

Ores Metallurgy

Grinding & pulverization

Major operations:

- 1) Concentrated ores
- 2) Reduction of concentrated ore to crude oil.
- 3) Refining.

Concentration

Density of gangue & ore

- 1) Hydraulic washing: based on gravitational force for haematite Fe_2O_3 , cassiterite SnO_2 . Separates due to density. Through water.

- 2) Magnetic separation: based on magnetic & non mag property of ores or gangue.

for • Chromite $(FeCrO_2)_2$, it is magnetic
~~and~~ Siliceous impurities in it

• Wolframite $(FeWO_4)$, it is magnetic.
 Cassiterite impurities in it.

• Mixture of Rutile (TiO_2) and chlorapatite $CaCl_2 \cdot 3Ca_3(PO_4)_2$
 \uparrow magnetic \uparrow impurity non magnetic

- 3) Froth floatation method

Based on different wetting props of ore and gangue by oil & water.

Ore is wetted by oil.

Gangue is wetted by water

NaCN \rightarrow depressant
 allows PbS to froth,
 ZnS remains inside

for • Sulphide ores mainly
 Eg Galena (PbS)

* Copper Pyrite ($CuFeS_2$), Cu Glance (Cu_2S)
Zinc blende (ZnS)

eucalyptus oil, crude oil

frother's: Pine oil, ~~fatty acids, xanthates~~

froth stabilizer: cresols, aniline.

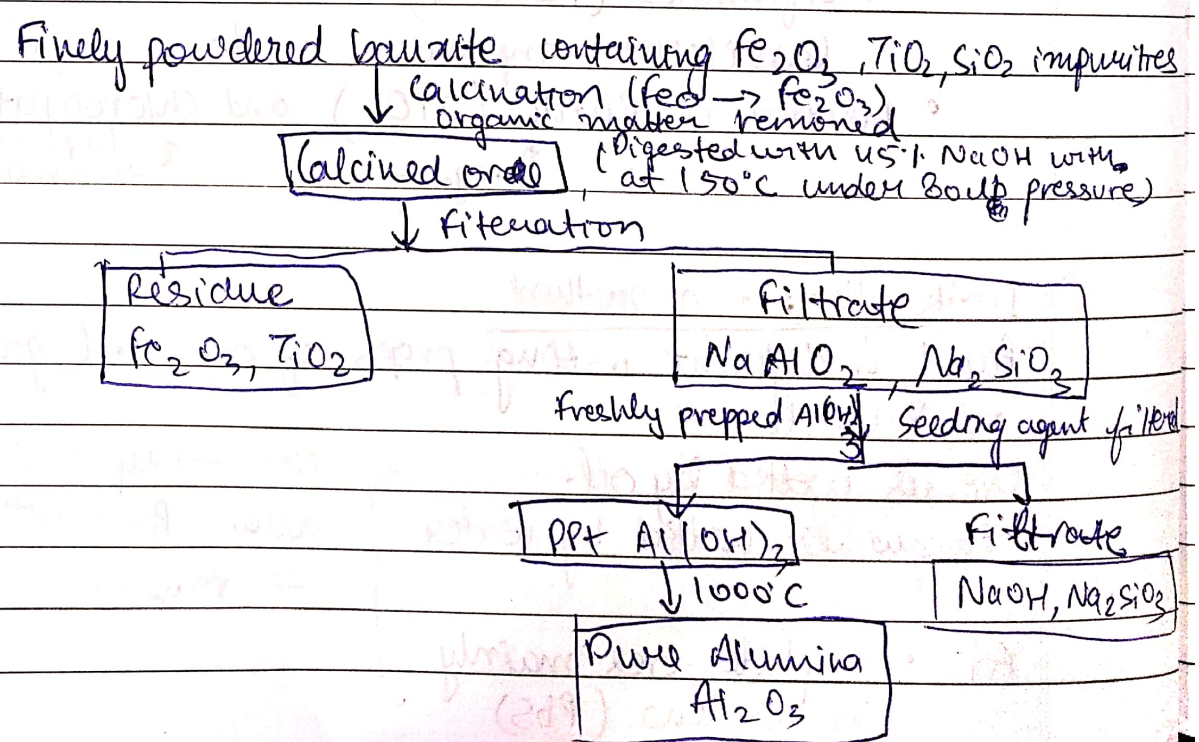
Collectors: Ethyl xanthate, potassium ethyl xanthate,
fatty acids help in enhancing the non
wettability of mineral particles

Leaching

- 1) Red Bauxite: Fe_2O_3 , TiO_2 , SiO_2 : impurities.
Red Bayler process
- 2) Low grade Bauxite: Hall process $\rightarrow Fe_2O_3$ impurity.
- 3) White Bauxite: Serpeck: ~~white bauxite~~ more SiO_2

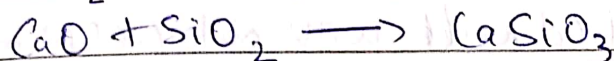
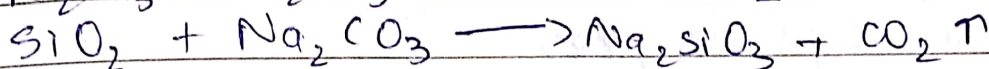
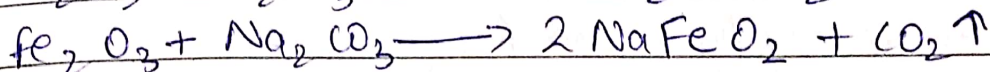
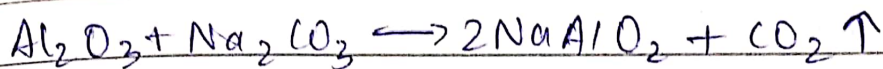
Bauxite extraction

BAYER PROCESS: Only for seed bauxite.

