



## 4. Electrochemistry

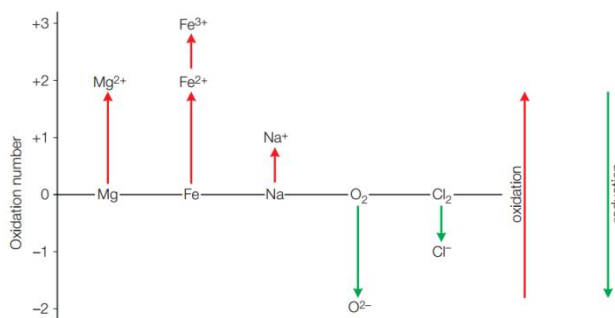
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### 考点一：A.Redox

- 4.3 define **oxidation** and **reduction** experimentally and theoretically  
 4.4 determine the **oxidation states** (numbers) of individual elements in a compound  
 4.5 write and balance **half reactions** and **net reactions**  
 4.6 compare **oxidation-reduction reactions** with other kinds of reactions

1.

The **oxidation number** (or **oxidation state**) tells you how many electrons an atom has **donated** or **accepted** to form an **ion**, or to form **part of a compound**.

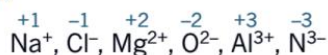


### 2. Oxidation number rules

- The oxidation number of **uncombined elements** is **zero**.



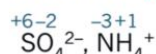
- In ions made of just **one atom** the oxidation number of the element is the **charge on the ion**.



- The **sum** of the oxidation numbers in a **neutral compound** is **zero**.



- The **sum** of the oxidation numbers for **an ion** is the **charge on the ion**.



- Some elements have **fixed oxidation** numbers in all their compounds.

- 1, F 一定是 -1 ;  
 2, O 几乎是 -2, 除了  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ ;  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}_2$  (-1)  
 3, H 几乎是 +1, 除了和金属结合。(-1)  
 4, Group 1, 2, 3 一般是 +1 +2 +3

### 3. Redox (reduction-oxidation)

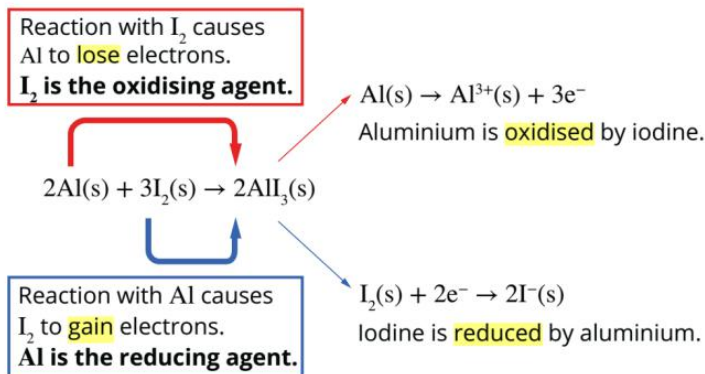
**Reduction:** gaining of electrons (**decrease** in the oxidation state)

**Oxidation:** loss of electrons (**increase** in the oxidation state)



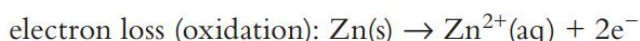
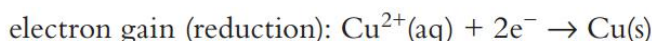
**Reducing agent** (reductant): species that **donates electrons** to reduce another reagent. (The reducing agent **get oxidized**.)

**Oxidizing agent** (oxidant): species that **accepts electrons** to oxidize another species. (The oxidizing agent **gets reduced**.)

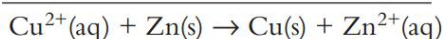
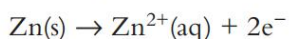
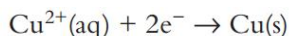


### 3. Half equation

A **half-equation** is used to describe either the **gain** or the **loss** of electrons during a redox process.



Adding together the two half-equations leads to the **full ionic equation**.



