

# REDOX (topic 9&19)

## REVISION NOTES

### 9.1 OXIDATION & REDUCTION

- Oxidation is the loss of one (or more) electrons from a substance
- Reduction is the gain of one (or more) electrons from a substance
- oxidation states can be used to determine what has been reduced/ oxidized

! +2 NOT 2+ e.g. NaCl is  $\text{Na}^+$  and  $\text{Cl}^-$  ∴ Na has +1, Cl has -1

#### RULES

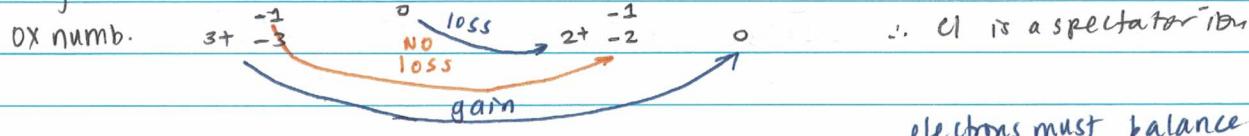
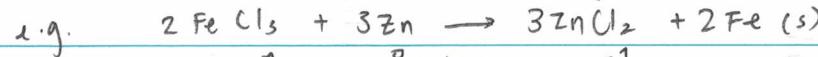
- sum of ox no = charge on molecule/atom e.g.  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$  has 2- assume
- compound ox no = 0
- group 1 = +1, group 2 = +2, group 3 = +3

#### EXCEPTIONS

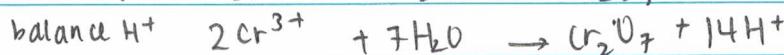
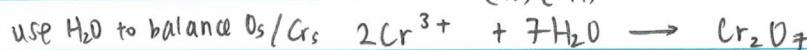
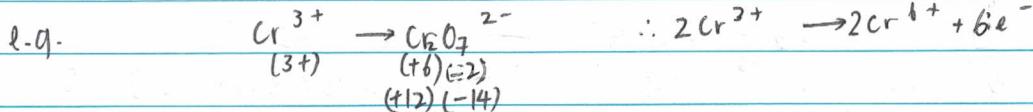
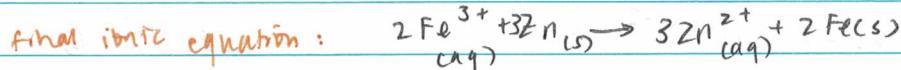
- $\text{O}_2$  always has -2 ox no unless  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  (where it has 1-)
- H when w/ metals (hydrides) has -1 oxidation number

#### AGENTS...

- reduced = oxidizing agent (can accept electrons)
- oxidized = reducing agent (can gain electrons)

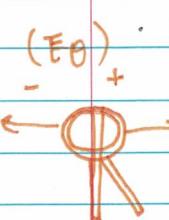


electrons must balance



when combining half equations...

- $e^-$  SAME on both half eqn (x common factor)
- cancel out what is left by combining.



- activity series is ranked by how EASILY a metal gets oxidized (loses electrons)
  - the more reactive, the more likely it will be oxidized. (acts as reducing agent!)
  - e.g. Zinc will react with copper ions to form zinc ions
    - [best reducing agent, gets oxidized = calcium = ↓ electroneg. ↓ attraction]
    - [best oxidizing agent, gets reduced = fluorine = ↑ electron- ↑ attraction]

from reactivity series

$\text{Mn} + \text{VO}_2 = \text{reduced} \Rightarrow \text{more -ve oxidized} \Leftarrow$

additional BOD notes:  
 $\uparrow$   $\text{O}_2 \downarrow$  solubility of  $\text{O}_2 \therefore \uparrow \text{BOD}$   
 bacteria respire aerobically  
 $\text{O}_2$  can dissolve from air

$\text{C}_6\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_5 = \text{organic matter}$

### the minkler method (redox titrations)

can be used to measure biochemical oxygen demand (BOD)

↳ which is amt of  $\text{O}_2$  required to decompose organic matter over time!