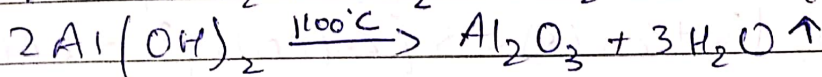
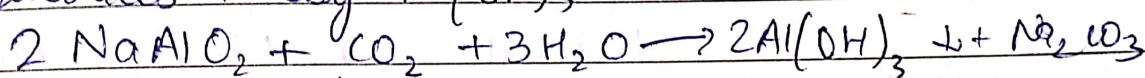


HALL'S PROCESS

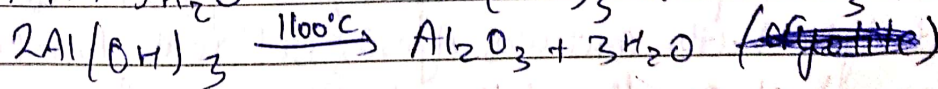
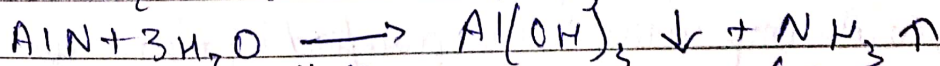
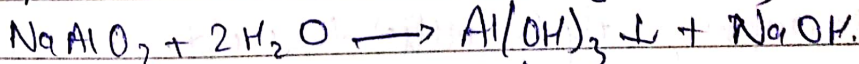
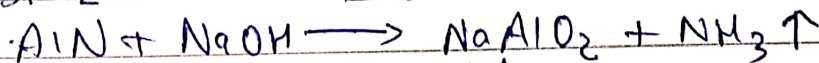
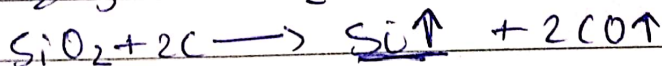
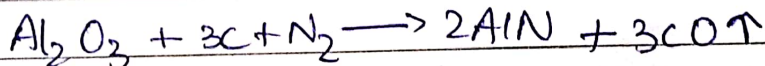
Crude bauxite at 1100°C reacts with Na_2CO_3 little CaCO_3 when CaSiO_3 , Na_2SiO_3 , NaFeO_2 , etc form



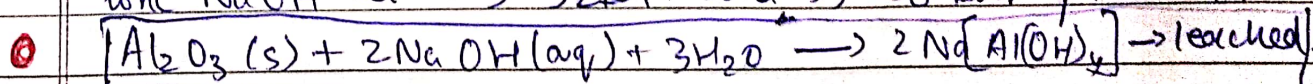
Then at $50-60^\circ\text{C}$, CO_2 is passed through NaAlO_2 solⁿ & produces thereby $\text{Al}(\text{OH})_3$

Serppeck's process

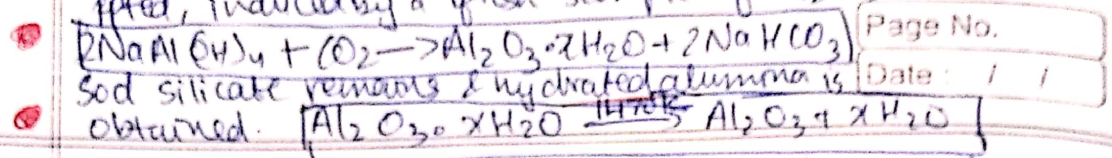
Bauxite with high silica percentage. In this, finely powdered bauxite is mixed with coke and the mix is heated at 1800°C in a current of N_2 the AlN thus obtained is reacted with hot and dil. NaOH to produce NaAlO_2 & excess AlN is hydrolysed to form $\text{Al}(\text{OH})_3$



IN NCERT: Bauxite contains SiO_2 , Fe_2O_3 , TiO_2 impurities concentration is carried out by digesting powdered ore with conc NaOH at $433-523\text{K}$ and $35-36$ bar pressure.



Aluminate is neutralized by passing CO_2 & hydrated Al_2O_3 ppted, induced by a fresh sample of Al_2O_3



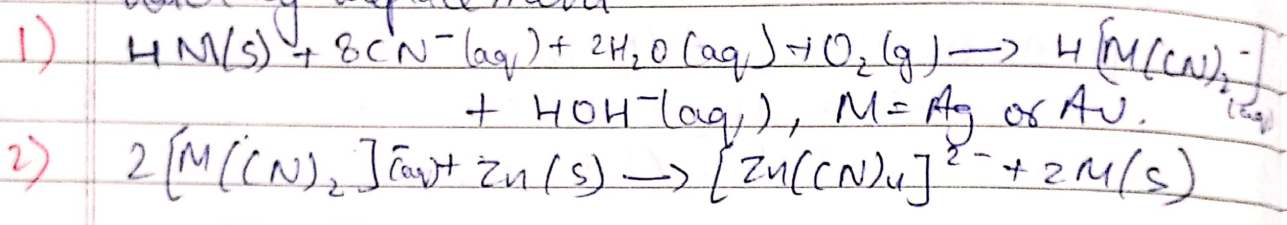
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The metals above Al in electrochemical series (more electropositive) do not require reducing agent, they are reduced by electrolytic reduction only.

