

Ore Metallurgy

Grinding & Pulverization

Major operations:

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

~~Concentration~~ Concentration

Density of gangue & ore

- 1) Hydromagnetic working: based on gravitational force for hematite Fe_2O_3 , cassiterite SnO_2 . Separates due to density. Through water.
- 2) Magnetic separation: based on magnetic & non-magnetic property of ores or gangue.

for

- Chromite $(\text{FeCrO}_2)_2$, it is magnetic
Sed: Siliceous impurities in it
- Wolframite (FeWO_4) , it is magnetic.
(cassiterite impurities) in it. $\xrightarrow{\text{CaCe}_2\text{O}_3\text{Ca}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2}$
- Mixture of Rutile (TiO_2) and chlorapatite
^{magnetic} $\xrightarrow{\text{impurity}}$ ^{non-magnetic}

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

$\text{NaCN} \rightarrow$ depressant
allows PbS to froth,
ZnS remains inside

For

- Sulphide ore 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.

$\xrightarrow{\text{Bayley process}}$

2) Low grade Bauxite: Hall process $\rightarrow \text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ impurity.

3) White Bauxite: Serpeck : white ~~phosphates~~ more SiO_2

Bauxite extraction

BAYER PROCESS: Only for red bauxite.

Finely powdered bauxite containing Fe_2O_3 , TiO_2 , SiO_2 impurities

\downarrow Calcination ($\text{FeO} \rightarrow \text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$)
organic matter removed

(calcined ore) $\xrightarrow{\text{Digested with } 15\% \text{ NaOH with } 150^\circ\text{C under } 10\text{ atm pressure}}$

\downarrow Filtration

Residue

Fe_2O_3 , TiO_2

Filtrate

NaAlO_2 , Na_2SiO_3

freshly prepped Al(OH)_3 Seeding agent for Al(OH)_3

$\xrightarrow{\text{PPT } \text{Al(OH)}_3}$

$\downarrow 100^\circ\text{C}$

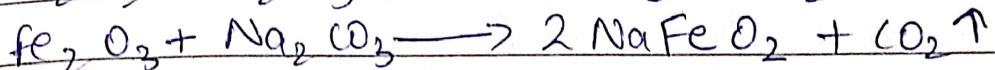
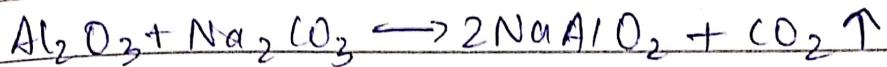
Pure Alumina
 Al_2O_3

Filtrate

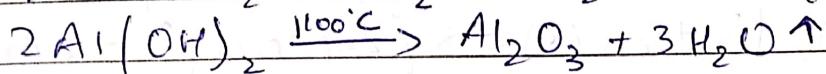
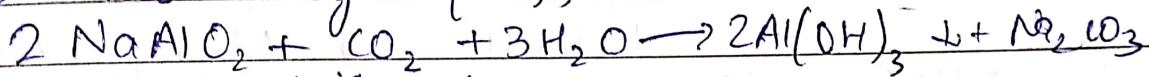
$\text{NaOH}, \text{Na}_2\text{SiO}_3$

HALL'S PROCESS

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

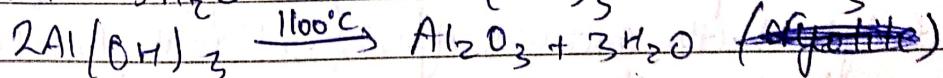
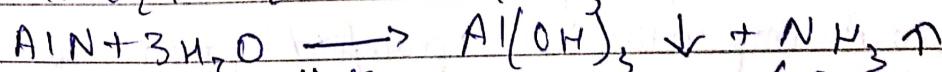
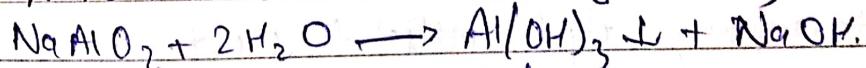
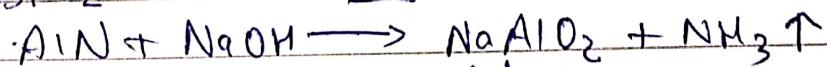
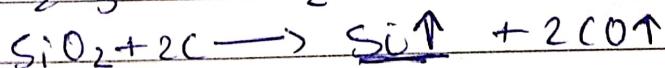
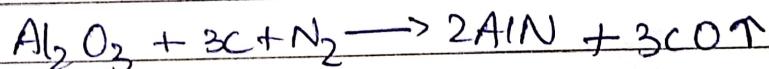


