

# Corrosion Engineering

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# Introduction to Corrosion

## Lecture - 1

### Introduction to corrosion

→ Some examples of accidents due to corrosion -

- Aloha incident
- Bhopal incident
- Carlsbad pipeline explosion.
- EL-AL Boeing 747 crash
- F-16 fighter aircraft
- Nuclear reactor with hole in head
- Pitting corrosion
- Silver bridge - 1967
- Sinking of Erika oil vessel
- Swimming pool roof corrosion.

→ cost of corrosion

USA :- 3.1% of GDP

India :- 4-5% of GDP

→ Cost of corrosion :-

Loss due to corrosion :-

- USA :- 3.1% of GDP
- India :- 4-5% of GDP

Direct cost

- Infrastructure
- Transportation
- Production & manufacturing

Indirect cost

- Labor involved in corrosion management
- Cost of equipment req. to prevent corrosion
- Cost of loss of reliability.

→ Material degradation :-

- (1) Direct mechanical action - ex: ~~erosion~~ due to sand particles.
- (2) Heat or radiation - ex: In nuclear plant

Core Area of study →

(3) ~~Pressure~~ Presence of chemical reagent - ex: electrochemical reaction

Electrochemical degradation is called → Corrosion

Intro to corrosion-II

→ Material degradation:- Loss of performance of an engineering system.

- Loss of reflectivity in optical equipment
- " " mechanical strength due to corrosion
- " " Efficiency
- " " lifetime service period.

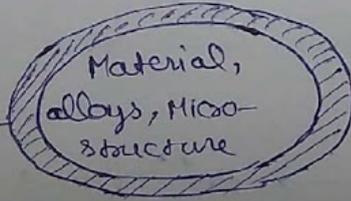
• Material degradation with environment:-

(5) Radiation

(1) Air & gas environment

- Temp.
- Humidity
- CO<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>, ... concentration

(2) Surface condition



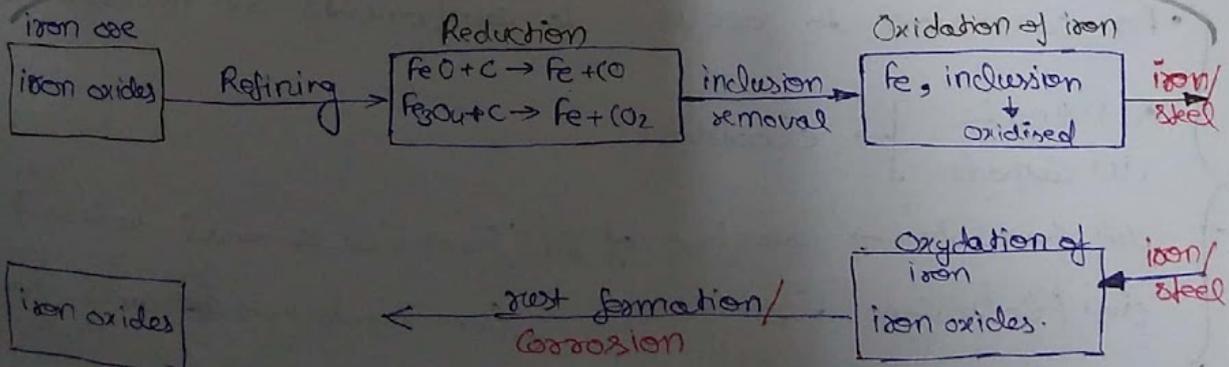
(4) Soil

- Temp
- Acidity
- O<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>, ... conc.
- Bacteria

(3) Aqueous condition

- Temp
- pH
- [O<sub>2</sub>], [Cl<sup>-</sup>], ...
- Flow velocity
- Conductivity.

Energy consuming process.



Natural process (thermodynamically stable reaction)

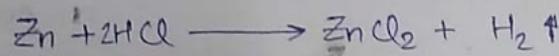
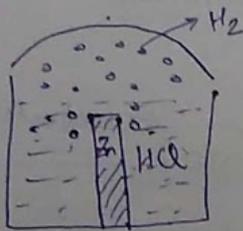
- Corrosion is natural process ⇒ Corrosion can not be prevented
- Corrosion can be reduced

→ Corrosion :- • The tendency of a metal to revert to its Native state.

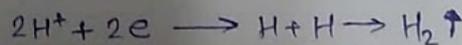
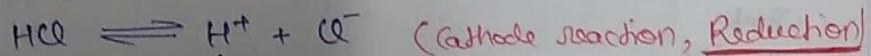
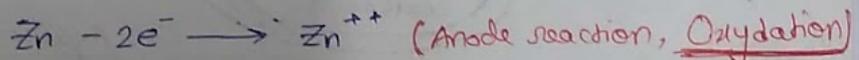
• Electrochemical degradation of metal as a result of reaction with environment

{ due to corrosion - metal tries to ~~oxidize~~ oxidize and makes a chemical compound that is similar to the mineral from which metal was extracted }

• Ex:- Zn corrosion in dilute HCl:-



Zn is dissolving in solution  $\Rightarrow$  Corrosion.



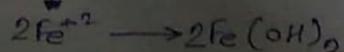
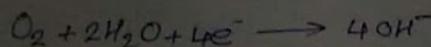
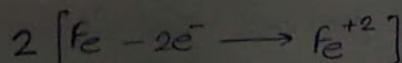
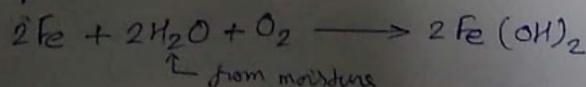
• For corrosion to occur:- 4 components are necessary -

(i) Anode  
(ii) Cathode } electrodes.

(iii) Conductor  $\rightarrow$  surface of Zn (from here  $e^-$  will release)

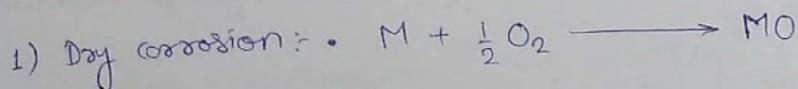
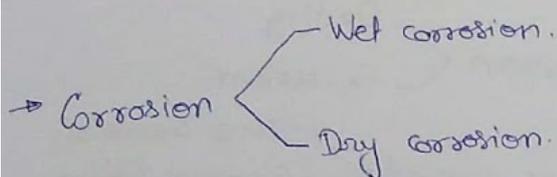
(iv) Electrolyte  $\rightarrow$   $\text{ZnCl}_2$  (from electrolyte <sup>ions</sup> will flow)

• Ex:- Fe corrosion in aqueous solution:-

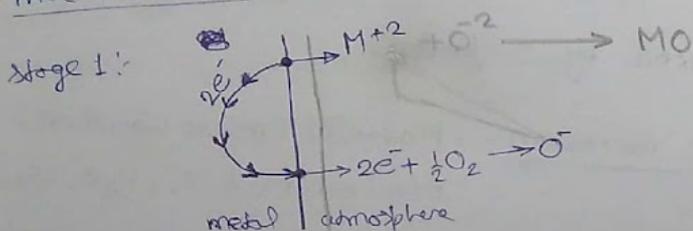


# Types of Corrosion

## Lecture-3 Types & forms of Corrosion



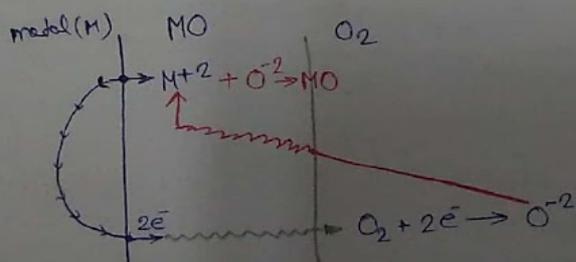
• mechanism :-



- Anode: where  $M^{+2}$  formation takes place
- Cathode: where  $O^-$  formation takes place
- Conductor: Metal surface
- Electrolyte: Atmosphere.  
 $O^{2-}$  moves towards  $M^{+2}$

Condition satisfied for corrosion.

Stage 2: When MO layer has been formed -

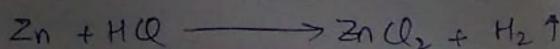


- $M^{+2}$  &  $O^{2-}$  formation takes place
- Two possibility
  - $M^{+2}$  moves & interacts with  $O^{2-}$  to form MO
  - $O^{2-}$  moves & interacts with  $M^{+2}$  to form MO (Shown in fig)

- Anode: where  $M^{+2}$  forms
- Cathode: where  $O^{2-}$  forms
- Conductor: Metal surface
- Electrolyte: MO layer.