↳ HIGH BOD = low  $\text{O}_2$  content.  $\therefore$  high pollution  $\therefore$  important

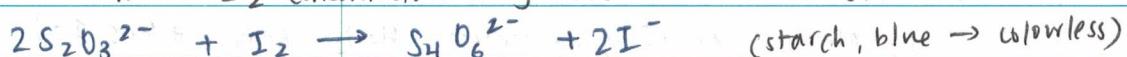
STEP 1. manganese hydroxide + oxygen ( $\text{Mn}(\text{OH})_2$  is made from  $\text{MnSO}_4 + \text{alkali}$ )



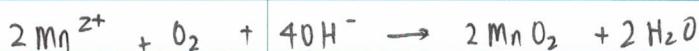
STEP 2. Add  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  to form  $\text{Mn}(\text{SO}_4)_2$  and then react this with KI



STEP 3. Determine  $\text{I}_2$  concentration using sodium thiosulfate (titration)



half equations



$$\frac{1}{2}x \quad x$$



$$\frac{x}{2} \quad \frac{x}{2}$$



$\text{S}_2\text{O}_3 : \text{O}_2$

is 2:1

$\text{I}_2 : \text{S}_2\text{O}_3$

2:4

### other titrations



$$\textcircled{3} \text{ moles } 1.3 \times 10^{-2} \leftarrow \dashrightarrow \textcircled{2} \text{ } 6.6 \times 10^{-3}$$

working back!

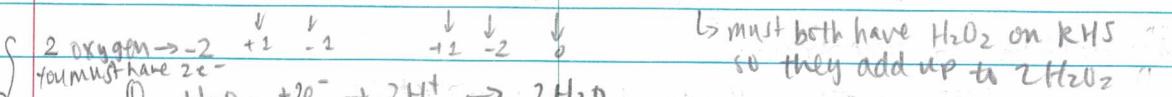


$$\textcircled{1} \text{ moles } 6.6 \times 10^{-3} \quad 0.013 \quad [\text{be sure to ADD volumes!}]$$

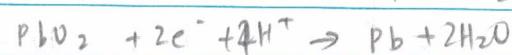
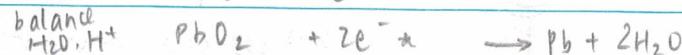
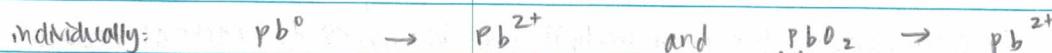
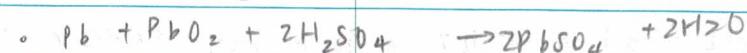
titration conc

old new  $\times$  moles

### harder half equations



must have  $\text{H}^+$  to balance out  $\text{H}_2\text{s}$

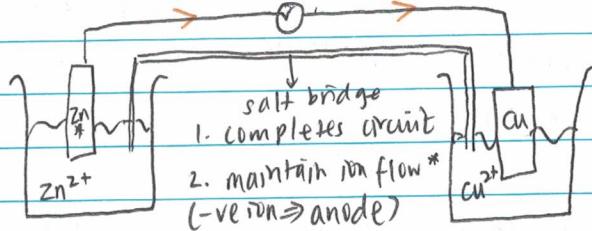


## 9.2 Electrochemical cells

$$\Delta G = -ve$$

### Voltare cells

- chemical energy  $\Rightarrow$  electrical energy (spontaneous)

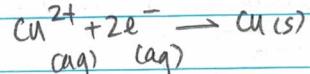
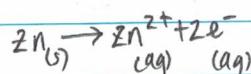


e.g. Zinc has  $E^\theta = -0.76$   $CuE^\theta = +0.15$   
acts oxidized = loss

voltage is the difference of 2 metals

Zinc transfers electrons to copper  $\rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow$

$$E^\theta = E^\theta_{RED} - E^\theta_{OX}$$



oxidation @ Anode (ANOX)

reduction@ cathode (REDCAT)

- anode is -ve

cathode is +ve

\* maintain ion flow as  $Zn^{2+}$  is charged, needs  $NO_3^-$  to balance charges

\* if reaction contains solid metal = must have electrode made out of solid.

