

DC SOURCES OF ELECTRICITY

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Battery

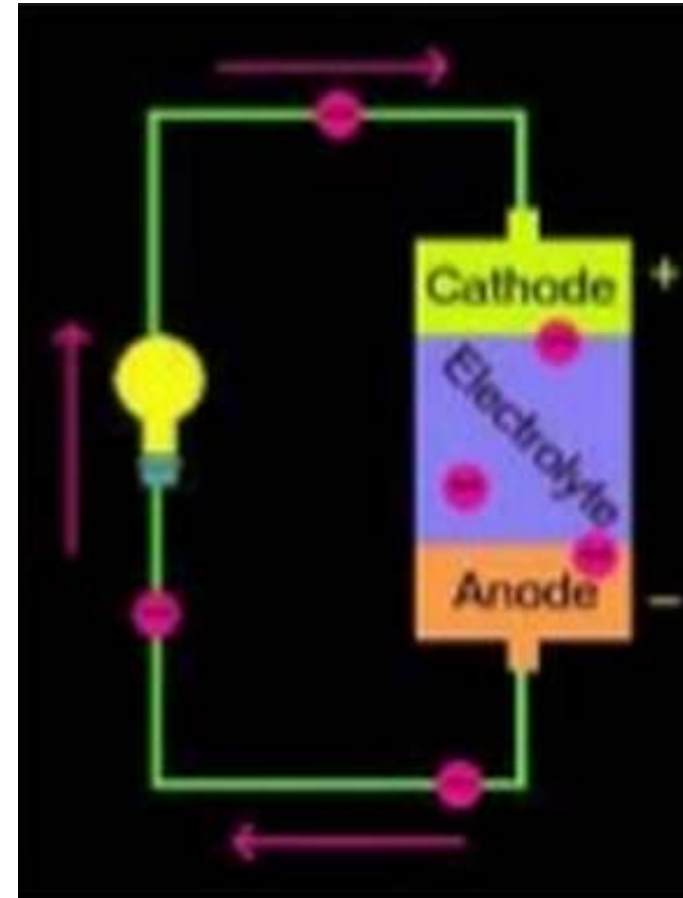
Convert stored chemical energy into electrical energy

Reaction between chemicals take place

Consisting of electrochemical cells

Contains

- Electrodes
- Electrolyte



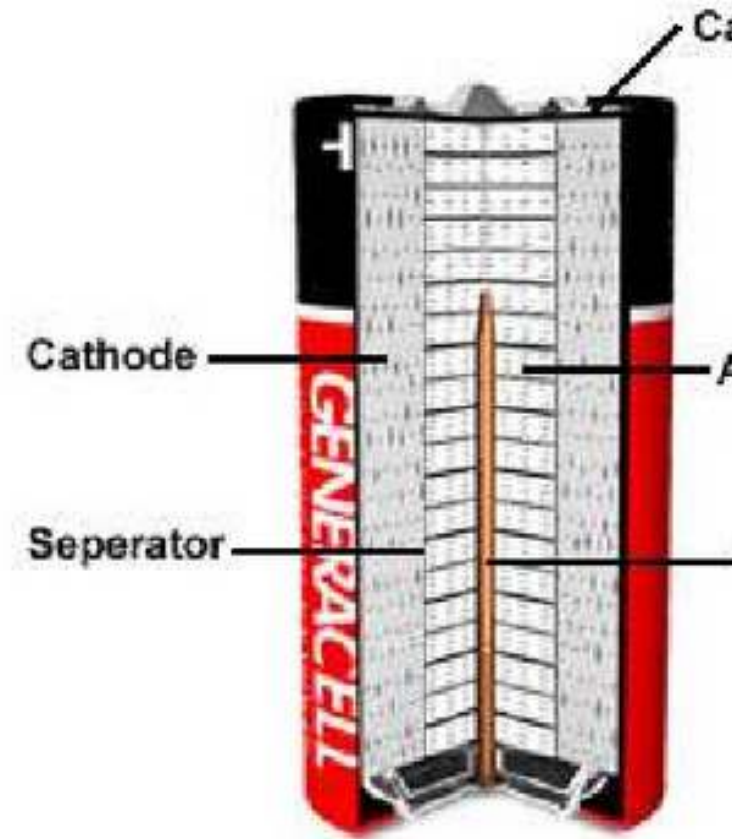
Battery Overview

Battery has metal or plastic case

Inside case are cathode, anode, electrolytes

Separator creates barrier between cathode and anode

Current collector brass pin in middle of cell conducts electricity to outside circuit



Primary Cell

one use (non-rechargeable/disposable)