Then at $50-60^{\circ}\text{C}$, CO_2 is passed through NaAlO_2 soln & produces thereby Al(OH)_3

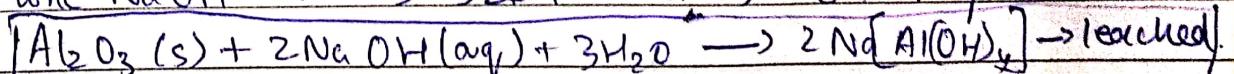


SERPECK'S PROCESS

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 conc. dil. NaOH to produce NaAlO_2 & excess AlN is hydrolysed to form Al(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 is obtained, induced by a fresh sample of Al_2O_3 .

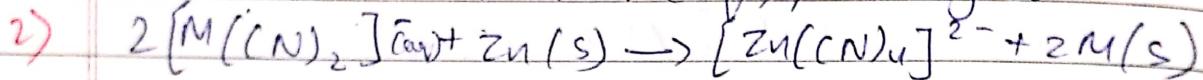
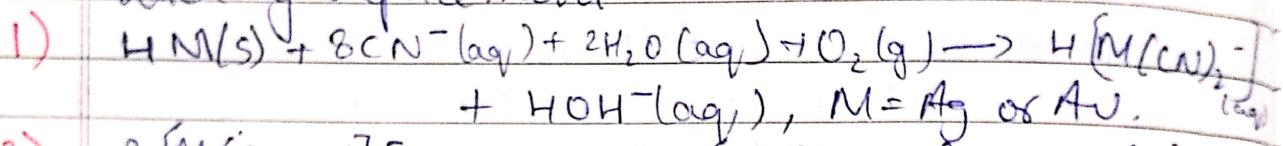
- $2\text{NaAl(OH)}_4 + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O} + 2\text{NaHCO}_3$ Page No. / /
- Sod silicate remains & hydrated alumina is obtained. $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O} \xrightarrow{\text{Heat}} \text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 + x\text{H}_2\text{O}$ Date / /

The metals alone 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 / ~~Pyro~~

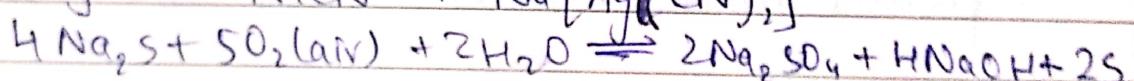
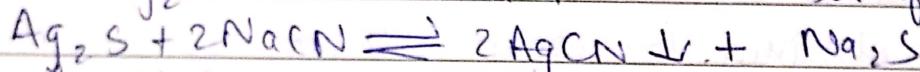
Metals are leached out with dil NaCN or KCN in the presence of air (for O_2) from which metal is obtained later by replacement



→ Ag : Silver Glance / Argentite Ag_2S Ruby silver $3\text{Ag}_2\text{S} \cdot \text{Sb}_2\text{S}_3$
Morn silver AgCl Ag(Cl) Gilmanite Ag_3S_2 stromelyrite Ag_3S_2

Concentration : crushed powder conc by froth floatation

Conc Ag_2S is then treated with 0.5 l. sol¹ of NaCN in air.



PPT : by reaction ②

Electrolytic refining : Ag (metallic) thus obtained containing $\text{Zn}, \text{Cu}, \text{Au}$ impurities. It is purified by electrolytic refining. Electrolytic bath contains AgNO_3 sol¹ with 10% HNO_3 . Ag (impure) at anode and thin sheets of pure Ag at cathode. Impurities like Zn & Cu go into solution 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) Galenaite (PbS_2), Sylvanite (AuAgTe_4)

Extraction: After winnig 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 roasting and leaching

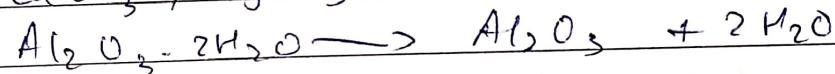
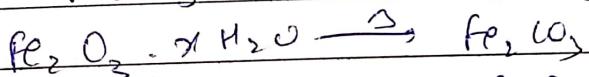
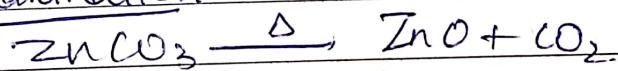
Isolation of metals from conc ore, involves 2 major steps:

1) conversion to oxide

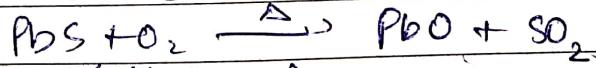
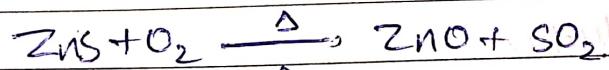
2) reduction to metal:

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

Calomelation: substances are heated without air.