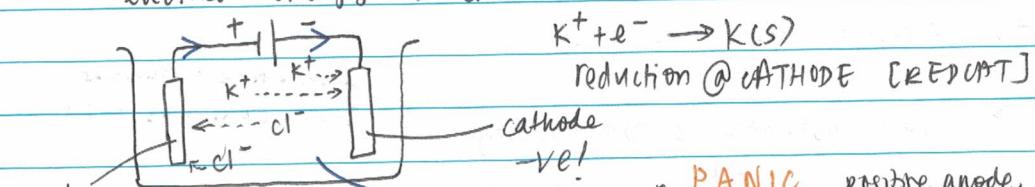
↓ if not = platinum! (inert) (conducts)  
because electrons are "produced"

→ charge from -ve to +ve

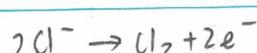
} not theoretical value...  
- 1 mol dm<sup>-3</sup>?  
- stp? 1 atm, 293K  
- not completion  $\Rightarrow$

### electrolytic cells (MOLTEN SALT)

- electrical energy  $\Rightarrow$  chemical energy (non-spont.  $\Delta G +ve$ )



reduction @ CATHODE [REDCAT]



oxidation @ ANODE [ANOX]

\* PANIC positive anode, negative cathode

\* charge from +ve to -ve

### application

- purifying substances (reactive metals)

- plating (forms a layer of K on cathode)

factors affecting electrolysis: TIME, CURRENT,  $e^-$  (oxidation state)

$$Q = I \times t \rightarrow (\text{seconds})$$

charge  $\hookrightarrow$  current (amps)

importance = produce  $Na_2O_2$ ,  $NaOH$ !

$$\frac{n(e^-)}{\text{moles of } e^-} = \frac{Q(\text{charge})}{96500}$$

## (9.) Standard electrode potential

A voltaic cell has an EMF (electromotive force)  $\therefore$  electrons move  $-ve \Rightarrow$  positive.

$\hookrightarrow$  this is called the cell potential ( $E^\ominus$ )

inversely dependent

reactivity

concentration

at 298K and 1mol dm<sup>-3</sup>

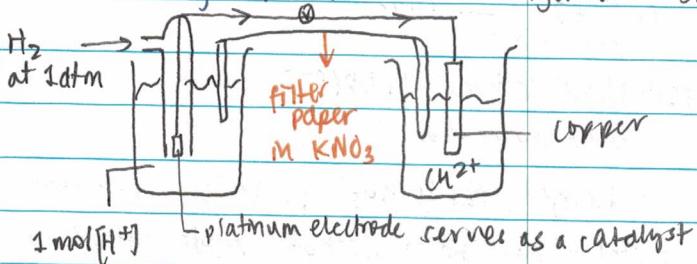
it is a STANDARD.

temperature

WILLING TO LOSE =  $-ve$  value ( $E^\ominus$ )

WILLING TO GAIN =  $+ve$  value ( $E^\oplus$ )

• Standard hydrogen potential (hydrogen = standard reference electrode)



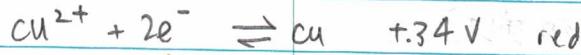
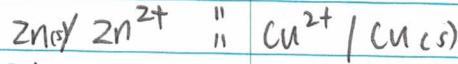
if it is more reactive than hydrogen  $\Rightarrow -ve$  value

less reactive  $\Rightarrow +ve$  value



## calculating cell potential

• Zn and Cu. Since Zn is more  $-ve \Rightarrow$  oxidized  $\Rightarrow 1.085$



$$E_{\text{cell}} = E^\oplus_{\text{red}} - E^\ominus_{\text{ox}} \quad (0.34 - (-0.76) = 1.10 \text{ V})$$