Condition for corrosion satisfied

2) Wet corrosion:-



Elaborate it

Our focus will be on wet corrosion

# Forms of Corrosion (Based on Appearance)

→ Forms of corrosion:- (Based on appearance)

- |                      |                    |   |
|----------------------|--------------------|---|
| 1) Uniform corrosion | 7) Erosion         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>↳ Erosion</li> <li>↳ Cavitation</li> </ul>   |
| 2) Galvanic          | 8) Stress assisted | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>↳ Stress corrosion</li> <li>↳ Corrosion fatigue</li> <li>↳ Hydrogen embrittlement</li> </ul> |
| 3) Crevice           |                    |   |
| 4) Pitting           |                    |   |
| 5) Dealloying        |                    |   |
| 6) Intergranular     |                    |   |

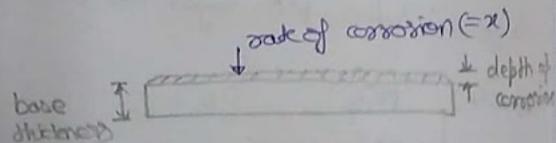
• These can be induced by 5 factors:-

- Parameters for corrosion-
- Material (microstructure)
  - Environment ( $O_2$ ,  $H_2O$ ,  $SO_2$ ,  $M^{n+}$ ,  $T$ ,  $pH$ )
  - Stress
  - Design (Smooth/Rough surface)
  - Time

## Lecture - 4

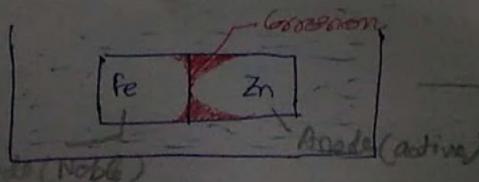
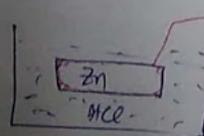
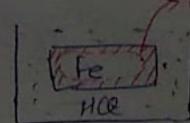
1) Uniform corrosion:-

- No localised corrosion
- No preferential location for corrosion attack
- Can be reduced by
  - ↳ Coating
  - ↳ Painting
  - ↳ Cathodic protection.



2) Galvanic corrosion:- - Corrosion due to connection between metals

• { when Fe & Zn dipped in HCl  $\Rightarrow$  Fe corrodes heavily }



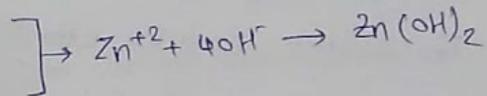
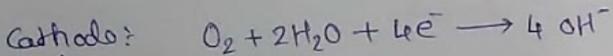
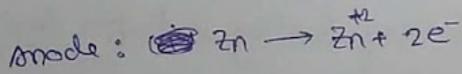
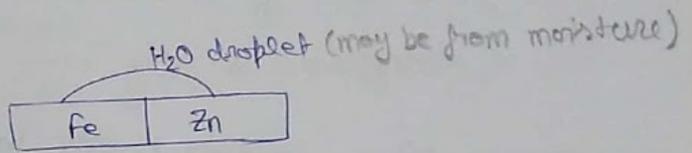
$\rightarrow$  Galvanic / Two metal Corrosion

- When Fe-Zn are in contact  $\Rightarrow$  Zn corrodes heavily but Fe is protected from corrosion



[Zinc coating is provided on iron for protection]

How this happens?



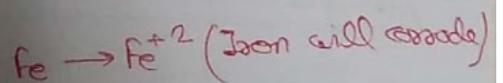
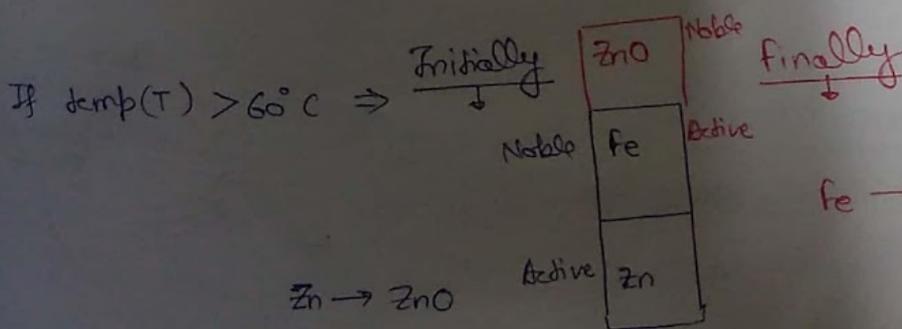
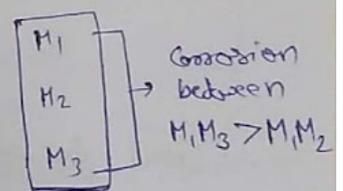
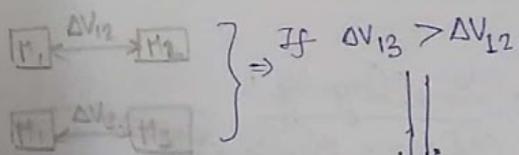
(At the surface of Fe)

[Fe acts as cathode]

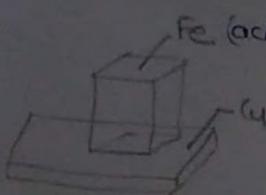
Factors: (i) Distance: corrosion reduced away from interface.

(ii) Polarity charge: Due to atm condition

(iii) Galvanic series:



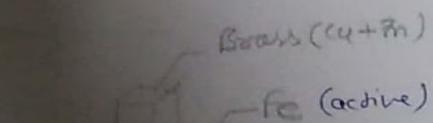
$\Rightarrow$  Galvanisation of Fe with Zn must be done below 60°C



(iv) Area factor:

Cu has large area  $\Rightarrow$  many e<sup>-</sup> are req.  $\Rightarrow$  supply from Fe

Cu has low area  $\Rightarrow$  less e<sup>-</sup> req.  $\Rightarrow$  Fe remains intact



$\Rightarrow$  Cathodic area should be small

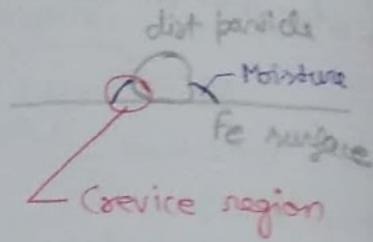
→ Crevice corrosion:

- If (i) Crevice gap is high to get water
- (ii) Water inside crevice is stagnant



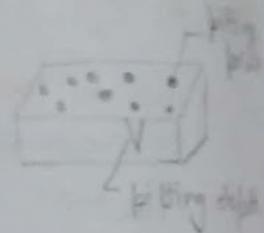
Corrosion is very high

- Design plays important role in crevice corrosion
- To reduce crevice attack ⇒ Clean regularly. & Proper design

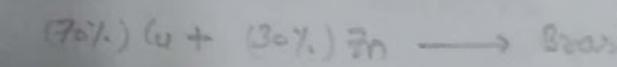


→ Pitting ; • Happens on weak/active (grain boundary, interface of alloy)

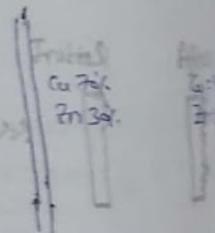
- Stagnant sol<sup>n</sup> is req for high pitting



→ Dealloying ; (Selective Bleaching)



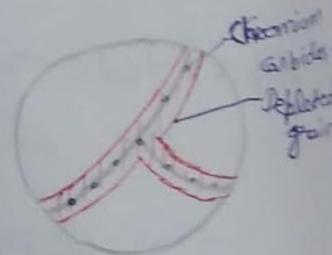
- Ag + Zn, Zr-Pd, Zr-gold



- Good for → making porous structure (very good catalyst)

→ Intergranular corrosion :-

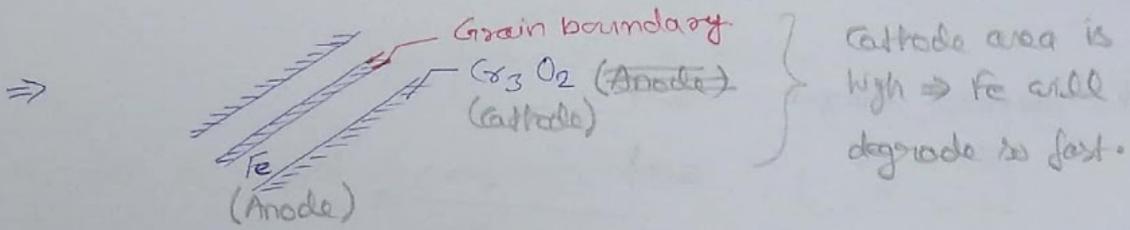
• ex: 18:8 stainless steel (304)  
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 Cr Ni  
 0.08% C



• At Temp (450°-650°C) :- Cr<sub>23</sub>C<sub>6</sub> nucleus formation



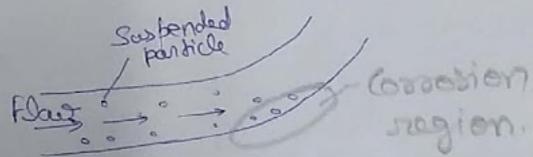
- In stainless ~~steel~~ steel  $\Rightarrow$  Cr layer is formed at surface
- Near at elevated temp  $\Rightarrow$  Near grain boundary  $\Rightarrow$  Cr concentrates in the form of  $Cr_{23}Cr$ .



- How to reduce  $\equiv$ 
  - Reduce C%
  - Reduce Temp. for longer time (Sensitisation)  $\leftarrow$  formation of  $Cr_{23}Cr$
  - Include Nb (Stabilization)

### Erosion:

- Hole formation at surface takes place
- Design is predominant effect.



- Erosion
  - fretting
  - Cavitation

- Cavitation:
  - Due to p reduction  $\Rightarrow$  formation of bubble
  - due to p increase  $\Rightarrow$  Collapse of "

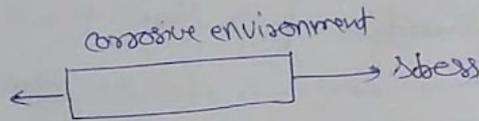
Shock waves are created  $\Rightarrow$  Metal is deformed locally.

