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Unit → 4

Electrical Installations

Components of LT Switchgear

- The apparatus used for switching, controlling and protecting the electrical circuits and equipment is known as switchgear.
- It essentially consists of switching and protecting devices such as switches, fuses, circuit breakers, relays, current transformer.

FUSE :-

- It is a short piece of wire which melts when excessive current flows through sufficient time.
- whenever the current flowing through fuse element increases beyond its rated capacity then short circuit or overload occurs.
- This raises the temperature and the fuse element melts, disconnecting the circuit.

Switch Fuse Unit (SFU) :-

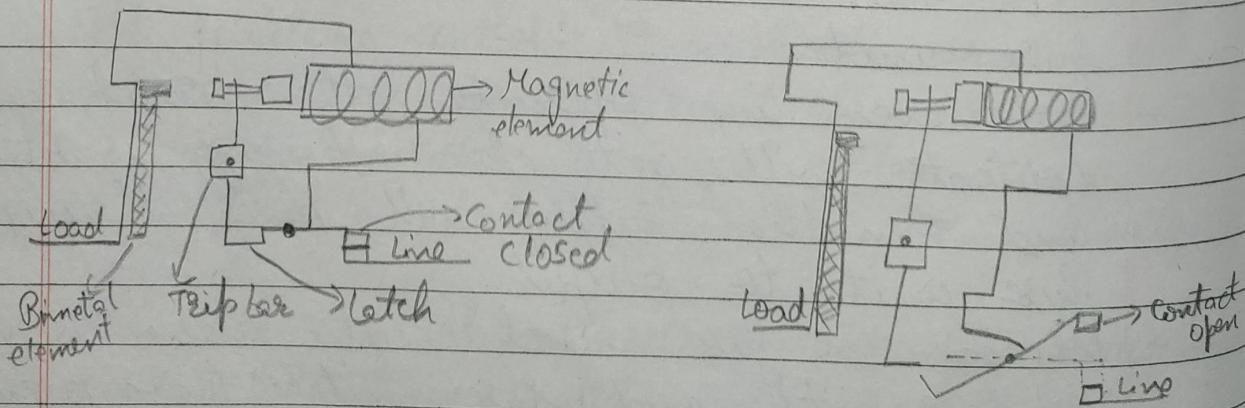
- It has one switch unit and one fuse unit.
- Whenever we operate, the breaker, the contacts will get close through switch and then the supply will pass through fuse unit to output.
- Whereas in fuse switch unit there is no separate switch and fuse unit. There is only fuse unit which act as a switch.

* MCB [Miniature Circuit Breaker].

- It is an electromechanical device which guards an electrical circuit which automatically switches off electrical circuit during abnormal condition of network means in over load condition as well as faulty condition. - It is more sensitive to over-current than fuse.
- Normal current rating is from 0.5 - 63 A.

→ Construction :-

- External casing - It holds internal components firm and protects them from dust. It is made of insulating materials such as plastic or ceramics.
- Contacts - A pair of contacts can be found inside an MCB. One of them is fixed and other is movable.
- Knob - MCB can be turned on/off using this knob.
- Mechanical latch - It holds the contacts under spring tension at on position.
- Bimetallic strip - It offers delayed overload protection by sensing overflow of current.
- Arc chutes :- It is used for splitting of arc.



Principle = Electromagnetic effect; Thermal effect.

→ Operation :

→ Switching - MCB can be switched on/off manually.
This function is highly useful, especially during maintenance.

(b) Overcurrent Protection - When piece of equipment is overloaded it draws more current from source. This current flows through bimetallic strip and heats it up. It will knock down the latch, opening the contact and isolation from supply.

(c) Short circuit Protection - A sudden rise in current produces MMF powerful enough to project plunger towards latch and releases it, thereby opening contacts.

→ Need = To protect appliance against sustain overloading and short-circuit.

$$\text{Short circuit} = 10-100 \times \text{Normal current}$$

$$\text{Overload} = 2-5 \times \text{Normal current}$$

→ Types

| Type | Tipping Current | Operating Time | Use |
|------|---|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| B | 3-5 times FLC <small>full load current</small> | 0.04 to 13 sec | Resistive, Domestic Application |
| C | 5-10 times of FLC | 0.04 to 5 sec | Commercial & Industrial use |
| D | 10-20 times | 0.04 to 3 sec | High-starting current. |
| K | 8-12 times | less than 0.1 sec | Battery chargers, X-Ray Machines |
| Z | 2-3 times | less than 0.1 sec | Semi-conductor |

→ Advantages :-

- Handling of MCB is safer.
- Restoration of power supply quickly.

