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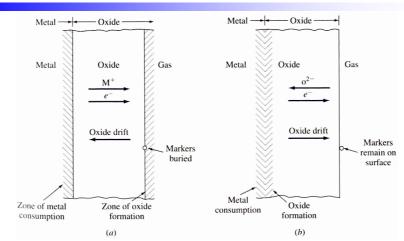
#### **Mechanisms of Oxidation and Corrosion**

- 12.1 Surface and Interface reactions in oxidation of metals
  - thermal oxidation
- 12.2 Thermal oxidation of Si: Deal-Grove
- 12.3 Diffusion in metal oxide thin films
- 12.4 Corrosion (anodic oxidation)
  - thermodynamics
  - kinetics

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#### 12.1 Mechanisms of Oxidation



- · When cations diffuse, the initially formed oxide drifts towards the metal
- · When anions diffuse, the oxide drifts in the opposite direction

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# Microscopic oxidation pathways

TABLE II. Activation energy Q and pre-exponential factor  $D_0$  for oxygen and cation (self-)diffusion in metal coxides. Data are given for volume diffusion  $D_T$ , unless  $D_S$  is stated to indicate interface diffusion.  $T_n$ : melting temperature.

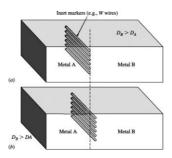
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		Oxygen self-	diffusion		
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18O	m-ZrO,		2.41	$9.73 \times 10^{-7}$	c
18O	m-ZrO <sub>2</sub>		1.96	$2.34 \times 10^{-6}$	d
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18O	Y(2.8 mol %)-ZrO2		1.24	$1.55 \times 10^{-6}$	g
18O	Y(16 mol %)-ZrO2				f
18O	Y(9.5 mol %)-ZrO,		0.89	$1.1 \times 10^{-7}$	h
18O	n-TiO <sub>2</sub>	$D_B$	1.5	$1.4 \times 10^{-8}$	ь
18O	c-TiO <sub>2</sub>	$D_{\nu}$	2.47	$2.0 \times 10^{-7}$	r
18O	NiO		5.6	$5 \times 10^{-3}$	n
18O	MgO		3.84	$1.9 \times 10^{-8}$	5
18O	MgO		5.55	6.76×10 <sup>-4</sup>	t
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18O	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	$D_{\nu}$	6.59	$2.06 \times 10^{-2}$	0
18O	$Al_2O_3$	$D_R$	9.54	$1.6 \times 10^{12}$	p
		Cation di	fusion		-
Ca	Ca(16 mol %)-ZrO <sub>2</sub>		4.34	$4.4 \times 10^{-5}$	i
Zr	Ca(16 mol %)-ZrO <sub>2</sub>		4.01	$3.5 \times 10^{-6}$	i
Zr/Y	Y(9.4 mol %)-ZrO <sub>2</sub>		5.3	$1.4 \times 10^{-3}$	j
Zr/Y	Y(18 mol %)-ZrO2		5.3	$9.6 \times 10^{-5}$	j
Zr	Y-ZrO <sub>2</sub>		4.4	$1.5 \times 10^{-5}$	v
Zr	Y(9.5 mol %)-ZrO <sub>2</sub>		4.78	$9.3 \times 10^{-6}$	h
Y	Y(9.5 mol %)-ZrO <sub>2</sub>		4.79	$2.5 \times 10^{-5}$	h
Zr	Y(8-32 mol %)-ZrO <sub>2</sub>		4.4-5.1	$10^{-6} - 10^{-4}$	k
Ca	Y(8-32 mol %)-ZrO <sub>2</sub>		≥5.0		k
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Ti	TiO <sub>2</sub>	$D_{p}   _{\mathcal{C}}$	2.52	2.0×10 <sup>-6</sup>	1
Ti	$TiO_2$	$D_{\nu}\bot c$	2.12	$2.2 \times 10^{-6}$	1

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# Kirkendall effect

 Marker at the diffusion interface move slightly in the opposite direction to the most rapidly moving species ⇒ vacancies can move!