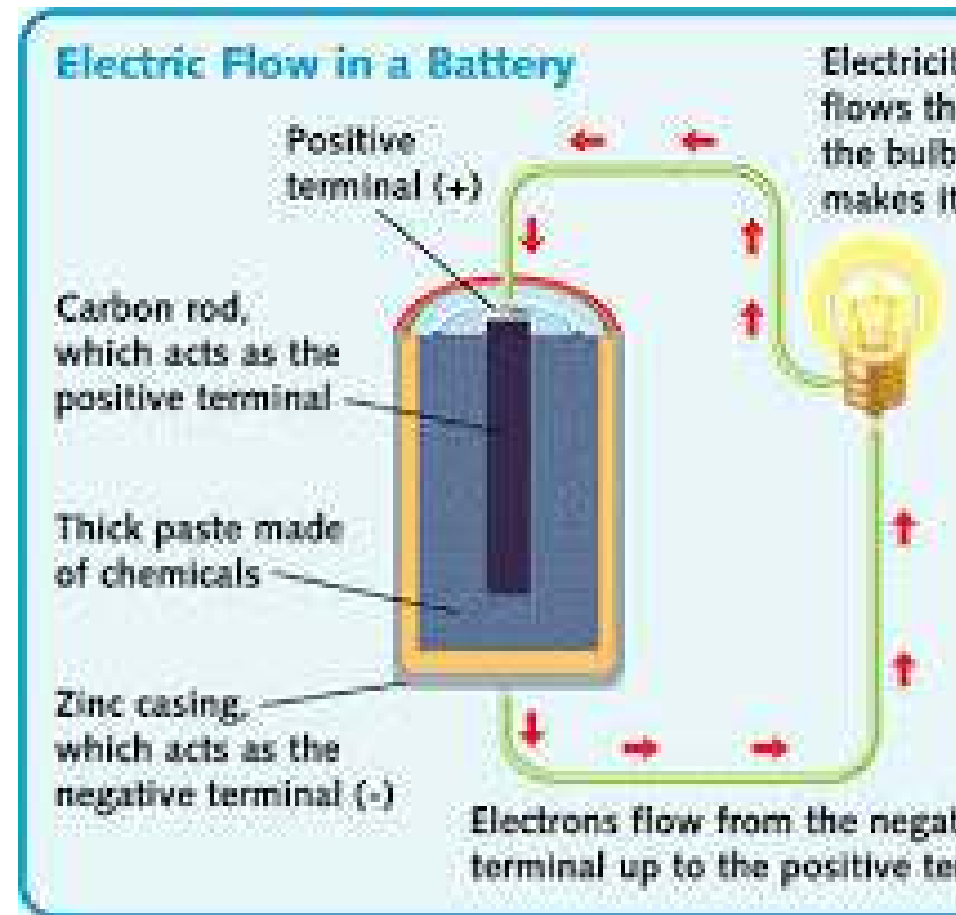
chemical reaction used, can not be reversed

used when long periods of storage are required

lower discharge rate than secondary batteries

use:

smoke detectors, flashlights, remote controls



Alkaline Cell

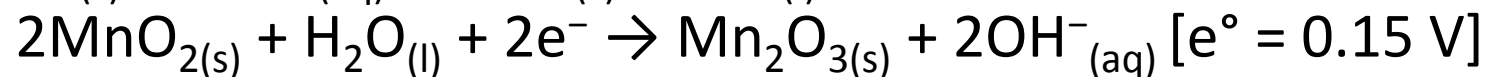
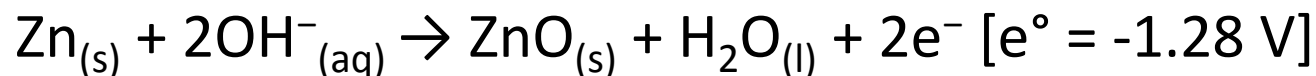
Alkaline batteries name came from the electrolyte in an alkane

Anode: zinc powder form

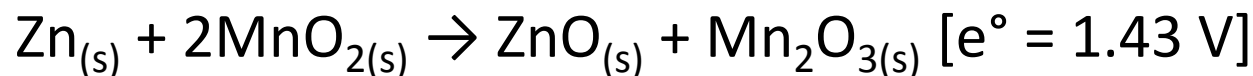
Cathode: manganese dioxide

Electrolyte: potassium hydroxide

The half-reactions are:



Overall reaction:



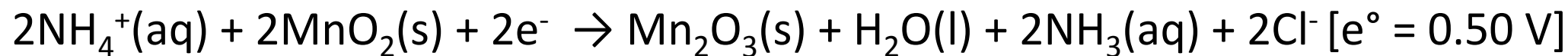
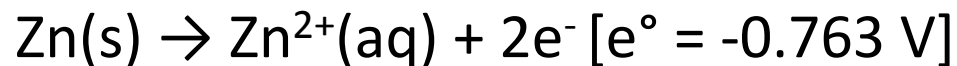
Zinc-Carbon Cell

Anode: zinc metal body (Zn)

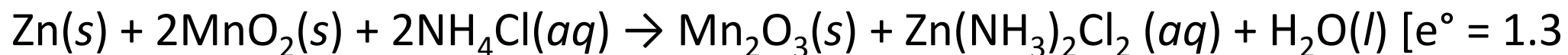
Cathode: manganese dioxide (MnO₂)

Electrolyte: paste of zinc chloride and ammonium chloride dissolved in water

The half-reactions are:



Overall reaction:



Primary Cell

Alkaline Battery

Zinc powered, basic electrolyte

Higher energy density

Functioning with a more stable chemistry

Shelf-life: 8 years because of zinc powder

Long lifetime both on the shelf and better performance

Can power all devices high and low drains

Use:
Digital camera, game console, remotes

Zinc-Carbon Battery

- Zinc body, acidic electrolyte
- Case is part of the anode
- Zinc casing slowly eaten away by the acidic electrolyte
- Cheaper than Alkaline
- Shelf-life: 1-3 years because of metal
- Intended for low-drain devices
- Use:
Kid toys, radios, alarm clocks