- During abnormal conditions, it automatically switches off electrical circuit.

→ Disadvantages :-

- Slow tripping
- Vulnerability to heat.
- More expensive than fused switches.
- Can not protect against earth faults.

[MCCB] Molded Case Circuit Breaker

- It is commonly used when load currents exceed the capabilities of RCB.
- If The shunt trip is used to disconnect main power supply to circuit.

[ELCB] Earth leakage Circuit Breaker / RCCB new version

- They are voltage detecting device. [Residual current circuit breaker]
- It is one kind of safety device used for installing an electrical device with high earth impedance to avoid shock.

Types :-

voltage operated

- Trips when voltage drops in circuit.
- Voltage drop must be around 50 volts.

current operated

- Trips when current drops in circuit.
- Current must be around 30m Amperes.

→ Contactors => Special type of relay capable of switching higher power loads such as motor, electric heaters.

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Wire

It is a flexible strand of metal that transport electricity.

(a) Aluminium wire

- Lesser conductivity
- Less Expensive; light weight
- $R = 60\%$ of copper
- $R \uparrow$ (Resistivity)

$$\downarrow R = \frac{\rho l}{a}$$

(b) Copper wire

- Higher conductivity
- More expensive
- $R (\downarrow)$.
- Less corrosive
- Heavy weight

Aluminium conductor requires 56% larger cross-sectional area than copper for same current carrying capability. But still its cost is less than that of copper. So, we prefer Aluminium conductor.

\Rightarrow Types of wire :-

i) Solid wire = Also called solid-core or single-strand wire, consists of one-piece of metal wire.

It is used for carrying high currents.

ii) Fuse wire = It is a piece of wire of a material with very low melting point. They are mainly made up of tin, lead/zinc.

iii) Magnet wire [Enamelled wire] = It is used for interchanging electrical energy with magnetic energy. It is a copper or Al wire coated with thin layer of insulation.

iv) Stranded wire = It refers to thin bundled up wires that are compressed and covered

up in insulating material.

Flexible ; Malleable ; will not split .

More long lasting, ~~less~~ Eddy current loss.

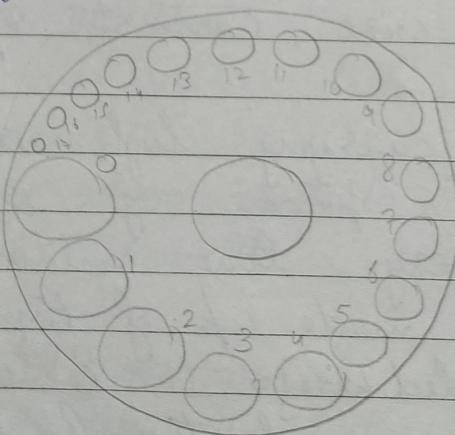
- (v). Litz wire = It is a particular type of multistrand wire used in electronics to carry AC at radio frequencies.

→ On the basis of supply.

- (i) Live wire (R, Y, B) = It is the wire that is active for carrying current in circuit.
 - (ii) Neutral wire [Black wire] = It is a type of wire which carries current back to source of power.
 - (iii) Ground /Earth wire [green] = It is used to give excess electrical charges a safe place to go.

→ On the basis of diameter =

Grange wire; [AWG] = American standard.



\Downarrow
It is the measurement
of wire diameter.

10 - gauge
8 - gauge
- gauge
, etc.

On the basis of overhead lines.

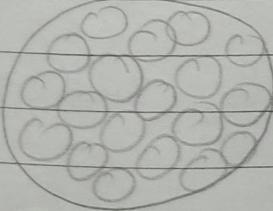
- ⇒ AAC (All Al conductor).
- (i) Made up with pure aluminium (99.7%) purity.
61% conductivity; used in urban areas.
- (ii) AAAC [All Aluminium Alloy conductor].
Alloy of [Al + Mg + Si]
Better conductivity, mechanical strength
52.5% conductivity.
used in coastal area.
- (iii) ACSR [Aluminium Conductor Steel Reinforced].
It provides thin layer of zinc coated on steel strand for corrosion protection.
Sag point is less.
- (iv) ACAR [Aluminium conductor Alloy Reinforced].
Formed by pure Al wrapped in alloy strands.
Better conductivity and mechanical strength

⇒ Alloy :- It means combine 2 or more than 2 metals and create a new metal, called alloy.

