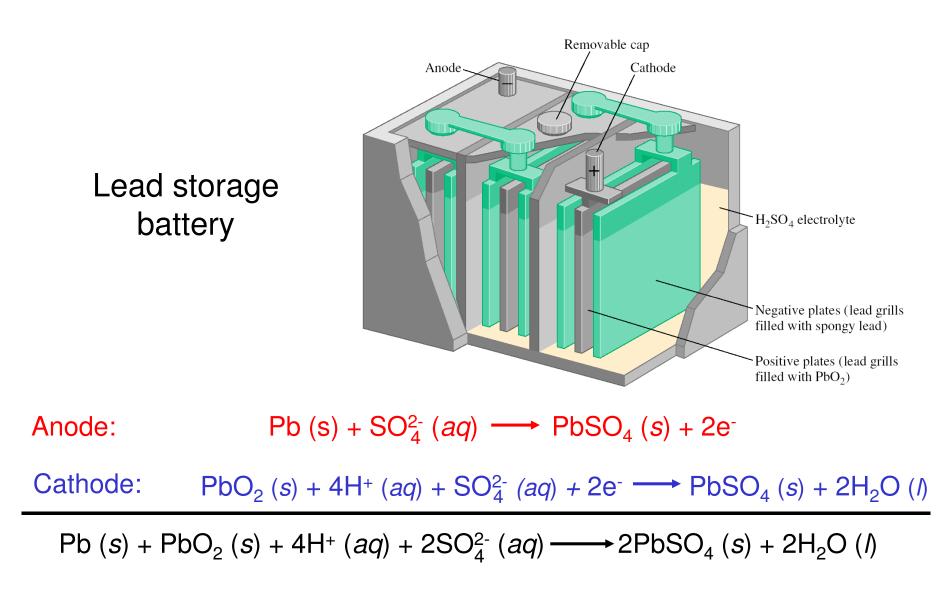
$$Zn^{2+}(1.0 M) + 2e^{-} \longrightarrow Zn(s)$$
Overall:

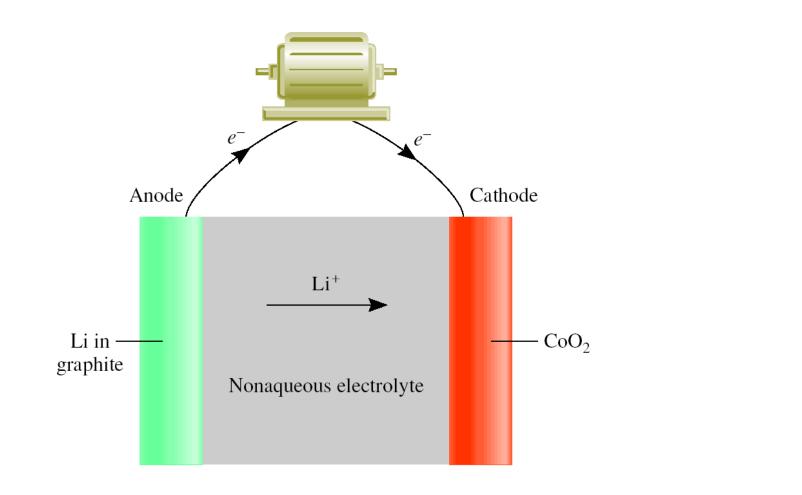
$$E = E^{\circ} - \frac{0.0257 V}{2} \ln \frac{[Zn^{2+}]_{dil}}{[Zn^{2+}]_{conc}}$$

$$E = 0 - \frac{0.0257 V}{2} \ln \frac{0.10}{1.0} = 0.0296 V$$
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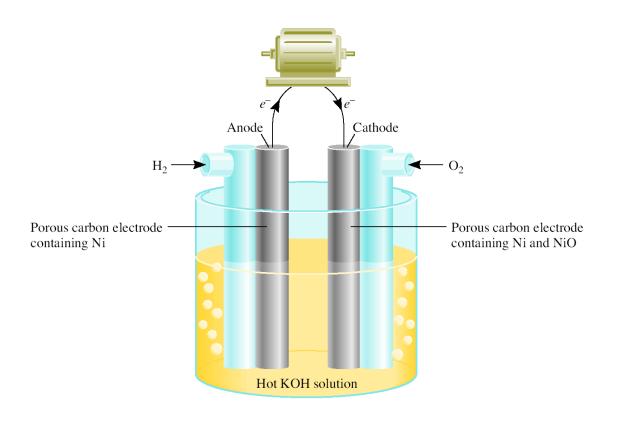






 $\text{Li} \longrightarrow \text{Li}^+ + e^ \text{Li}^+ + \text{CoO}_2 + e^- \longrightarrow \text{Li}^- \text{CoO}_2$