Secondary Cells

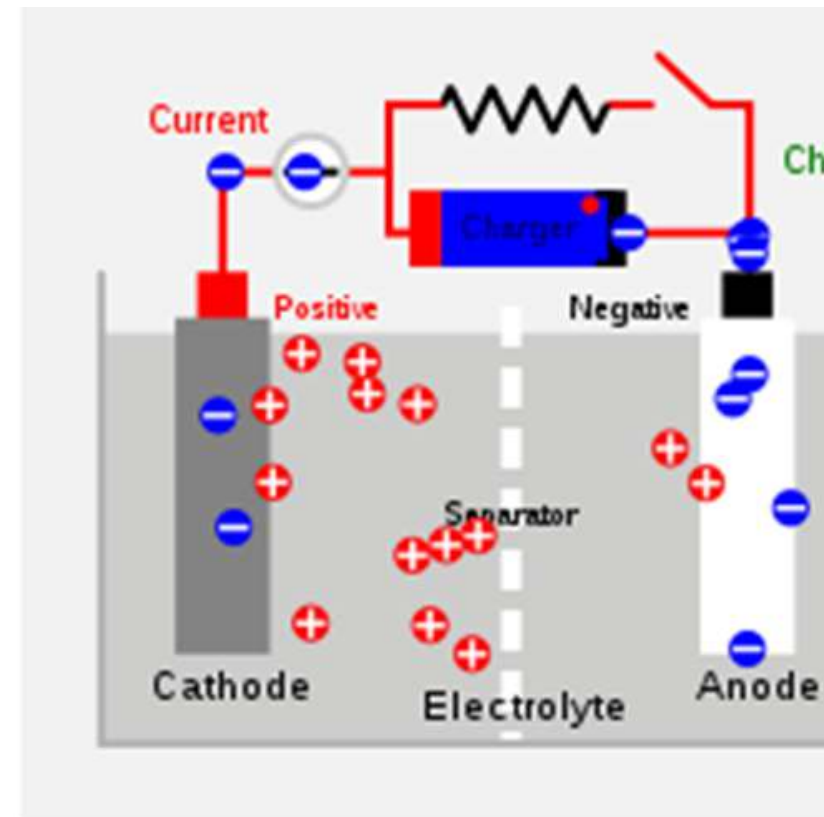
Rechargeable batteries

Reaction can be readily reversed

Similar to primary cells except redox reaction can be reversed

Recharging:

- Electrodes undergo the opposite process than discharging
- Cathode is oxidized and produces electrons
- Electrons absorbed by anode



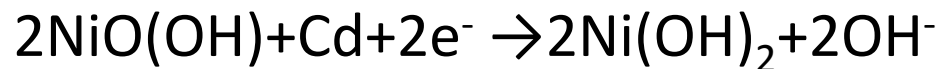
Nickel-Cadmium Cell

Anode: Cadmium hydroxide, Cd(OH)_2

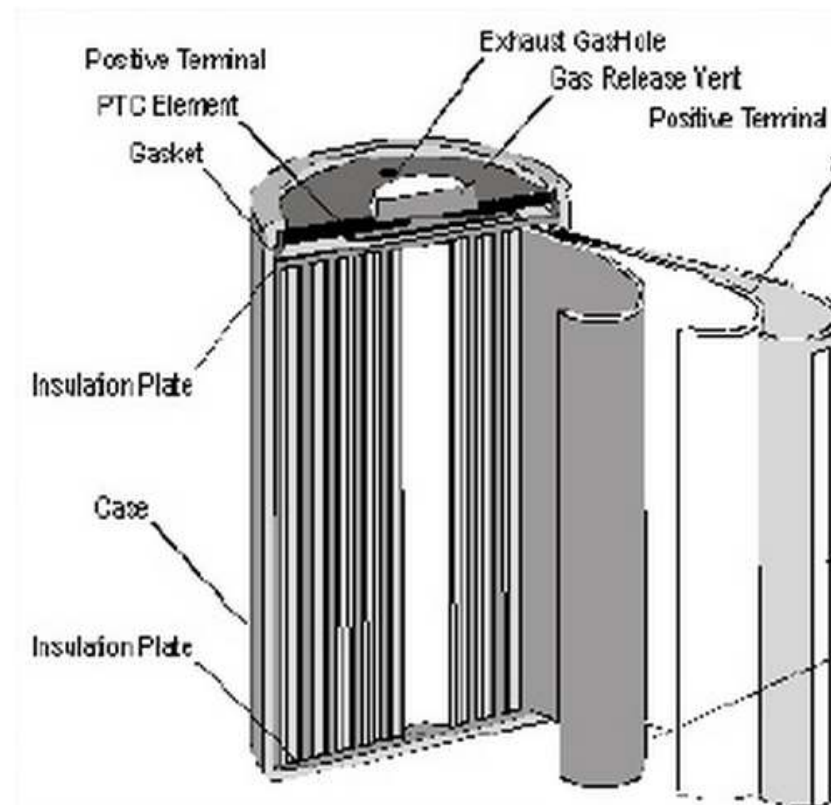
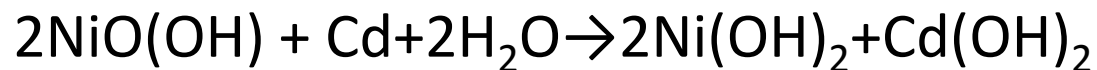
Cathode: Nickel hydroxide, Ni(OH)_2

Electrolyte: Potassium hydroxide, KOH

The half-reactions are:



Overall reaction:



Nickel-Cadmium Cell

- Maintain a steady voltage of 1.2v per cell until completely depleted
- Have ability to deliver full power output until end of cycle
- Have consistent powerful delivery throughout the entire application
- Very low internal resistance
- Lower voltage per cell

Nickel-Cadmium Cell

Advantages:

- This chemistry is reliable
- Operate in a range of temperatures
- Tolerates abuse well and performs well after long periods of storage

Disadvantages:

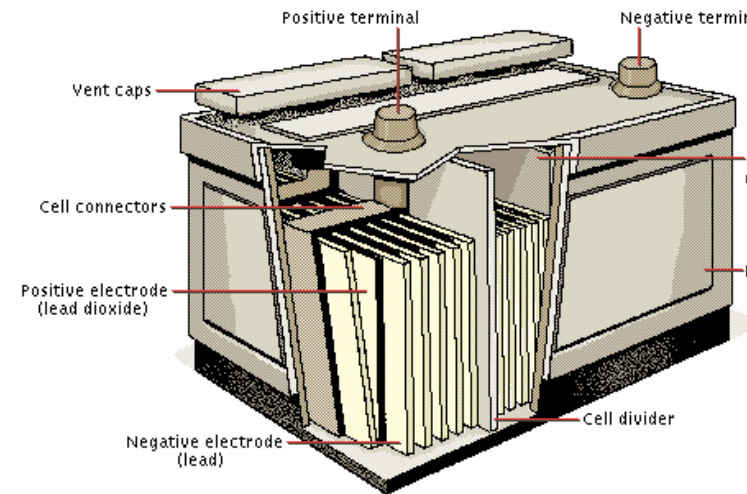
- It is three to five times more expensive than lead-acid
- Its materials are toxic and the recycling infrastructure for larger nickel-cadmium batteries is very limited

Lead-Acid Cell

Anode: Porous lead

Cathode: Lead-dioxide

Electrolyte: Sulfuric acid, 6 molar H_2SO_4



Discharging

(+) electrode: $\text{PbO}_2(\text{s}) + 4\text{H}^+(\text{aq}) + \text{SO}_4^{2-}(\text{aq}) + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{PbSO}_4(\text{s}) + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l})$

(-) electrode: $\text{Pb}(\text{s}) + \text{SO}_4^{2-}(\text{aq}) \rightarrow \text{PbSO}_4(\text{s}) + 2\text{e}^-$

During charging

(+) electrode: $\text{PbSO}_4(\text{s}) + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l}) \rightarrow \text{PbO}_2(\text{s}) + 4\text{H}^+(\text{aq}) + \text{SO}_4^{2-}(\text{aq}) + 2\text{e}^-$

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Lead-Acid Cell

The lead-acid cells in automobile batteries are wet cells

Deliver short burst of high power, to start the engine

Battery supplies power to the starter and ignition system to start the engine

Battery acts as a voltage stabilizer in the electrical system

Supplies the extra power necessary when the vehicle's electrical load exceeds the supply from the charging system

Lead-Acid Cell

Advantages:

- Batteries of all shapes and sizes, available in
- Maintenance-free products and mass-produced
- Best value for power and energy per kilowatt-hour
- Have the longest life cycle and a large environmental advantage
- Ninety-seven percent of the lead is recycled and reused in new batteries

Disadvantages:

- Lead is heavier compared to alternative elements
- Certain efficiencies in current conductors and other advances continue to improve on the power density of a lead-acid battery's design

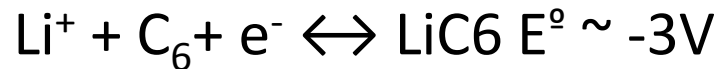
Lithium-Ion Cell

Anode: Graphite

Cathode: Lithium manganese dioxide

Electrolyte: mixture of lithium salts

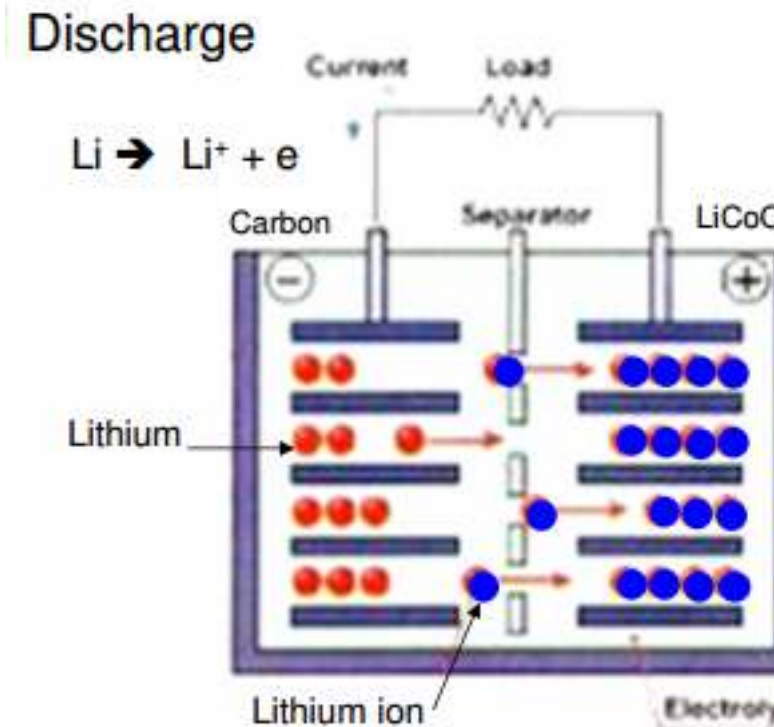
Lithium ion battery half cell reactions



Overall reaction during discharge



$$E_{\text{oc}} = E^+ - E^- = 1 - (-3.01) = 4\text{V}$$



Lithium-Ion cell

Ideal material

- Low density, lithium is light
- High reduction potential
- Largest energy density for weight

