

# BATTERIES



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# Fundamentals of a Battery

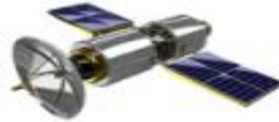


- Battery is one of the essential components of any electrical system
  - Electrical Stations
  - Electrical Vehicles
  - Aircrafts
  - Domestic and commercial Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS)
  - Mobile phones
  - Toys...etc

# Fundamentals of a Battery (contd.....)



**Mining**



**Space Applications**



**Consumer Electronics**



**Power Invertors**



**Electric Vehicles (EV, HEV, PHEV)**



**Energy Storage System**



**Lithium Ion Batteries**



**Defence /Military Applications**



**Marines and Submarines**



**Telecom Towers**



**Solar and Wind Energy Storage**



**Railways**

# Fundamentals of a Battery (contd.....)

- Batteries are used to
  - Start Engines and auxiliary power units
  - provide emergency backup power
  - assure no break power for essential equipments
  - Provide power capability for maintenance

*Note: All these functions are of considerable importance for performance and reliability*

# Fundamentals of a Battery (contd.....)

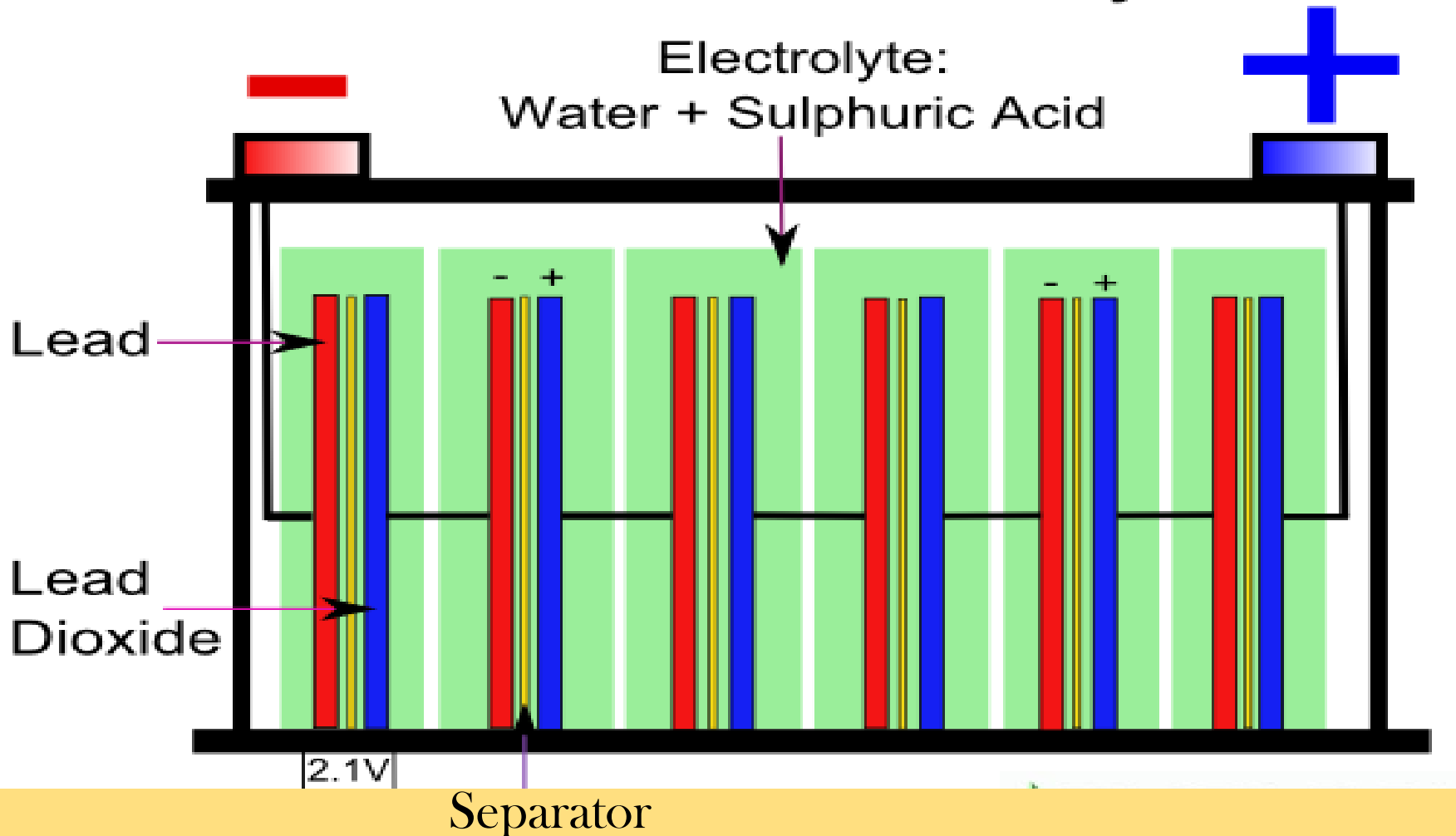
- Batteries operate by converting chemical energy to electrical energy
  - Electrochemical discharge reactions
- A typical Battery is composed of one or more cells
  - Positive electrode
  - Negative electrode
  - Separator
  - electrolyte