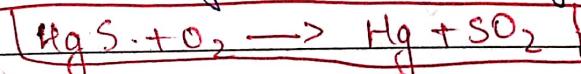


Roasting: process in which ore is heated strongly in presence of air, at temp below the m.p. of ore. Usually done in reverberatory furnace or blast furnace.



(Auto reduction & self reduction process)

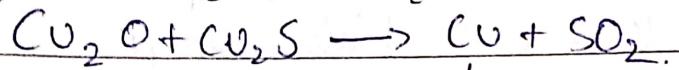
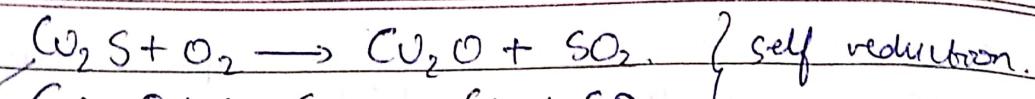
(Cu, Hg, Pb, ~~Sn~~) Sulphides of these metals are reduced to without any other RA as they undergo self reduction



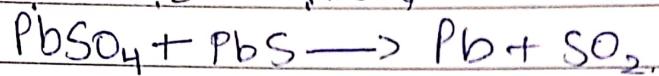
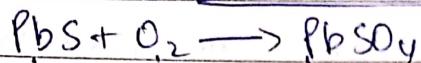
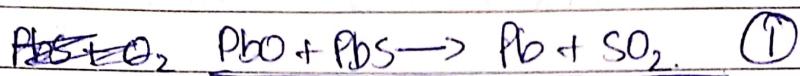
→ Cu from low grade ores by electrolyte:
 $Cu^{2+}(aq) + H_2(g) \rightarrow Cu(s) + 2H^+(aq)$

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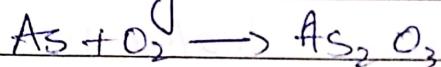
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→ blister copper, as it solidifies
and SO_2 hidden in it escapes out, producing blisters on
its surfaces.



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



Reduction of roasted or calcinated ore to metal

→ Chemical reduction → Illingan diagram

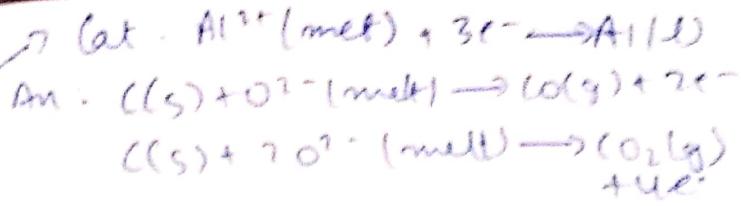
→ Auto / Self reduction → above.

→ 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



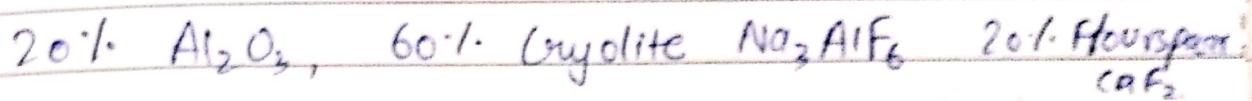
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Reduction at H.T. is mainly used for alkali & alkaline earth metals

→ ~~Extraction~~ of Al from alumina

Reduction



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 & fluor spar purify alumina, which increase conductivity of alumina and reduce melting pt to 1140K.

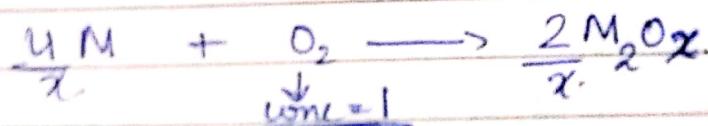
This process is Hall-Heroult process.

Reduction by PA

'Ellingham Diagram.'

Note drawbacks and make diagram.

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



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

we take w_n at eq/b, so $R = \frac{1}{[\text{O}_2]} = 1$.