Li-based cells are most compact ways of storing electrical energy

Lower in energy density than lithium metal, lithium-ion is safe

Energy density is twice of the standard nickel-cadmium

No memory and no scheduled cycling is required to prolong battery life

Lithium-Ion cell

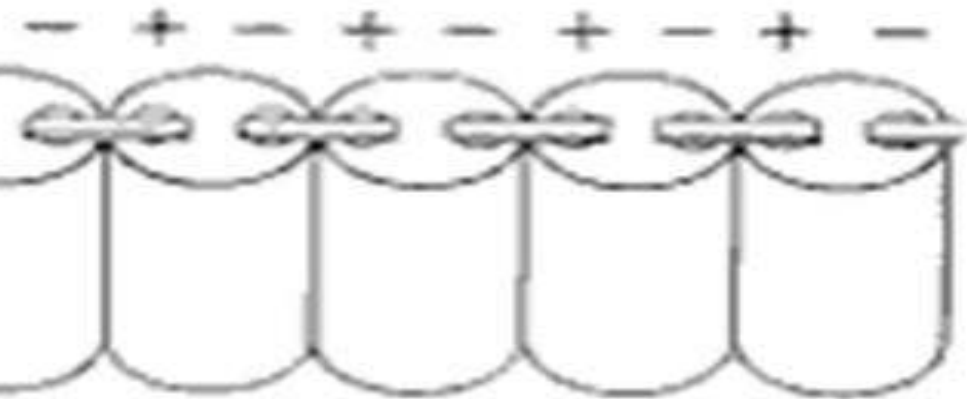
Advantages:

- It has a high specific energy (number of hours of operation for a given weight)
- Huge success for mobile applications such as phones and notebook computers

Disadvantages:

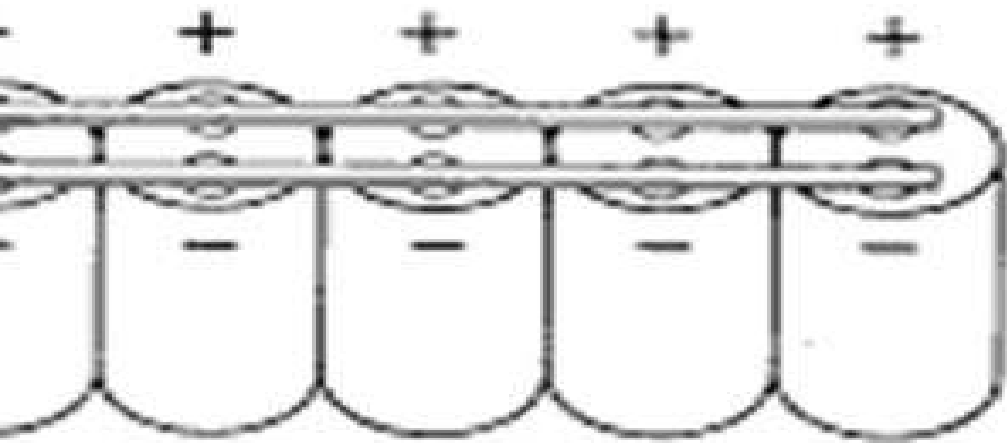
- Cost differential
 - Not as apparent with small batteries (phones and computers)
 - Automotive batteries are larger, cost becomes more significant
- Cell temperature is monitored to prevent temperature extremes
- No established system for recycling large lithium-ion batteries