# Types of Batteries

- Lead acid Batteries

## 12V Lead-Acid Battery

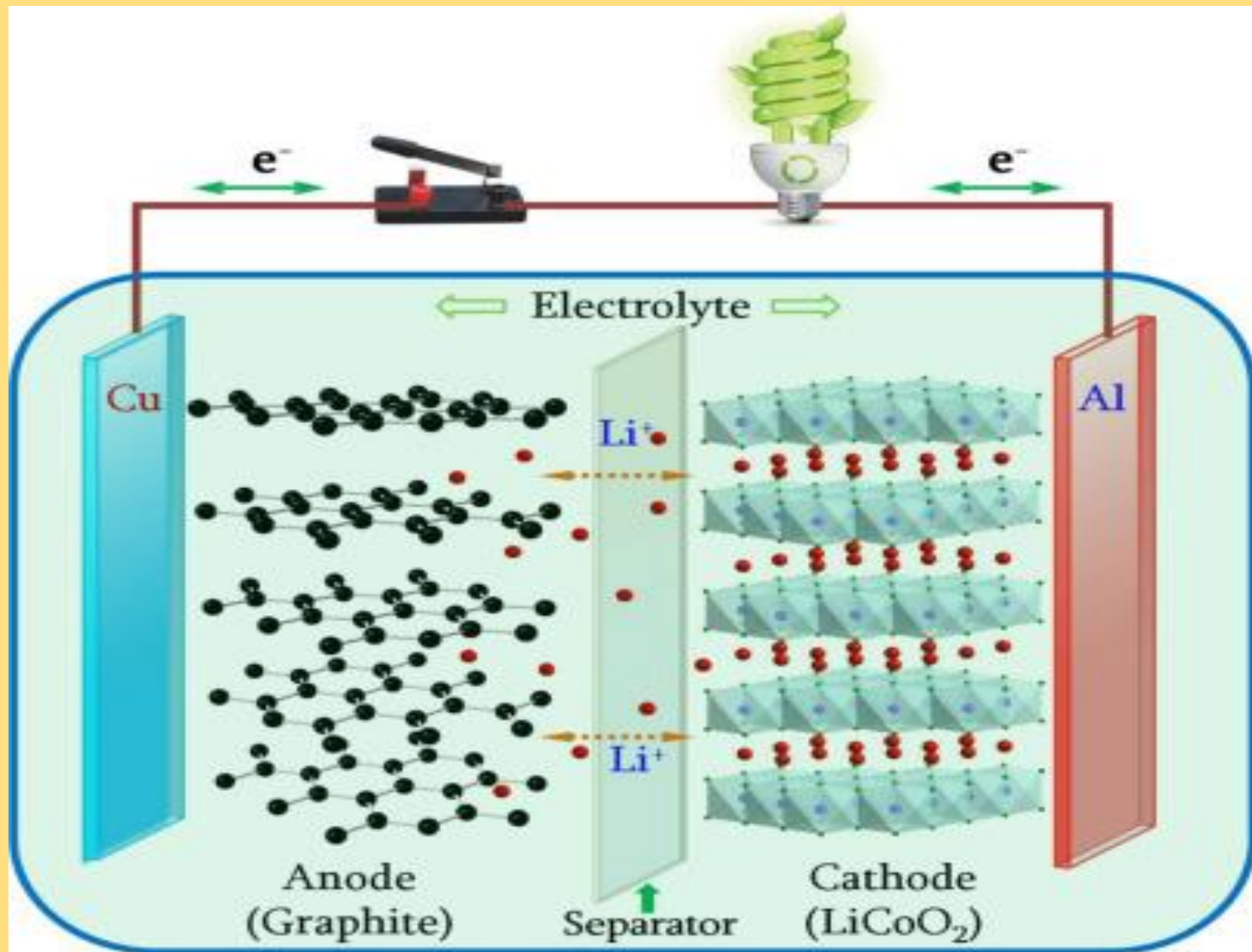
Electrolyte:  
Water + Sulphuric Acid





# Types of Batteries

- Lithium Ion batteries

