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DRY CORROSION

Involves direct attack of atmospheric gases

- Does not need a corrosive medium
- Types include oxidation corrosion, liquid metal corrosion and corrosion by gases.
- Less prevailing

WET CORROSION

Occurs due to the existence of separate anodic and cathodic area b/w which current flows through the medium.

- Needs corrosive medium.
- Types include galvanic, pitting, stress and intergranular.
- More common.

GALVANIC SERIES

Need for galvanic series:

The electrochemical series does not take passivity into account, or account for the corrosion behaviour of alloys.

The series prepared by studying the corrosion of metals and alloys in a given environment like sea water.

Increasingly active	Mg (Active: more anodic)
	Mg alloys
	Zn
	Al
	Cd mild steel
	Cast iron
	Stainless steel
	...
	Ni
	Ag
	Ti
	Graphite
	Au
	Pt (passive: more cathodic)
Decreasingly active	

* More detailed series in handbook *

CHARACTERISTICS OF GALVANIC SERIES

- Galvanic Series include both metals and alloys
- Metals and alloys are arranged in the increasing order of their corrosion resistance in seawater.
- Metals and alloys ~~are arranged in the increasing order~~ having almost same corrosion characteristics are grouped within a square bracket.
- Same metal can occupy two positions in the galvanic series. Eg Al occurs in two ~~pos~~ (active and noble) positions in its active and passive state.

COMPARISON

ELECTROCHEMICAL SERIES

- EPs are measured by dipping pure metals in their salt soln of 1M conc without any oxide film.
- Position of a given metal is fixed
- Gives no info regarding position of alloys.
- Metals and non-metals included

GALVANIC SERIES

- Series developed by studying corrosion of metals & alloys in unpolluted sea water, without oxide films.
- The position of a metal may shift as it takes active and passive states.
- Alloys are included based on their corrosion behaviour
- Metals and alloys included.

Similar

TYPES

- Galvanic
- Pitting
- Inter-g.
- Stress

GALVANIC

- Occurs
- Contact
- Anode: Metal
- Cathode: Metal

Example

- Cu
- Steel
- Pb
- Al
- Steel

zinc
E

ZnSO₄

Similarity: In both, base metals are placed higher & noble metals lower in the series.

TYPES OF CORROSION

- Galvanic corrosion
- Pitting corrosion
- Inter-granular corrosion
- Stress corrosion

GALVANIC CORROSION

- Occurs when two dissimilar metals are in contact with an electrolyte.

- Anode: (gets corroded)

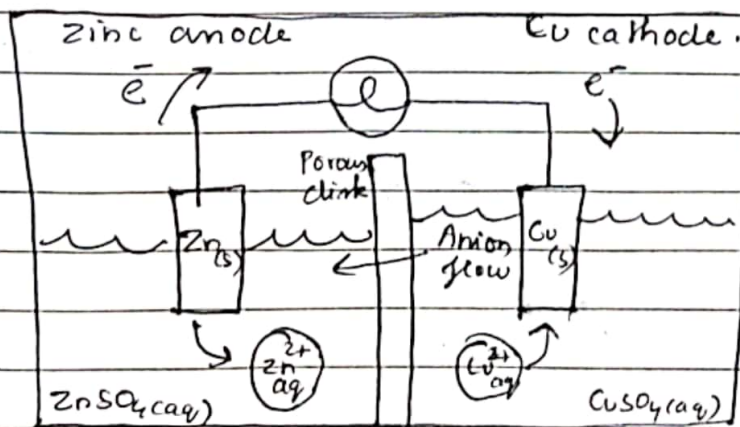
Metal with lower standard electrode potential.

- Cathode:

Metal with higher standard electrode potential.

- Examples:

- Cu piping connected to steel tanks
- Steel screws in a brass marine hardware
- Pb-Sb solder around Cu wire
- A steel propeller shaft in a bronze bearing
- Steel pipe connected to Cu plumbing



PITTING CORROSION

A pit maybe described as a cavity or hole with the surface diameter about the same length as or less than the depth.

Important reasons are:

- Surface roughness or non uniform finish
- Scratches or cut edges
- Local straining of metal, due to non uniform stress
- Depositions of extraneous matter such as sand, scale, water drop, dust etc.