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## Lecture #2 of 17

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Looking forward... our review of Chapter "0"

- Cool applications
- **Redox half-reactions**
- **Balancing electrochemical equations**
- **History of electrochemistry and Batteries**
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... some people think ions are more important than electrodes...

... and I am one of them!

### RECALL:

FYI, John O'M. Bockris's Modern Electrochemistry textbook series has the following 3 volumes...

**1: Ionics** (pp. 1 – 767)

**2A: Fundamentals of Electrodicts** (pp. 771 – 1534)

**2B: Electrodicts in Chemistry, Engineering, Biology and Environmental Science** (pp. 1539 – 2053)

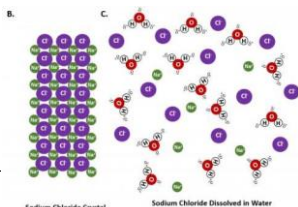
... let's start to discuss ions...

... and how to drive their reactions...

... and let's use the board...

... and finish our discussion...

... during discussion session on Mon.

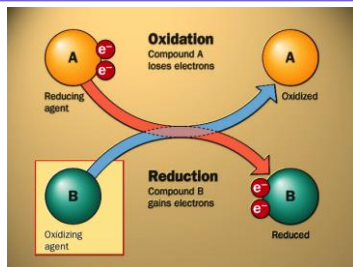


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## From M3C: Oxidation and reduction <sup>41</sup>

An oxidation-reduction, or "redox" reaction is one in which one or more electrons are transferred.



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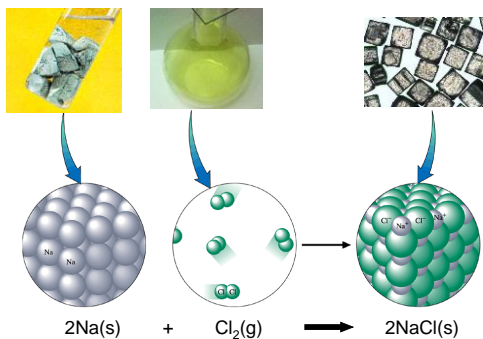
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## Redox reactions <sup>42</sup>



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## Oxidation states <sup>43</sup>

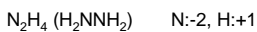
Ionic compound: the oxidation state of an atom is equal to its charge.



Covalent compound, different types of atoms: the oxidation state equals the charge that would result if the electrons were given to the most electronegative atom.



Covalent compound, same type of atoms: charge that the compound would have if the electrons were divided evenly among atoms of the same type.



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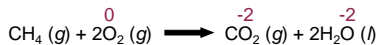
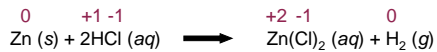
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Closed (filled) orbital shells are most stable... 44

... in general H (+1), O (-2), halides (-1), etc.

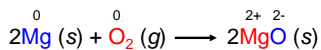


Periodic table of elements showing oxidation states for various groups.

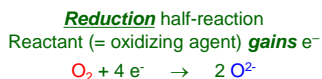
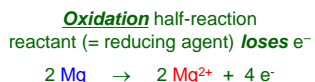
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Oxidation and Reduction 45

Oxidizing agent (oxidant) -> molecule that gains electrons
Reducing agent (reductant) -> molecule that loses electrons



This reaction can be split into two (hypothetical) half-reactions



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Oh (silly) acronyms... 46

OIL RIG

- Oxidation
• Is
• Loss. (of electrons)
• Reduction
• Is
• Gain. (of electrons)

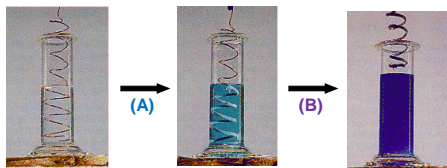


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## Redox reactions, or not?

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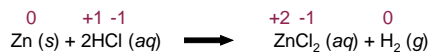
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## Redox reactions

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Zinc metal reacts with aqueous hydrochloric acid to form zinc chloride in solution and hydrogen gas. Is this a redox reaction? If yes, identify the oxidizing agent, the reducing agent, and the substances being oxidized and reduced.

1. Write a balanced chemical equation (*not always easy*).



2. Assign oxidation states.

3. Determine whether atomic oxidation states change. **Yes**

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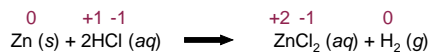
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## Redox reactions

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Zinc metal reacts with aqueous hydrochloric acid to form zinc chloride in solution and hydrogen gas. Is this a redox reaction? If yes, identify the oxidizing agent, the reducing agent, and the substances being oxidized and reduced.