Extraction of Ag and Au

Cyanide process / ~~Ag~~

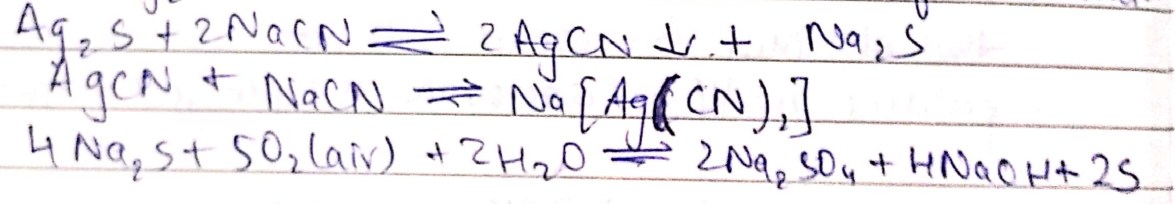
Metals are leached out with dil NaCN or KCN in the presence of air (for O_2) from which metal is obtained later by replacement



→ Ag: Silver glance / Argentite Ag_2S Ruby silver $3\text{Ag}_2\text{S} \cdot \text{Sb}_2\text{S}_3$
 Horn silver Ag_2Cl Ag CO Glanul / stromeyrite $\text{Ag}_2\text{S} \cdot \text{CuS}$

Concentration: Crushed powder conc by froth floatation

conc Ag_2S is then treated with 0.5% solⁿ of NaCN in air.



Ppt: By reaction (2)

Electrolytic refining: Ag (metallic) thus obtained containing Zn, Cu, Au impurities. It is purified by electrolytic refining. Electrolytic bath contains AgNO_3 solⁿ with 10% HNO_3 . Ag (impure) at anode and thin sheets of pure Ag at cathode. Impurities like Zn & Cu go into solⁿ and Au settles under anode as Anode mud

Au: Found in native state, mixed with quartz in rocks or scattered in sand. Also as sulphide, telluride or arsenosulphide. Ores: i) Calaverite (AuTe_2), Sylvanite (AuAgTe_4)

Extraction: After conc by froth floatation ore of Au is put in large vats made of wood or cement having perforated false bottoms with coconut matting. Extraction by rxn ① and ②

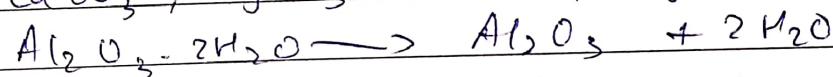
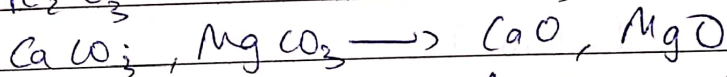
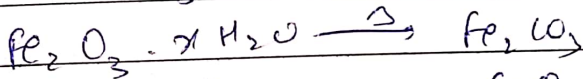
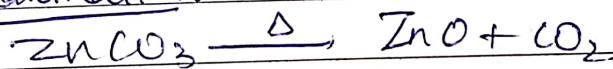
~~conversion~~

Isolation of metals from conc ore, involves 2 main steps:

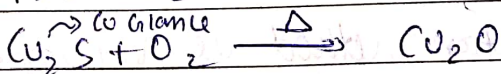
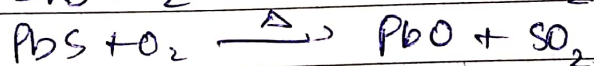
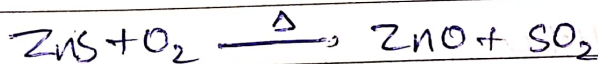
- 1) conversion to oxide
- 2) Reduction to metal:

conversion to oxide: \rightarrow volatile parts of metal ores escape leaving behind oxide.

Calcination: In substances are heated without air.

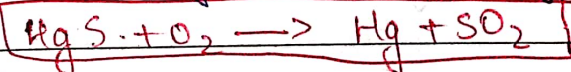


Roasting: process in which ore is heated strongly in presence of air, at temp below the m.p of ore. Usually done in reverberatory furnace or blast furnace

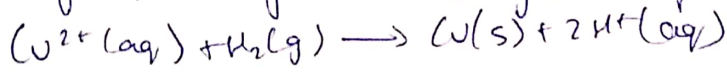


(Auto-reduction & self-reduction process)

(Cu, Hg, Pb, ~~Ag~~) Sulphides of these metals are reduced without any other RA as they undergo self-reduction

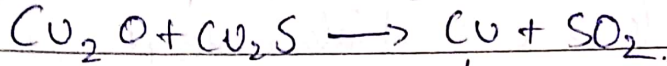
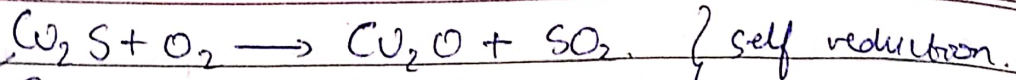


→ Cu from low grade ores by electrolytic:

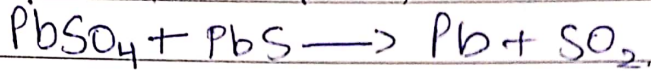
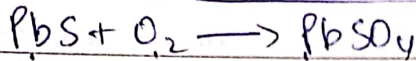
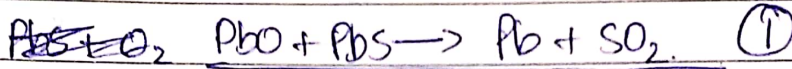


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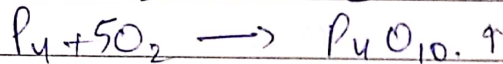
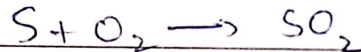
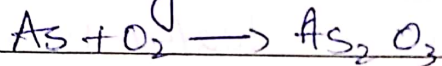


↳ blister copper, as it solidifies and SO_2 hidden in it escapes out, producing blisters on its surfaces



or

If conc ore containing non-metallic impurities like As, Sb, S, P, they convert into volatile gases on roasting



Reduction of roasted or calcinated ore to metal

→ Chemical reduction → IITM an diagram

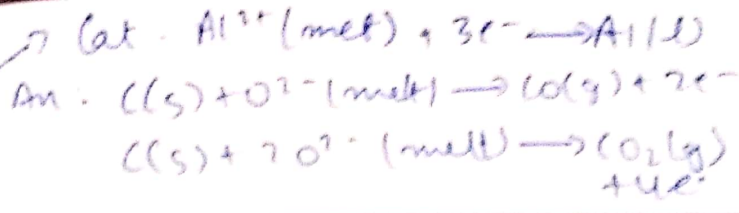
→ Auto / self reduction → above.

