

welcome ah to the class of electrochemistry
in our last lecture we started discussing this electrolytic cell now if you recall this slide

so this is a daniel cell in normal case

but if the you know applied potential difference is greater than 1.

1 that means

if this one is biased in reverse sense then then what will happen that the reverse

reaction will take place that copper will dissolve and copper zero to copper sulphate and zinc metal

i mean zinc two plus sign will will return to zinc metal ok

so ah basically electrolysis will

take place now normal ah this natural direction of the reaction is this and in that case delta g is

negative but if you make i mean if you make this delta g in the reverse sense negative that you apply a reverse potential drop against this electrode

so that here

you know this reverse reaction will take place now typically what is the difference between

i mean in that case it will be it will be an electrolytic cell where electrolysis will

take place now what is the difference between a galvanic cell and an electrolytic

cell

so electrons are

so galvanic cell and electrolytic cells

so here in galvanic cell electrons

are generated at the anode electrons are generated at the anode and they are consumed at the cathode and naturally

they will it will be consumed at the cathode means in the other electrode that is which is

plus and in electrolytic cell electrons come from an external power source that's why i was telling that if you supply an external current such that

the cell is rev i mean reverse biased ok

so which supplies to the

cathode i mean electron is supplied to the cathode and and removes them from the

anode that is cathode in that case it is minus cathode in this case is minus anode is in in this case is plus

so you are supplying electron from

outside to the cathode okay

so so ah typically this is the difference that the electrons are generated from within the cell as a result of some chemical transformation

here electrons are

supplied from outside that is it the electrons are feed from from outside to this cell and the

chemical reaction is taking place over there ok as for example you know in case of

electrolytic cell the classical classic example will be you know electrolysis of molten

alkali halide

so in in it is

so electrolysis of liqulasis of molten alkali halides like say sodium chloride it is in molten state ok

so it is it is the method of industrial method for preparation of sodium metal sodium metal ok now ah

so what happens for in in this case

so cathode at cathode

so ah reactions are taking place both at the both at the anode and cathode

so therefore cathode reaction cathode reaction it is reduction that gets you in a liquid and corresponding potential is equal to minus 2.

71 volt anode reaction anode reaction is c

l minus gates of half c l two in gas form plus electron and corresponding potential is equal

to minus one point three six volt that gets you um as a total of four for the net

reaction net reaction is sodium plus plus c l minus giving rise to n a zero in liquid

form plus half c l two in gas form

so therefore the net e for the for this process is e zero

for this process minus four point one volt ok now

so it is it is in molten

state remember this is in molten molten salt it is not an equas solution okay now think about another example where you are using where you are using this aqueous solution of

some salt like say for example equal solution of of say nickel chloride

so in that case one thing that you should remember that here when you do the electrolysis you

need to have you know one i mean you need to use inert electrode

so in this case carbon

electrodes are generally used

so carbon electrodes are generally used for the electrolysis of molten sodium chloride next is for aqueous solution of nickel chloride

in this case ah platinum electrodes are used

so platinum electrodes are

used this cathode reaction cathode reaction is like nickel two plus plus twice electron that is

reduction that gets you nickel zero solid and corresponding e naught is equal

to minus zero point two four volt anode anode is 2 cell minus c l minus that gets you c l two gas

plus twice electron e naught is equal to minus one point three six volt

so net

reaction is net reaction is nickel two plus plus two c l minus gets you nickel solid

plus two nickel solid plus c l two gas and the net θ is equal to 1.

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with a negative value 1.

