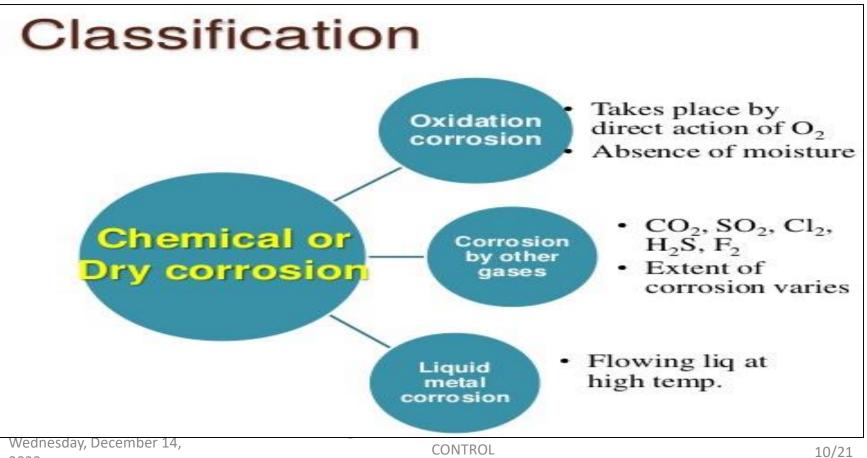


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• **DIRECT CHEMICAL REACTION ON METALS BY ATMOSPHERIC GASES** like O<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>S, SO<sub>2</sub> etc.,

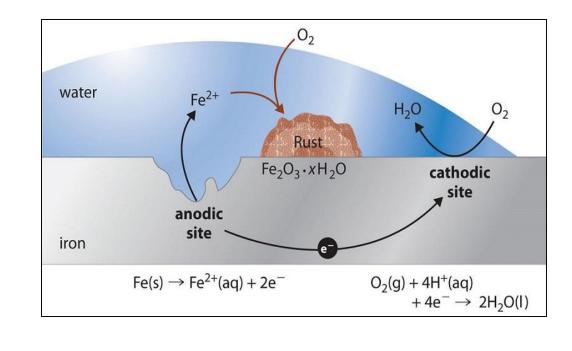




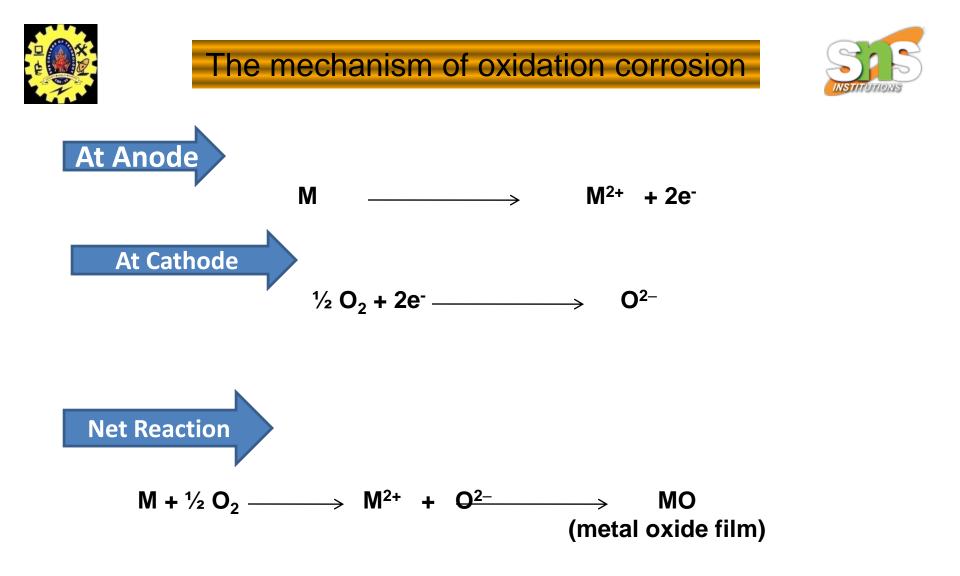




• At high temp (Almost all metals Except native metals)



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## NATURE OF OXIDE LAYERS/ FILMS



A.Stable Oxide Layer:

Fine grained structure, Get adsorbed tightly, impervious in nature

Ex. Oxides of heavy metals

2. Unstable Oxide Layer

Decomposes back into the M and O2

Ex. Oxides of noble metals

3. Volatile Oxide layer

volatilizes as soon as it is formed, leaving the metal surface Ex.MoO<sub>3</sub>







- If volume of Oxide layer formed < the volume of metal (Porous and Non-protective).
- ✓ Eg. Oxides of alkali & alkaline earth Metals
- ✤ If volume of metal (Non-Porous and protective).
- ✓ Eg. Oxides of heavy Metals
- PILLING BED-WORTH RATIO
  PB= Volume of metal oxide/ Volume of metal consumed