#### Rules for Balancing Oxidation-Reduction Reactions:

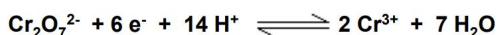
1. Write out half-reaction "*skeletons*."
2. Balance the half-reactions by adding  $H^+$ ,  $OH^-$  or  $H_2O$  as needed, maintaining electrical *neutrality*.
3. Combine the two half-reactions such that the *number of electrons* transferred in each *cancels out* when combined.

#### Example

Consider the next example:



The reduction step is given by...



The oxidation step is given by...



Multiplying the oxidation half-reaction by 3x and adding the two half-reactions together:

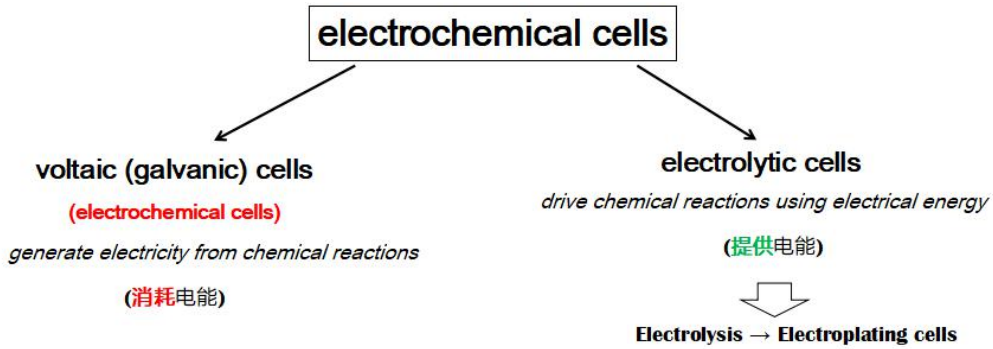


### B. Electrochemical cells and Fuel cells

- 4.1 describe the **flow of charge** in an electrical circuit
- 4.2 describe **series and parallel circuits** involving varying resistance, voltage, and current
- 4.7 illustrate and label the parts of **electrochemical** and **electrolytic cells** and explain how they work
- 4.8 predict whether oxidation-reduction reactions are **spontaneous** based on their **reduction potentials**
- 4.9 predict the **voltage** of various **electrochemical cells**
- 4.10 compare **electrochemical** and **electrolytic cells** in terms of **energy efficiency**, electron **flow/transfer**, and **chemical change**
- 4.12 explain how electrical energy is produced in a **hydrogen fuel cell** and a variety of batteries

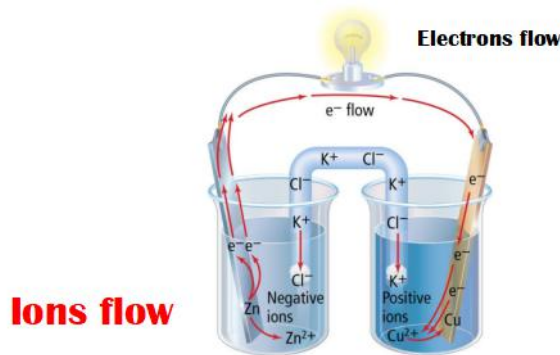


An **electrochemical cell** is an apparatus that uses a **redox reaction** to **produce electrical energy** or **uses electrical energy** to cause a chemical reaction.