+ve  $E_{\text{cell}}$  = spontaneous

$\curvearrowleft$  cell potential & spontaneity

$$\Delta G = -nFE^\ominus$$

moles of e<sup>-</sup>

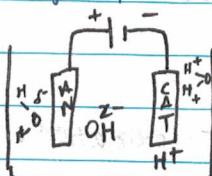
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cell potential

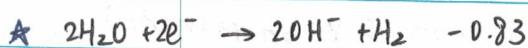
amps  $\times$  time = coulombs  
96500 coulombs = 1 faraday

$\square$   $\Delta G = -ve$   
 $\circ$  = spontaneous

## Electrolysis of water



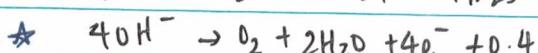
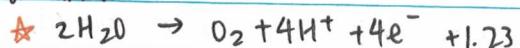
at cathode: reduction (RIG)



but!  $[H^+] = 1 \times 10^{-7} \therefore$  very small

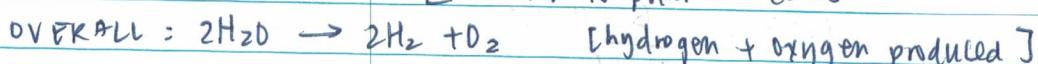
$\therefore$  doesn't usually happen

at anode:



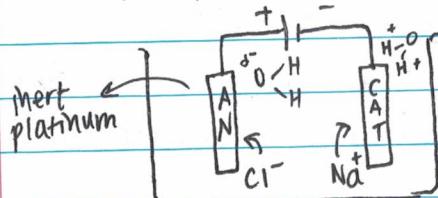
theoretical (but NOT)

$\checkmark$  water is polar = occurs.

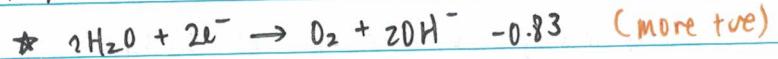


↗ not molten! (molten = will def produce the solid/gas)

### electrolysis of aqueous solutions

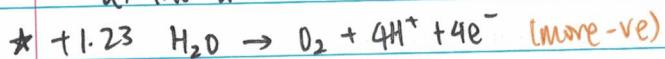


at the cathode ...



$O_2$  produced in both cases UNLESS  $[Cl^-] \uparrow 25\%$

at the anode



factors that determine products @ anode + cathode  $\nearrow$  trans metals  $\searrow$  hydrogen

① position in electrochemical series compared to hydrogen

MORE +ve = REDUCED MORE -ve = OXIDIZED

② concentration (e.g.  $[Cl^-]$  in example above)

③ nature of electrode e.g. copper in  $Cu^{2+} SO_4^{2-}$ , anode itself will be OXIDIZED

$\therefore Cu$  forms in cathode,  $Cu$  lost in anode, CONC = SAME (in solution)

### factors affecting quantity discharged (products)

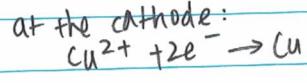
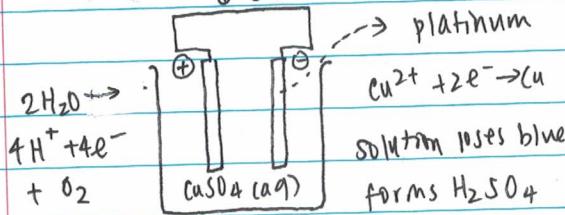
① no. of electrons: current doubles, product doubles

② charge (ox. no): e.g. need  $1e^-$  or  $2e^-$ ? if you have  $Na^+$  and  $Pb^{2+}$

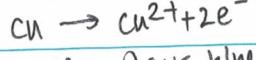
.  $Na^+$  produced 2x rate of  $Pb$

. cells are connected in series and SAME current = SAME moles of  $e^-$

additional example -  $CuSO_4$



at the anode



solution stays blue!

