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#### DEPARTMENT OF BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING

19BMT202-BIOMEDICAL SENSORS AND MEASUREMENT

II Year / III Semester

### Unit 3 – BIOPOTENTIAL ELECTRODES & CONFIGURATION

Topic :Half cell Potential

Welcome you all Design Thinkers to Today's Class



## METAL CATION LEAVING INTO THE ELECTROLYTE



 $\succ$  One atom M out of the metal is oxidized to form one cation M+ and giving off one free electron eto the metal.





# METAL CATION JOINING THE METAL





> One cation M+ out of the electrolyte becomes one neutral atom M taking off one free electron from the metal.

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# HALF-CELL VOLTAGE



- As reactions reach equilibrium, no current flows between the electrode and the electrolyte. so the rates of oxidation and reduction at the interface are equal.
- Under these conditions, a characteristic potential difference called equilibrium half-cell potential is established by the electrode and its surrounding electrolyte which depends on the metal, concentration of ions in solution and temperature (and some second order factors).





### HALF CELL VOLTAGE



- Equilibrium half-cell potential results from the distribution of ionic concentration in the vicinity of the electrode– electrolyte interface.
- Solution or reduction reactions at the electrode-electrolyte interface lead to a double-charge layer, similar to that which exists along electrically active biological cell membranes.
- > The electrolyte surrounding the metal is at a different electric potential from the rest of the solution.





# **ELECTRODE DOUBLE LAYER**







#### HALF-CELL VOLTAGE



Half-cell potential cannot be measured without a second electrode.
It is physically impossible to measure the potential of a single electrode: only the difference between the potentials of two electrodes can be measured.

• The half-cell potential of the standard hydrogen electrode has been arbitrarily set to zero. Other half cell potentials are expressed as a potential difference with this electrode.





### MEASURING HALF CELL POTENTIAL





Note: Electrode material is metal + salt or polymer selective membrane

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### HALF CELL POTENTIAL



- The standard hydrogen electrode (SHE) is universally used for reference and is assigned a standard potential of 0V.
  The [H+] in solution is in equilibrium with H2 gas at a pressure of 1 atm at the Ptsolution interface.
- > One especially attractive feature of the SHE is that the Pt metal electrode is not consumed during the reaction.





#### HALF CELL POTENTIAL





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