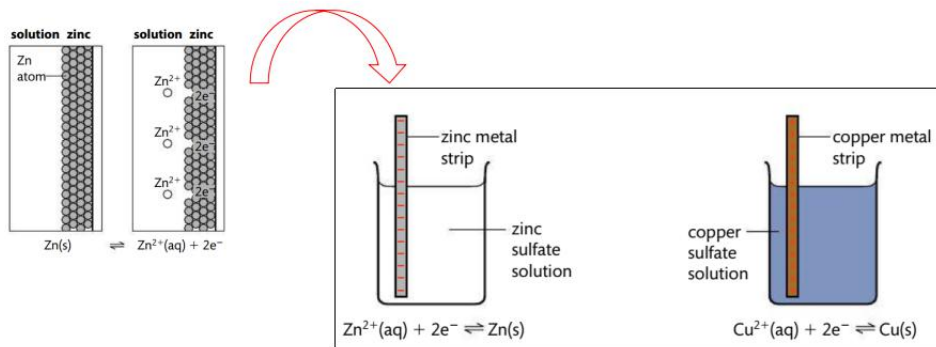


### 1. Voltaic cell

A **voltaic cell** is a type of electrochemical cell that converts **chemical energy** to **electrical energy** by a spontaneous **redox reaction**.

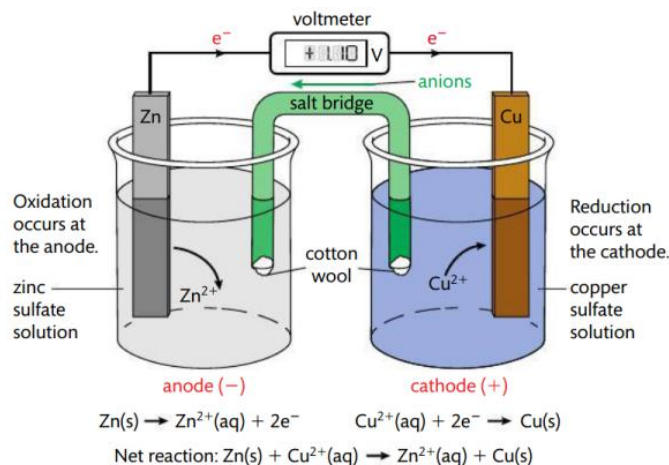


Zinc atoms form zinc ions by releasing electrons. An **equilibrium** is set up between the **metal** and its **solution of ions**.



The electrode where **oxidation** takes place is called the **anode**.

The **cathode** is the electrode where **reduction** occurs



**Anode:** 发生 **oxidation** 反应, **失电子**;  
**Cathode:** 发生 **reduction** 反应, **得电子**;

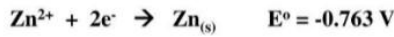
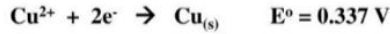
Redox reactions can be **"separated"** in a galvanic cell





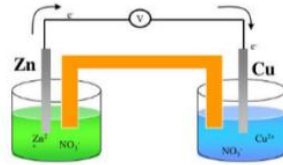
6. Potential difference/standard cell difference (电势差)

Example: Calculate  $E^{\ominus}$  for the cell shown in the Figure below:



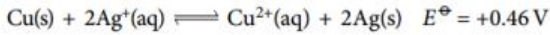
$$E^{\ominus}_{\text{Cell}} = E^{\ominus}_{\text{Cathode}} - E^{\ominus}_{\text{Anode}} = E^{\ominus}_{\text{Red}} - E^{\ominus}_{\text{Ox}}$$

$$E^{\ominus} = (0.337) - (-0.763) = +1.10 \text{ V}$$

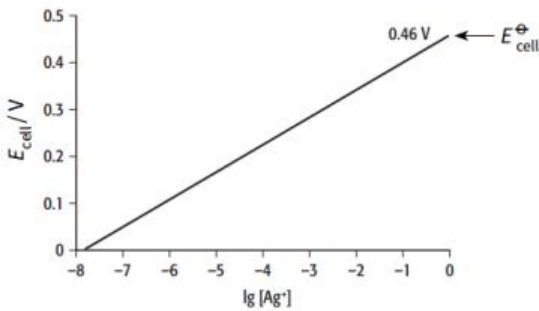


“正减负”

7. Nernst 方程



$$E = E^{\ominus} + \frac{RT}{zF} \ln \frac{[\text{oxidised form}]}{[\text{reduced form}]}$$



$$E = E^{\ominus} + \frac{0.059}{z} \log_{10} [\text{oxidised form}]$$

一些“技巧”

如有图:

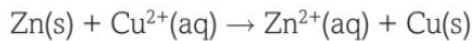
先判断 anode-cathode  
标 electron, ions 流动方向  
写反应物/产物。

8. Use Standard Reduction Potentials

Cell potentials can be used to determine if a proposed reaction under standard conditions will be spontaneous.