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# Thermal growth of aluminum oxide

- Thick films (> 6000 Å), Wagner's theory:
- Ultra-Thin films (< 30 Å), Cabrera-Mott theory:

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# **Cabrera-Mott theory**

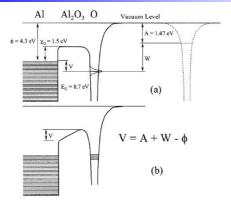


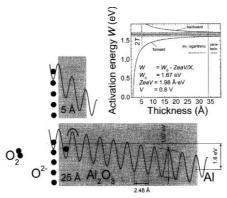
Figure 1.1. Energy level diagram for a metal-oxide-oxygen system: (a) adsorption potential barrier for ion jumps of a distant oxygen atom (dashed line) on an oxide surface lowers the electron affinity level A by the oxygen ion binding energy W; (b) electron transfer from the metal to the surface oxygen establishes the Mott potential V across oxide. The numerical values given are for the Al(110)/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>/O system.

- Electrons can cross the oxide by tunneling mechanism
- Electron transfer from metal (AI) to the surface oxygen establishes the Mott potential **V** across oxide
- Resulting uniform electric field E=V/X is the driving force for slow ionic transport, which controls the height of the potential barrier for ion jumps

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# Diagram of potential energy maps for O<sup>2</sup>-

There is thickness dependence of activation energy for ionic transport in the opposite directions

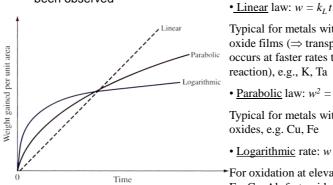


Aside: Electrochemical oxidation of AI (Presentation 2)

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# **Oxidation Rate (Kinetics)**

During the oxidation of different metals, various empirical rate laws have been observed



Typical for metals with porous or cracked oxide films (⇒ transport of reactant ions occurs at faster rates than the chemical reaction), e.g., K, Ta

• Parabolic law:  $w^2 = k_p t + C$ 

Typical for metals with thick coherent oxides, e.g. Cu, Fe

• <u>Logarithmic</u> rate:  $w = k_e \log (Ct + A)$ 

For oxidation at elevated temperature, e.g., Fe, Cu, Al; fast oxidation at the start, the rate decreases to a very low value

w – weight gain per unit area; or oxide thickness

• Catastrophic at high T: rapid exothermal reactions, oxides are volatile, e.g. Mo, W, V

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#### **Oxidation of metals**

#### Protective oxide films:

- 1. The volume ratio of oxide to metal after oxidation should be close to 1:1
- or Pilling-Bedworth ratio = 1 (ration of oxide volume produced by oxidation to the volume of metal consumed by oxidation)
- 2. The oxide film should have good adherence, high-temperature plasticity to prevent fracture
- 3. The melting point of the oxide should be high
- 4. The oxide films should have a low vapor pressure and thermal coefficient of expansion comparable to the one of the metal
- Low conductivity and low diffusion coefficient for metal ions and oxygen are desired

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#### 12.2 Thermal oxidation of silicon

Si grows a high quality oxide

$$Si(s) + O_2(g) = SiO_2(s)$$

$$Si(s) + H_2 O (g) = SiO_2 (s) + 2H_2$$



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#### Oxide growth calculator

#### Important parameters:

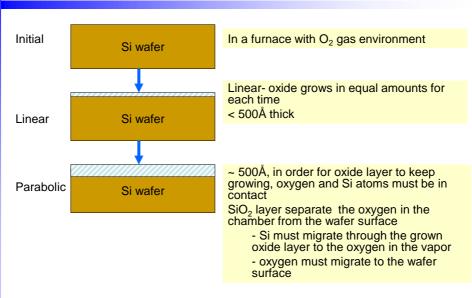
- initial SiO<sub>2</sub> thickness
- temperature (700-1200°C)
- Si crystal orientation
- Wet or dry environment

Examples: Initial SiO<sub>2</sub> thickness – 25Å, 1000°C, Si(001), Dry O<sub>2</sub>  $\Rightarrow$  400Å in 1 hour initial SiO<sub>2</sub> thickness – 10Å, 1000°C, Si(111), Wet O<sub>2</sub>  $\Rightarrow$  ~4500Å in 1 hour initial SiO<sub>2</sub> thickness – 10Å, 1000°C, Si(100), Wet O<sub>2</sub>  $\Rightarrow$  ~3870Å in 1 hour

http://www.cleanroom.byu.edu/OxideThickCalc.phtml

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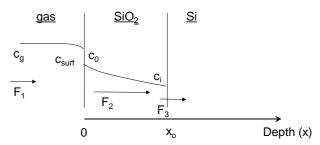
# SiO<sub>2</sub> growth stages