### electroplating

- electrolytic coating of a metal e.g. COPPER

THE CATHODE (-ve) is made from the METAL TO-BE PLATED

THE ANODE (+ve) is made from the IMPURE ONE

↳ as oxidation happens, producing metal ION ( $Cu^- \rightarrow Cu^{2+} + 2e^-$ )

↳ which then deposits itself into the cathode ( $Cu^{2+} + 2e^- \rightarrow Cu$ )

- prevent from rusting: more easily/readily oxidized in comparison to another metal!

RHS: spoon!

# be careful w/agents!

Past paper questions

- "what happens to  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-} \rightarrow 2\text{Cr}^{3+}$ ?" or oxidation number  $+6 \rightarrow +3$
- "describe standard conditions"  $1 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  of solution & 298K
- explain why the electrolysis of  $\text{ZnSO}_4$  is not used for the electroplating of zinc
  - more阴离子 in solution ( $\text{Zn}^{2+}$  and  $\text{H}^+$ ):  $[\text{H}_2]$  will be produced, reduced readily.
- define "standard electrode potential".
  - potential of a reduced half-equation under standard conditions
  - measured compared to a S. Hydrogen electrode.
- displacement reactions: bromine when displaced = ORANGE & iodine = BROWN
- how is electricity conducted in an electrolytic cell?
  - ① electron movement in metal wires
  - ② ion movement in electrolyte (molten ionic liquid)

Explain the mechanism of reactivity/displacement.

A strong reducing agent has the greatest ability to donate electrons and displace a weaker reducing agent.

Oxidation number of N in  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl} \rightarrow \text{NH}_4^+$  and  $\text{Cl}^-$   $\therefore \text{H}_4 = +1, \text{N} = -3$

If Mg > reactive w/ what is strongest ox. agent? Oxid agent = gets reduced

$\therefore$  gets reduced = GAIN electrons + won't be Mg.  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  (NOT Cu, Cu → gains  $e^-$ )

3 things that impact electrolysis

- ① magnitude of current
- ② time of electrolysis
- ③ oxidation / charge on ion

Define "biological oxygen demand"

amt of dissolved oxygen needed by AEROBIC organisms to BREAK DOWN organic material in water over time.

$\nearrow \text{Cu! RMB} \nearrow \text{Cl}_2!$

factors affecting aqueous electrolysis

- ① Electrode potential
- ② electrode
- ③ concentration

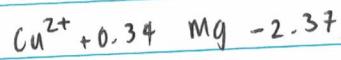
## Voltaiic cells

$$E^\theta = E_{\text{cath}} - E_{\text{anode}}$$

$$E^\theta = \text{RED} - \text{OX}$$

(+ve - -ve)

e.g.



Cu gets reduced / Mg is oxidized

$$\therefore 0.34 - (-2.37) = +2.71 \text{ is voltage}$$



## Experimental voltages vs literature values

- reaction does not go to completion

- standard ( $\theta$ ) temperature



when you ADD water to anode...

the conc of  $\text{Mg}^{2+}_{(\text{aq})}$  decreases

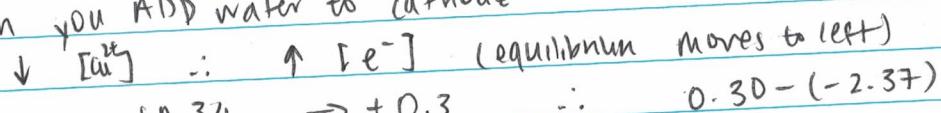
$\therefore$  equilibrium moves to left,  $E^\theta$  becomes more -ve e.g. 2.40