$\Downarrow$   
 Metal becomes active

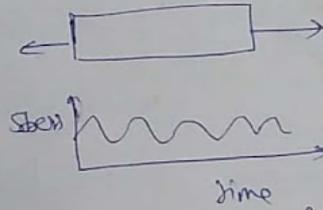
- Fretting:
  - Near fish plates
  - Due to small amplitude vibration  $\Rightarrow$  Oxides are formed  $\Rightarrow$  Debris formation
  - Provide lubrication to avoid this.

→ Stress assisted corrosion:

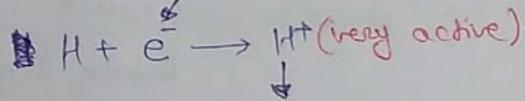
(i) Stress corrosion:-



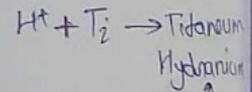
(ii) Corrosion fatigue:-



(iii) Hydrogen embrittlement:-



It can react with:-  $H^+ + H^+ \rightarrow H_2$



Hydrogen embrittlement  
(Blistering)

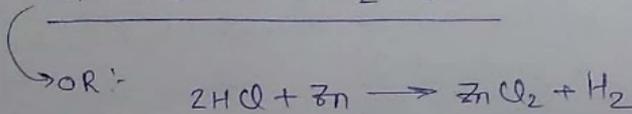
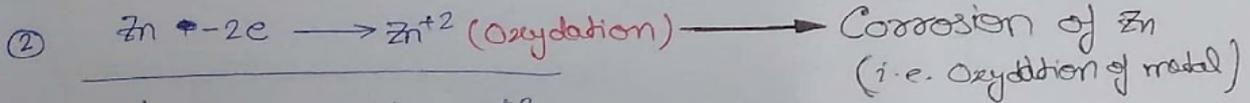
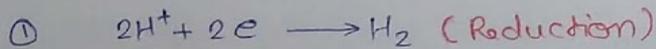
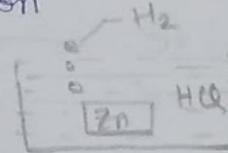
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Lecture - 7

## Electrochemical Nature of corrosion

→ For complete cell reaction ⇒ REDOX req. must take place  
 Reduction + Oxidation

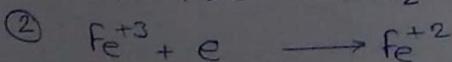
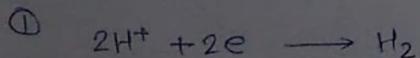
ex:- for Zn dipped in HCl solution :-



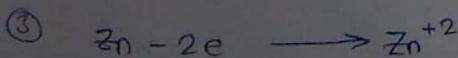
- (1) No. of  $e^-$  accepted in reduction = No. of generated  $e^-$  in Oxidation  
 (consumption) (generation)
- (2) Rate of reduction reaction = Rate of Oxidation reaction  
 consumption/time = Generation/time

⇒ Rate of reduction = Rate of Oxidation  
 ↑  
Rate of corrosion

ex:- Zn dipped in dil HCl +  $FeCl_3$  as impurity.



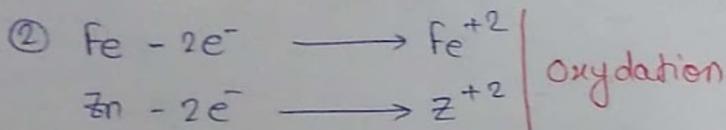
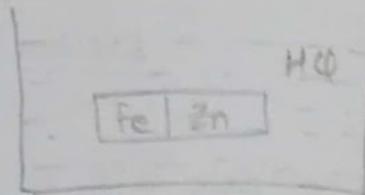
Reduction reaction



Oxidation reaction.

- Here rate of corrosion for Zn increases if -
- Include  $FeCl_3$  as impurity
  - Consideration of  $H_2$  dissolution ( $O_2 + 4H^+ + 4e \rightarrow 2H_2O$ ) | Reduction reaction

ex- Fe-Zn in HCl  
(Pure, No dissolved O<sub>2</sub>)



→ Conclusion: ① Zn dipped in HCl → 1 Red + 1 Oxidation

② Zn " " " + FeCl<sub>3</sub> inclusion → 2 Red + 1 Oxy

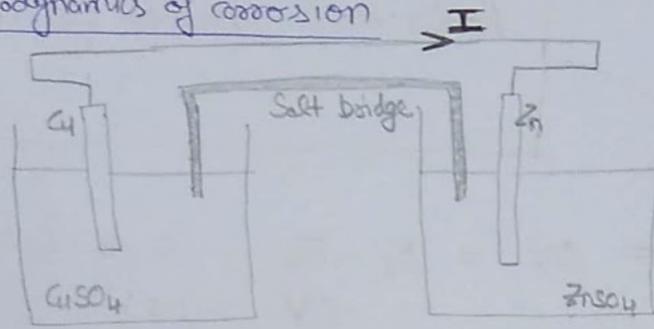
Highest rate ← ③ Zn " " " + FeCl<sub>3</sub> " " → 3 Red + 1 Oxy  
of corrosion in Zn + dissolved O<sub>2</sub>

Lowest rate of ← ④ Fe-Zn couple dipped in HCl → 1 Red + 2 Oxy  
Fe corrosion

Lecture-8  
Thermodynamics of corrosion

→ Galvanic cell:-

Chemical energy is used to produce electrical energy.

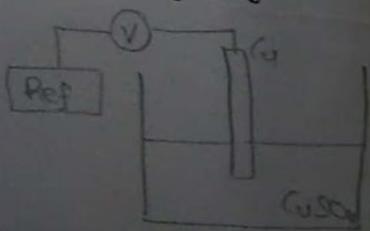


- Salt bridge - used for charge ( $e^-$ ) transfer between electrolyte.
- Electrolyte -  $CuSO_4$  &  $ZnSO_4$
- Electrode -  $Cu$  &  $Zn$
- If salt bridge is present  $\Rightarrow$  Current  $I$  will start flowing.

→ Individual cell analysis:-

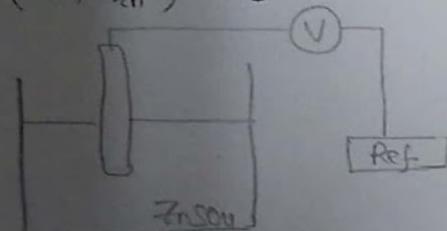
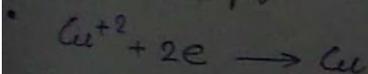
- Reference electrode:- It is a Hydrogen electrode at 1 atm pressure & 298 K temp.
- Under such condition  $\Rightarrow$  Hydrogen reference electrode potential  $\frac{1s}{considered}$  zero ( $E = 4.44 V$  at  $25^\circ C$ )
- Potential of  $Cu =$  voltage measured. ( $E_1$ ) (V)

• Activity of electrolyte is assumed ( $a_{Cu}, a_{Zn}$ ) = 1



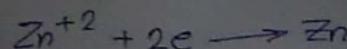
• Reduction Potential

$$E_1 = 0.34 V$$



• Reduction Potential

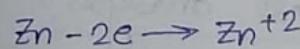
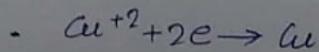
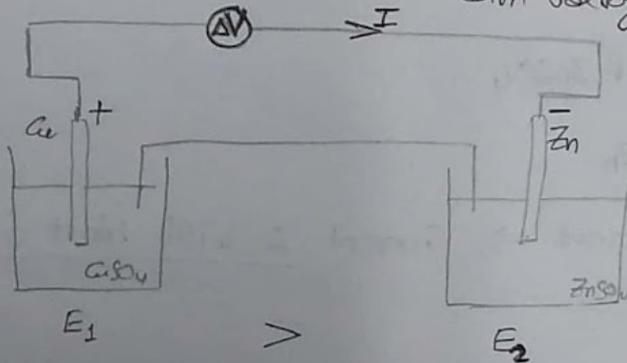
$$E_1 = -0.76 V$$



Reduction ability of  $\text{Cu}^{++} >$  Reduction ability of  $\text{Zn}^{++}$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta V = E_1 - E_2 = 0.34 - (-0.76)$$
$$\Delta V = 1.1 \text{ V}$$

Direction of current :- from Cu electrode to Zn electrode with voltage difference of  $\Delta V$



• Cu deposition

Zn corrosion.

↓  
Called cathodic protection

↓  
Called anodic corrosion.