6 volt okay next is electrolysis of ah say aqua solution

equal solution means it is a echo solution of ah you know something ok some some you know

electrolyte

so in case of electrolysis i mean when you think talk about electrolysis of water

then what what is happening at anode electrolysis electrolysis of water ok

so anode anode reaction H_2O that gets you half O_2 gas plus two H^+ plus plus twice electron where E° is equal to minus one point two three volt cathode cathode reaction is 2H^+ plus twice electron gets you H_2 gas plus two OH^- E° is equal to minus zero point eight three volt so

these are the things that happen

so there will be a competition between the above reactions i mean these reactions i have mentioned this reactions ΔH and i mean this reaction will be there say for

example ΔH there may be a competition between above reaction means this reaction with this

reaction or ΔH there may be ΔH suppose in place of nickel something else is dissolved

so ΔH

possibility is also there i mean the competition ΔH between between this reaction and the reaction

involving the electrolyte that is dissolved in in water that is there now the question is why

do we need to dissolve dissolve an electrolyte ΔH electrolyte in water because ΔH pure water for

pure water its resistance is very high ok so therefore electricity will face a huge resistance

to you know when it is passing through just pure water

so therefore in order to reduce that you need to add something some electrolytes

so that the electro electricity can pass through and the

and the required reaction may take place ok now say for example suppose you have you have ΔH say

sodium chloride ok

so equal sodium chloride what is ΔH going to happen suppose you have aqueous sodium chloride

so equaus solution of of initial ok

so what is going to happen so

cathode reaction cathode means reduction cathode reaction will be the favored reaction

will be like 2H^+ plus twice electron giving you H_2 gas plus two H^- where

ΔH you know this potential will be will be like potential will be like E° is equal to

0.

41 volt when the concentration of H^- is around ten to the power minus seven molar

otherwise it it would have been like this and anode reaction anode reaction will be chloride minus

plus water that gets you half Cl_2 half Cl_2 plus electron in this case your E° is minus zero point nine five volt ok

so therefore see you have a competition over

here ok you have a competition over here that that this is one reaction anode reaction

and there could be another anode reaction as a whole as a whole

so therefore in this case

in this case you see that it is less negative than this one

so this one this reaction is

expected to be favored over over this one and also there is another reaction

what

you can think of in the cathode case that cathode reaction could be like reduction of

sodium plus plus electron that gets to sodium sodium a liquid but its potential is potential

is e naught is minus two point seven volt okay

so therefore therefore therefore this

is this is much you know larger in negative sense

so therefore this reaction will not be

favoured but this reaction will be followed

so therefore

so net reaction will be will be

$c l \text{ minus plus water that gets you } 2 H_2 \text{ gas or } H_2 \text{ s plus half half } c l$
 $2 \text{ plus } 2 O_2 \text{ minus ok}$

so you can appropriately balance it that's

not a problem anyway

so in this side you have $2 H_2 \text{ minus ok}$

so therefore

so basically you

have $3 H_2$ right here $3 H_2$ ok anyway

so you can balance it appropriately

so in this case your in this case this e is minus 0.

95 volt anyway these numbers are not

that important but anyway i just wanted to tell you that when there is a competition

then you need to consider these numbers okay

so that will decide which one will

be favored over over the other ok

so for electrolysis of pure water as i

mentioned to you that it has got you know high resistance

so therefore it is difficult to

undergo electrolysis

so electrolysis of water of water pure water high resistance high resistance

so

that means difficult to undergo difficult to undergo electrolysis ok

so in that case little bit

of acid if you add little bit of of acid then it becomes conducting and

then reaction is taking place ok so if you add little bit of acid

then cathode reaction may be cathode reaction if you use a platinum a

pair of platinum electrodes then cathode direction will be $2 H_2 \text{ plus } 2$
is

electron that gets you $H_2 \text{ gas plus } 2 H_2 \text{ minus e naught is equal to minus}$
zero

point eight three volt anode reaction anode reaction is water to get you half o
two

$O_2 \text{ gas plus } 2 H_2 \text{ plus plus twice electron and here e naught is equal to}$
minus one point two

three volt

so net is net reaction is three water liquid that gets you H_2 to gas that gets
you H_2

gas plus half O_2 plus other ok and net e e is e naught is equal to minus two
point zero six volt

ok next we will move on to one important thing ah which ah which which are
basically laws

of electrolysis it is called the faradays michael faraday faraday's law of electrolysis it is by michael faraday michael faraday in 1832 ok

so so

so laws are like this first law first law of electrolysis the weight of substance formed at the electrode