Solid State Lithium Battery



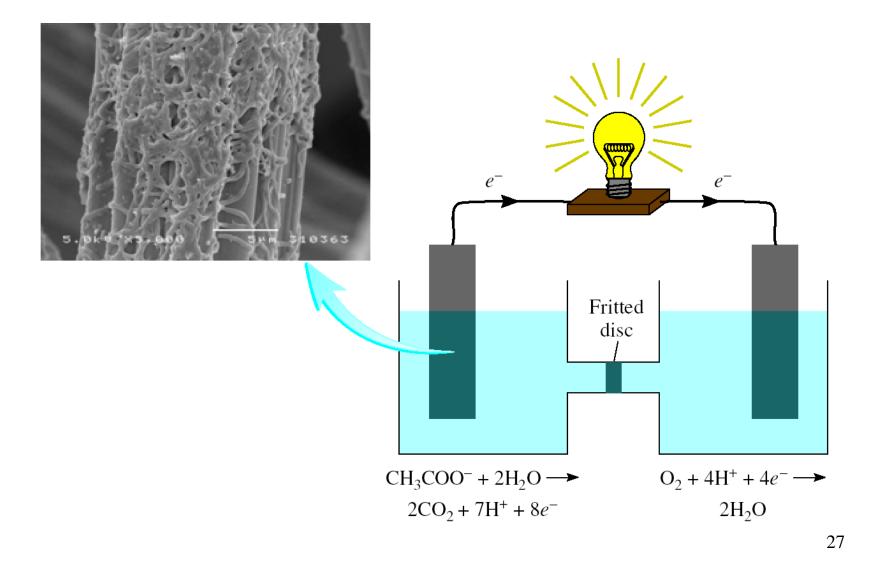
A *fuel cell* is an electrochemical cell that requires a continuous supply of reactants to keep functioning

Anode:	$2H_2(g) + 4OH^-(aq) \longrightarrow 4H_2O(l) + 4e^-$
Cathode:	$O_2(g) + 2H_2O(l) + 4e^- \longrightarrow 4OH^-(aq)$
	$2H_2(g) + O_2(g) \longrightarrow 2H_2O(I)$

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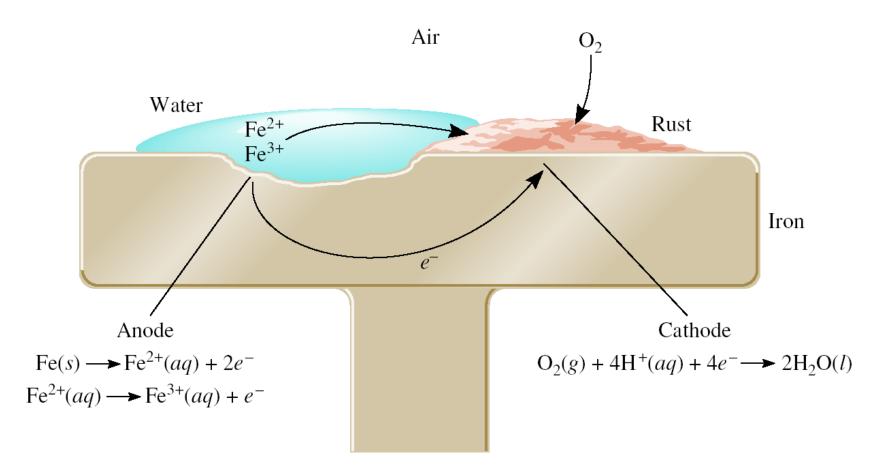
Chemistry In Action: Bacteria Power

 $CH_3COO^- + 2O_2 + H^+ \longrightarrow 2CO_2 + 2H_2O$

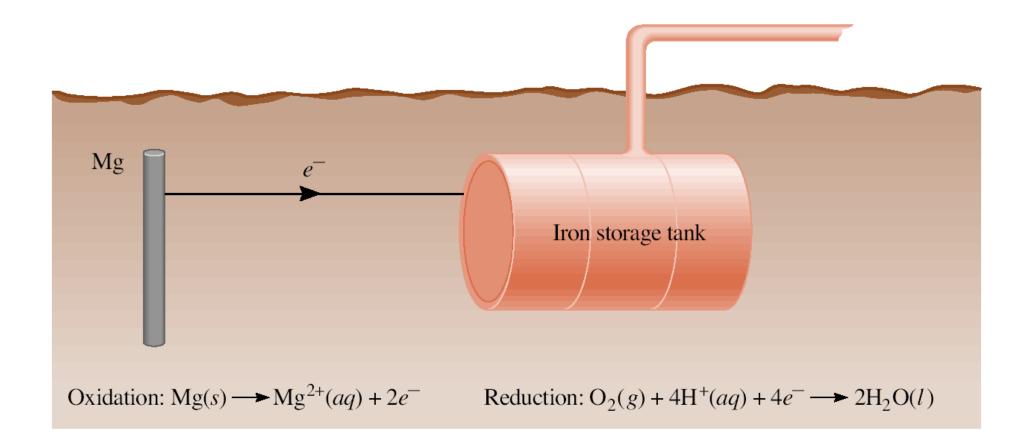


Corrosion

Corrosion is the term usually applied to the deterioration of metals by an electrochemical process.