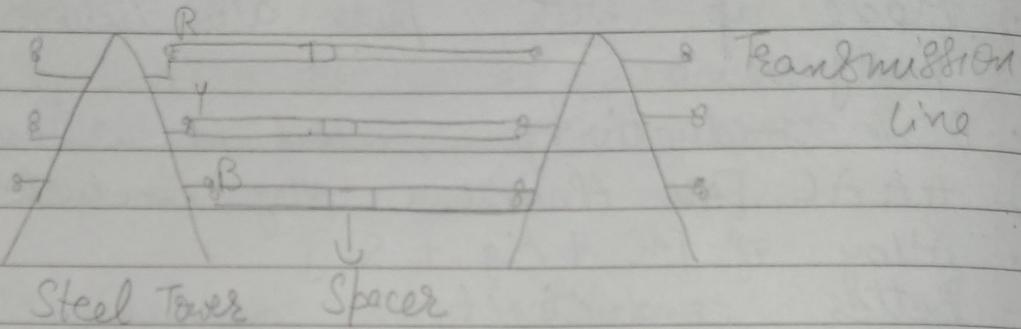
⇒ Conductors;

- (i) Stranded conductor = They are made of multiple small strands, which group together to make single conductor.

[upto 220 KV]



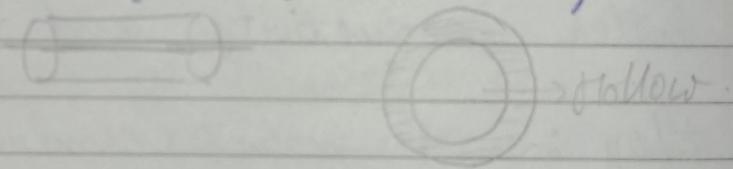
(ii). Bundle conductor = It is a conductor made up of two or more sub-conductors and is used as one-phase conductor.



- Used for transmission system above 220 KV voltage level.
- low corona loss due to large cross section of area.

(iii) Solid conductor = Solid wire.

(iv) Hollow conductor = The conductor that allows flow of charges through central channel.



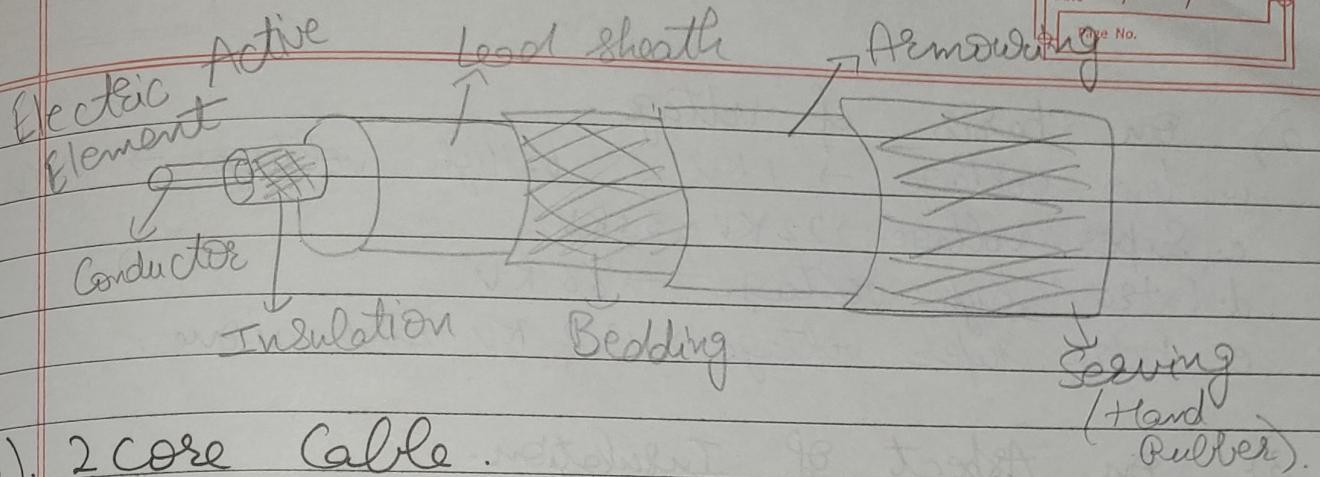
⇒ Cables :- group of wires inside rubber or plastic covering (PVC). Insulators.