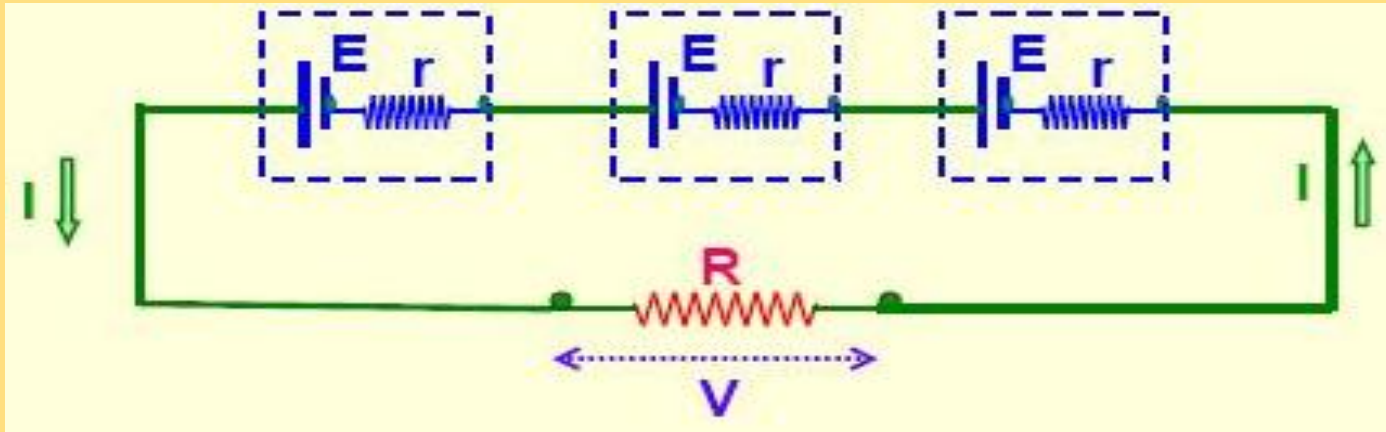




# Grouping of cells

- Cells may be grouped in three ways:

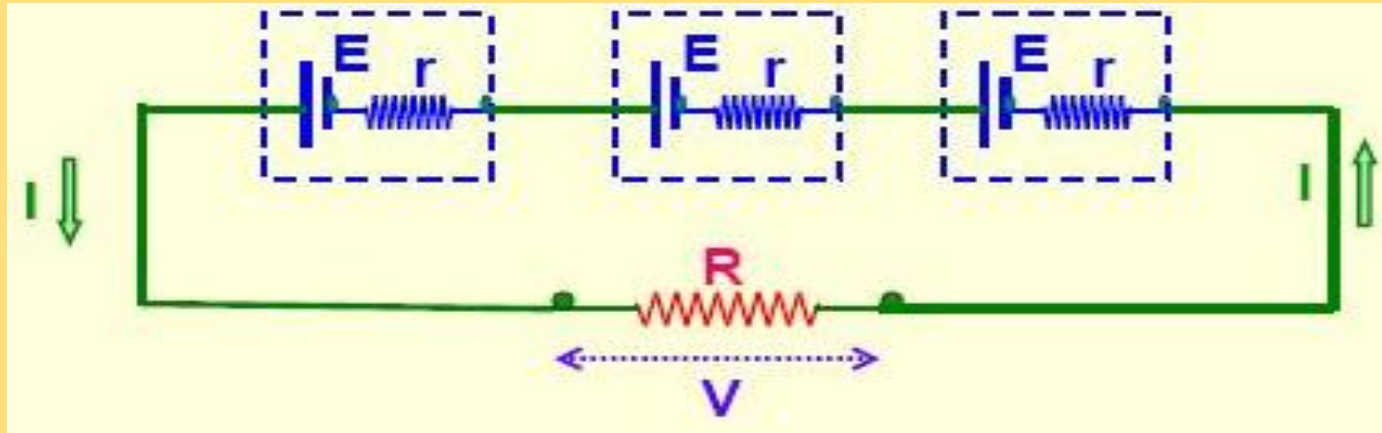
## 1. Series combination: For “Higher Voltage”