#### Thermal oxidation of silicon

- Diffusivity of Si in  $\mathrm{SiO}_2$  much smaller than that of  $\mathrm{O}_2$
- $\Rightarrow$  molecular  $O_2$  diffusion

(opposite to metal oxidation or anodic oxidation of Si , in which cations moves out to surface)



 $F_1$  – incident flux to surface;  $F_1$ = $h_g$  ( $C_g$ - $C_s$ )  $h_g$  – mass transfer coefficient

 ${\sf F_2}$  – flux through the oxide;  ${\sf F_3}$  – reaction flux of oxide growth at interface

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#### **Deal-Grove model**

Recall: from ideal gas law,  $C_g = p_g /kT$ 

Henry's law:  $C_0 = H p_s$ 

 $F_1 = h(C^*-C_0)$ , where  $h=h_e/HkT$ 

 $F_2 = D(O_2) [(C_0 - C_i)/x_0]$  (from Fick's law)

If we let rate at interface be proportional to concentration of oxidant at the SiO<sub>2</sub>/Si interface, then:

$$F_2 = k_s C_i$$

Assuming steady state approximation:  $F_1 = F_2 = F_3$ 

$$h(C^*-C_0) = D(O_2) [(C_0-C_i)/x_0] = k_s C_i$$

... algebra then, solve for concentration at the interface...

$$C_{i} = \frac{C^{*}}{1 + \frac{k_{s}}{h} + \frac{k_{s}x_{0}}{D}}; \quad C_{o} = \frac{C^{*}\left(1 + \frac{k_{s}x_{0}}{D}\right)}{1 + \frac{k_{s}}{h} + \frac{k_{s}x_{0}}{D}}$$

B. E. Deal and A. S. Grove, J. Appl. Phys., 36 (1965) 3770

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# **Deal-Grove model (linear-parabolic regime)**

Rate of growth  $\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{F_3}{N}$ , where N is the number of oxygen atoms incorporated per unit volume (2.2 ×10<sup>22</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup> for SiO<sub>2</sub>)

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{F_3}{N} = \frac{Hk_s p_g}{N\left(1 + \frac{k_s}{h} + \frac{k_s x_o}{D}\right)}$$

for  $x_0 = x(t = 0)$  solution is

$$x_0^2 + Ax_0 = B(t + \tau)$$

$$A = 2D\left(\frac{1}{k_{s}} + \frac{1}{h}\right); B = \frac{2DC^{*}}{N}; \tau = \frac{x_{0}^{2} + Ax_{i}}{B}$$

For very t hin oxides, we can neglect quadratic term, and we have :

$$x_0 \approx \frac{B}{A}(t+\tau)$$
 linear regime

For thick oxides

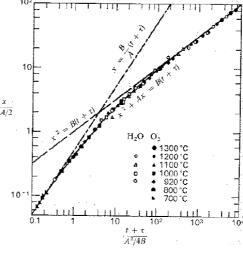
$$x_o^2 \approx B(t + \tau)$$
 parabolic regime

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#### **Deal-Grove Model**

Physical significance of 2 regimes:

- in <u>linear regime</u> for thin films, the oxidant concentration is assumed constant throughout the system,  $C_0 \sim C_i$ , rate is controlled by interface (surface) reaction;
- in the parabolic (thick film) regime,  $C_i \rightarrow 0$ , and  $C_0 \sim C^*$ ;
- $B \propto D$ , and diffusion through the oxide dominates growth kinetics



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#### **Problems with DG model:**

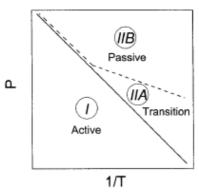
- Steady state growth?
- Interface growth assumes first order gas phase type reaction, why?
- What is the true O<sub>2</sub> profile?
- Is the interface a sharp well-phase-segregated plane (strain in Si, suboxides, roughness?
- No good physical interpretation of accelerated initial growth
- · lons, radicals, surface reaction/exchange?