$$\text{THE THEREFORE } E\text{-cell value} = 0.34 - (-2.40)$$

$$= 2.74$$

(0.9 no water +2.71)

when you ADD water to cathode



$$+0.34 \Rightarrow +0.3$$

$$\therefore 0.30 - (-2.37)$$

$$\therefore 2.67 = E^\theta \text{ } E^\theta \text{ has } \downarrow$$

ANODE

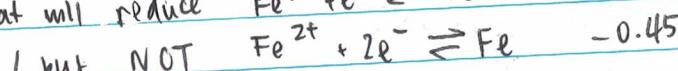
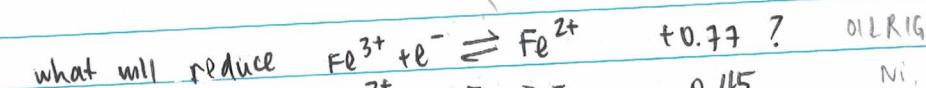
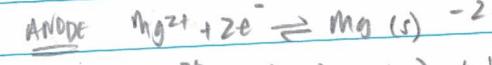
increase [ion]

CATHODE

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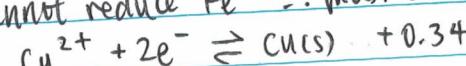
EFFECT  $E^\theta$

more -ve

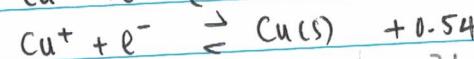
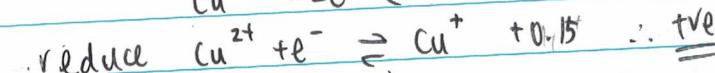


Ni, Sn, Pb, H

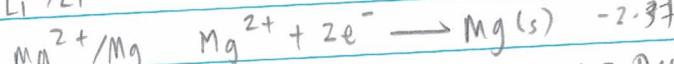
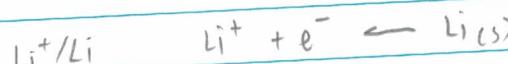
$\hookrightarrow$  MUST be oxidized itself : must be more -ve than +0.77  
but cannot reduce  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$   $\therefore$  must be less -ve than -0.45



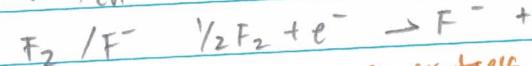
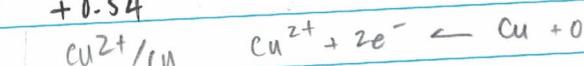
(if OX, anything with OXID.)



$E^\theta$  cell



$$E_{\text{cell}} +ve - (-ve) = -2.71 + 3.04 = 0.67$$



$$E^\theta = -2.53$$

(can power itself  
since there is additional force)



$$\text{SPONTANEITY} = \Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S$$

- entropy / disorder

- exo/endo thermic = enthalpy change

cell POTENTIAL & SPONTANEITY

$$\Delta G = -n F E_{\text{cell}}$$

moles  $\downarrow$   $E^\theta$   
faraday's constant (96500C) C/mol

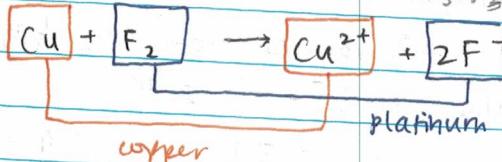
$\therefore$  if  $E^\theta$  is +ve =  $\Delta G = -ve$   $\therefore$  spontaneous.