If the calculated potential is positive, the reaction is spontaneous.

If the calculated potential is negative, the reaction is not spontaneous.

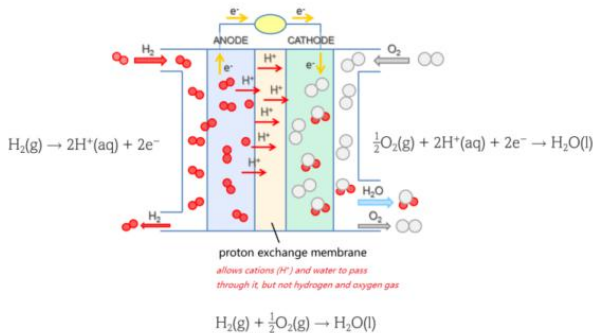


“负” “正”

$$E^{\ominus}_{\text{cell}} = E^{\ominus}_{\text{right}} - E^{\ominus}_{\text{left}} = +0.34 - (-0.76) = +1.10\text{V}$$

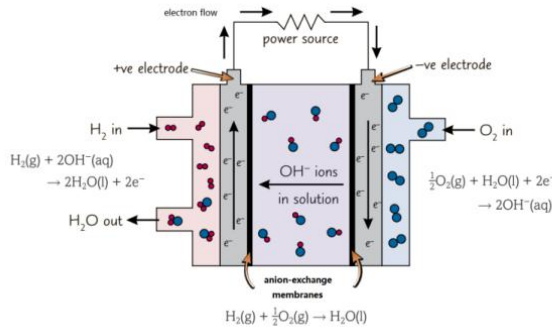
9. HYDROGEN-OXYGEN FUEL CELL

- In acidic condition:





- In alkaline condition:



### C. Electrolytic cells and Electroplating

#### 1. Electrolysis

Electrolysis is the **breaking down** of a substance using **electricity**.

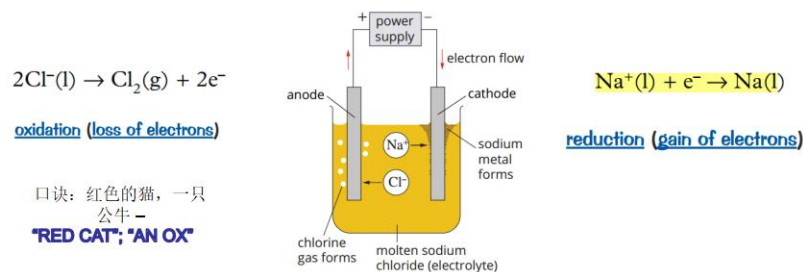


An electric current is being passed through a dilute sodium chloride solution, causing water to decompose into **hydrogen gas** and **oxygen gas**

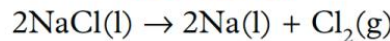
An **electrolyte** is a **liquid** or **solution** that undergoes **electrolysis**

The **electrodes** are made from an **inert(unreactive)** material.

Two **inert** electrodes, e.g. **graphite** or **platinum**



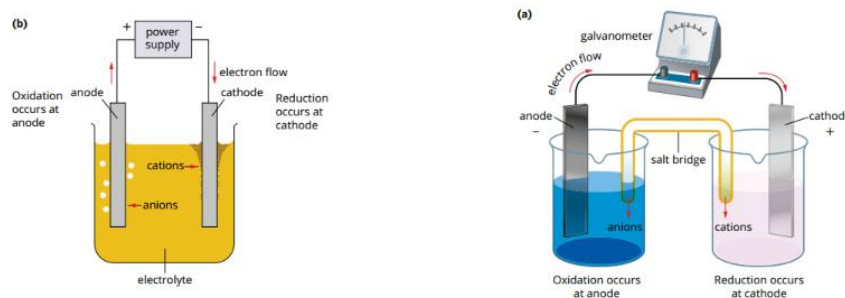
#### Overall reaction



This is a **non-spontaneous reaction**—a reaction that would not occur naturally.