Series Connected Batteries



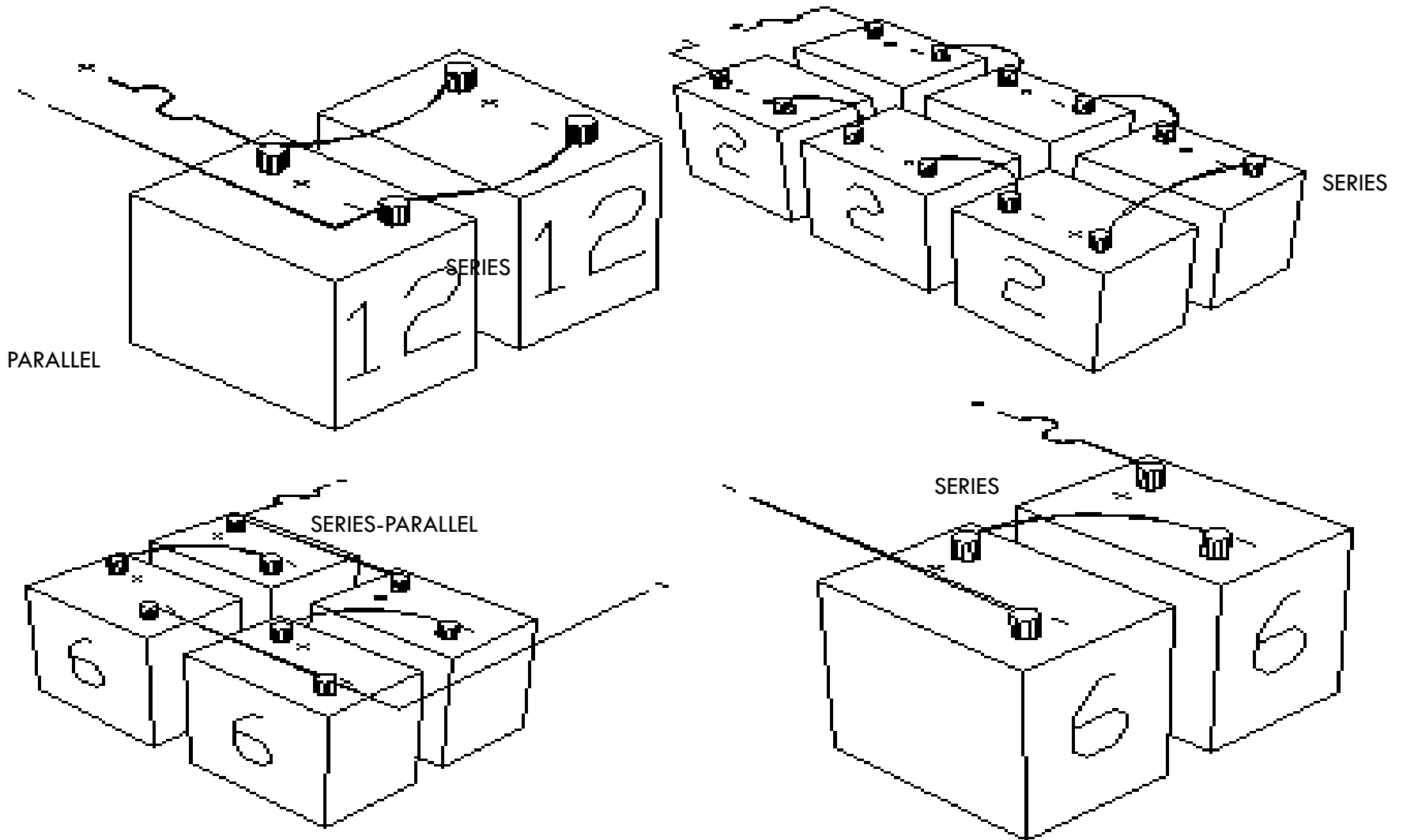
- Positive terminal of one cell is connected to the negative terminal of the next, is called series connected battery.
- The voltage of this type of battery is the sum of individual cell voltages.

Parallel Connected Batteries



- Connect the negative terminal from one cell to the negative terminal of the next cell
- Connect the positive terminal of one cell to the positive terminal of the next cell, is parallel connected.
- Voltage remains constant and the current is cumulative.

Series-Parallel Connections



Comparison of various batteries

Parameter	Lead acid cell	Nickel-Iron cell	Nickel-cadmium cell
Positive plate	Lead peroxide (PbO_2)	Nickel hydroxide Ni(OH)_3	Nickel hydroxide
Negative plate	Lead (Pb)	Iron (Fe)	Cadmium (Cd)
Electrolyte	Sulphuric acid H_2SO_4	Potassium hydroxide KOH	Potassium hydroxide KOH
EMF	2.0 V/cell	1.2 V / cell	1.2 V / cell
Internal resist.	Low	High	Low
Efficiency	90 – 95 %	70 - 80 %	70 - 80 %
Round-trip efficiency	72 – 80 %	55 – 60 %	55 – 60 %
Self-discharge rate	Discharge rate & Temp	Only on temperature	Only on temperature
Cost	Less expensive	Twice the lead acid cell	Twice the lead acid cell
Life	1250 charges and discharges	About 8 to 10 years	Very long life
Weight	Moderate	Light	More heavy
Strength	Poor	Good	Good