- * Properties =>
 - High insulating Resistance
 - High dielectric strength
 - less passage of current should be there.
 - Non-hygroscopic [do not absorb moisture]
 - High - melting point

Types of Cables :-

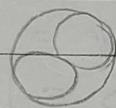
1) On bases of core =>

(a) Single core cable = Cable with single conductor.



(b). 2 core Cable.

- One as phase and other as neutral.
- Used in telephone service and to connect computer device.



(c). 3.5 core Cable.

- It is treated as half - conductor.
- Three wire of full size for three phases.
- The fourth is half the size for neutral.

(d). 3 core cable.

- 3 wire of full size for three phases.

(e). 4 core cable.

- In case of unbalanced load some neutral current exists. Therefore in some cases 4 core cable is preferred.
- Used for lighting ; load distribution.

(f). Armored Cable.

An electrical conducting cable with a wrapping of metal

→ 1. Wire - Braid Armour

→ 2. Single - wire Armour

(g). Unarmoured Cable.

It is not protected against mechanical damage.

Steel - Tape
Armour

Normal
unarmoured

2) On basis of Voltage.

- a. low voltage \rightarrow 1 KV
- b. High voltage \rightarrow 11 KV
- c. Super voltage \rightarrow 22 KV - 33 KV
- d. Extra high voltage \rightarrow 66 KV
- e. Extra super voltage \rightarrow 132 KV and above.

3) On Aspect of Insulation.

- a. PVC cable = 250 volt - 440 volt 650 - 1000 volt.
 - uses only where temperature is not too high.
 - Generally use = in domestic & Industrial area.
- b. CTS or TRS = [Cable type sheathed]
 - very heavy in weight.
 - Use when high moisture is there.
 - 250 - 440 volt.
 - Use in telephone wire.
- c. VIR Cable. [Vulcanised India Rubber]
 - Used in house wiring.
- d. lead sheathed cables.
 - Mechanical strength is high.
- e. Flexible cable.
 - Cable with extra flexibility & durability.
- f. PVC Cable = used for wire insulation or cable jackets.
 - Thermoplastic material is used.
- g. XLPE cables = cross linked polyethylene cable.
- h. waterproof cable = water - resistant cables.
 - Designed for wet applications.
- i. Multi-strand cable = It come with bunch of small wires to form one-thick conductor.

Types of wiring.

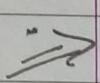
- 1). **Cleat wiring** = It is a temporary wiring system therefore not suitable for domestic premises.
 - It comprise of ordinary PVC insulated wires braided on walls by means of wood/plastic.
 - It is simple and cheap.
- 2). **Casing and capping**
 - One of oldest wiring system.
 - PVC insulating wires are placed in plastic casing and covered with a cap.
- 3). **Batten wiring** = When a single electrical wire or group of wires are laid over wooden batten.
- 4). **Conduit wiring**
 - a. **Surface conduit wiring** = when PVC conduits are installed on walls.
 - b. **Concealed Conduit wiring** = when conduit are hidden inside wall slots or brick walls.

Cable - Selection.

1. Type of cable
 2. Size of cable. → wire gauge.
- Wire - Size used in house wiring:
1 Sq MM
1.5, 2.5, 4, 6, 10 Sq MM
 - choose MCB Breaker current rating.
For 1 Sq mm use 6 amp MCB
 - Module.

1 Switch plate = 1 Module

3 Switch plate = 3 Module.



Earthing => When there is a fault in machine or any electrical system; with help of earth, the surge current goes to ground.
It provides the simple path to leakage current.

Types

Conventional Earthing

Plate Earthing

Road Earthing

Maintenance Earthing

Pipe Earthing [Chemical Earthing].