→ Electrolytic.

Electrolytic reduction

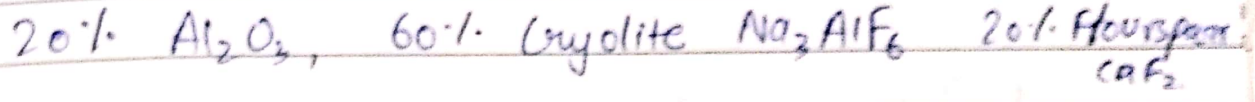
When chemical reduction method is not applicable, electrolytic reduction is done. It is of 2 types:

- 1) Reduction at high temp in the absence of water: molten electrolyte is used
- 2) Using water, hydrometallurgy



Reduction at H.T is mainly used for alkali & alkaline earth metals

Reduction of Al from alumina



are taken in an iron tank with carbon lining that act as a cathode. A graphite rod hanging at the top acts as anode. Cryolite & fluorspar purify alumina, which increase conductivity of alumina and reduce melting pt to 1140K.

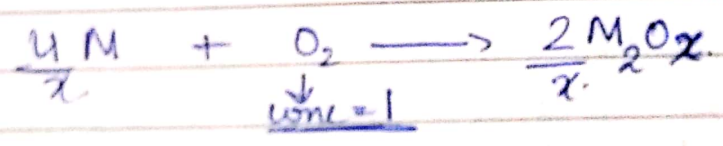
This process is Hall-Heroult process.

Reduction by RA

Ellingham Diagram.

Note drawbacks and make diagram.

$\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S$



$\Delta G = \Delta G^\circ + RT \ln Q$

we take rxn at eqb, so $Q = \frac{1}{[O_2]} = 1$

$\Rightarrow \Delta G = \Delta G^\circ$

The graph is Ellingham diagram is b/w ΔG & ΔG°

Van Arkel also for B_2S_3 $\xrightarrow{\text{W filament}}$ $2B + 3S_2$

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In the diagram, upon a given temp, the slope of ΔG suddenly increases as it is the melting pt of metal. ΔG reduces (reactant is liquid) & was already negative. so $-\Delta G > 0$ and increases so ~~the~~ slope increases.

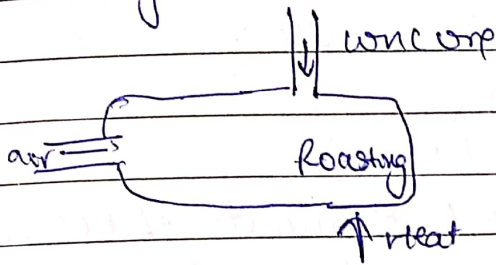
Refining

- Distillation**: for low boiling metals like Hg, Zn, Cd.
- Liquation**: for low melting metals, Bi, Sn, Pb, Hg
- Zone refining / fractional crystallization**: Based on solubility of impurities (greater in molten than solid state)
eg Ge, Si, Ga, In, B
- Electrolytic refining**
Cu, Ag, Zn, Sn, Pb, Cr
- Vapour phase**: a) metal should form volatile compound
b) volatile compound should be decomposable
- Mond process**: Temp of volatile $<$ temp of decomposition.
filament growth method. eg. $Ni + CO \xrightarrow{330-350} Ni(CO)_4$
 $Ni(CO)_4 \xrightarrow{450-470^\circ C} Ni + CO$
- Van Arkel method**: Only those metals are purified with $MP > 1800^\circ C$: $Zr + 2I_2 \rightleftharpoons ZrI_4$
on tungsten filament now: $ZrI_4 \xrightarrow[1800^\circ C, W]{\text{filament}} Zr + 2I_2$
- Kraus's process**
- Chromatography** (done later)

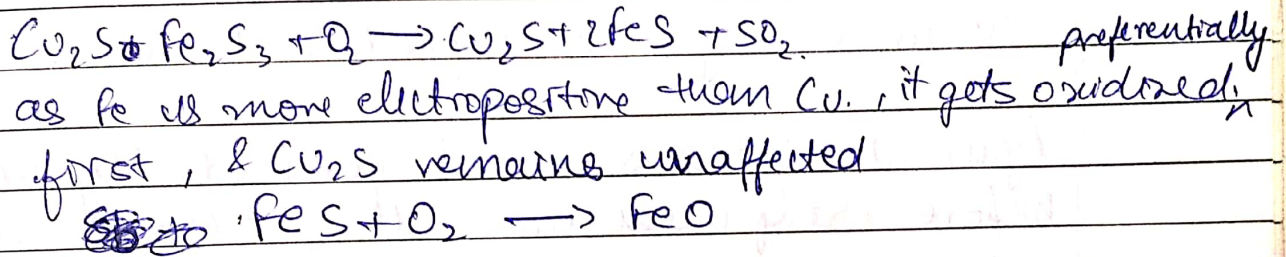
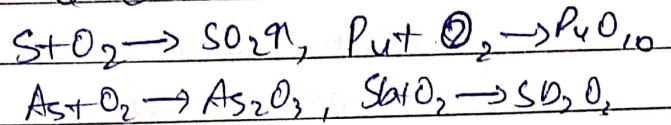
Extraction of Cu: from Copper pyrites (CuFeS_2)

1) Concentration of ore by froth floatation: — In soad ethyl xanthate and pine oil. Froth is collected & dried when conc ore is obtained with 25-30% Cu.