Comparison of primary and secondary cells

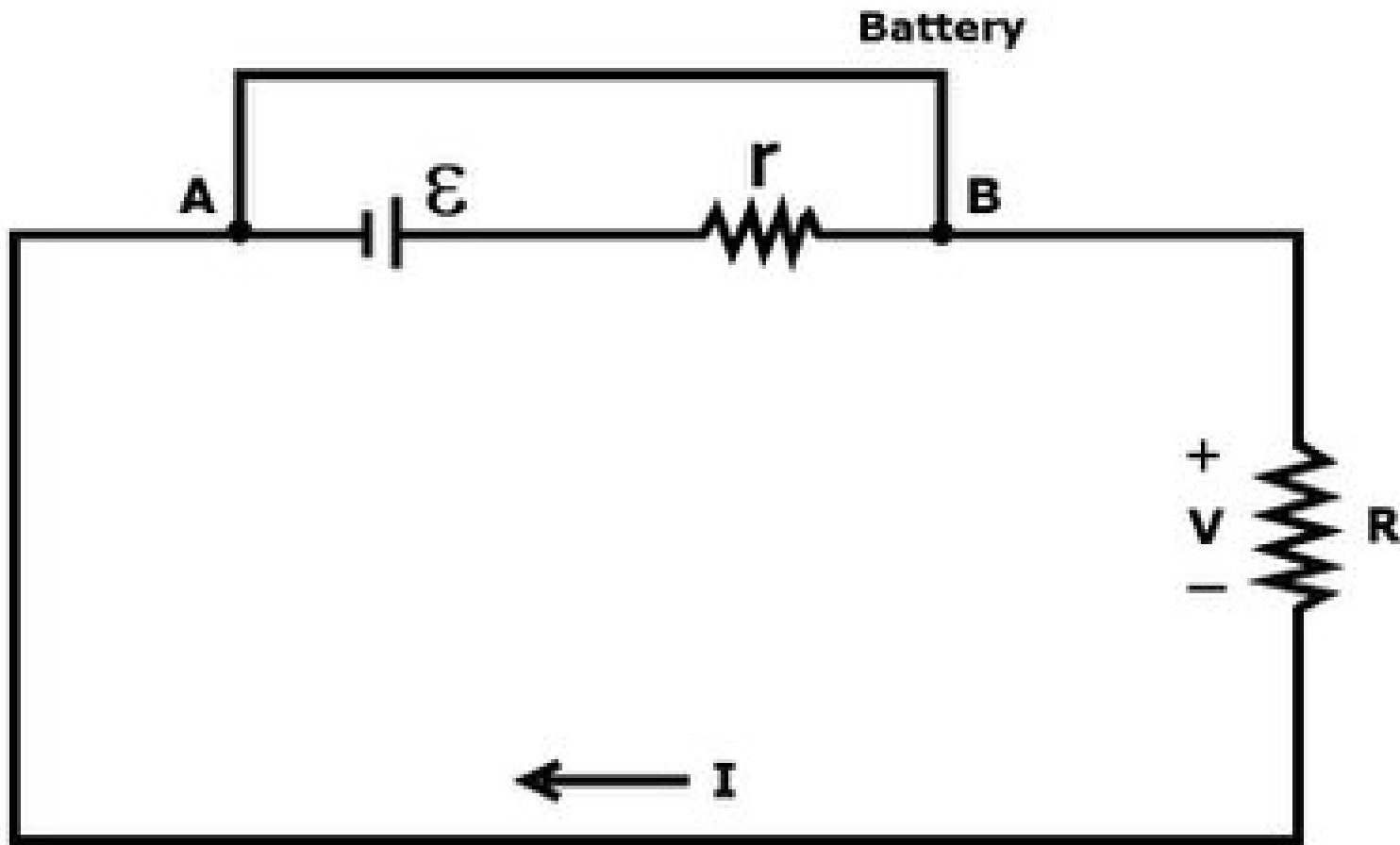
Primary cells	Secondary cells
Electrical energy is directly obtained from chemical energy	Electrical energy is present in the cell in the form of chemical energy and then converted to electrical energy
Chemical actions are irreversible	Chemical actions are reversible
Cell is completely replaced when it goes down	Cell is recharged back when it goes down
Low Efficiency	Efficiency is high
Capacity is low	Higher Capacity
Less cost	High initial cost
No maintenance required	Frequent charging and other maintenance is required
E.g. Dry cell, mercury cell, zinc-chloride cell	E.g. Nickel-iron, lead acid and nickel-cadmium

Internal Resistance & It's effect on a battery

Batteries are constructed from materials that possess non-zero resistivities. The internal resistance of a component arises from structural imperfections or irregularities. The seemingly imperceptible resistances of all the components add up to a total resistance of a finite, perceptible magnitude.

No crystal structure is *perfect*. Even a metal tends to possess some resistance due to various factors, such as impurities or the collision of electrons in the bulk of a conductor due to randomized heating. One can conclude that no *real* battery is a *pure* voltage source.

Connection diagram of Battery with Internal Resistance(r)



$$r+V$$

0

$$\frac{\mathcal{E}}{r}$$

drop across the load R . Also, the maximum current that can be drawn from a battery is now reduced due to this internal resistance.

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- This voltage is formally known as electromotive force. It supplies the force that plunges the electrons into motion. If we connect an external resistance R , a load, in series to complete this circuit, by Ohm's law, we find:

$$\frac{\mathcal{E} - V}{r} = I$$

or, $\mathcal{E} = Ir + V$

When $V=0$

$$I(0) = \frac{\mathcal{E}}{r}$$

Here V is the voltage drop across the load R . Also, the maximum current that can be drawn from a battery is now reduced due to this internal resistance.

If the value of $I > I(0)$, then the value of V becomes negative, which implies a *negative* R . This is essentially impossible. One can conclude that if this circuit is short-circuited by directly connecting the two terminals with a wire, the maximum current that will be drawn is now limited to $I(0)$.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{E} &= \mathbf{I}r + \mathbf{V} \\ &= \mathbf{I}r + \mathbf{I}R \\ &= \mathbf{I}(r + R) \\ &\text{or,}\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{I} = \frac{\mathcal{E}}{r + R}$$

$$\mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{E}} = \mathbf{I}\mathcal{E} = \frac{\mathcal{E}^2}{(r + R)} \text{-----(1)}$$

$$\mathbf{P}_r = \mathbf{I}^2 r = \frac{\mathcal{E}^2 r}{(r + R)^2} \text{-----(2)}$$

$$\mathbf{P}_R = \mathbf{I}^2 R = \frac{\mathcal{E}^2 R}{(r + R)^2} \text{-----(3)}$$

Thus, from (1), (2) and (3)

$$\boxed{\mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{E}} = \mathbf{P}_r + \mathbf{P}_R}$$

Rating of battery

100-hour rating:

100AH- battery can supply 12Amp for 10 hours

10 Amp for 12 hours

6Amp for 20 hours

indicates the capacity of battery to supply a certain amount of current for a certain number of hours

Rating of battery

Watt-hour rating:

120AH- battery can supply 12Amp for 10 hours

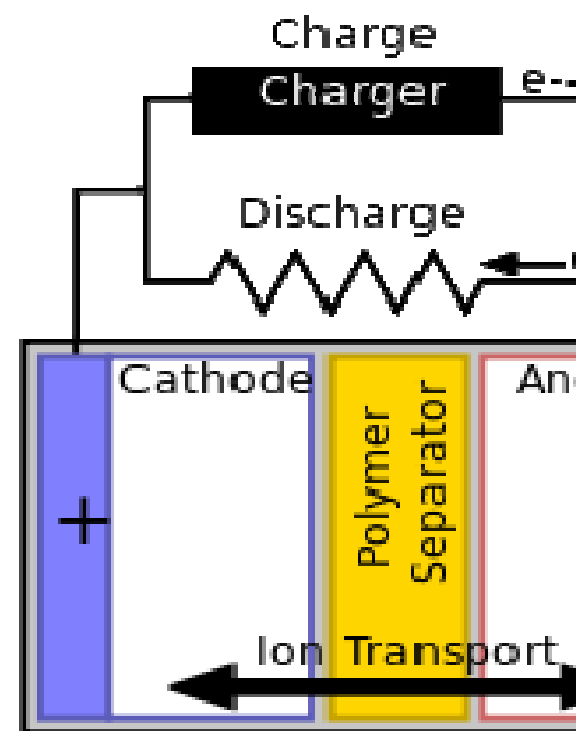
average discharging voltage is 2V then watt hour rating

$$WH=120*2=240WH$$

The WH rating is given by the product of AH rating and the average discharge voltage of the battery.

Separator is a permeable membrane placed between a battery's anode and cathode. The main function of a separator is to keep the two electrodes apart to avoid short circuits while also allowing the transport of ionic charge carriers to close the circuit during the passage of current in an electrochemical cell.

Separators are critical components in electrolyte batteries. A separator generally consists of a polymeric membrane forming a porous layer. It must be chemically electrochemically stable with regard to electrolyte and electrode materials and mechanically strong enough to withstand the high tension during construction. They are important to batteries because their structure and properties considerably affect the battery performance, including the batteries' energy densities, power densities, cycle life, and safety.



PROPERTIES

Chemical stability

The separator material must be chemically stable against the electrolyte and electrode materials under the strongly reactive environments when the battery is fully charged.

Thickness

The battery separator must be thin to facilitate the battery's [energy](#) and [power density](#). A separator that is too thin can compromise mechanical strength and safety. Thickness should be uniform to support many charging cycles. $25.4\mu\text{m}$ -(1.0[mil](#)) is generally the standard width.

Porosity

The separator must have sufficient pore density to hold liquid electrolyte that enables ion flow between the electrodes.

Pore size

Pore size must be smaller than the particle size of the electrode components, including active materials and conducting additives. Ideally the pores should be uniformly distributed while also having a tortuous structure.

Mechanical strength

The separator must be strong enough to withstand the tension of the winding operation in the battery assembly. Mechanical strength is typically defined in terms of the tensile strength in the machine (winding) direction and the transverse direction, in terms of tear resistance and puncture strength.

Wettability

The electrolyte must fill the entire battery assembly, requiring the separator to "wet" the electrodes with the electrolyte. Furthermore, the electrolyte should be able to permanently wet the separator, preserving the cycle life.

Thermal stability

The separator must remain stable over a wide temperature range without curling or peeling, staying completely flat.

Thermal shutdown

Separators in lithium-ion batteries must offer the ability to shut down at a temperature higher than that at which [thermal runaway](#) occurs, while retaining its mechanical properties.

BATTERY CHARGING METHODS

Constant Voltage. ...

Constant Current. ...

Trickle Charge. ...

Constant Voltage : A constant voltage charger is basically a DC power supply which in its simplest form may consist of a step down transformer from the mains with a rectifier to convert AC to DC voltage to charge the battery. Such simple designs are often found in cheap car chargers. The lead-acid cells used for cars and backup power systems typically use constant voltage chargers. In addition, lithium-ion cells often use constant voltage systems, although they are more complex with added circuitry to protect both the batteries and the user safety.

Constant Current: Constant current chargers vary the voltage they apply to the battery to maintain a constant current flow, switching off when the voltage reaches the level of a fully charged battery. This design is usually used for nickel-cadmium and nickel-metal hydride cells or batteries.

Trickle charge : Trickle charging is designed to compensate for the self discharge of the battery during long term constant current charging for standby use. The charge rate is typically very low, depending on the frequency of discharge. Not suitable for some battery chemistries, e.g. NiMH, which are susceptible to damage from overcharging. In some applications the charger automatically switches to trickle charging when the battery is fully charged.

Photo Cell



OPERATION OF PHOTO CELLS

Photo cells are sensors that allow you to detect light. They are small, inexpensive, low power use and don't wear out.

For that reason they often appear in toys, gadgets and appliances.

They are often referred to as CdS cells (they are made of Cadmium-Sulfide), light-dependent resistors (LDR), and photo resistors.

Photo cells are basically a resistor that changes its resistive value (in ohms Ω) depending on how much light is shining onto the squiggly face.

They are very low cost, easy to get in many sizes and specifications, but are very inaccurate.

One photocell sensor will act a little differently than the other, even if they are from the same manufacturer.

The variations can be really large, 50% or higher!

For this reason, they shouldn't be used to try to determine precise light levels in a project.

Instead, you can expect to only be able to determine basic light changes.