Strip Earthing

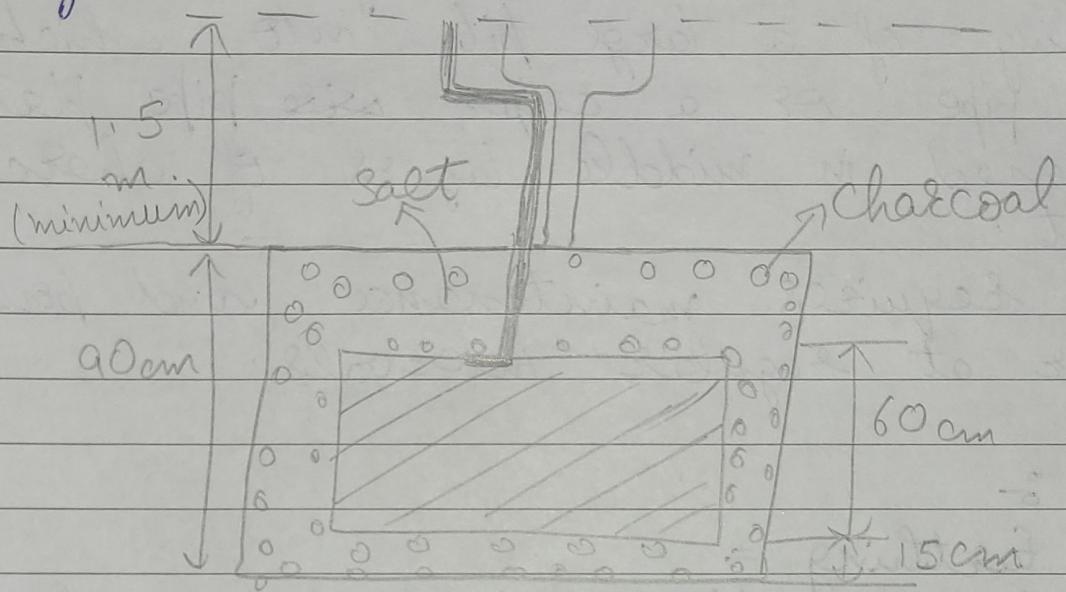
- * The conventional Earthing calls for digging of a large pit into which a GI pipe or a copper ~~wire~~ pipe plate is positioned in middle layers of charcoal or salt.
- * It requires maintenance and pouring of water at regular intervals.

Types :-

1) Plate earthing =

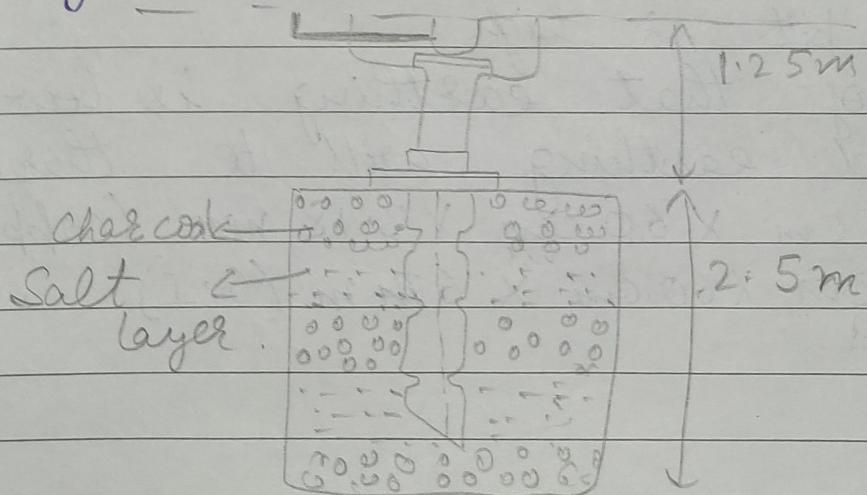
- In this; earthing plate either of copper or GI (Galvanized Iron) is buried into ground at depth of not less than 3m from ground level.
- It is used in places where large number of current flows.
- Dig 5-12 feet Pit.
- Depth of pit is high
- means R of that earthing is low.
- Means good earthing will be there.
- Size → 60 cm X 60 cm X 3.18 mm (copper)
 ↳ 60 cm X 60 cm X 6 mm (GI)

- Diagram =>



- 2). Pipe Earthing =

- Also known as heavy earthing.
- Pipe could be made by Cu or CuI.
- Depth \rightarrow 3-7.5 m
- 2.5 m in length.
- Diagram