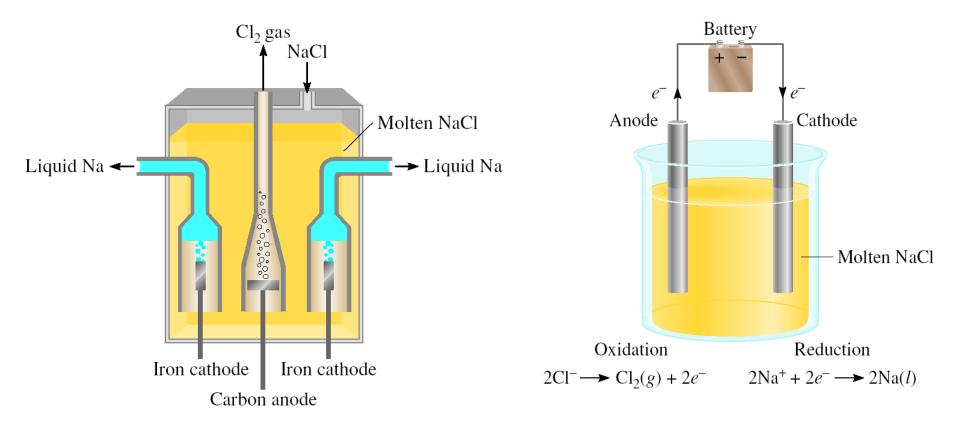


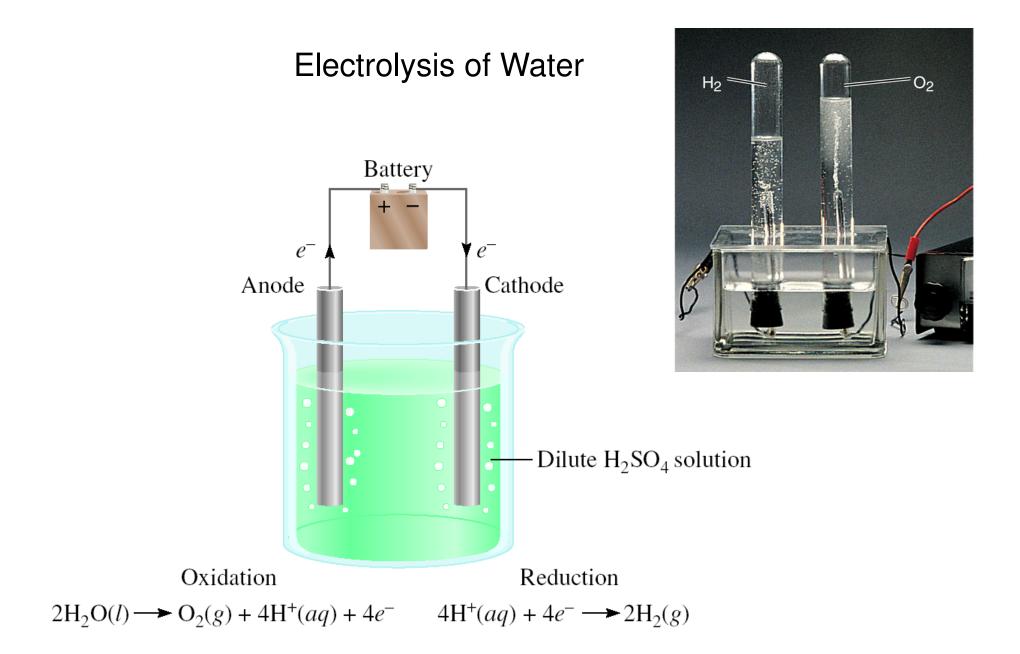
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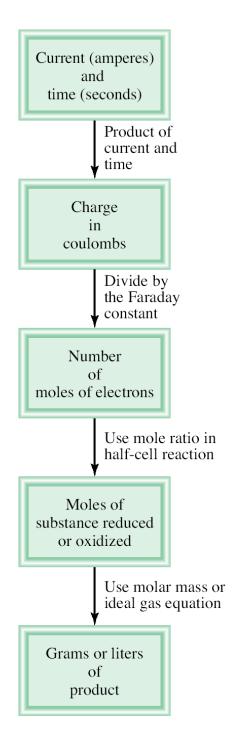


Electrolysis is the process in which electrical energy is used to cause a **nonspontaneous** chemical reaction to occur.

Electrolysis of molten NaCl







Electrolysis and Mass Changes

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

How much Ca will be produced in an electrolytic cell of molten CaCl₂ if a current of 0.452 A is passed through the cell for 1.5 hours?

Anode: $2\operatorname{Cl}^{-}(h) \longrightarrow \operatorname{Cl}_{2}(g) + 2e^{-}$ Cathode: $\operatorname{Ca}^{2+}(h) + 2e^{-} \longrightarrow \operatorname{Ca}(s)$ $\operatorname{Ca}^{2+}(h) + 2\operatorname{Cl}^{-}(h) \longrightarrow \operatorname{Ca}(s) + \operatorname{Cl}_{2}(g)$

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

mol Ca =
$$0.452 \frac{2}{5} \times 1.5 \text{ hr} \times 3600 \frac{8}{\text{ hr}} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol e}}{96,500} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol Ca}}{2 \text{ mol e}}$$

= 0.0126 mol Ca
= 0.50 g Ca

Chemistry In Action: Dental Filling Discomfort