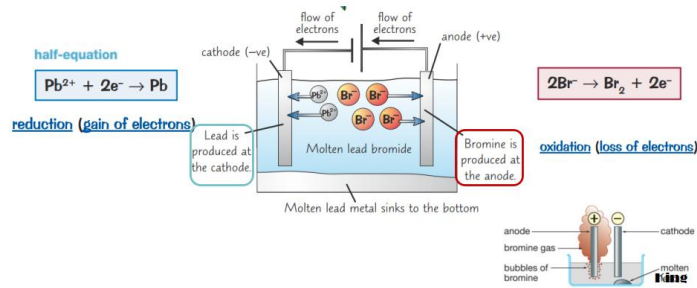
The reverse reaction, between sodium and chlorine, is a **spontaneous reaction**.

- Electrolytic cells convert **electrical energy** to **chemical energy**, whereas **galvanic cells** convert **chemical energy** to **electrical energy**.

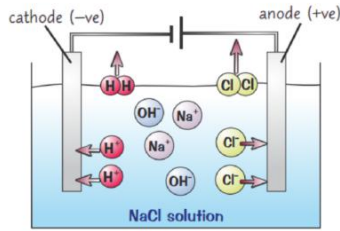




ELECTROLYSIS OF MOLTEN COMPOUND



ELECTROLYSIS OF AQUEOUS SOLUTION



Use the **electrochemical series!!!**

Strongest **oxidising agent** (左上) usually reacts at the **cathode**.

Strongest **reducing agent** (右下) usually reacts at the **anode**.

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Oxidising agents	Reducing agents	E° (V)
F <sub>2</sub> (g) + 2e <sup>-</sup>	= 2F <sup>-</sup> (aq)	+2.87
H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> (aq) + 2H <sup>+</sup> (aq) + 2e <sup>-</sup>	= 2H <sub>2</sub> O(l)	+1.77
Au <sup>3+</sup> (aq) + 3e <sup>-</sup>	= Au(s)	+1.68
Cl <sub>2</sub> (g) + 2e <sup>-</sup>	= 2Cl <sup>-</sup> (aq)	+1.36
O <sub>2</sub> (g) + 4H <sup>+</sup> (aq) + 4e <sup>-</sup>	= 2H <sub>2</sub> O(l)	+1.23
Br <sub>2</sub> (l) + 2e <sup>-</sup>	= 2Br <sup>-</sup> (aq)	+1.09
Ag <sup>+</sup> (aq) + e <sup>-</sup>	= Ag(s)	+0.80
Fe <sup>3+</sup> (aq) + e <sup>-</sup>	= Fe <sup>2+</sup> (aq)	+0.77
O <sub>2</sub> (g) + 2H <sup>+</sup> (aq) + 2e <sup>-</sup>	= H <sub>2</sub> O(l)	+0.68
I <sub>2</sub> (s) + 2e <sup>-</sup>	= 2I <sup>-</sup> (aq)	+0.54
O <sub>2</sub> (g) + 2H <sub>2</sub> O(l) + 4e <sup>-</sup>	= 4OH <sup>-</sup> (aq)	+0.40
Cu <sup>2+</sup> (aq) + 2e <sup>-</sup>	= Cu(s)	+0.34
Sn <sup>4+</sup> (aq) + 2e <sup>-</sup>	= Sn <sup>2+</sup> (aq)	+0.15
S(s) + 2H <sup>+</sup> (aq) + 2e <sup>-</sup>	= H <sub>2</sub> S(g)	+0.14
2H <sup>+</sup> (aq) + 2e <sup>-</sup>	= H <sub>2</sub> (g)	0.00
Pb <sup>2+</sup> (aq) + 2e <sup>-</sup>	= Pb(s)	-0.13
Sn <sup>2+</sup> (aq) + 2e <sup>-</sup>	= Sn(s)	-0.14
Ni <sup>2+</sup> (aq) + 2e <sup>-</sup>	= Ni(s)	-0.23
Co <sup>2+</sup> (aq) + 2e <sup>-</sup>	= Co(s)	-0.28
Fe <sup>2+</sup> (aq) + 2e <sup>-</sup>	= Fe(s)	-0.44
Zn <sup>2+</sup> (aq) + 2e <sup>-</sup>	= Zn(s)	-0.76
2H <sub>2</sub> O(l) + 2e <sup>-</sup>	= H <sub>2</sub> (g) + 2OH <sup>-</sup> (aq)	-0.83
Mn <sup>2+</sup> (aq) + 2e <sup>-</sup>	= Mn(s)	-1.03
Al <sup>3+</sup> (aq) + 3e <sup>-</sup>	= Al(s)	-1.67
Mg <sup>2+</sup> (aq) + 2e <sup>-</sup>	= Mg(s)	-2.34
Na <sup>+</sup> (aq) + e <sup>-</sup>	= Na(s)	-2.71
Ca <sup>2+</sup> (aq) + 2e <sup>-</sup>	= Ca(s)	-2.87
K <sup>+</sup> (aq) + e <sup>-</sup>	= K(s)	-2.93
Li <sup>+</sup> (aq) + e <sup>-</sup>	= Li(s)	-3.02