so law one faraday's law number one so weight of substance formed at the electrode weight of substance weight of substance means the substance which is formed out of this electrolysis substance formed at the electrode electrode during electrolysis during electrolysis is directly proportional to to the quantity of elect to the quantity of electricity that that that passes through through through the electrolyte through of course through a pair of electrodes

so mass is is proportional to q or or you can write mass is equal to z into q where z is the electrochemical equivalence electrochemical equivalence ok what is

electrochemical equivalence

so when q is equal to one then m is equal to z

so so when when one coulomb of electricity has been passed through the electrolyte then whatever mass of the concerned electrolyte i mean concerned material has you know formed has been formed at the electrode

is called the electrochemical equivalence of that particular material number two there is ah

law number two the weight of different substances weight of different substances substances means this

electroactive substances formed by formed by the passage of by the passage of of same quantity of electricity of same quantity of electricity electricity are are proportional to proportional to the equivalent weight with equivalent weight of each substance of each substance that means that means your

w_1 by w_2 m_1 by m_2 w or mass whatever is equal to u_1 by e_2 or or which is equal

to can write since q is q is equal to $i t$ you can write you can write $z_1 i t$ divided by

$z_2 i t$ is equal to e_1 by e_2 or you can write z_1 by z_2 is equal to u_1 one

by e_2 that is ratio of the electrochemical equivalence equal

to ratio of the chemical equivalence ok now now let us you know focus our attention focus our attention again back to back to some industrial process industrial process

means you know electrolysis of brine solution of brine solution solution brine means sodium chloride

solution okay

so in this case anode reaction we can write two anode reactions like two Cl^- giving rise to Cl_2 gas plus twice electron its corresponding e^- naught

is equal to minus one point three six volt and four OH^- which minus O_2 gas plus

two water plus four electron here e^- naught is equal to minus zero point four volt okay

so thermodynamically this reaction should be favored but the point is that this is very slow

kinetically very slow

so therefore if it is slow then it is a problem but at the same time the other reaction is kinetically fast

so therefore therefore what will happen that this reaction will be i mean effective i mean this reaction will be prominent ok

so therefore this reaction although this is thermodynamically favored but but kinetically this

so therefore kinetics will take over thermodynamics

so kinetically controlled as a kinetically controlled product this one will be major

so this reaction will take place

so so and and for the cathode cathode reaction it is ah again two reactions in a plus plus electron that gets to n a liquid it is e naught is equal to minus two

point seven volt and anode reaction it is water plus twice electron that gets you that gets you

h two gas plus two which minus where e naught is uh plus 0.41 volt

so therefore this reaction will be favored over the other reaction

so net reaction will be your nacl plus water giving rise to nh at the cathode plus h2 gas that is that is also at the cathode and plus c l two gas at the anode ok

so this way this way you

know what is happening that you put brine solution in and basically the diagram looks like this you have a sodium ion selective membrane over here it looks like this

so h2 is coming out here chlorine it is coming out this is minus this is plus okay

so there this basically you are you are doing electrolysis over here it is no it is basically you are supplying you

know um this current from you know outside ok

so therefore these two are cathode reactions ok so therefore therefore what is happening that you have sodium hydroxide coming out and water is put in here sodium chloride is fed and here spent brine spent brine is taken out okay

so this is an sodium ion selective membrane in a plus selective membrane membrane and sodium ion will move this direction n a plus will move this direction

so this is precisely precisely what is happening you know when when electrolysis is carried out on on the brine solution okay

so what can be

the other application of electrolysis other application of electrolysis can be electrolytic

refining of some metals impure metals so you can you can you know refine like like suppose

you have say for example ah two silver electrodes ok

so one is say ah the one which is at the

anode is ah say for example it is impure and the other one in the cathode is a pure form

so what will happen when you electrolyze it then then the then the impure ah silver will be