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#### The role of SiO formation during the SiO<sub>2</sub> growth

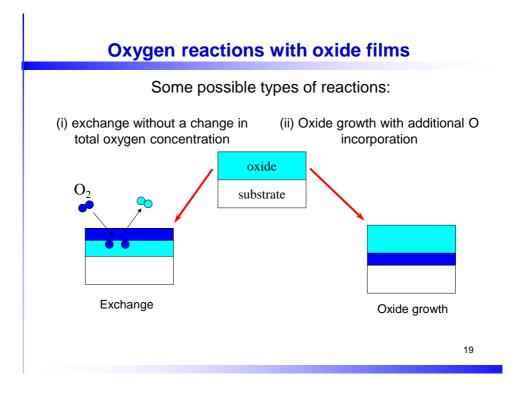
Overall reaction route is dependent on the oxygen (water) pressure and temperature used

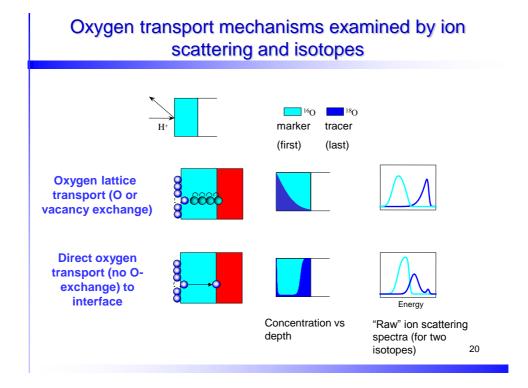
- at low T, high  $p_{o2} \Rightarrow Si(s) + O_2(g) = SiO_2(s)$  "passive" oxidation regime
- at high T, low  $p_{o2} \Rightarrow Si(s) + O_2(g) = 2SiO(g)$  "active" oxidation



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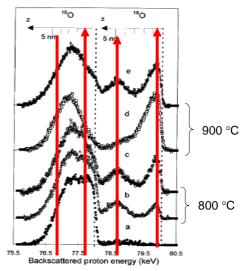


# Oxygen isotope experiments: SiO<sub>2</sub> growth mode

Q: Why use isotopes?

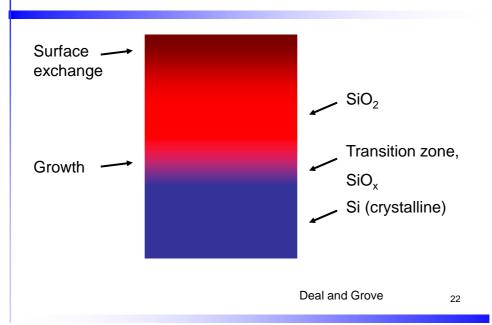
A: To study processes, not just structures!!

- 1. <sup>18</sup>O uptake at the surface!
- 2. Growth at the interface
- 3. <sup>16</sup>O loss at the surface
- 4. <sup>16</sup>O movement at the interface!

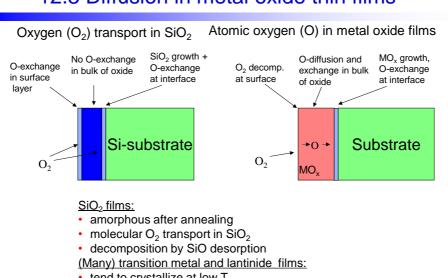


Gusev, Lu, Gustafsson, Garfunkel, PRB 52, 1759 (1995)

#### Schematic model for ultra-thin films



## 12.3 Diffusion in metal oxide thin films

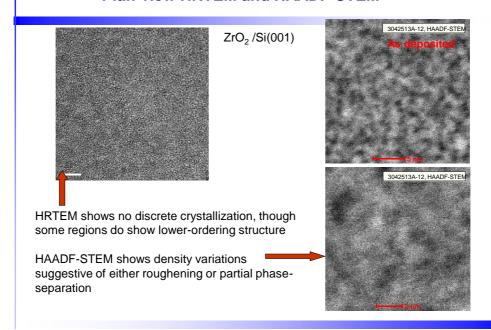


· tend to crystallize at low T

· high oxygen mobility

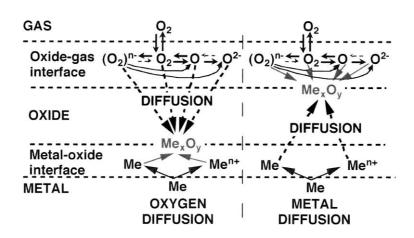
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#### Plan-view HRTEM and HAADF-STEM



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# **Elementary steps during metal oxidation**