if  $\Delta G = -350$ , reaction =  $1e^-$

$$-350,000 = -F E_{\text{cell}}$$

$$-350,000$$

$$E_{\text{cell}} = +3.63$$



$\Delta G$  in JOULES



+ 2.53V, 2 moles of  $e^-$  transferred

$$= -2 \times 2.53 \times 96500$$

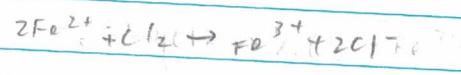
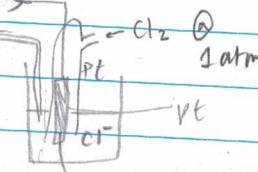
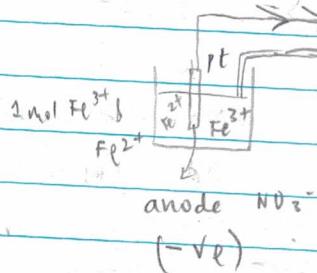
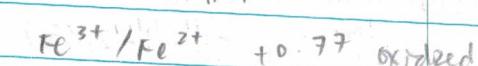
$$= -498290 \text{ J}$$

$$= -488.29 \text{ kJ}$$

$\Delta G$  is always less than zero

OIL ANDX  
cu being oxidized, RIG,  $\therefore$  anode.

### HALF CELL DIAGRAM



$$E^\theta = 1.36 - 0.77 \\ = 0.6 \text{ V}$$

$E$  flow =  $-ve \rightarrow +ve$

$$\Delta G = -2 \times 96500 \times 0.6$$

$$= -115.9 \text{ kJ}$$

$\Delta G$  diff = reaction  $\times$  completion

- conditions  $\times$  standard

- not  $1 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$

## REACTIVITY SERIES

REACTIVITY & REDOX

more reactive species displaces less reactive

↳ MORE REACTIVE METAL REDUCES less reactive metal

(other way is NOT spontaneous)

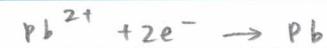
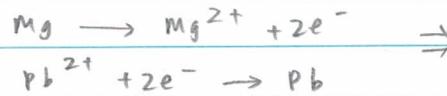
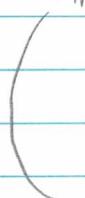


$E^\circ = -2.37$

(magnesium displaced Pb)



$E^\circ = -0.13$



SOLID (s)!



Mg will reduce Pb.  
Pb oxidising magnesium

red. agent  
oxidising agent

best reducing agents e.g. caesium → low electronegativity ( $\uparrow$  shielding  $\uparrow$  shells)  $\therefore$   $\downarrow$  attraction

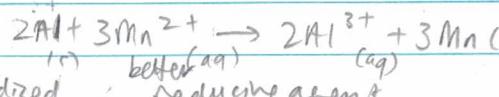
oxidising agents e.g. Fluorine → high electroneg. ( $\downarrow$  radius  $\downarrow$  shielding)  $\uparrow$  attraction  
 $\hookrightarrow \text{F}_2(\text{g})$

$E^\circ$

OXIDISED  
REDUCED  
reducing agent  
oxidising agent



Al is a better reducing agent  $\leftarrow$



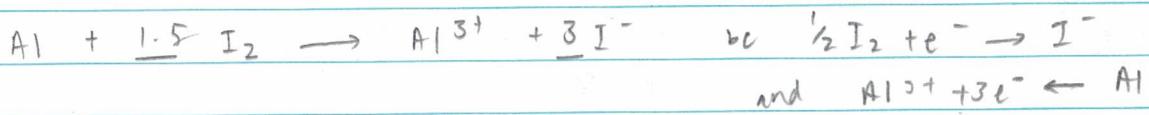
Al has lost electrons - oxidised  $\therefore$  better reducing agent,



reduces less reactive metal.

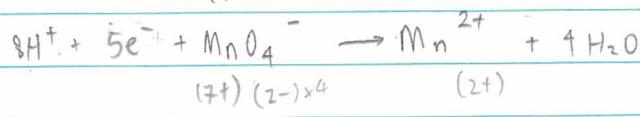
$\rightarrow$  negative goes to left gets reduced

positive goes to right & get oxidising agent



and  $\text{Al}^{3+} + 3e^- \leftarrow \text{Al}$

electrons MUST be balanced.