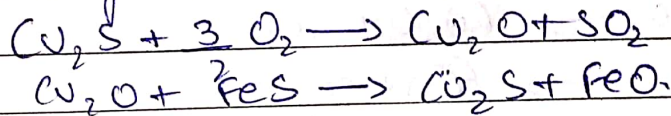
2) Roasting in reverberatory flask



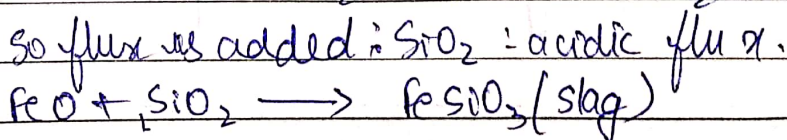
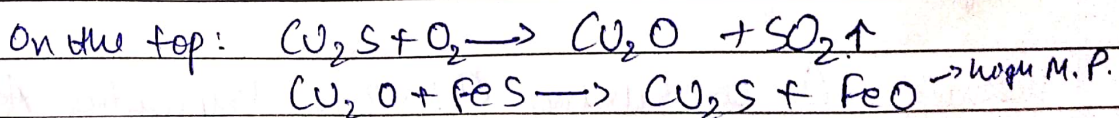
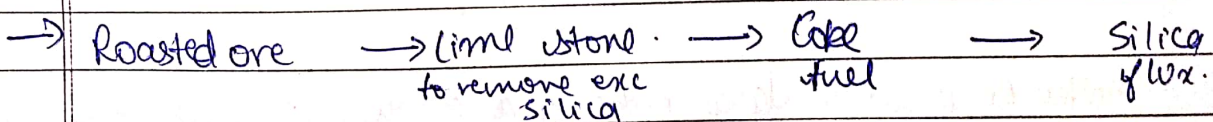
In roasting, volatile impurities are removed.

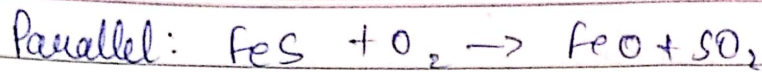


If any Cu_2O is formed it also reacts with unaffected FeS and gives back Cu_2S



3) Smelting in blast furnace: material required.



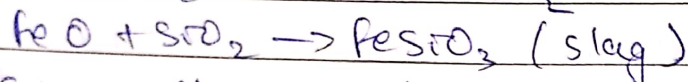
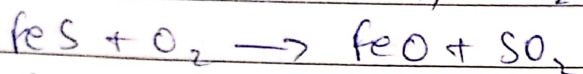


Bessemerization: ^{more} ^{less}

Material: molten $\text{Cu}_2\text{S} + \text{FeS}$ (from previous step)
 \downarrow
 copper matte.

In furnace, Bessemer converter is used.

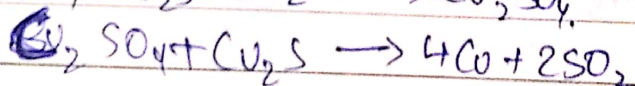
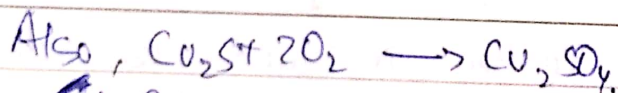
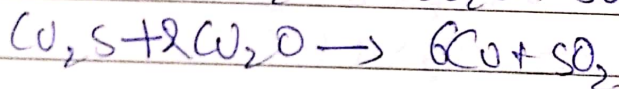
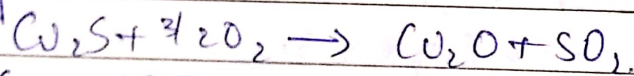
In Bessemerization, SiO_2 is added from ext source



Green flame is observed at mouth of Bessemer converter indicating Fe as FeO. Disappearance of green flame indicates that slag formation is complete. The air blasting is then stopped & slag is removed.

Again air blasting is restarted for partially roasting before self reduction till $\frac{2}{3}$ $\text{Cu}_2\text{S} \rightarrow \text{Cu}_2\text{O}$

After this only heating is continued for self reduction process.



Molten Cu is put in large container and when it cools, SO_2 is escaped and forms blister Cu.

Refining: Cu containing 2-3% impurities As, Fe, S.

Refining of Blister copper:

Blister copper contains 2-3% impurities (as Fe, S, As).
It is separated by the following process:

Blister Cu + Fe/S/As

Poling,

removes $\text{SO}_2(\text{g})$, As_2O_3 (volatile),

FeSO_3 (slag)

Pure Cu (99.5% pure)

Electrorefining

Electrolyte: 15% CuSO_4 + 5% H_2SO_4

Cathode: Pure Cu strip

Anode: Thick sheet of Cu (impure)

Pure Cu (99.9%)

In the poling step, little Cu_2O formed is reduced to metallic Cu by the reducing gases produced from charring of green wooden pole. The powdered anthracite (coke) spread on the top surface of the molten mass also helps produce a reducing environment.

In the electrorefining step, impurities like Fe, Ni, Zn get dissolved in the solⁿ while Au, Ag, Pt are deposited as anode mud.

Extraction of Fe

Iron pyrites are never used for extraction of Fe. Iron in it contains a lot of sulphur, making it brittle and of no use.

→ Roasted ore in smelting:

Roasted: 8 parts

lump powder: 4 parts

Limestone: 1 part.

Molten metal is called Pig Iron.