will be dissolving and the pure silver will be deposited to the other in this

way you can you
 can you know purify this impure metal to to ah you know pure metal
 so another application can
 be electrolytic refining of aluminium next is storage battery i mean storage
 like primary
 storage battery or a primary storage cell primary storage cell or secondary
 storage cell ok
 so ah the thing is that this
 one is capable of being recharged of being recharge okay and electrode reaction
 can proceed in both
 either direction i mean whether it is it is a it is a electrolysis or maybe
 normal electricity
 production
 so during charging the electrical you know work is done on the cell
 so when you
 charge it electrical work done on the cell and as a result of which the the
 free energy required to force the
 reaction
 so this will provide the free energy the free energy to force the reaction in
 the in the
 backward or in the in the reverse direction ok now in case of primary storage
 cell see
 ordinary flashlight cells or battery ordinary flashlight battery ok cannot be
 recharged with
 efficiency you cannot recharge cannot be recharged it is not better to recharge
 this because
 maybe some accident can take place because it is d it is designed to to i mean
 designed in
 such a way that you will get electricity once ok in a single use but you
 cannot reuse
 it by by charging it like a secondary cell ok and the amount of energy it can
 deliver the amount of electrical energy that it
 can deliver will depend on the amount of you know chemical substance that is
 there while it
 is you know manufactured once that stored chemical is exhausted the battery
 life is gone or battery
 dies okay
 so so these are the typical i mean differences between a secondary storage
 cell and
 a primary ah primary storage cell that you can store electricity but the point
 is that you cannot
 store electricity for in finite period of time but i mean it is some some
 finite period for for
 some finite period of time now let us turn our attention to the secondary
 storage cell secondary
 storage cell is a is a lead acid storage cell lead acid storage cell lead acid
 storage cell it is ah gaston plantae
 it is done by a glaston ah plateau in 1859 okay the cell is like this pb solid
 pbso4 then h2so4 that's why it is
 lead acid aquas then pbso4 then pbo2
 so that is this
 so net cell
 reaction is net cell reaction is p b plus p b o two plus two h two s o four
 equals that gets you two p b s o four plus two

h two

so when the discharge is taking place that is you take out electricity out of it this is

the normal direction of the reaction when you charge it then the reaction has been driven in

the backward direction i mean

so it is charging and the other one is discharging okay and what happens that after it is discharged you

see that some amount of water is generated

so generally a density of sulphuric acid H_2SO_4

$\rho_{H_2SO_4}$ is approximately twice ρ_{water}

so when discharge is taking place you know

your this a sulphuric acid solution which is the electrolyte of the of this a an active

electrolyte of this cell it is diluted ok

so generally concentration of H_2SO_4 that is used

in this secondary storage cell it is about 6 mol per decimeter cube ok and

normal cell voltages cell voltage is about 2.

1 volt at 298 kelvin ok now

ah what is what are the problems with this ah this ah lead acid cell problem could be

so problem problems may be like it is its weight is

ah you know high

so weight is a problem because you need to have this large amount of blade involved over there along with salpus so weight is a problem

so during

winter time the viscosity viscosity of sulphuric acid increases

increases during during ah during winter and as a result of which ah flow of ions from

one plate to another it is it is you know big it becomes a sluggish and as a result

of which that reduces the current

so reduces reduces current that is why there

may be problem during winter time you know starting of car ah you know there there may be some problem ah happens when during winter time and also since it

has some

internal resistance

so slowly it may discharge now number four could be if it is

charged very fast

so for fast charging

so H_2 evolution is

so much that it is

it is you know it will happen you know um on the i mean the bubbles

of H_2 will will be there on the lead surface and

so therefore lead

when coated with lead lead oxide that forms one electrode

so lead oxide will be removed

from lead and as a result of which the electrode is modified

so so ultimately it will damage

the the cell

so typical diagram is like this series of you know electrodes are there

and one is inserted in between the other

so this is your p plus cathode this is p b cathode cathode plate plate with p b with PbO_2 coating and this is basically your pb anode plate right and the whole

thing is immersed

whole thing is immersed in sulphuric acid H_2SO_4 with H_2SO_4 with given specification ok

so that is an example of a storage

battery next we will come to dry cell dry cell it is like Leclanche's dry cell
Leclanche's dry cell it is in Ah it is this was invented in 1866 ok

so basically the electrode reactions are like reactions are like this at anode
you have zinc to zinc two plus plus twice electron ok and