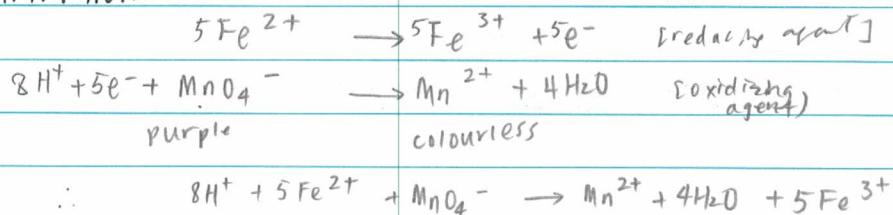
(7+) (2-)  $\times 4$

(2+)

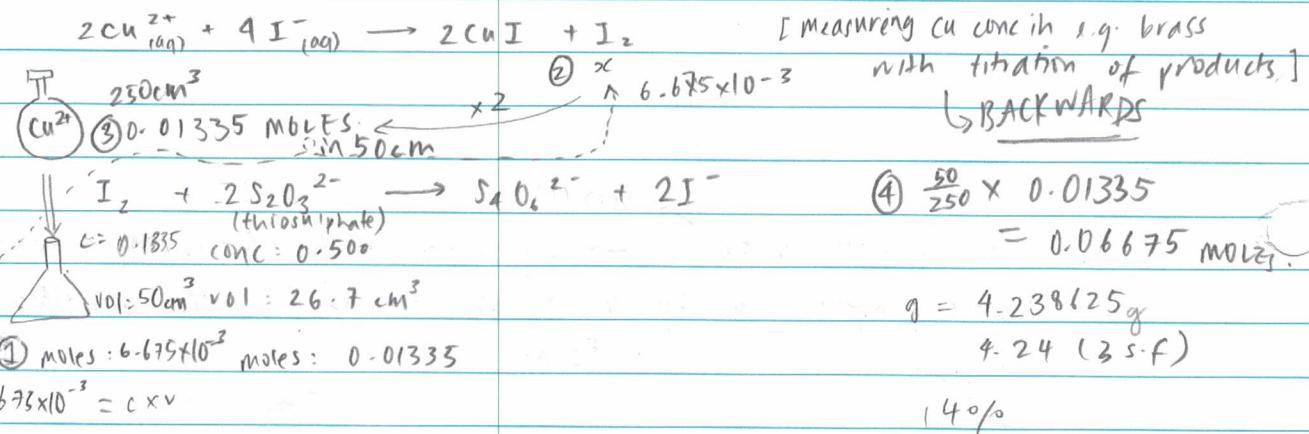
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- gravimetric  
 - colourimetry  
 - titration if this is impractical  
 -  $\text{MnO}_4^-$  (v.s conc?)  
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## REDOX TITRATION



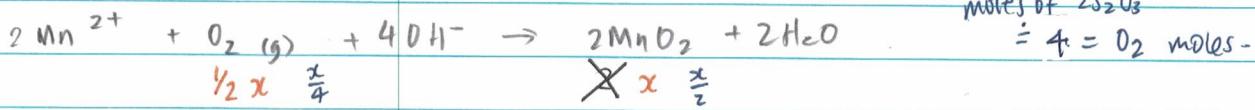
- iodometric (from HI)



## BIOLOGICAL OXYGEN DEMAND

amt of  $\text{O}_2$  required to decompose organic matter over a period of time

high BOD: low  $\text{O}_2$  content



① CONC: 0.0125

vol: 7.71 cm<sup>3</sup>

work out mass of  $\text{O}_2$

$$\text{moles: } 1.6375 \times 10^{-5} \div 4 = 2.409375 \times 10^{-5} \text{ moles of } \text{O}_2 \times 32 \times 10$$

$$= 7.71 \times 10^{-4} = 7.71 \times 10^{-3}$$

of the mass

$\frac{25 \text{ cm}^3}{250 \text{ cm}^3}$