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

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

(w)

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

Refining

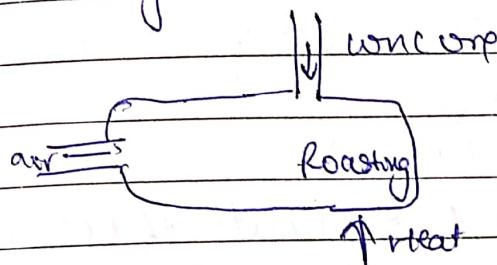
- Distillation : for low boiling metals like Hg , Zn , Cd .
- Liquation : for low melting metals; Bi , Sn , Pb , Hg
- Zone refining / fractional crystallization : Based on solubility of impurities (greater in molten than solid state)
eg Ge , Si , Ga , In , B
- Electrolytic refining
 $\text{Cu}, \text{Ag}, \text{Zn}, \text{Sn}, \text{Pb}, \text{Cr}$
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. $\text{Ni} + \text{LiCO} \xrightarrow{330-350^\circ\text{C}} \text{Ni}(\text{CO})_4$
 $\text{Ni}(\text{CO})_4 \xrightarrow{450-470^\circ\text{C}} \text{Ni} + 4\text{CO}$
- Van Arkel method : Only those metals are purified with $\text{MP} > 1800^\circ\text{C}$: $\text{Zr} + 2\text{I}_2 \rightleftharpoons \text{ZrI}_4 \uparrow$
on tungsten filament now: $\text{ZrI}_4 \xrightarrow[\text{W}]{\text{heat}} \text{Zr} + 2\text{I}_2$
- Kraus process
- Chromatography (done later)

Extraction of Cu:

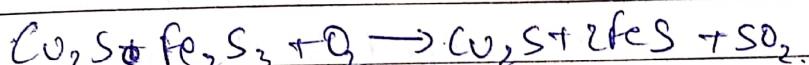
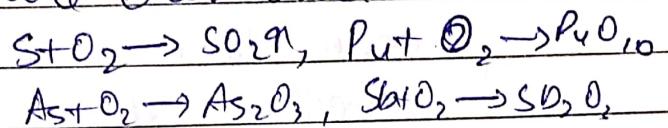
from Copper pyrites (CuFeS_2)

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

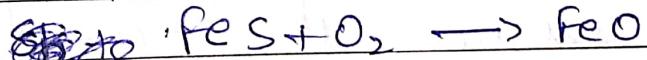
2) Roasting in reveratory flask



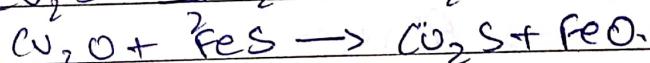
In roasting, volatile impurities are removed.



as Fe is more electropositive than Cu, it gets oxidized first, & Cu_2S remains unaffected

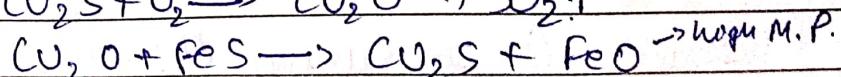
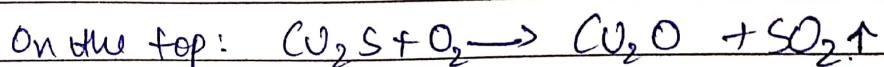


If any Cu_2O is formed, it also reacts with unaffected FeS and goes back Cu_2S

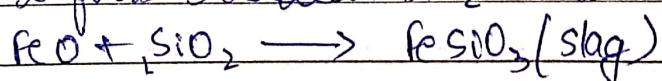


3) Smelting in blast furnace : material required.

→ Roasted ore → lime stone → Coke
to remove excess silica → fuel → Silica flux.



So flux is added: SiO_2 : acidic flux.



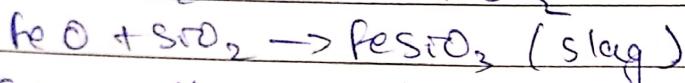
Parallel: $\text{FeS} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{FeO} + \text{SO}_2$

Bessemerization: more gases

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

In furnace, Bessemer converter is used.