4. Use the changes in oxidation state for each atom to determine what is being oxidized and reduced.



Zn: 0  $\rightarrow$  +2 oxidized, reducing agent

H: +1  $\rightarrow$  0 reduced, oxidizing agent

Cl: -1  $\rightarrow$  -1 spectator ion (*best to include*)

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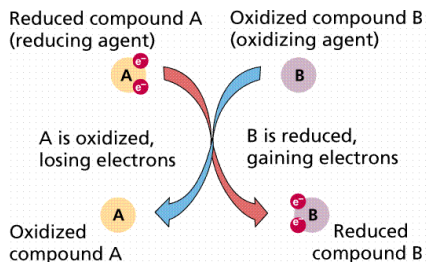
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## Half-reactions

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Redox reactions are often difficult to balance by inspection. Instead, we can use the method of half-reactions. *Half-reactions don't actually exist all that often... (read on)...*



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## Writing half-reactions

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1. Assign oxidation states for each element in the reactants and products.

2. Determine what is being oxidized, what is being reduced, and how many electrons are transferred.

3. Write balanced half-reactions, using electrons as reactants or products, as appropriate.

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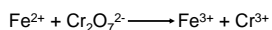
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## Balancing redox equations

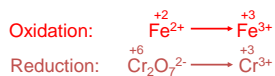
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The oxidation of  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  to  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  by  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$  (becomes  $\text{Cr}^{3+}$ ) in acid solution?

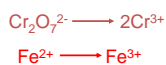
1. Write the unbalanced equation for the reaction in ionic form.



2. Separate the equation into two half-reactions.



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



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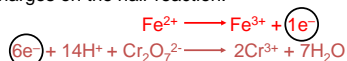
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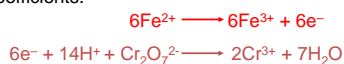
4. For reactions in acid, add  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  to balance O atoms and  $\text{H}^+$  to balance H atoms.



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



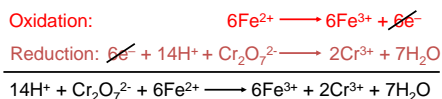
6. If necessary, equalize the number of electrons in the two half-reactions by multiplying the half-reactions by appropriate coefficients.



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## Balancing redox equations 54

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



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

$$14 \times 1 - 1 \times 2 + 6 \times 2 = 24 = 6 \times 3 + 2 \times 3 + 7 \times 0$$

... that's a lot of spectator anions!

9. For reactions in basic solutions, add  $\text{OH}^-$  to **both sides** of the equation for every  $\text{H}^+$  that appears in the final equation...

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## Method of half-reactions 55 (under basic/alkaline conditions)

1. Use the half reaction method for acidic solution to balance the equation as if excess  $\text{H}^+$  ions were present.

2. To both sides of the equation, add the number of  $\text{OH}^-$  ions needed to balance the  $\text{H}^+$  ions added in the last step.

3. Form  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  on the side containing both  $\text{H}^+$  and  $\text{OH}^-$  ions, and cancel out the number of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  molecules appearing on both sides of the equation.

4. Check to make sure that the equation is balanced.

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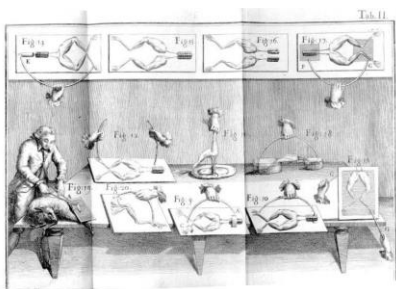
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### A Short History Lesson...

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Electrochemistry is associated with Luigi Galvani who discovered "animal electricity," while trying to Frankenstein frogs legs (1791)

Physician, Physicist, Philosopher



Luigi Galvani (1737-1798) from Wiki

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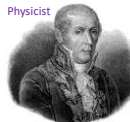
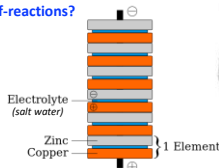
### Voltaic pile

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Invented by Alessandro Volta (1800) but the elements of the pile (galvanic cells) were named after Galvani.

What are the combined half-reactions?

Physicist



Alessandro Volta (1745-1827) from Wiki

Volta presenting his "Voltaic Pile" to Napoleon and his court... and now he is a Count!



At the Tempio Voltiano (the Volta Temple) near Volta's home in Como, Italy.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Voltaic\\_pile](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Voltaic_pile)

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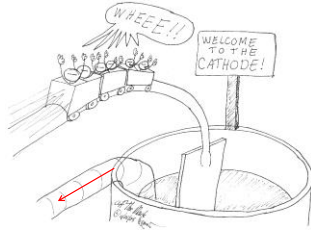
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## Galvanic Cells

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**Every non-equilibrium cell is a galvanic cell (in one direction, i.e. the spontaneous direction)**

Physically separating the half-reactions allows the electrons to go over a long distance, from the anode to the cathode via a (solid) conductor: basis for conversion of chemical energy into electricity = "Electrochemistry"!



Salt bridge is an ionic conduit to prevent buildup of charge in both compartments and also to prevent bulk mixing of the two solutions

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