→  $E_1 - E_2 = \Delta E (= 1.1 \text{ V}) \Rightarrow$  Can be ~~used~~ related to free energy. ( $\Delta G$ ) at 1 atm

## Electrical Work

Electrical energy (for moving charge) =  $Q \cdot \Delta E$    
total charge   
potential diff

$$\Rightarrow \text{Electrical work} = Q \cdot \Delta E \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

• If 1 mole of metal ion is converted to metal -



$$\Rightarrow Q = nF \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\bullet \text{ Electrical work } (W') = nF \Delta E \quad \text{--- (A)}$$

$Q \rightarrow$  total charge for 1 mole of metal ion to metal

$n \rightarrow$  valency

$F \rightarrow$  Faraday constant

$$F = 1.6 \times 10^{19} \times 6.023 \times 10^{23}$$

$$\Rightarrow F = 96500 \text{ coulombs}$$

$$\Delta G = -nFE$$

$n \rightarrow$  valency  
 $F (= 96500) \rightarrow$  const.  
 $E \rightarrow$  Voltage

$\Delta E$  is replaced by  $E$

## Gibbs free energy

$$\bullet G = H - TS$$

$$\Rightarrow G = U + PV - TS$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta G = \Delta U + P \Delta V + V \Delta P - T \Delta S - \Delta TS$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta G = \Delta U + P \Delta V - T \Delta S \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$W \rightarrow$  Total work  
 $q \rightarrow$  Energy supplied

$$U = q - W$$

$W' + W_{\text{mech}} (= P \Delta V) \rightarrow$  electrical work

$$\Rightarrow \Delta G = q - W' - P \Delta V + P \Delta V - T \Delta S$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta G = q - W' - T \Delta S$$

For reversible process  $\Rightarrow q = T \Delta S$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta G = -W' \quad \text{--- (B)}$$

→ Other relations for E:

$$(1) \Delta G = \Delta V dp - \Delta S dT$$

$$\Delta G = -nFE$$

$$\Rightarrow nFE$$

$$\Rightarrow \left. \left( \frac{\partial \Delta G}{\partial T} \right)_p = -\Delta S \right\} \Rightarrow \boxed{nF \left( \frac{\partial E}{\partial T} \right)_p = \Delta S}$$

Also,  $\Delta G = -nFE$

$$(2) \Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S$$

$$-nFE = \Delta H - T nF \left( \frac{\partial E}{\partial T} \right)_p$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta H = -nFE + nFT \left( \frac{\partial E}{\partial T} \right)_p$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{E = \frac{-\Delta H}{nF} + T \left( \frac{\partial E}{\partial T} \right)_p}$$

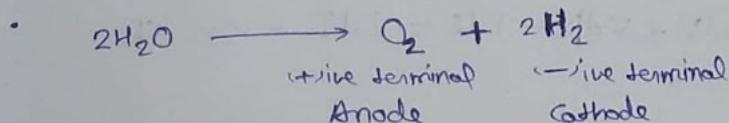
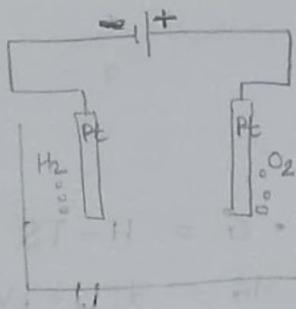
(Now we will try to establish relation of G with reaction constant ( $K_p$ ))

# Water Electrolysis

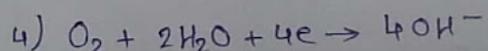
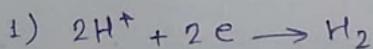
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→ Water electrolysis :-

• Electrical energy is used to do chemical work



• Possible reactions are -



→ Possible if  $\text{pH} < 7 \Rightarrow$  Acidic

→ Possible if  $\text{pH} > 7 \Rightarrow$  Basic  
or  
(Neutral)

• Sign convention :-

1) Galvanic cell : Cathode (+) ← Cathodic reaction  
Anode (-)

2) Electrolysis : Cathode (-) ← Cathodic reaction  
Anode (+)

→ Chemical potential :- ( $\mu$ )

• defined as -

$$\mu = \frac{\partial G}{\partial n_i}$$

$$\mu_i = \left. \frac{\partial G}{\partial n_i} \right|_{P, T, n_j}$$

• Chemical potential of a species is → energy, that can be adsorbed or released due to change in particle no.

$$\mu_i = \left. \frac{\partial G}{\partial n_i} \right|_{p, T, n_j}$$

Derivation: •  $G = H - TS$

$$dG = d(U + pV) - d(TS)$$

$$\Rightarrow dG = dU + pdV + Vdp - Tds - SdT \quad (1)$$

$$\bullet dU = Tds - pdV + \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i dN_i \quad (2)$$

energy supplied

mechanical work

energy due to change in number particle

(1) & (2)

$$dG = (Tds - pdV + \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i dN_i) + (pdV + Vdp - Tds - SdT)$$

$$dG = Vdp - SdT + \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i dN_i$$

$$\Rightarrow \left. \begin{matrix} \text{at constant } p \text{ \& } T \Rightarrow Vdp = 0 \\ SdT = 0 \end{matrix} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \partial G = \mu_i \partial N_i \quad \left\{ \text{assuming } N_j \rightarrow \text{constant} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\mu_i = \left. \frac{\partial G}{\partial N_i} \right|_{p, T, N_j}} \quad \text{OR}$$

$$\boxed{dG = \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i dN_i} \quad (\text{at constant } p \& T)$$

At thermodynamic eq<sup>m</sup>: p & T are constant but system can exchange particle from external environment.

→ Gibbs free energy will be minimum (i.e. dG = 0)

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\mu_1 dN_1 + \mu_2 dN_2 + \dots = 0} \quad (\text{for eq}^m)$$

We study  $\mu$  because,

• if composition is fixed  $\Rightarrow$  Need  $\overbrace{p, V \& T}^{2 \text{ independent variables}}$  to define thermodynamic state (or eq<sup>m</sup> position)

• if composition is variable  $\Rightarrow (p, V \& T) + \mu$  is req. to define.  
 3 independent variable  
 $\downarrow$

$$G = f(p, T, n_i)$$

$$\Rightarrow dG = \left(\frac{\partial G}{\partial p}\right)_{T, n_i} dp + \left(\frac{\partial G}{\partial T}\right)_{p, n_i} dT + \left(\frac{\partial G}{\partial n_1}\right)_{p, T, n_2, \dots} dn_1 + \left(\frac{\partial G}{\partial n_2}\right)_{p, T, n_1, n_3, \dots} dn_2 + \dots$$

(at constant p & T)

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{dG = \sum_{n=1}^j \left(\frac{\partial G}{\partial n_i}\right)_{p, T, n_1, \dots, n_{i-1}, n_{i+1}, \dots, n_j} dn_i}$$

$\rightarrow$  Consider eq<sup>n</sup>:  $aA + bB \longrightarrow cC + dD$

$$\Delta G = c\mu_C + d\mu_D - a\mu_A - b\mu_B \quad a_i = 1$$

$\mu_i = \mu_i^\circ + RT \ln(a_i)$   
 $\mu_i^\circ$ : Chemical pot of pure component at 1 atm & 298K (or standard chemical potential)  
 $a_i$ : Activity of component i.

$$\Rightarrow \Delta G_{p,T} = \underbrace{[c\mu_C^\circ + d\mu_D^\circ - a\mu_A^\circ - b\mu_B^\circ]}_{\Delta G^\circ} + RT \ln \left[ \frac{a_C^c a_D^d}{a_A^a a_B^b} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta G_{p,T} = \Delta G^\circ + RT \ln \left[ \frac{a_c^c a_d^d}{a_a^a a_b^b} \right] \Rightarrow \Delta G = \Delta G^\circ + RT \ln Q$$

$Q \rightarrow$  Reaction Quotient

$$\text{At } eq^m: \Delta G = 0 \Rightarrow \Delta G^\circ = -RT \ln \left[ \frac{a_c^c a_d^d}{a_a^a a_b^b} \right]$$

$$\text{At } eq^m: Q = K \quad \leftarrow \text{Reaction } eq^m \text{ constant}$$

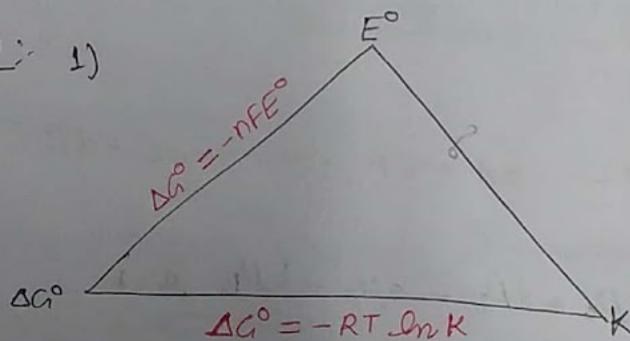
$$\Rightarrow \Delta G^\circ = -RT \ln K$$

• What is standard state (or reference state)?  $\Rightarrow$   
( $\Delta G^\circ$ )

By consideration/convention:-

$$\mu_{H^+}^\circ = G_{H^+}^\circ = 0 \quad \text{at } 1 \text{ atm } \& 298 \text{ K}$$

$\rightarrow$  Conclusion: 1)



2) • These relations will be used for-

- i) Where is corrosion zone
- ii) " " Immune zone
- iii) " " Passive zone

3)

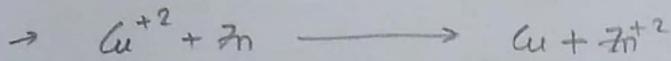
$$\Delta G = \Delta G^\circ + RT \ln Q$$


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$$\Delta G^\circ = -RT \ln K$$