2. Rechargeable cells

Cells and batteries use **spontaneous redox** reactions as the source of energy.

When a secondary cell **discharges(放电)**, it acts as a **galvanic cell**, converting *chemical energy* into *electrical energy*

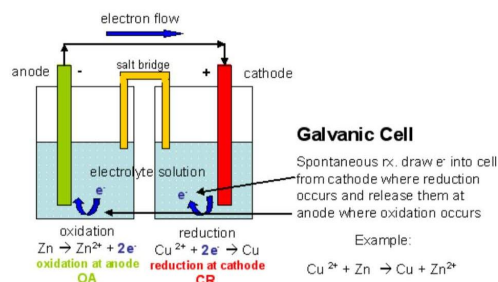
When the cell is **recharged(充电)**, it acts as a type of cell called an **electrolytic cell**.

*Electrical energy* is transformed into *chemical energy* in an electrolytic cell

During the **discharging** process(galvanic cell):

- **oxidation** occurs at the **negative terminal** (the **anode**)
- **reduction** occurs at the positive terminal (the **cathode**).

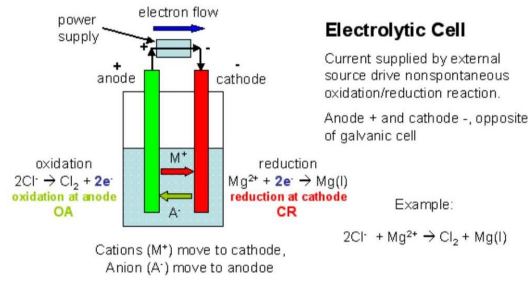
ELECTROCHEMICAL CELLS





When the cell is **recharging**(**electrolytic cell**), the cell reaction is reversed:

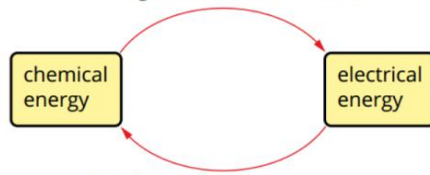
- **oxidation** occurs at the **positive terminal** (the **anode**)
- **reduction** occurs at the **negative terminal** (the **cathode**).



**Discharging**

- acts as galvanic cell
- spontaneous reaction
- negative terminal is anode

anode给电子



**Recharging**

- acts as electrolytic cell
- non-spontaneous reaction
- positive terminal is anode

anode吸电子

**3. Electroplating cells 电镀池**