Different forms of iron:

- 1) Cast or pig iron: Impure form, contains 2.5-4% C along with S, Si, P & Mn. It is brittle, resistant to corrosion.
- 2) Wrought or malleable iron: Purest form containing very small amount of carbon (0.12-0.25%), malleable, can be welded, structurally weak, can't be magnetized. Used to make wires, chains, electromagnets, etc.
- 3) Steel: 0.2-1.5% C, 0.2-0.5% C: Soft steel
0.5-1.5% C: Hard steel

Heat treatment of steel: To control hardness of steel

- 1) Quenching: Heat steel to redness & then cool it suddenly by plunging in water or oil. The obtained steel is hard & brittle.
- 2) Annealing: Process of heating steel to redness & then cooling slowly. Soft steel obtained.

- 3) **Tempering**: Heating quenched steel to temp much below redness ($200-350^{\circ}\text{C}$) & then cooling slowly. Used to make razor blades, axes, knives, etc.
- 4) **Case hardening**: Heating wrought iron or mild steel in contact with charcoal and then quenching in oil.
- 5) **Nitriding**: Process of heating steels at about 700°C in an atmosphere of ammonia. It gives a hard coating of iron nitride on the surface of steel.

CHROMATOGRAPHIC REFINING

Principle: Different components of a mixture are differently adsorbed on an adsorbent.

- 1) Mix is put on a liquid/gaseous medium which is moved through adsorbent
- Different components are adsorbed at different levels on the col
- 2) The adsorbed components are removed (eluted) by using suitable solvents (eluant)

Types of chromatography in class 11th NCERT (Chapter 12) Book 2

Column chromatography: Col of Al_2O_3 / Silica gel / iron or clayeson (adsorbent), is used to form the stationary phase

The mixture is dissolved in a suitable solvent (mobile phase) and applied to the top of the column.

Colored solⁿ ↘

→ Let a mix contain
A: strongly adsorbed
B: moderately adsorbed
C: weakly adsorbed.

Upon elution, the components separate and form 3 different colored bands.

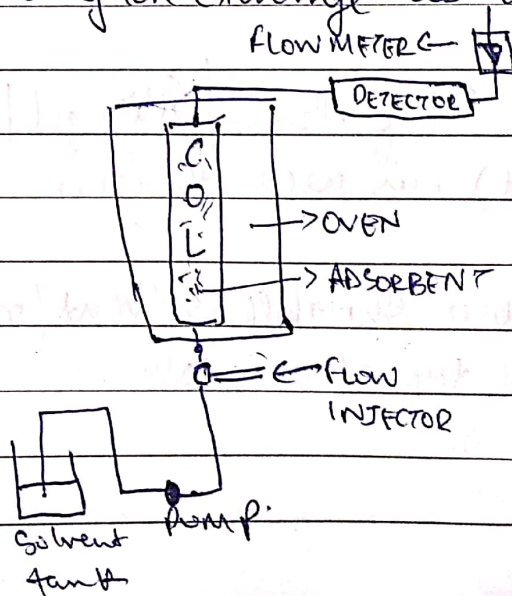
→ C, which is weakly adsorbed, travels down the col fastest and is near the bottom. Above it, B is eluted, then A

These are collected & the solvent is evaporated to give A, B, C.

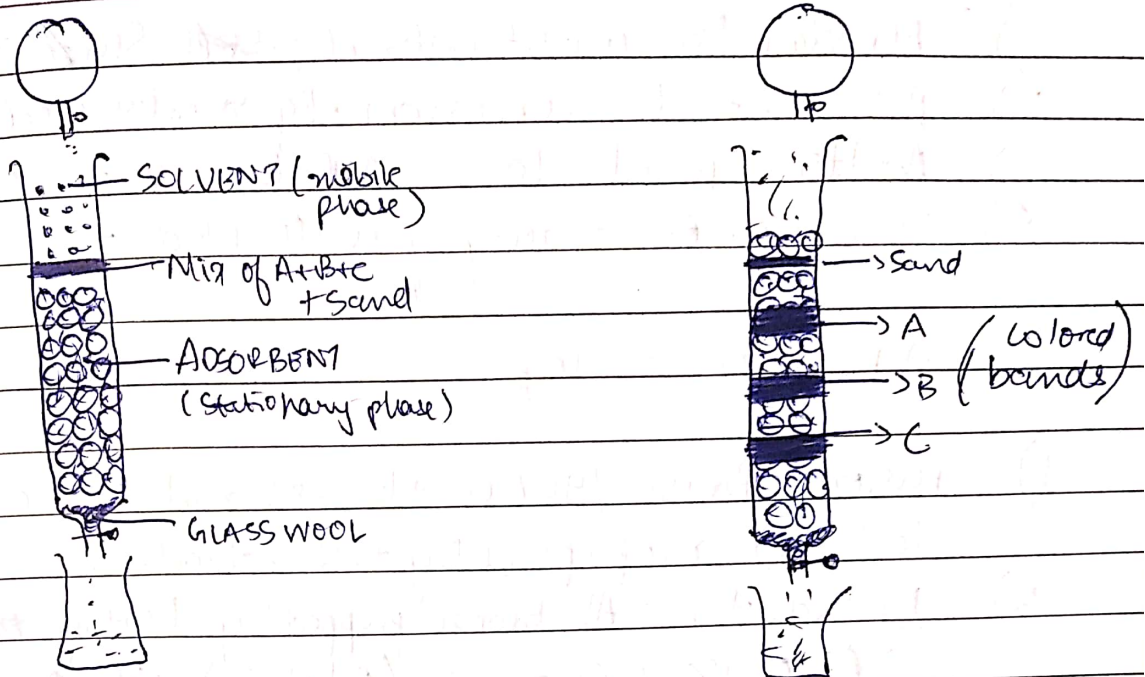
Colorless solⁿ ↘

If colorless solⁿ, the col are ~~separated~~ extracted with a suitable solvent or mix of solvents of several small fractions (20-25 ml vol) are collected in different flasks. With suitable physical or chem methods, flasks containing same components are identified & mixed. Solvent evaporated to get substances.