- “ $n$ ” number of cells are connected in series
- e.m.f. is “  $E$  volts ”
- Internal resistance of “  $r \Omega$  ”
- Load resistance “  $R \Omega$  ”

# Grouping of cells

- For Series combination



– Total internal resistance of the battery = “  $n r \Omega$  ”

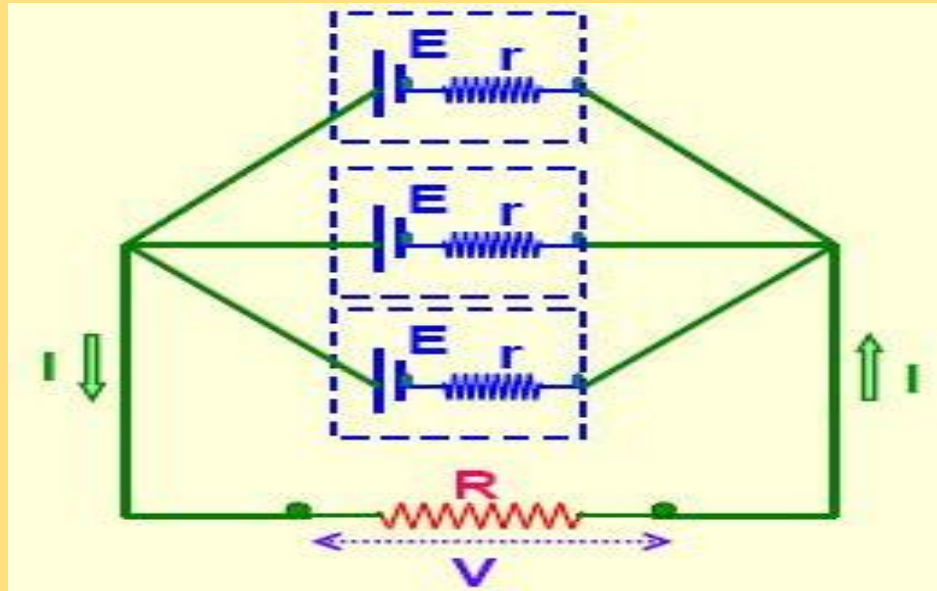
– Total e.m.f. = “  $n E \text{ volts}$  ”

– Total Resistance = “  $R + n r \Omega$  ”

➤ Current in load =  $\frac{n E}{R + n r} \text{ Amperes}$

# Grouping of cells

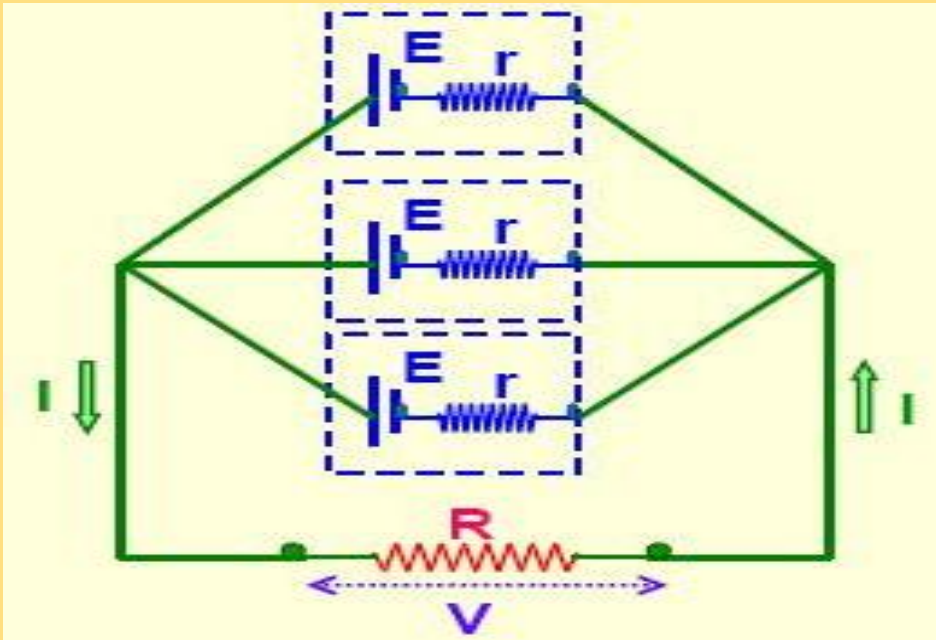
## 2. Parallel Combination: For “Higher Current”