# Nernst Equation

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Nernst eq<sup>n</sup>



$$c=1, d=1, a=1, b=1$$

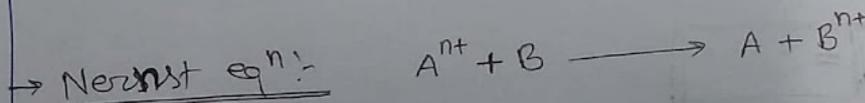
$$\left. \begin{array}{l} C \rightarrow \text{Cu}, D \rightarrow \text{Zn}^{+2}, A \rightarrow \text{Cu}^{+2}, B \rightarrow \text{Zn} \end{array} \right\} ; n=2$$

$$\Delta G = \Delta G^\circ + RT \ln Q$$

$$\Rightarrow -nFE = -nFE^\circ + RT \ln \left[ \frac{a_C^c a_D^d}{a_A^a a_B^b} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow -E = -E^\circ + \frac{RT}{2F} \ln \left[ \frac{a_{\text{Cu}} a_{\text{Zn}^{+2}}}{a_{\text{Cu}^{+2}} a_{\text{Zn}}} \right] \quad \left\{ \text{for pure metal } \therefore a=1 \right\}$$

$$E = E^\circ - \frac{RT}{2F} \ln \left[ \frac{a_{\text{Zn}^{+2}}}{a_{\text{Cu}^{+2}}} \right]$$



$$E = E^\circ + \left( \frac{RT}{nF} \right) \ln \left[ \frac{a_{A^{n+}}}{a_B^{n+1}} \right] \quad \leftarrow \text{derive it}$$

$$E_{\text{Cu}^{+2}/\text{Cu}} = E_{\text{Cu}^{+2}/\text{Cu}}^\circ + \frac{RT}{nF} \ln \left( \frac{a_{\text{Cu}^{+2}}}{a_{\text{Cu}}} \right)$$

$$E_{\text{Oxy}/\text{Red}} = E_{\text{Oxy}/\text{Red}}^\circ + \frac{RT}{nF} \ln \left( \frac{a_{\text{Oxy}}}{a_{\text{Red}}} \right)$$

for dilute sol<sup>n</sup>: activity = concentration

$$\Rightarrow a = [ ]$$

$$\Rightarrow E_{\text{Oxy}/\text{Red}} = E_{\text{Oxy}/\text{Red}}^\circ + \frac{RT}{nF} \ln \left( \frac{[ ]_{\text{Oxy}}}{[ ]_{\text{Red}}} \right) \quad \leftarrow \text{Generalised Nernst eq<sup>n</sup>}$$

$$E_{\text{Cu}^{2+}/\text{Cu}} = E_{\text{Cu}^{2+}/\text{Cu}}^{\circ} + \frac{RT}{2F} \ln \left( \frac{a_{\text{Cu}^{2+}}}{a_{\text{Cu}}^2} \right)$$

$$E_{\text{Zn}^{2+}/\text{Zn}} = E_{\text{Zn}^{2+}/\text{Zn}}^{\circ} + \frac{RT}{2F} \ln \left( \frac{a_{\text{Zn}^{2+}}}{a_{\text{Zn}}^2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta E = E = E_{\text{Cu}^{2+}/\text{Cu}} - E_{\text{Zn}^{2+}/\text{Zn}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta E = \Delta E^{\circ} + \frac{RT}{2F} \ln \left( \frac{a_{\text{Cu}^{2+}}}{a_{\text{Zn}^{2+}}} \right)$$

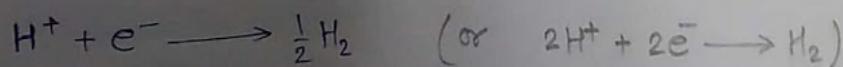
$$E_{\text{cell}} \quad \uparrow \quad 1.1 \text{ V } (E_{\text{Cu}^{2+}/\text{Cu}}^{\circ} = 0.34 \text{ V } \& E_{\text{Zn}^{2+}/\text{Zn}}^{\circ} = -0.76 \text{ V})$$

$$\Rightarrow E = 1.1 + \frac{RT}{2F} \ln \left( \frac{a_{\text{Cu}^{2+}}}{a_{\text{Zn}^{2+}}} \right)$$

at  $a_{\text{Cu}^{2+}} = 1$  &  $a_{\text{Zn}^{2+}} = 1$  } at Dilute electrolyte or Ideal solution.

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{E = E_{\text{cell}}^{\circ} = \Delta G^{\circ}}$$

→ Evolution of Hydrogen: (HER): (To find  $E_{\text{cell}}$ ):



$$E_{\text{H}^{+}/\frac{1}{2}\text{H}_2} = E_{\text{H}^{+}/\frac{1}{2}\text{H}_2}^{\circ} + \frac{RT}{F} \ln \frac{[\text{H}^{+}]}{p_{\text{H}_2}^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

$$E_{\text{H}^{+}/\frac{1}{2}\text{H}_2} = E_{\text{H}^{+}/\frac{1}{2}\text{H}_2}^{\circ} + \frac{RT}{F} \ln [\text{H}^{+}]$$

|
|  
①
②

①

$$\Delta G^\circ = \frac{1}{2} \mu_{\text{H}_2}^\circ - \mu_{\text{H}^+}^\circ$$

||                    ||  
0                    0 (at 1 atm & 298K)

$$\Delta G^\circ = 0$$

$$\text{but, } \Delta G^\circ = -nFE^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow E^\circ = 0$$

②

$$\frac{RT}{F} \ln [\text{H}^+] = -\frac{RT}{F} (-\ln [\text{H}^+])$$

$$= -\frac{RT \times 2.303}{F} (-\log [\text{H}^+])$$

$$= -\frac{8.314 \times 2.303 \times 298}{96500} (-\log [\text{H}^+])$$

$$= -0.0591 \text{ pH}$$

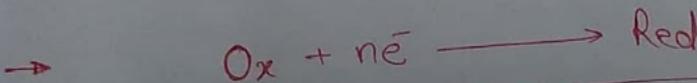
$$\Rightarrow E_{\text{H}^+/\frac{1}{2}\text{H}_2} = E_{\text{H}^+/\frac{1}{2}\text{H}_2}^\circ + \frac{RT}{F} \ln [\text{H}^+]$$

$$= 0 \quad \ominus -0.0591 \text{ pH}$$

$$\Rightarrow E_{\text{H}^+/\frac{1}{2}\text{H}_2} = -0.0591 \text{ pH}$$

### Lecture-13

#### Standard reduction pot of pure metal



$$E_{\text{Ox/Red}} = E_{\text{Ox/Red}}^\circ + \frac{RT}{nF} \ln \left( \frac{a_{\text{Ox}}}{a_{\text{Red}}} \right)$$

$$a = \gamma \text{ conc}$$

Activity  $\uparrow$  Activity coefficient  $\rightarrow$  for dilute solution:  $\gamma = 1$

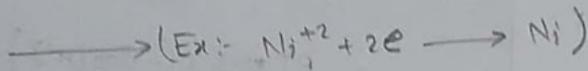
$$\Rightarrow a = \text{conc.}$$

$$\bullet \text{ Standard Reduction potential} = E_{\text{Ox/Red}}^\circ \left( \text{At } 25^\circ\text{C, 1 atm \& } a_{\text{Ox}} = a_{\text{Red}} = 1 \right)$$

$$E_{\text{Ox/Red}} = E_{\text{Ox/Red}}^\circ$$

# Reduction Potential of Pure Metal

→ Reduction potential of pure metals:

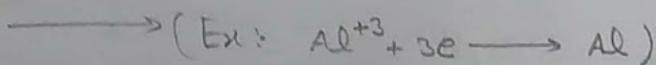


•  $\Delta G^{\circ} = \mu_{Ni}^{\circ} - \mu_{Ni^{+2}}^{\circ} = +48250 = -2FE_{Ni^{+2}/Ni}^{\circ}$  }

↑  $\mu_{Ni}^{\circ} 25^{\circ}C, 1atm, solid = 0$

Since Ni at these T & p is stable  $\Rightarrow \mu^{\circ} = 0$  even for  $O_2 \rightarrow$  if stable

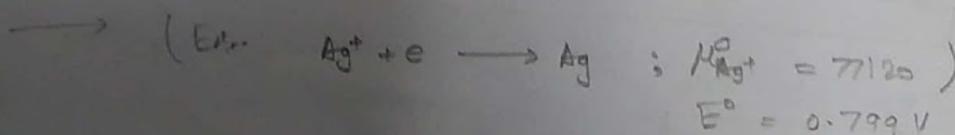
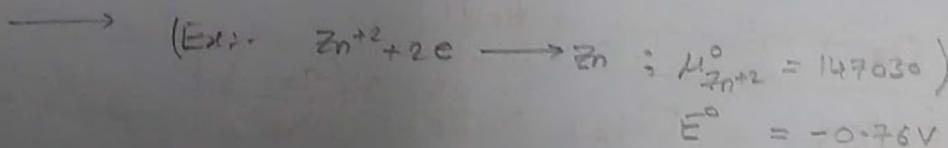
$\Rightarrow E_{Ni^{+2}/Ni}^{\circ} = -0.25 \text{ volt.}$