USES: For elements avail in very small qty & their impurities are not very different in chem props from the element. Eg. Lanthanoids are separated like this using using ion exchange as adsorbent.



: Industrial method



LAB METHOD ↗

ALLOYS AND AMALGAMS

Alloy:

Homogenous metallic material containing 2 or more metals as a solid sol^m

Amalgam: One constituent is Hg.

→ Classification

- 1) Ferrous alloys: If one component is Fe
- 2) Non ferrous: Does not contain Fe

→ Chars of alloy:

They are prepared to develop some specific properties which are not found in the constituent elements. Props vary highly from const elements

- 1) Superior casting: Increases casting property. Eg Type metal (Pb-80%, Sn-16%, Sn-4%) increases casting prop of Pb allowing moulding.

- 2) Harder than constituents, Eg ~~Steel~~ Steel > Cast iron
- 3) Resistant to corrosion. Eg stainless steel > Fe
- 4) Melting point: lower MP than constituents
- 5) Tenacity. Eg Tenacity of Cu doubled on adding 5% Si

Preparation of alloys:

- 1) Fusion: Brass: (90% Cu + 10% Zn) and bronze (90% Cu + 10% Sn) are prepared by this method.
- 2) By reduction: Al bronze prep'd by heating ~~Al~~

$$Al_2O_3 + 3C + Cu \longrightarrow (Al + Cu) + 3CO \uparrow$$
- 3) Compression: The req'd metals first converted into thin sheets and then are rolled together and hammered under high pressure to give the alloy. Alloys like solder (50% Pb & 50% Sn) are prep'd by this method.
- 4) Simultaneous electrodeposition: Aq. solⁿ of salts of metals is taken in an electrolytic cell & current is passed. Desired metal alloys are obtained on cathode.
 Eg Brass produced by electrolysis of a solⁿ containing Cu & Zn cyanides in KCN solⁿ.

Some important alloys:

Alloy	Composition	Use
*1. Magnalium	Al: 98%, Mg: 2%	Chemical balances
*2. Duralumin	Al: 95%, Cu: 4%, Mg: 0.5%, Mn 0.5%	Aircraft parts, boat machinery
*3. Aluminium bronze	Al: 10%, Cu: 90%	Coins, photoframes, utensils, golden paints

Alloy	Composition	Use	
④	Alnico	Al: 20%, Ni: 20%, Co: 10%, Steel: 50%	Permanent magnets
5.	γ-Alloy	Al: 92%, Cu 4%, Mg 1.5%, Ni 2.5%	Pistons & machinery parts
6.	Nickeloy	Al: 95%, Cu: 2%, Ni: 1%	Aircraft parts
⑦	Pewter	Pb: 20, Sn: 50	Utensils
⑧	Solder	Sn: 63 , Pb: 37	Soldering
9.	Type metal	Pb: 20, Sn: 5, Sb: 20	Printing type.
⑩	Bell metal	Cu: 80, Sn: 20	'Bell' manuf
11.	Babbitt metal	Sn: 90, Sb: 7, Cu: 3	Machine bearings
12.	Frey metal	Pb: 97%, Ba: 2, Ca: 1	" "
13.	Lino type metal	Pb: 83, Sn: 3, Sb: 14	Printing type.
⑭	Brass	Cu: 60, Zn: 40	Utensils
⑮	Bronze	Cu: 88-96, Sn: 12-4	Utensils, coins, statues
16.	Monel metal	Cu: 27, Ni: 68, Fe: 5	Pumps, ship turbines, boilers
⑰	German silver	Cu: 50, Zn: 30, Ag: 20 Cu: 25-30, Zn: 25-30, Ni: 40-50	Flower vases, ornaments

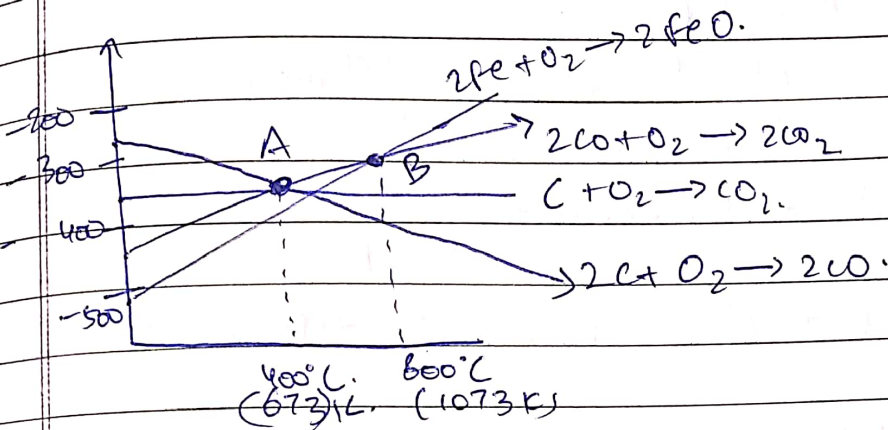
• Cu + Ni = coinage metal

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	Alloy	Composition	Use
18	Electron	Ni: 95, Zn: 4.5, Cu: 0.5	Points of plane & wire
19	Dutch metal	Cu: 80, Zn: 20	Golden yellow color for decoration
*20	Nichrome	Ni, Cr, Fe	Elements in heaters
21	Gun metal	Cu: 87, Zn: 3, Sn: 10	
*22	Constantan	Cu: 60%, Ni: 40%	Constant resistors
23	Artificial gold	Cu: 90, Al: 10	
*24	14 carat gold	Au: 54, Ag: 14-30, Cu: 12-28	
*4 →	Alloys of steel		
1	Vanadium	V: 0.2-1%	
2	Chromium	Cr: 2-4	
3	Nickel	Ni: 3-5%	
4	Manganese steel	Mn: 10-18	
5	Stainless steel	Cr: 12-14, Ni: 2-4	
6	Tungsten	W: 10-20	
7	Invar	Ni: 36	

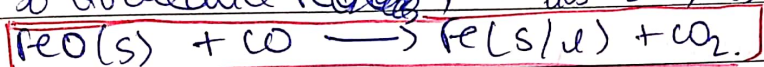
Using Ellingham diagram for reduction of FeO using C or CO.



