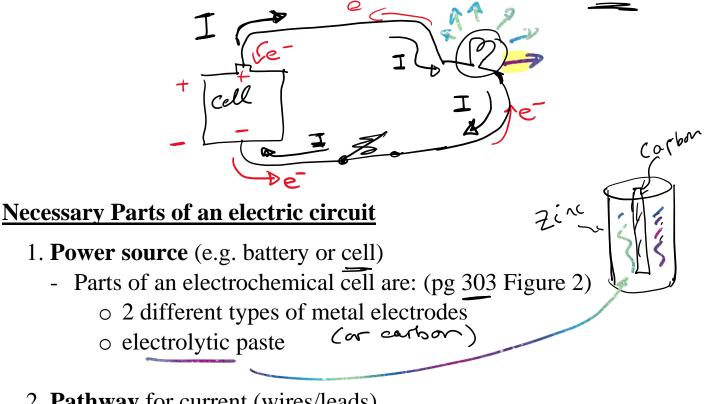
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Current electricity: charge flows in a continuous pathway (circuit)



2. Pathway for current (wires/leads)

- 3. Load (something that transforms electrical energy into other forms of energy): e.g. a toaster transforms electrical energy into heat (with some light)
 - a lightbulb transforms electrical energy into light (with some heat)
 - a ceramic resistor transforms electrical energy into heat
 - a radio transforms electrical energy into sound (with some light and heat)

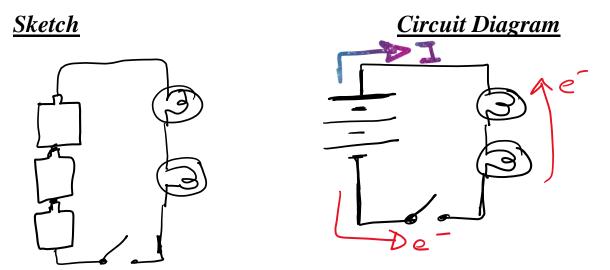
NOTE regarding electric current

- The <u>electrons</u> are actually flowing (i.e. negative charges, not the protons)
 - Electrons flow out of the negative terminal of the power source, through the circuit to the positive terminal of the power source.
 - $\circ\,$ Electrons are shown with this symbol: e^-
- BUT, "conventional current" assumes that the flow of charge is positive
 - "conventional current" is shown as flowing out of the positive terminal of the power source, through the circuit to the negative terminal
 - $\circ\,$ The symbol for conventional current is I

<u>Electric Circuit Diagrams:</u> sketch vs formal circuit diagram using standard symbols

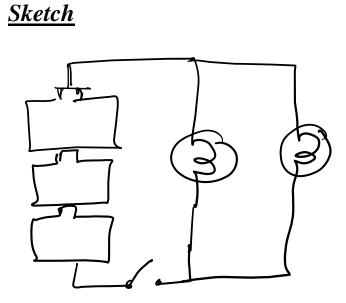
Circuit Example A:

- 2 light bulbs connected in **series** (in a single line)
- A battery of 3 cells connected in series
- One switch
- Show electron flow and conventional current



Circuit Example B:

- 2 light bulbs connected in parallel
- A battery of 3 cells connected in series
- One switch in series with the cells
- Show electron flow and conventional current



<u>Circuit Diagram</u>