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# Microscopic oxidation pathways

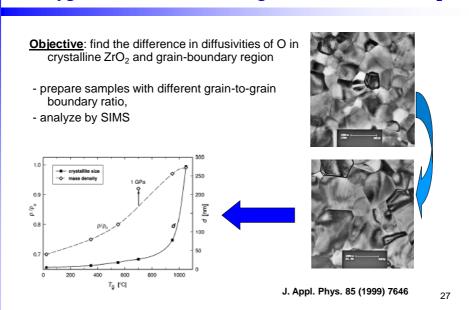
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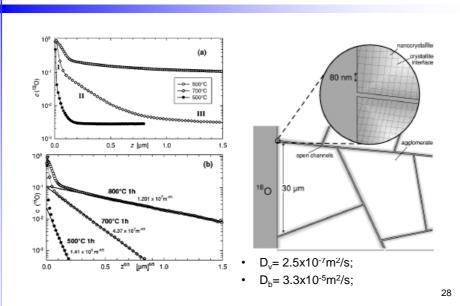
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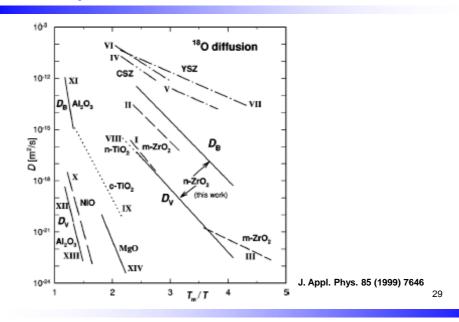
#### Oxygen diffusion in ultrafine grained monoclinic ZrO<sub>2</sub>



# <sup>18</sup>O profiles in crystalline ZrO<sub>2</sub>



# Comparison of <sup>18</sup>O diffusion in metal oxides

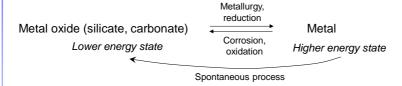


#### 12.4 Corrosion

<u>Corrosion</u> is the deterioration of a material resulting from chemical reaction with its environment

- temperature, pressure
- concentration of the reactions and products
- mechanical stress and erosion

Can be regarded as reverse extractive metallurgy



Metals: electrochemical process

 $\underline{\text{Nonmetals}}\text{: direct chemical reaction (with salts, water, organic solvents, oxygen plus UV)}$ 

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#### **Oxidation Reduction Reactions of Metals**

 $Zn + 2HCI \rightarrow ZnCI_2 + H_2$ 

Simplified ionic form:

$$Zn^0 + 2H^+ \rightarrow Zn^{2+} + H_2^{\uparrow}$$

Two "half reactions":

 $Zn^0 \rightarrow Zn^{2+} + 2e^-$  (oxidation half reaction)

 $2H^+ + 2e^- \rightarrow H_2$  (reduction half reaction)



- 1. **Oxidation reaction**: metals form ions that go into aqueous solution, also called the **anodic reaction**; electrons are produced and remain in the metal
- 2. **Reduction** reaction: metals or nonmetals consume electrons and they are reduced into zero-charge state, also called the **cathodic reaction**

Both oxidation and reduction reactions must occur at the same time

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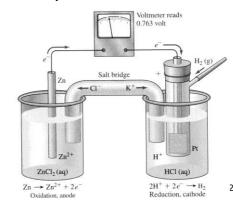
#### Standard Electrode Half-Cell Potential for Metals

- Every metal has a different tendency to corrode in a particular environment
- Standard Electrode Half-Cell Potential for metals gives a universal way to compare the tendency for metals to form ions
  - if the potential is negative, metal oxidizes to ions
  - If the potential is positive, less tendency to corrode
  - measured against

"standard hydrogen electrode"