At temp below 1073K

ΔG for $CO \rightarrow CO_2$ is more negative than ΔG $C \rightarrow CO$.

So to reduce FeO , CO is used, as $\Delta G_{net}^{\circ} < 0$.

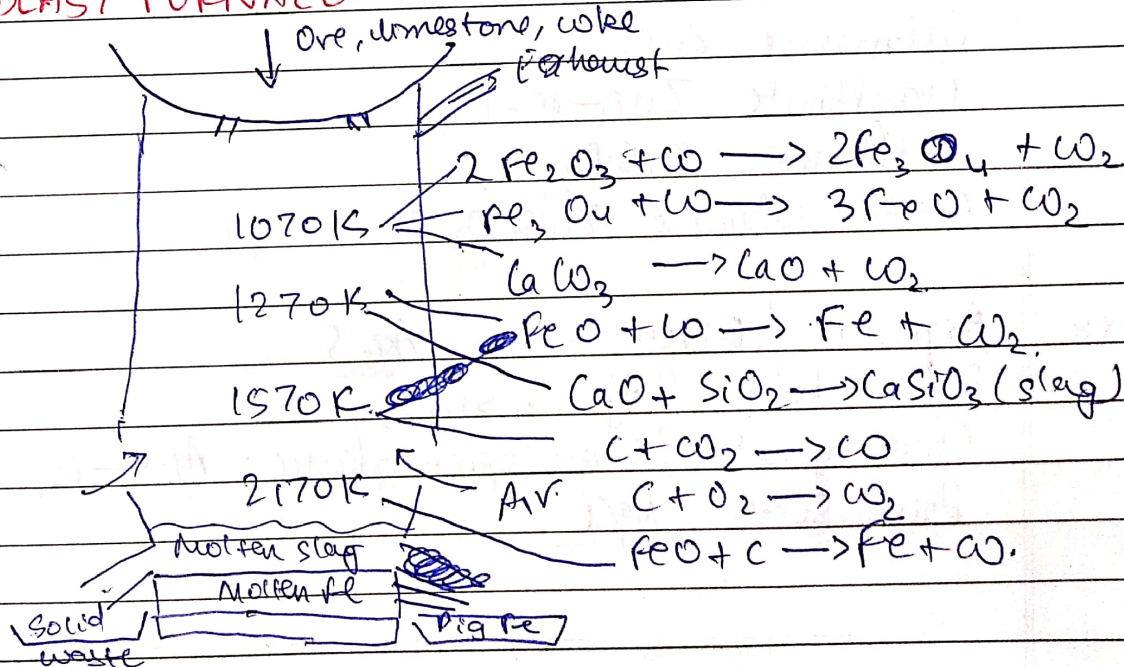


At temp above 1073K

$C \rightarrow CO$ line goes to high -ve, so to reduce FeO , coke is used.



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IMPORTANT ORES:

Aluminium Bauxite: $Al_2O_3 \cdot (OH)_{3-2x}$, $OCxCl$ or $Al_2O_3 \cdot 2H_2O$

Guyolite: Na_3AlF_6

Kaolinite: $Al_2(OH)_4Si_2O_5$ / China clay

Feldspar: $K_2O \cdot Al_2O_3 \cdot 6SiO_2$

→ Red Bauxite: $Al_2O_3 \cdot 2H_2O + Fe_2O_3 + (SiO_2 + TiO_2)$
impurity

→ White bauxite: $Al_2O_3 \cdot 2H_2O + SiO_2 + (Fe_2O_3 + TiO_2)$
imp

Iron Haematite: Fe_2O_3

Magnetite: Fe_3O_4

Siderite: $FeCO_3$

Iron pyrites: FeS_2 (not used as SO_2 makes useless)

Copper: Copper pyrites: $CuFeS_2$

Copper glance: Cu_2S

Malachite: $CuCO_3 \cdot Cu(OH)_2$

Chalcocite: Cu_2O

Zinc: Zinc blende (Sphalerite): ZnS

Zincite: ZnO

Calamine: $ZnCO_3$

Franklinite: $ZnO - Fe_2O_3$

Millemite: $ZnSiO_3$

Electric calamine: $ZnSiO_3 \cdot ZnO - H_2O$

Silver: Argentite / Silver glance: Ag_2S

Wheyer silver: $3Ag_2S \cdot Sb_2S_3$

Stromeyerite / Silver copper glance: $Ag_2S - Cu_2S$

Horn silver: $AgCl$

Lead:

Galena: PbS Cerussite: $PbCO_3$ Anglesite: $PbSO_4$ Crocoisite: $PbCrO_4$ Lanarkite: $PbO-PbSO_4$

Tin

Cassiterite: SnO_2 Stannite: Co_2FeSnS_4

Mg

Dolomite: $(CaMg(CO_3)_2)$ Magnesite: $MgCO_3$

Carnallite

Talc: Mg Silicate

Olivine

Bruceite: $Mg(OH)_2$

Cinnabar: Hg

Wolframite: W

Rutile: Ti