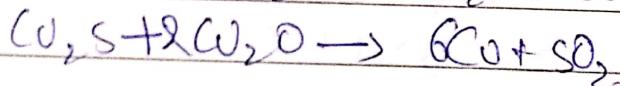
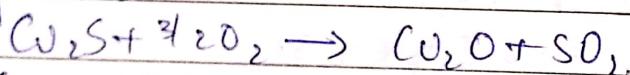
In Bessemerization, SiO_2 is added from ext source



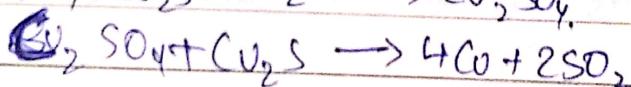
Green flame is observed at mouth of Bessemer converter indicating Fe as FeO . Disappearance of green flame indicates the slag formation is complete. The air blasting is then stopped & slag is removed.

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

After this only heating is continued for self reduction process.



Also, $\text{Cu}_2\text{S} + 2\text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{Cu}_2\text{O}$, and no diffusion



Molten Cu is put in large container and when air blows, SO_2 is escapes 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 $SO_2(g)$, As_2O_3 (volatile),
 $FeS_2(slag)$

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 charred 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

R Iron pyrite is never used for extraction of Fe

Iron in it has a lot of sulphur, making it brittle and of no use.

→ Roasted ore in smelting:

Roasted: 8 parts

Lime 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 less 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 softness, 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 charcoal (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.

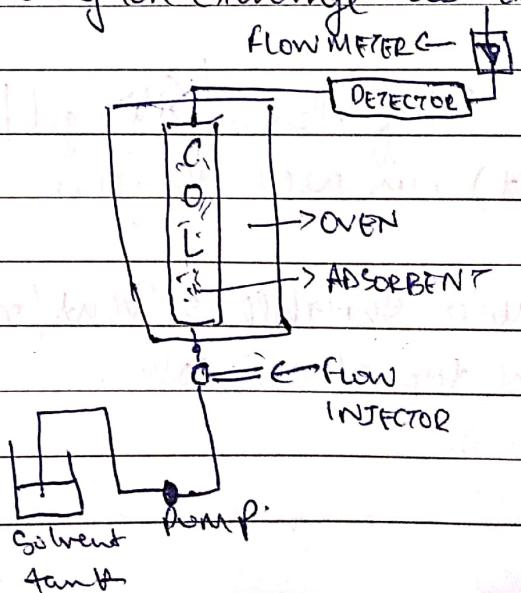
- C, which is weakly adsorbed, travels down the col fastest and is near the bottom. Above it, B is eluted, then A