•  $\mu_{Al}^{\circ} = 0$  ;  $\mu_{Al^{+3}}^{\circ} = -481200 \text{ J/mole}$

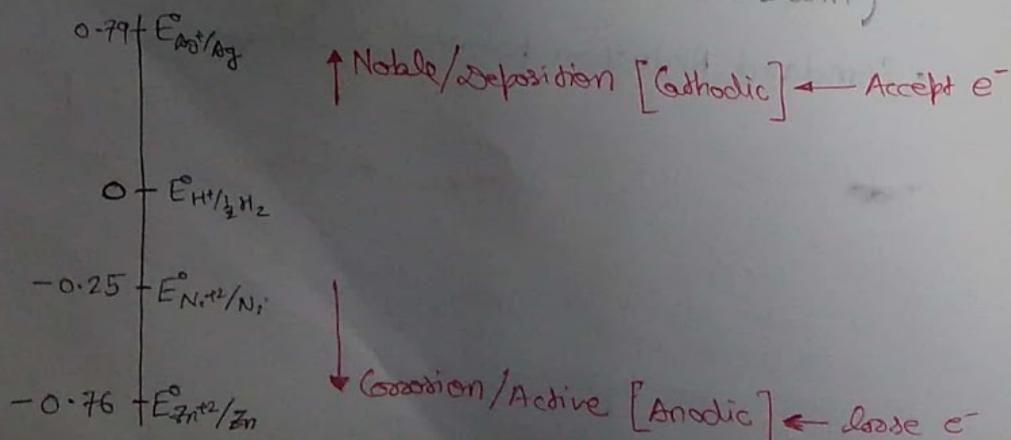
•  $\Delta G^{\circ} = 481200 = -3FE_{Al^{+3}/Al}^{\circ}$

$\Rightarrow E_{Al^{+3}/Al}^{\circ} = -1.662 \text{ V}$

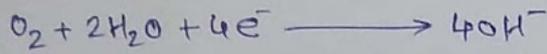


→ Standard reduction potential series:

(Assumption:  $a_{M^{n+}} = 1$ ,  $M \rightarrow$  pure,  $25^{\circ}C \pm 1atm$ )



→ Basic medium :-



$$\Delta G^\circ = 4M_{OH^-}^\circ - M_{O_2}^\circ - 2M_{H_2O}^\circ = 4(-157147.1) - 2(-236964.2)$$

$$= -154660$$

$$\Delta G^\circ = -nFE^\circ \Rightarrow E_{O_2/OH^-}^\circ = 0.401$$

$$E_{O_2/OH^-} = E_{O_2/OH^-}^\circ + \frac{RT}{nF} \ln \left( \frac{P_{O_2} \cdot a_{H_2O}^2}{a_{OH^-}^4} \right)$$

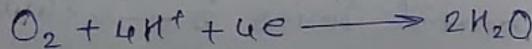
$$= 0.401 + \frac{0.0591}{4} \log \left( \frac{1}{(10M)^4} \right)$$

$$= 0.401 + 0.0591 \text{ pOH}$$

$$= 0.401 + 0.0591 (14 - \text{pH})$$

$$\Rightarrow E_{O_2/OH^-} = 1.228 - 0.0591 \text{ pH}$$

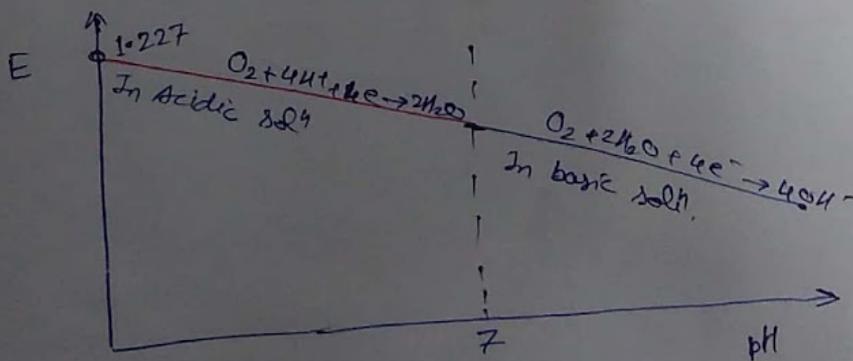
→ Acidic Medium :-



$$\Delta G^\circ = 2M_{H_2O}^\circ - M_{O_2}^\circ - 4M_{H^+}^\circ = nFE^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow E_{O_2/H_2O}^\circ = 1.227 \text{ V}$$

$$\Rightarrow E_{O_2/H_2O} = E_{O_2/H_2O}^\circ + \frac{RT}{nF} \ln \left( \frac{a_{H_2O}^2}{P_{O_2} \cdot a_{H^+}^4} \right) \Rightarrow E_{O_2/H_2O} = 1.227 - 0.0591 \text{ pH}$$



→ In basic med: Other possibility is



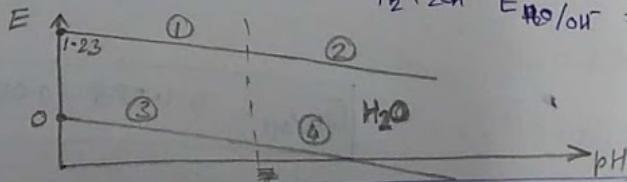
$$E_{2H_2O/O_2}^0 = -0.827 V$$

$$\begin{cases} \mu_{H_2}^0 = 0 \\ \mu_{OH}^0 = -157147.1 \\ \mu_{H_2O}^0 = 239668.2 \end{cases}$$

$$E_{2H_2O/2OH^-} = -0.0591 pH$$

→ Conclusion:-

- Acidic → ①  $O_2 + 4H^+ + 4e \longrightarrow 2H_2O$   $E_{O_2/H_2O} = 1.23 - 0.0591 pH$
- Basic → ②  $O_2 + 2H_2O + 4e \longrightarrow 4OH^-$   $E_{O_2/OH^-} = 1.23 - 0.0591 pH$
- Acidic → ③  $2H^+ + 2e \longrightarrow H_2$   $E_{2H^+/H_2} = -0.0591 pH$
- Basic → ④  $2H_2O + 2e \longrightarrow H_2 + 2OH^-$   $E_{H_2O/OH^-} = -0.0591 pH$



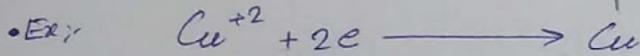
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→ Standard reduction potential series is → Suitable for pure Metal (a = 1)

• Galvanic

Series is → Suitable for alloy (a < 1)

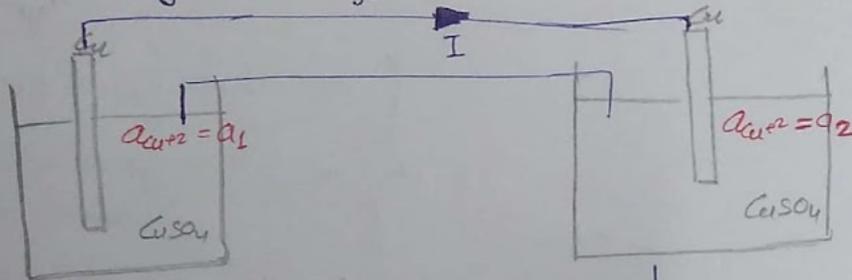
→ Concentration cell :-



→  $a=1$  [explain it]

• Due to difference in conc. of  $Cu^{+2} \Rightarrow$  activity an

charge  $\Rightarrow$  different  $E \Rightarrow$  Galvanic couple  $\Rightarrow$  Concentration cell



•  $E_{Cu^{+2}/Cu}^{(a_1)} = E_{Cu^{+2}/Cu}^0 + \frac{RT}{2F} \ln a_1$  &  $E_{Cu^{+2}/Cu}^{(a_2)} = E_{Cu^{+2}/Cu}^0 + \frac{RT}{2F} \ln a_2$

Same.

• (let  $a_1 > a_2$ )  $\Rightarrow E_{Cu^{+2}/Cu}^{(a_1)} > E_{Cu^{+2}/Cu}^{(a_2)}$

$\Rightarrow$  Due to  $E_{Cu^{+2}/Cu}^{(a_1)} > E_{Cu^{+2}/Cu}^{(a_2)} \Rightarrow$  Galvanic potential is generated.

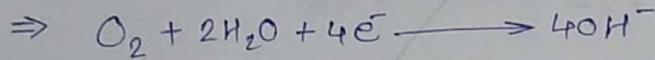
$\Rightarrow$  Concentration cell is formed & Cu deposition,  
in cell (2).

Corrosion  $\Rightarrow$  Due to conc. change  $\Rightarrow$  Concentration cell is formed  
 $\downarrow$   
Corrosion can occur

# Corrosion of Fe in Moisture

→ Corrosion of Fe in moisture (atmosphere) :-

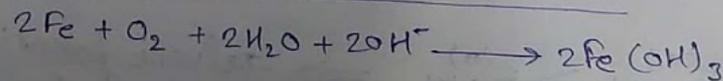
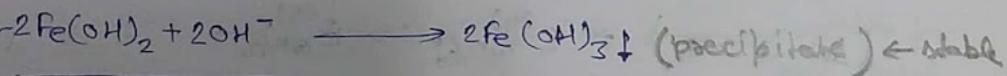
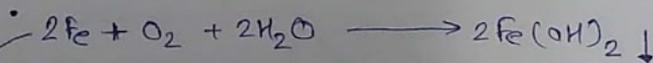
- Atmosphere can be assumed to neutral in nature.