- “ $n$ ” number of cells are connected in parallel
- e.m.f. is “ $E$  volts”
- Load resistance “ $R \Omega$ ”
- Total internal resistance of the battery = “ $\frac{r}{n} \Omega$ ”

# Grouping of cells

- For Parallel Combination:



Total Resistance

$$= R + \frac{r}{n} \Omega$$

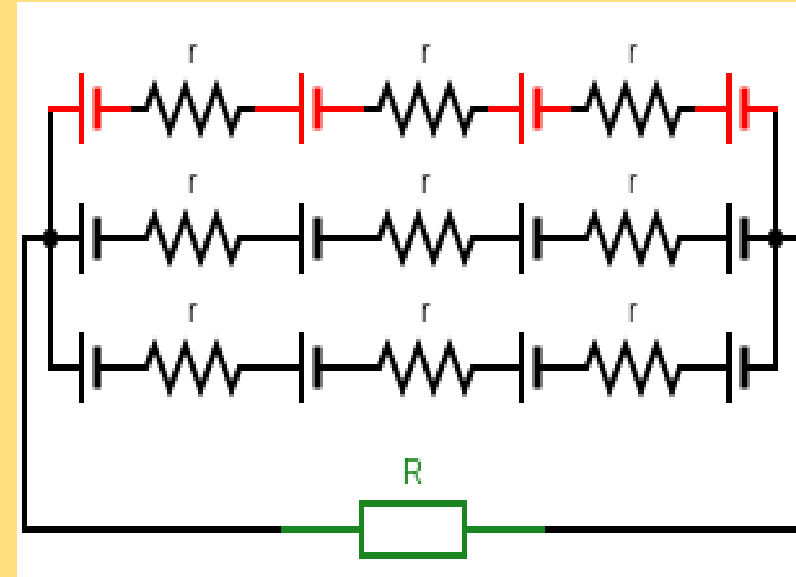
➤ Current in load

$$= \frac{E}{R + \frac{r}{n}} = \frac{nE}{nR + r} \text{ Amperes}$$

# Grouping of cells

## 3. Series-parallel combination (SPC) :

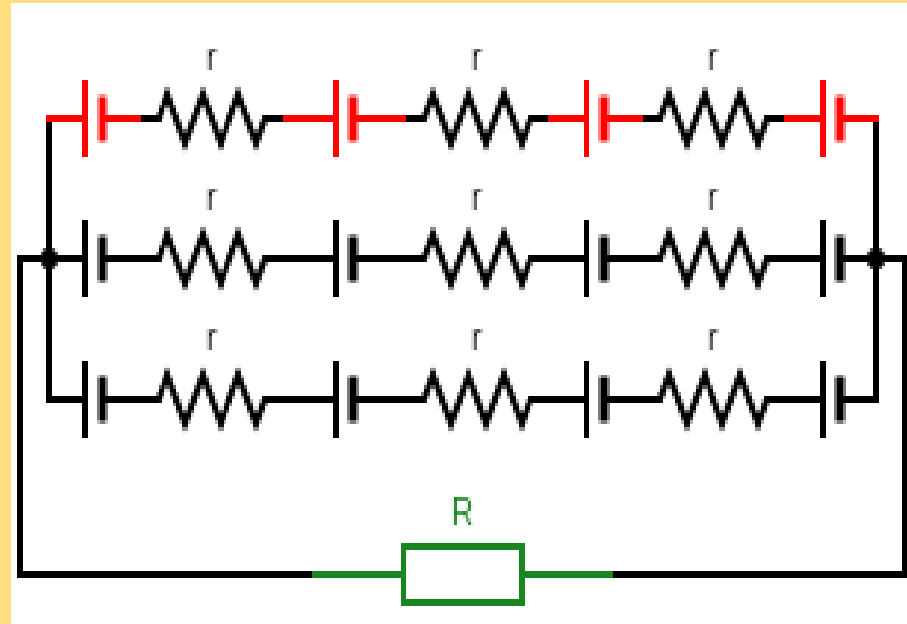
- “ $m$ ” sets of cells in SPC
- Each set with “ $n$ ” no. Cells in series
- E.m.f. is “  $n E \text{ volts}$  ”
- Load resistance “  $R \Omega$  ”



- Total internal resistance of “ $n$ ” cells in series = “  $n r \Omega$  ”
- Total internal resistance of “ $m$ ” set of battery = “  $\frac{n r}{m} \Omega$  ”
- Total resistance = “  $R + \frac{n r}{m} \Omega$  ”

