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ELECTRO CHEMISTRY

In our everyday life, we frequently use equipment powered by domestic electricity as well as appliances operated by electro chemical cells. Some examples are given below.

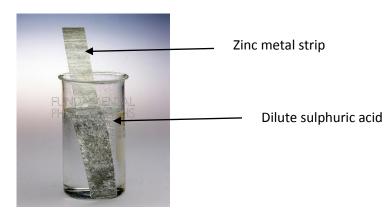
Equipment powered by domestic electricity	Equipment powered by Electrochemical cells	
Iron	Calculator	
Heater	Clock	
Rice cooker	Toy cars	
Refrigerator	Mobile phones	
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In electrochemical cells. the chemical energy stored in them is converted to electrical energy.

• We can show it as an energy transformation.



Let's do an activity to see the reaction of chemical cells.



Place a strip of zinc metal sheet in the beaker so that a part of it dips in the dilute Sulphuric acid solution.

Observations - **1.** Gas bubbles are liberated near the Zinc strip.

2. Zinc strip dissolves gradually.

Let's find the reasons for these observations.

Zinc atoms (Zn) go into the solution as Zinc ions (Zn^{+2}) leaving electrons on the metal.

 $Zn_{(s)} \longrightarrow Zn^{2+}_{(aq)}+2e$ 1

Sulphuric acid dissociates into hydrogen ions (H^+) and sulphate ions (SO_4^{2-}) in water.

H ₂ SO _{4(aq)}	►2H	l ⁺ _(aq) + SO ₂	2- 1 (aq)			
(aq) is called aqueous.						
Zinc ions	(Zn ⁺²)		+ ions			
Hydrogen ions	(H ¹⁺)					
Sulphate ions	(SO ₄ ²⁻)		- ions			

The H⁺ ions in the solution are attracted towards the Zinc strip to capture electrons on it. Hydrogen ions, after receiving the electrons become H_{2 (g)}gas. This can be written as follows.

Zn strip is dissolving as it releases electrons.

When study reactions 1 & 2

- 1. Reaction 1 Release electrons
- 2. Reaction 2 -Receive electrons

Conversion of one chemical species into another by removing or accepting electrons are known as **'Half Reactions'**.

By adding two half reactions, balanced ionic equation can be obtained.

 $Zn_{(s)} + H_2SO_{4(aq)} \longrightarrow Zn SO_{4(aq)} + H_{2(g)}$

Assignment

- 1. Name two observations that you can see when we put a Zinc metal strip into a beaker with diluted H_2SO_4 acid.
- 2. Name the positive and negative ions in that solution mixture.
- 3. The reaction near the zinc strip is given below. Fill in the blanks.



4. Students say that; Gas bubbles can be seen in the above mentioned beaker. What is that gas?

5. Sugest an activity to identify the above mentioned gas.