3). Rod Earthing =

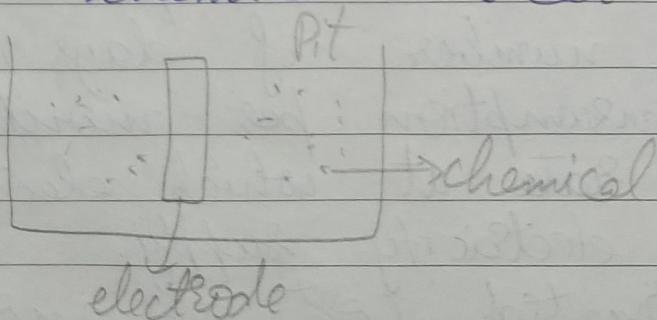
- Temporary earthing / used for street light earthing.
- It is done by digging very deep in sandy area as moisture content is high.
- length of rod = 1-1.5m
dip = 12mm - 20mm

4). Strip Earthing =

- Used in Rocky land.
- It is widely used in long-distance transmission lines.

5). Chemical Earthing =

- Name of chemical = Bentonite
[High capacity to hold the moisture].
- Dig a pit * place a electrode into it.
- Put chemical instead of coal & salt.
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• Chemical Powder

Compound → Black [heavy carbon] = Normal places
 L → Brown [Bentonite] = where dryness ratio is high.
 like = sandy areas.

⇒ Elementary Calculations for Energy Consumption

Electric bill measure in = units

1 unit = 1 kwh / 1000 wh

Calculation [Steps].

- ① For each appliance, multiply power (in W) with average time (in hours) ; per day .
- ② Add the results to get total consumption (in W-h) per day. → [because it is too small for practical purposes]
- ③ Since electricity is measured in KW-h, we divide consumption by 1000 to get total consumption in KW-h (per day).
- ④ Multiply it by number of days in month, to get total consumption per month.
- ⑤ Find tariff [i.e rate at which electricity is supplied] of electricity supply.
- ⑥ We will get estimated cost per month .

| Appliances | Power | Quantity | Time period | Watt - hour |
|------------|-------|----------|-------------|---|
| Fan | 10W | 2 | 6 hours/day | $10 \times 2 \times 6 = 120$ |
| Fridge | 50W | 2 | 5 hr/day | $50 \times 2 \times 5 = 500$ |
| AC | 100W | 2 | 1 hr/day | $100 \times 2 \times 1 = \frac{200}{820}$ |

$$820 \text{ W-h} \Rightarrow \frac{820}{1000} \rightarrow 0.82 \text{ kWh}$$

Days \rightarrow Month

Month of march = 31 days

$$= 0.82 \times 31$$

$$= 25.4 \text{ kWh}$$

Tariff = Rate [₹ Rs /unit].

$$= 25.4 \times 7$$

$$= 177.8 \text{ units}$$

→ Cells and Batteries

Principle = convert chemical Energy into Electrical Energy → cell.

Practically, voltage of single cell is not sufficient to use in practical applications. Hence various cells are connected in series or parallel to obtain required voltage level. The combination of various cells to obtain desired voltage level is called a battery.

Types of Cells:-

- 1) Primary Cells
- 2) Secondary Cells.

1) Primary Cells => The chemical action in such cells is not reversible and hence entire cell is required to be replaced by a new one if cell is down. Primary cells can produce limited amount of energy. These are made up of electrochemical cells.

Examples ; Zinc - Carbon Dry cell, zinc chloride cell, Mercury cell, lithium cell etc.

* Applications =>

- Wrist watches
- Remote Controls
- Children Toys
- Flashlights /
Torch lights
- Wall clocks

2). Secondary Cells => The chemical action in such cells is ~~is~~ reversible. Thus if cell is down, it can be charged to regain original state ; by using charging methods. These are also called storage cells ; rechargeable cells.

Examples ; Lead - acid cells, Nickle cadmium alkaline cell ; etc.

* Applications =>

- Mobile Phones
- Gadgets
- Electric vehicles
- Power Portable Electronic Devices.

Secondary Cells \Rightarrow

1). Nickel - Cadmium [Ni - Cd].

- Anode [-ve electrode] \Rightarrow Cadmium.
- Cathode [+ve electrode] \Rightarrow Nickel oxide hydroxide.
- Electrolyte [KOH solⁿ].
- These are good at maintaining voltage and holding charge when not in use.
- These offer good life cycle and good performance at low temperature.
- Nominal cell voltage is 1.2 V.