you have a carbon cathode with a brass cap that is you perhaps you have seen
in the market that you know this double a battery or triple a battery

so the technology

is like this you have a zinc you know cup or zinc container and you have this
like one cover and then you

have this carbon electrode and you have on top of this there is
a metal cap

so that connects i mean that makes the electrical connection
ok

so ah

so you have here paste of NH_4Cl and you have MnO_2 over there and MnO_2
manganese dioxide is also there so

so carbon cathode cathode reaction is $2MnO_2 + 2H^+$ plus that is
coming from ammonium

ion ok plus twice electron that gets

so $MnO_2 + 2H^+$ plus $2e^-$ okay

so or if you write

in the form of NH_4Cl then or NH_4^+ plus then you should have written NH_3 over
here like like

if it is if you replace this with NH_4^+ plus then $2NH_4^+$ plus then you will
have to write plus $2NH_3$ ok

so therefore it has a limited shelf life

due to self self discharge because it has got some internal resistance to
which this

this electricity is discharged

so voltage is voltage is 1.

5 volt and the cell reaction

cell reaction we can write like this zinc zinc plus $2MnO_2$ solid plus

$2NH_4Cl$ aqueous that gets you zinc chloride plus Mn_2O_3

solid plus $2NH_3$ plus water or it may proceed further as follows or i

mean beyond this it may happen this reaction may proceed further as follows as
follows zinc solid plus $2MnO_2$ solid

plus $2NH_4Cl$ equals plus $2H_2O$ liquid that gets you zinc chloride
plus

$Mn(OH)_2$ whole to solid plus $2NH_3$ gas ok

so this is the typical reaction and it it is

marketed like giving an outside jacket with some you know some material maybe
some

plastic or some some other material paper paper packaging may be there

so so this is

the this is the older version oldest version of this dry cell that is known as
electricity

cell now modern version of alkali cell modern version of alkali cell modern
version of alkali or or this type

of cell modern version of this primary storage storage it is invented

in 1949 that KOH has been used KOH has been used has been used in place of in

place of this ammonium chloride in place of ammonium chloride which is basically corrosive to this zinc metal corrosive to zinc metal this one is corrosive to zinc metal

so here what is happening

you use koh and zinc powder zinc powder and it gets a higher current gets higher current rating higher current rating and voltage is about voltage is about 1.5 to 1.

65 okay and the net reaction is reaction can be zinc plus 2 mno₂ that gets you zinc oxide

plus mn two o three

so this is uh this is the this is called the alkaline cell which is the modern version of this lake lance's cell ok

so so this is basically you know that completes our discussion with respect to this dry cell and this dry cell and this or the primary storage and the secondary storage so

this completes your discussion about primary or secondary storage okay

so while summing up

so what we have learnt in this

particular piece of lecture that is we started our discussion with with difference between basic difference between this galvanic cell cell and electrolytic cell in one case we are getting electricity out of it that is chemical energy has been converted to the electrical energy in this case you you

apply electricity from outside

so that the natural reaction in some cases you may require to reverse the direction of the natural across natural reaction ok

so you

if you bias the cell in appropriate fashion then the natural direction of the reaction

will be reversed and as a result of which you know electrolysis may take place

so as an as

an application i mean as an example as examples of electric electrolysis we discussed this molten

salt electrolysis or may be electrolysis of equas solution of different electrolytes and also we

discussed if there are a there are a com a number of competing reactions then which reaction will

predominate over the other and that is decided by by the value of the potential that is value of

the potential means the magnitude of the potential and also the in some cases the kinetics

of the process or maybe in some cases you know thermodynamics of the process is

also important next we talked about this faraday's law of electro electrolysis there are

two laws

so we discussed these laws and then we ah moved our attention to we we talked about

this primary storage and secondary storage as an as example of primary storage we talked about

this ah this lake lance's cell and lead acid cell as example of the secondary storage

so ah this

completes ah i mean today's uh discussion on you know on electrochemistry

so in next day i mean
next class will take up this fuel cell that that is a that is an important
important concept

so we
will take off the basic idea of fuel cell and then we will move on to this
another important issue

which is called corrosion
so till then thank you you

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