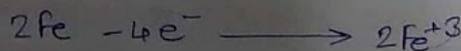
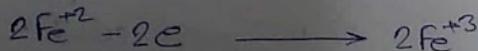
$$E_{\text{O}_2/\text{OH}^-} = E_1 = E_{\text{O}_2/\text{OH}^-}^{\circ} + \frac{RT}{4F} \ln \left( \frac{p_{\text{O}_2} \cdot a_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}^2}{a_{\text{OH}^-}^4} \right)$$

$a_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} = 1$  ←  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  is pure.  
 $a_{\text{OH}^-} \rightarrow \text{const}$  (a depends on solubility only as T & p fixed)  
 $p_{\text{O}_2} \rightarrow$  partial p of  $\text{O}_2$  in soln.

$$\Rightarrow E_{\text{O}_2/\text{OH}^-} = E_1 = E_{\text{O}_2/\text{OH}^-}^{\circ} + \frac{RT}{4F} \ln(p_{\text{O}_2}) \quad \left( \text{where } a_{\text{OH}^-}^4 \text{ is constant} \right)$$



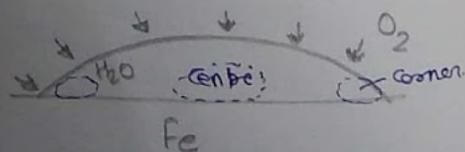
or



$$E_{\text{Fe}/\text{Fe}^{+3}} = E_2 = E_{\text{Fe}/\text{Fe}^{+3}}^{\circ} + \frac{RT}{4F} \ln \left( \frac{a_{\text{Fe}}^2}{a_{\text{Fe}^{+3}}^3} \right)$$

Now,  $E_1^{(p_1)} = E_{\text{O}_2/\text{OH}^-}^{\circ} + \frac{RT}{4F} \ln(p_{\text{O}_2}^1)$

$$E_1^{(p_2)} = E_{\text{O}_2/\text{OH}^-}^{\circ} + \frac{RT}{4F} \ln(p_{\text{O}_2}^2)$$



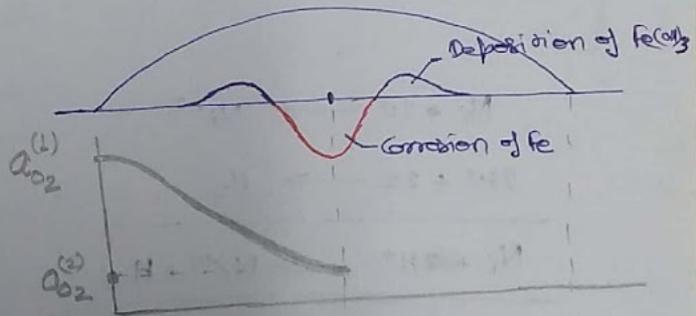
Initially:-  $O_2$  dissolved in  $H_2O$  will contribute in reaction. As the time passes  $\Rightarrow$   
dissolved  $O_2$  in  $H_2O$  diminishes

At corner points  $O_2$  from atm get dissolved in  $H_2O$  & maintains  $p_{O_2}^{(1)}$ .

At centre there is no availability of  $O_2$  &  $p_{O_2}^{(2)}$  decrease

$\Rightarrow$  After some time  $\Rightarrow p_{O_2}^{(1)} > p_{O_2}^{(2)}$

~~Redox reaction at~~



Since, activity at corner is large  $\Rightarrow$  Reaction  $Fe \rightarrow Fe^{+3}$  will preferentially take place & Deposition (of  $Fe(OH)_3$ ) will take place.

where as in central part corrosion of Fe will take place.

It is called rain water corrosion

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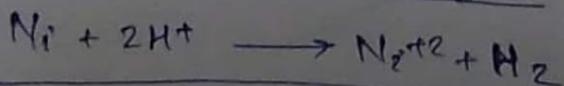
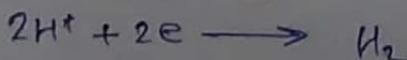
→ If  $\Delta G < 0 \Rightarrow$  Reaction is possible (corrosion may take place)  
 $\Delta G > 0 \Rightarrow$  Reaction is not feasible

Que: Ni in deaerated water,  $\text{pH} = 8$ . Assume corrosion products are  $\text{H}_2$  &  $\text{Ni}(\text{OH})_2$ .

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} K_{\text{sp}}(\text{Ni}(\text{OH})_2) = 1.6 \times 10^{-16} \\ E_{\text{Ni}^{2+}/\text{Ni}}^{\circ} = -0.25 \text{ V} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} T = 298 \text{ K} \\ P = 1 \text{ atm} \end{array}$$

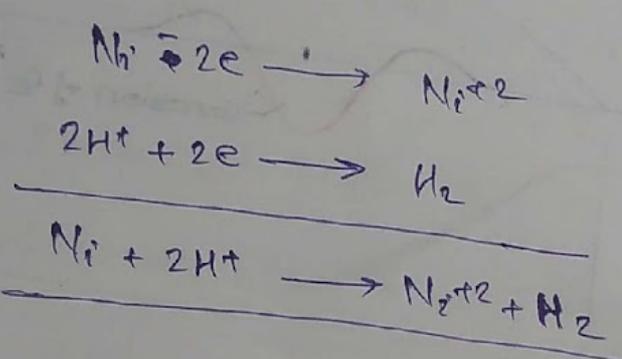
Ans: Suppose:  $\text{Ni} \rightarrow \text{Ni}^{2+} + 2e^-$  is taking place.

Now calculate  $\Delta G$  for system, if  $\Delta G < 0 \Rightarrow$  Spontaneous reaction  
 Corrosion will take place



PH = 8. Assume corrosion products are  
 $K_{sp}(Ni(OH)_2) = 1.6 \times 10^{-16}$   
 $E_{Ni^{2+}/Ni}^{\circ} = -0.25 V$   
 $T = 298 K$   
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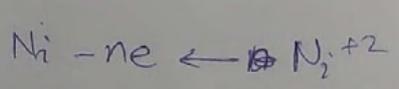
Ans:- Suppose:  $Ni \rightarrow 2e \rightarrow Ni^{2+}$  is taking place.  
 Now calculate  $\Delta G$  for system, if  $\Delta G < 0 \Rightarrow$  Spontaneous reaction  
 Corrosion will take place



In standard condition:-  $\Delta G^{\circ} = -RT \ln K$

Case I<sup>st</sup> }  $\Delta G^{\circ} < 0$   
 $\Rightarrow K > 1$   
 $E_{ox/red}^{\circ} > 0$  } forward reaction  $\Rightarrow$  corrosion  
 $(Ni - ne \rightarrow Ni^{2+})$

Case II<sup>nd</sup> }  $\Delta G^{\circ} > 0$   
 $K < 1$   
 $E_{ox/red}^{\circ} < 0$  } less probability of forward reaction  
 $\Rightarrow$  Deposition



Case III<sup>rd</sup> }  $\Delta G^{\circ} = 0$   
 $K = 1$   
 $E_{ox/red}^{\circ} = 0$  } eq<sup>m</sup>  $\Rightarrow$  No corrosion.

In Non Standard solution:

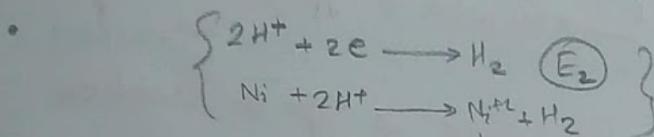
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$\Delta G > 0 \Rightarrow$  forward rxn is not possible  
 $\Delta G < 0 \Rightarrow$  Corrosion will take place.

$$\Delta G = \Delta G^\circ + RT \ln \left[ \frac{a_{\text{products}}}{a_{\text{reactants}}} \right]$$

Que.: Calculate tendency of Ni to corrode in water (pH = 8)  
 $T = 298^\circ\text{K}$ ,  $p = 1 \text{ atm}$ .  $K_{sp}(\text{Ni(OH)}_2) = 1.6 \times 10^{-16}$ ,  $E_{\text{Ni}^{2+}/\text{Ni}}^\circ = -0.25 \text{ V}$

Ans: If Ni corrosion is taking place: i.e.  $\text{Ni} - 2e \rightarrow \text{Ni}^{2+}$  (E<sub>1</sub>)

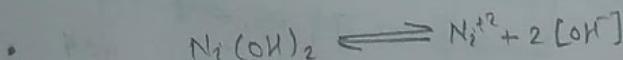


it will react with OH<sup>-</sup> to form

$\text{Ni(OH)}_2 \leftarrow K_{sp}$  (solubility product for  $\text{Ni(OH)}_2$  is low  $\Rightarrow$  stable compound.)