Applications \Rightarrow

- Small packs are used in portable devices, electronics and toys.
- Bigger ones find in aircraft starting batteries, electric vehicles and standby power supply.

2). Nickel - Metal Hydride

- Anode \rightarrow Hydrogen absorbing metal alloys
- Cathode \rightarrow Nickel Hydroxide
- Electrolyte \rightarrow [KOH solⁿ]
- Nominal cell voltage = 2 V

Application \Rightarrow

Used in high drain devices because of their high capacity and energy density.

3) Lithium - Ion

- Anode \rightarrow Graphite / Porous Carbon
- Cathode \rightarrow Li - Metal Oxide
- Electrolyte \rightarrow Aq. solution dissolved with Li salt.
- One of most popular type of rechargeable batteries.
- In this Li ions from negative electrode migrate to positive electrode during discharge and migrate back to negative electrode when battery is being discharged.
- Nominal cell voltage is 3.6 - 3.85 V.

Application \Rightarrow

- Mobile Phones
- Smart Devices
- Aerospace
- Military Applications due to light weight in nature

4) Lead - Acid Battery

- Anode - Lead Metal
- Cathode - Lead Dioxide
- Electrolyte - H_2SO_4 .
- They are low - cost reliable power work horse used in heavy duty applications.
- They are very large because of their weight.
- They have very low energy to volume and energy to weight ratio but has relatively large power to weight ratio.
- Low in cost and attractive for use in several high current applications.
- Nominal cell voltage is 2V.

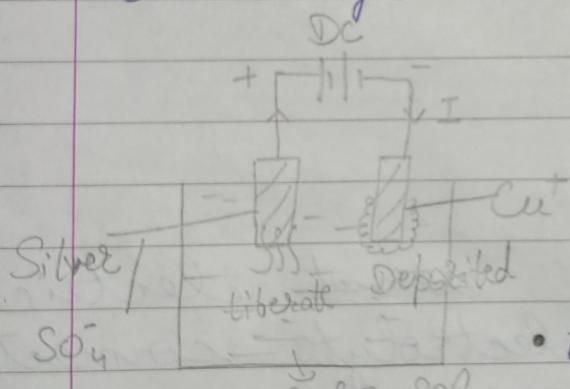
* Applications :-

- Solar - Panel Energy Storage
- Vehicle Ignition
- Back-up power
- Load - levelling in power generation distribution.
- Powering Automobile Starter Motors.

Faraday's laws of Electrolysis \Rightarrow
when a substance dissociate into ion's
called Electrolysis.

→ 1st law

Mass of substance liberated or deposited
at electrodes is directly proportional
to amount of electricity passed through
electrolyte during electrolysis.



• Apply High $I =$ High Deposition
X Liberation.

• All process depends upon
 $\text{CuSO}_4 \text{ sol.}$ Applied Electricity.

• Amount of mass deposited \propto Electric (I) or
charges pass.

$$M \propto Q$$

$$M \propto It \quad : [I = \frac{Q}{t}]$$

$$M = Z It$$

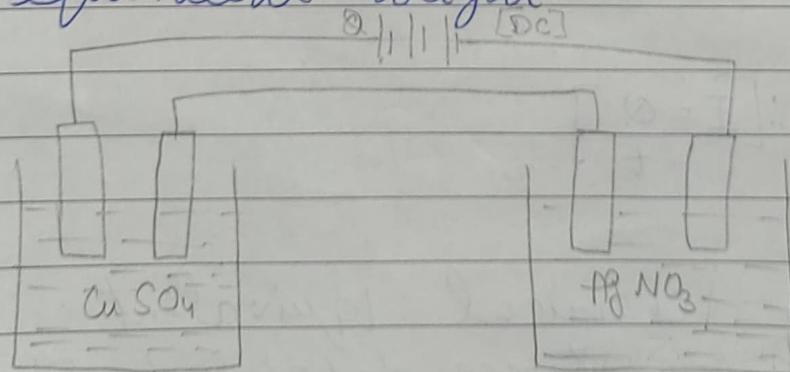
$Z \Rightarrow$ Electro - chemical equivalent.

$M = M_{\text{eq}}$ of substance deposited or liberated
 $t =$ time for which Electricity is passed.