Assign 0V to the reaction:

$$2H^+ + 2e^- \rightarrow H_2$$



# Standard electrode potentials at 25<sup>o</sup>

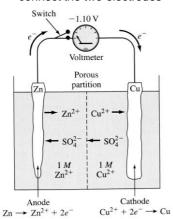
	Oxidation (corrosion) reaction	Electrode potential (E <sup>c</sup> (volts versus standard hydrogen electrode)
	$Au \rightarrow Au^{3+} + 3e^{-}$	+1.498
	$2H_2O \rightarrow O_2 + 4H^+ + 4e^-$	+1.229
	$Pt \rightarrow Pt^{2+} + 2e^{-}$	+1.200
	$Ag \rightarrow Ag^+ + e^-$	+0.799
More cathodic	$2 \text{Hg} \rightarrow \text{Hg}_{2}^{2+} + 2e^{-}$	+0.788
(less tendency to corrode)	$Fe^{2+} \rightarrow Fe^{3+} + e^{-}$	+0.771
	$4(OH)^{-} \rightarrow O_2 + 2H_2O + 4e^{-}$	+0.401
	$Cu \rightarrow Cu^{2+} + 2e^{-}$	+0.337
	$\operatorname{Sn}^{2+} \to \operatorname{Sn}^{4+} + 2e^-$	+0.150
	$H_2 \rightarrow 2H^+ + 2e^-$	0.000
	$Pb \rightarrow Pb^{2+} + 2e^{-}$	-0.126
	$Sn \rightarrow Sn^{2+} + 2e^{-}$	-0.136
160	$Ni \rightarrow Ni^{2+} + 2e^{-}$	-0.250
	$Co \rightarrow Co^{2+} + 2e^{-}$	-0.277
More anodic	$Cd \rightarrow Cd^{2+} + 2e^{-}$	-0.403
greater tendency to corrode)	$Fe \rightarrow Fe^{2+} + 2e^{-}$	-0.440
controlle)	$Cr \rightarrow Cr^{3+} + 3e^{-}$	-0.744
	$Zn \rightarrow Zn^{2+} + 2e^{-}$	-0.763
	$AI \rightarrow AI^{3+} + 3e^{-}$	-1.662
	$Mg \rightarrow Mg^{2+} + 2e^{-}$	-2.363
	$Na \rightarrow Na^+ + e^-$	-2.714

<sup>\*</sup>Reactions are written as anodic half-cells. The more negative the half-cell reaction, the more anodic is the reaction and the greater the tendency for corrosion or oxidation to occur.

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## **Galvanic cells**

 Galvanic couple (cell): is constructed with two dissimilar metal electrodes each immersed in a solution of their own ions, and separated by a porous wall (membrane) to prevent their mechanical mixing and an external wire to connect the two electrodes



$$Zn \rightarrow Zn^{2+} + 2e^{-}$$
  $E^{o} = -0.763 \text{ V}$ 

$$Cu \rightarrow Cu^{2+} + 2e^{-}$$
  $E^{o} = +0.337 \text{ V}$ 

Overall reaction:

$$\mathrm{Zn} + \mathrm{Cu}^{2+} \longrightarrow \mathrm{Zn}^{2+} + \mathrm{Cu}$$
  $E_{cell}{}^o = -1.100 \,\mathrm{V}$ 

**Recall:** Nernst equation connects half-cell reaction potentials with the metal ion concentrations

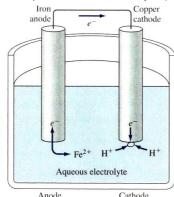
$$E = E^{o} + \frac{0.0592}{n} \log C_{ion}$$
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where  $C_{ion}$  is molar concentrat ion of ions

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# **Galvanic Cells with NO metal ions present**

Consider a galvanic cell in which Fe and Cu electrodes are immersed in an aqueous acidic electrolyte (no metals ions present)



Anode Cathode half reaction Fe<sup>0</sup>  $\rightarrow$  Fe<sup>2+</sup> + 2e<sup>-</sup>  $2H^+ + 2e^- \rightarrow H_2 \uparrow$ 

Neutral or basic  $O_2 + 2H_2O + 4e^- \rightarrow 4OH^-$   $Fe \rightarrow Fe^{2+} + 2e^{-}$   $E^{o} = -0.440 \text{ V}$ 

$$Cu \rightarrow Cu^{2+} + 2e^{-}$$
  $E^{o} = +0.337 \text{ V}$ 

Fe has the more negative half-cell potential, will oxidize

 $Fe \rightarrow Fe^{2+} + 2e^{-}$  (anodic half reaction)

If acidic:

 $2H^+ + 2e^- \rightarrow H_2$  (cathodic half reaction)