# Grouping of cells

- Series-parallel combination (SPC) :

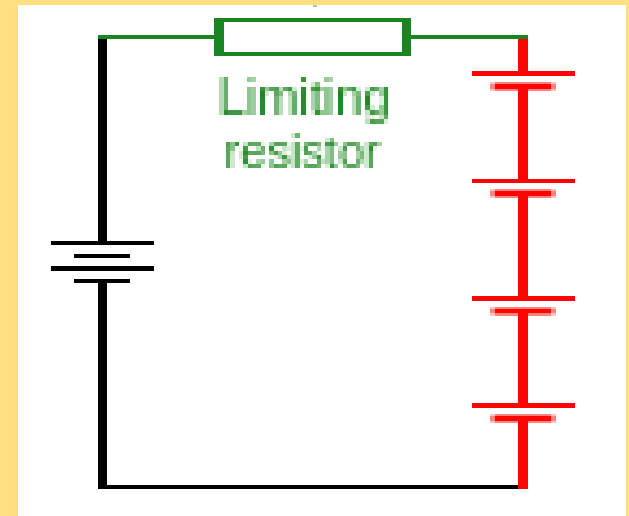


– Current in load resistance R

$$= \frac{n E}{R + \frac{n r}{m}} = \frac{m n E}{m R + n r} \text{ Amperes}$$

# Charging a battery

- Three systems of battery charging
  1. Constant current charging system:
    - Charging current is controlled by
      - Carbon filament lamps or
      - Rheostat in series with battery



*(Note: It helps in varying supply voltage to overcome increased back emf of batteries)*

- Many batteries are connected in series
- Total Voltage of the battery should not increase supply voltage
  - Or else the battery would discharge



# Charging a battery

- Charging current is given by

$$I = \frac{V - E_b}{R + r} \text{ Amperes}$$

Where,

- V = Charging applied voltage
  - $E_b$  = Total counter emf of the battery
  - R = external resistance of lamp or rheostat
  - r = Internal resistance of the battery
  - I = charging current
- Advantage: this system increases the life of battery
  - Disadvantage:
    - It takes longer time to charge
    - Needs constant observation for charging current

# Charging a battery

## 2. Constant potential charging:

- The voltage to be kept constant at 10 % higher than the battery
- Charging current is varied by controlling the field regulator
- Initially
  - Charging current will be very high but back emf will be very low
  - After some time the process is reversed
    - Charging current decreases to a very small value
    - Back emf of the battery increases on being charged

# Charging a battery



## 2. Constant potential charging:

### **Advantage:**

- Time required to charge a battery is less than constant current charging method but this reduces efficiency

### **Disadvantage:**

- This system reduces the life of battery upto some extent

## 3. Trickle charging method:

- Continuous charging of a battery at a low rate and
- Keeping the battery ready in good working condition
- Value of charging current is approx. 2% of full charging current of the battery

# Precautions for battery charging

- These precautions must be observed while charging
  - Topping up : Distilled water
  - DC voltage : 10% higher than the full charged battery
  - Ventilation: Gases liberated are flammable (Well ventilated room)
  - Charging rate : charged at a low rate 0.75A per plate (5%)

# Care and maintenance

- Terminals and electrodes should be kept thoroughly cleaned and deposit some petroleum jell
- Strength of the depolarizer should be maintained
- Distilled water should be observed and put once in three months  
(if it is less than 10 mm or 15 mm)
- Positive and negative terminals should be

# Types of efficiency of Cell

- Two types of efficiency

- Quantity efficiency or ampere hour (Ah) efficiency

$$\text{Ah efficiency } (\eta_{Ah}) \% = \frac{\text{Ampere hours on discharging}}{\text{Ampere hours on charging}} \times 100$$

- Energy efficiency

$$\text{Energy efficiency } (\eta_E) \% = \frac{\text{Energy during discharging}}{\text{Energy during charging}} \times 100$$

$$\text{Energy efficiency } (\eta_E) \% = \frac{\text{Watt hours on discharging}}{\text{Watt hours on charging}} \times 100$$



# Characteristics of a good cell

- A good cell should have
  - High and constant emf
  - Very small internal resistance
  - Completely inactive when circuit is opened
  - Able to give constant current for a long time
  - Free from polarization
  - No emission of corrosive fumes during chemical action
  - Inexpensive and of durable materials
  - Good mechanical strength

# Thank You