- Electrochemical equivalent = When 1A current pass through electrolyte for 1 second.
- Which material (electrolyte) will deposit on electrode depends only on the properties of electrolyte.
- Electrochemical equivalent is usually express in
 - milligram / coulomb.
 - milligram / volt
 - milligram / KW

\rightarrow IInd law

When same amount of ~~current~~ electricity pass through different electrolyte connected in series equivalent then amount of substance deposited is directly proportional to equivalent weight.



- In Series; current (I) will be same.
- Mass at Cu deposite \rightarrow depends \Rightarrow equivalent wt. upon at Cu
- Mass of Ag deposite \rightarrow depends \Rightarrow equivalent wt. upon of Ag.

$$\begin{aligned} M_1 &= Z_1 Q \\ M_2 &= Z_2 Q \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} Q = \text{Same}$$

So; mass of deposite depends upon values of Z .

$$M \propto Z$$

$$\frac{M_1}{M_2} \propto \frac{Z_1}{Z_2} \Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{M_1}{M_2} = \frac{Z_1}{Z_2}}$$

\Rightarrow Characteristics of Battery :-

- Voltage \rightarrow +ve
- Capacity \rightarrow ampere-hour
- Specific Energy \rightarrow watt-hour / kg
- Specific Power \rightarrow watt / kg.
- Temperature Dependence.

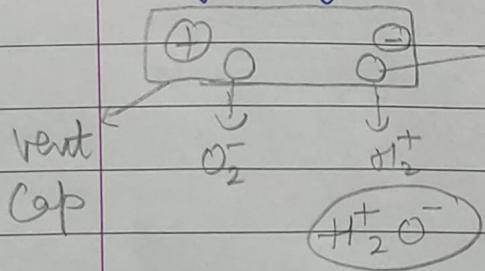
→ Indication of Fully charged Battery :-
 overcharging / Undercharging → Harmful
 for Battery.

(i). Voltage = Terminal of cell indicates
 battery is fully charged.

If $\oplus | \ominus \Rightarrow$ Terminal = 2.1 volt \Rightarrow means
 voltage
 Battery is
 fully charged.

(ii). Specific Gravity of Electrolyte =

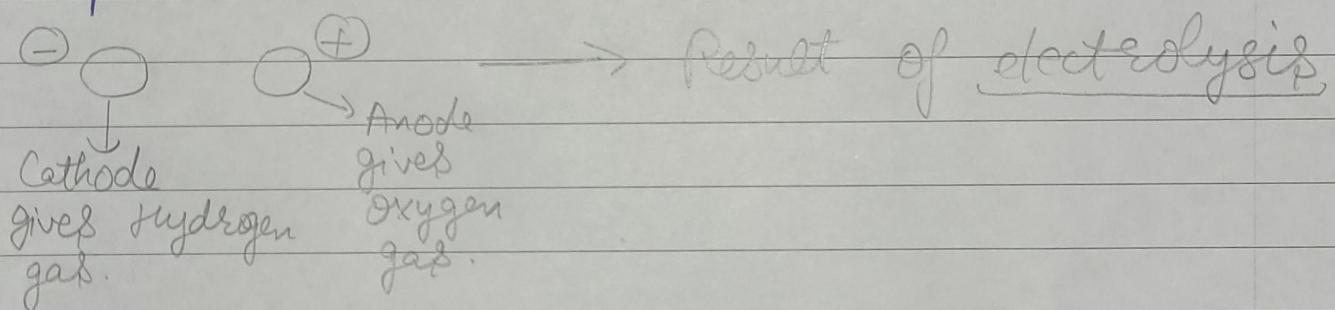
- Fully charged Battery have always high specific gravity of electrolyte
- 1.28 \rightarrow charged Battery Reading.
- Specific Gravity of electrolyte is measured by hydrometer.



- Hole for escaping gass
- By hole hydrometer can enter into battery.

(iii). Crassing \rightarrow When battery is fully charged; the current (I) starts electrolysis of water.

- Crassing start comes out from vent cap.



(iv) Colour of Plates \Rightarrow

- Fully charged Battery [Lead Acid Battery]
- Anode \rightarrow colour \rightarrow Dark ~~black~~ chocolate Brown
- Cathode \rightarrow Colour \rightarrow Grey.