$10^{-8}$

$$[\text{H}^+][\text{OH}^-] = 10^{-14} \Rightarrow [\text{OH}^-] = 10^{-6}$$



$$K_{sp} = \frac{[\text{Ni}^{2+}][\text{OH}^-]^2}{[\text{Ni(OH)}_2]} \rightarrow 1 \text{ (precipitate)}$$

$$\Rightarrow [\text{Ni}^{2+}] = \frac{K_{sp}}{(10^{-6})^2} = 1.6 \times 10^{-4}$$

$-0.25$

$$E_2 = E_{\text{Ni}^{2+}/\text{Ni}} = E_{\text{Ni}^{2+}/\text{Ni}}^\circ + \frac{RT}{2F} \ln \frac{[\text{Ni}^{2+}]}{[\text{Ni}]}$$

$$E_2 = E_{\text{Ni}^{2+}/\text{Ni}} = -0.25 + \frac{0.0591}{2} \log [\text{Ni}^{2+}] = -0.25 + \frac{0.0591}{2} \log (1.6 \times 10^{-4})$$

$$E_2 = -0.362 \text{ V}$$

o (Ref)

$$E_2 = E_{2\text{H}^+/\text{H}_2} = E_{2\text{H}^+/\text{H}_2}^\circ + \frac{RT}{2F} \ln \left( \frac{[\text{H}^+]^2}{[\text{H}_2]} \right) \Rightarrow E_2 = -0.0591 \text{ pH}$$

$$\Rightarrow E_2 = -0.493 \text{ V}$$

$$\Delta E = E_2 - E_1 = -0.493 + 0.362 = -0.131 \text{ V}$$

$\Delta G = -nFE = +ve \Rightarrow \Delta G = +ve \Rightarrow$  Non spontaneous reaction  
 $\Rightarrow$  Ni will not corrode.

→ Pourbaix diagram: - Plot between pH Vs potential when metal exposed to aqueous medium ( $O_2, H_2O, H^+, OH^-, M^{+n}, H_2$ )  
 - It is stability diagram

• for formation of Pourbaix diagram, we will consider -

1) Presence of only →  $O_2, H_2O, H^+, OH^-, M, M^{+n}, M(OH)_n, M_2O_n$   
 (No consideration of other ions)

•  $CO_2 + H_2O \rightarrow H_2CO_3$  ← can not be considered in pourbaix diagram  
 ↳ No metal ⇒ Type 1 reaction

•  $M^{+n} + ne^- \rightarrow M$  ← No  $H^+$  ⇒ Type 2 reaction

•  $M + 2H_2O \rightarrow M(OH)_2 + 2H^+ + 2e^-$  ← Effect of pH ⇒ Type 3 reaction

•  $M^{+2} + 2H_2O \rightarrow M(OH)_2 + 2H^+$  ← No  $e^-$  involved ⇒ Type 4 reaction

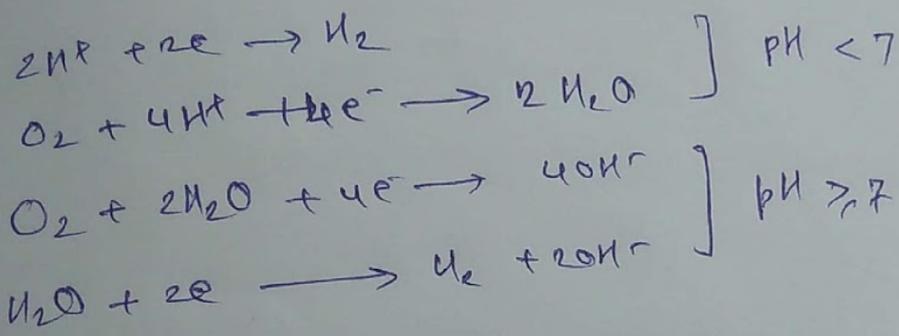
↳ E can not be defined

$$K = \frac{a_{M(OH)_2} \cdot a_{H^+}^2}{a_{M^{+2}} \cdot a_{H_2O}^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \log K = -2pH - \log [M^{+2}]$$

↳ These type of reaction can only be presented in Pourbaix diagram.

2) Presence of  $H^+$ ,  $OH^-$ ,  $O_2$ ,  $H_2O$ ,  $H_2$



• Possibility of reactions are -

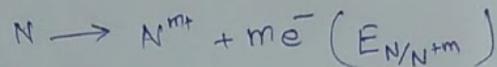
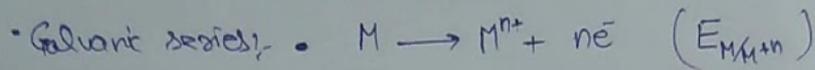
- (i) potential dependent + pH independent
- (ii) potential dependent + pH dependent
- (iii) potential independent + pH dependent

3) Thermal stability diagram  $\rightarrow$  requires  $\mu$ .

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## → Forms of Corrosion :-

A) Galvanic cell corrosion :- When two dissimilar metals are connected electrically.



If M corrodes :-

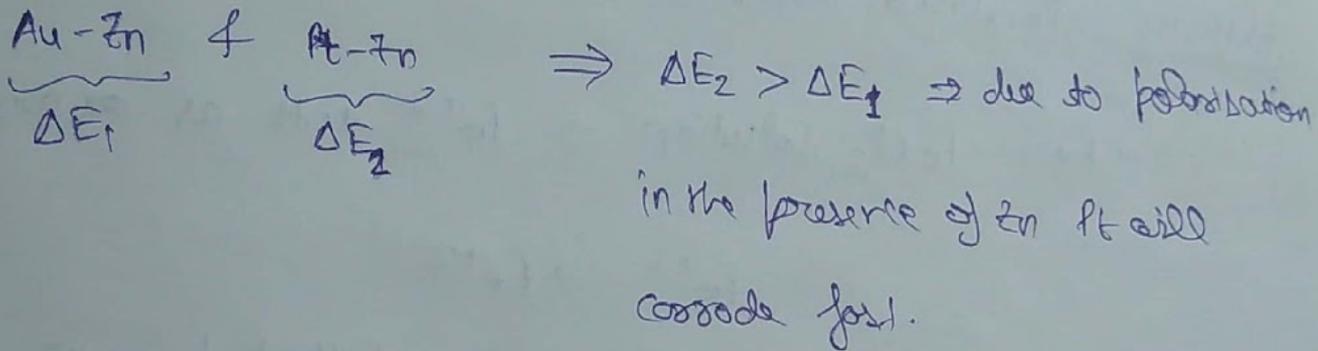
M loses $e^-$	& N accepts electrons
↑	↑
Anode	Cathode
↑	↑
Corrosion	Deposition

Galvanic series is a list of corrosion potential (electrode potential)

1.498	$Au^{3+} + 3e^- \rightarrow Au$
0.799	$Ag^+ + e^- \rightarrow Ag$
0.771	$Fe^{3+} + e^- \rightarrow Fe^{2+}$
0.681	$O_2 + 2H_2O + 4e^- \rightarrow 4OH^-$
+0.342	$Cu^{2+} + 2e^- \rightarrow Cu$
0	$2H^+ + 2e^- \rightarrow H_2$
-0.447	$Fe^{2+} + 2e^- \rightarrow Fe$
-0.744	$Cr^{3+} + 3e^- \rightarrow Cr$
-0.762	$Zn^{2+} + 2e^- \rightarrow Zn$
-1.662	$Al^{3+} + 3e^- \rightarrow Al$
-2.372	$Mg^{2+} + 2e^- \rightarrow Mg$
-2.71	$Na^+ + e^- \rightarrow Na$
-2.931	$K^+ + e^- \rightarrow K$

## Effects on galvanic corrosion :-

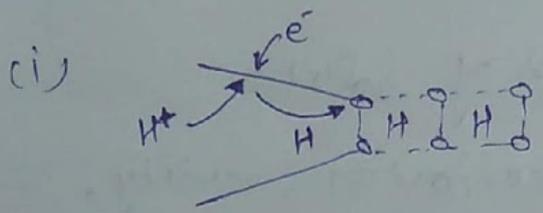
- i) Area effect :- large ratio of cathode to anode is to be avoided.
- ii) Effect of exchange current density :-



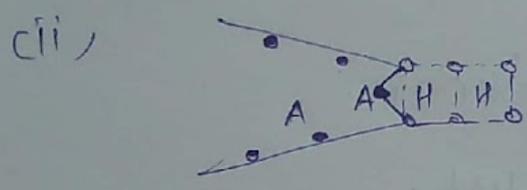
- iii) Measurement :-
  - By - Polarization in Galvanic couples.
  - zero resistance Ammeters.
  - Galvanic ~~is~~ current by polarisation resistance

- iv) Determining rate of galvanic corrosion :- Using galvanic current density

# → Mechanism of Stress assisted corrosion for Hydrogen embrittlement:-



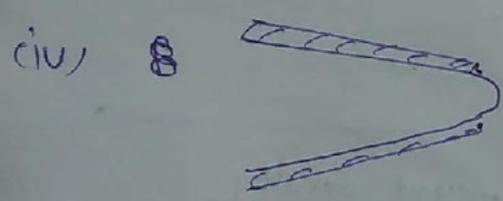
dissolved H atom dilates lattice & weakens atomic bonds.



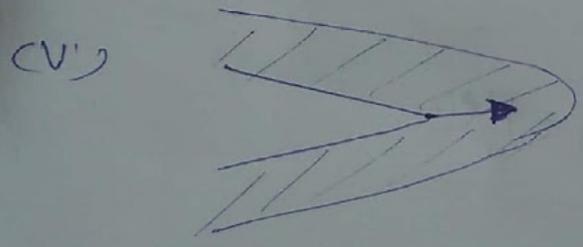
adsorption of A further weakens crack tip bond.



Atoms migrate out of crack tip.



Crack growth by anodic dissolution at crack tip & film rupture takes place.



Brittle crack propagates.

Unit 1:- Intro to corrosion of materials.

- Corrosion - Def.
  - Impact on economics.
  - Ext of corrosion.
  - Human safety
  - Case studies.
  - Scope of corrosion science
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