If neutral or basic solution:

$$O_2 + 2H_2O + 4e^- \rightarrow 4 OH^-$$

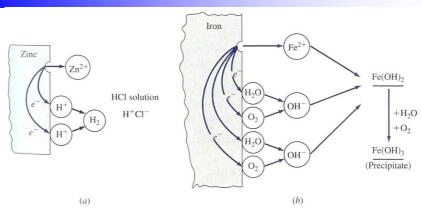
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## Common cathode reactions for aqueous galvanic cells

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Cathode reaction	Example
<ol> <li>Metal deposition:         M<sup>n+</sup> + ne<sup>-</sup> → M</li> <li>Hydrogen evolution:         2H<sup>+</sup> + 2e<sup>-</sup> → H<sub>2</sub></li> <li>Oxygen reduction         (acid solutions):         O<sub>2</sub> + 4H<sup>+</sup> + 4e<sup>-</sup> → 2H<sub>2</sub>O</li> </ol>	Fe-Cu galvanic couple in aqueous solution with Cu <sup>2+</sup> ions; Cu <sup>2+</sup> + 2e <sup>-</sup> → Cu Fe-Cu galvanic couple in acid solution with no copper ions present Fe-Cu galvanic couple in oxidizing acidic solution with no copper ions present
<ul> <li>4. Oxygen reduction         <ul> <li>(neutral or basic solutions):</li> <li>O<sub>2</sub> + 2H<sub>2</sub>O + 4e<sup>-</sup> → 4OH<sup>-</sup></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Fe-Cu galvanic couple in neutral or alkaline solution with no copper ions present

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# **Microscopic Galvanic Cell Corrosion**



Electrochemical reactions for (a) Zn in dilute hydrochloric acid; (b) Fe immersed in oxygenated neutral water solution (**rusting of iron**)

$$\begin{split} &2\text{Fe} + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2 \text{ Fe}^{2+} + 4\text{OH}^{-} \rightarrow 2 \text{ Fe}(\text{OH})_2 \downarrow \\ &2 \text{ Fe}(\text{OH})_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} + \frac{1}{2} \text{ O}_2 \rightarrow 2 \text{ Fe}(\text{OH})_3 \downarrow \text{ (rust)} \end{split}$$

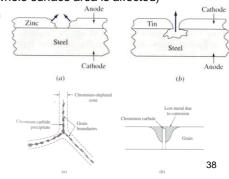
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# Galvanic Cells created by differences in Composition, Structure, and Stress

- 1. Grain grain-boundary galvanic cell (grain boundaries are typically more chemically active (anodic) than the grain matrix)
- 2. Multiple-phase galvanic cells (e.g. Fe and Fe<sub>3</sub>C in gray cast iron)
- 3. Impurity cells (higher corrosion resistance for purer metals)

#### Types of corrosion

- · Uniform chemical attack corrosion (whole surface area is affected)
- · Galvanic or two-metal pair corrosion
- · Pitting and perforation
- Intergranular
- · Stress and Erosion
- Cavitation
- · Selective leaching or dealloying



#### **Corrosion Rate (Kinetics)**

- So far we discussed equilibrium conditions and thermodynamic tendencies of metals to corrode
- Corroding systems are <u>not at equilibrium</u>

Kinetics - Faraday's equation (electrochemistry)

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w=\frac{ItM}{nF}=\frac{iAtM}{nF}; where w is weight of corroded or electropla ted metal in time t; I= curretn flow, A; M= atomic mass of the metal, g/mol; n= number of electrons produced or consumed, F= 96500C/mol ; i= curretn density, A/cm ^2; A= area of electrode, cm ^2
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How to measure corrosion rate:

- a weight loss per unit area;
- change in thickness of material per unit time;
- as a current density

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## **Acceleration of Corrosion**

- Physical Characteristics
  - exposed area (less, increases corrosion rate)
  - time of exposure (more time, more corrosion)
- Environmental Characteristics
  - acidic environment
  - sulfur gas environment
  - temperature (high temps, more corrosion)
  - moisture (oxygenated moisture)

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## **Passivation**

- A protective film in oxidizing atmospheres
  - chromium, nickel, titanium, aluminum
- · Metal oxide layer adheres to parent metal
  - barrier against further damage
  - self-healing if scratched
- Sensitive to environmental conditions
  - passivated metal may have high corrosion rates

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#### **Corrosion Prevention**

- Coatings
- · Barrier films
- Inhibitive pigments
- · Sacrificial treatments
- Paint
- · Active cathodic protection

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