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

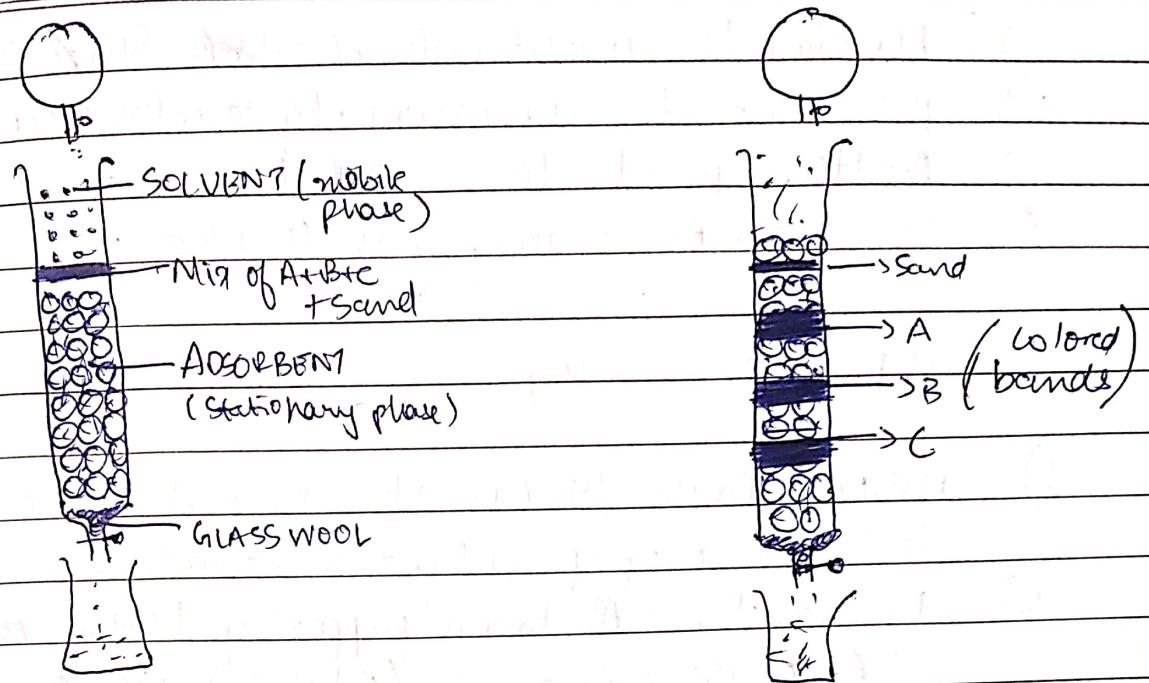
Colorless solⁿ ↗

If colorless solⁿ, the col was ~~separated~~ extracted with a suitable solvent or mix of solvents of several small fract (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 q'tys & their impurities are not very different in chem props from the element. Eg. Lanthanoids are separated like this using ion exchange as adsorbent.



: Industrial method



LAB METHOD

ALLOYS AND AMALGAMS

Alloy:

Homogeneous metallic material containing 2 or more metals as a solid soln

Amalgam : One constituent is Hg.

→ Classification

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

→ Characteristics of alloy :

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

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

- 2) Harder than constituents. Eg Steel > Cast iron
- 3) Resistant to corrosion. Eg stainless steel > Fe
- 4) Melting point: lower MP than constituents
- 5) Tenacity. Eg tensile 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 prepared by heating ~~Al~~

$$\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 + 3\text{C} \rightarrow (\text{Al} + (\text{C})) + 3\text{CO} \uparrow$$
- 3) Compression: The reqd 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 prepared by this method.
- 4) Simultaneous electrodeposition: Ag 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	Used
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%	Cans, photoframes, utensils, golden paints

Alloy	Composition	Use
④ 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
⑤ 7. Pewter	Pb: 20, Sn: 50	Utensils
⑥ 8. Solder	Sn: 63, Pb: 37	Soldering
9. Type metal	Pb: 20, Sn: 5, Sb: 20	Printing type.
⑦ 10. Bell metal	Cu: 80, Sn: 20	Bell manuf
11. Babbitt metal	Sn: 90, Sb: 7, Cu: 3	Machine bearings
12. Fray metal	Pb: 97%, Ba: 2, Ca: 1	" "
13. Lino type metal	Pb: 83, Sn: 3, Sb: 14	Printing type.
⑧ 14. Brass	Cu: 60, Zn: 40	Utensils
⑨ 15. Bronze	Cu: 88-96, Sn: 12-4	Utensils, coins, statues
16. Monel metal	Cu: 27, Ni: 68, Fe: 5	Pumps, ship turbines, borers
⑩ 17. German silver	Cu: 50, Zn: 30, Al: 20 Cu: 25-30, Zn: 25-30, Ni: 40-50	Flower vase, ornaments

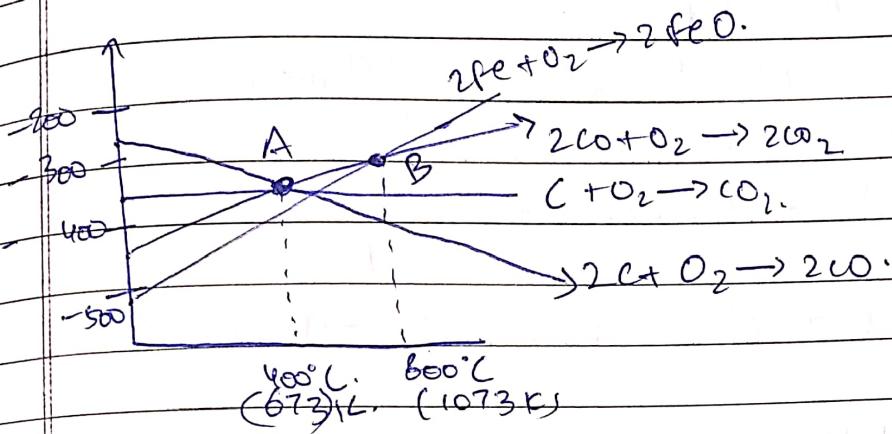
o Cu + Ni = corona metal

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Alloy	Composition	Use
18. Electrum	Ag: 95, Zn: 4.5, 60 parts of piano wires	
19. Dutch metal	W: 80, Zn: 20	Golden yellow color for decoration
④ 20. Nichrome	Ni, Cr, Fe	Elements in heaters
21. Gun metal	Co: 67, Zn: 3, Sn: 10	
④ 22. Constantan	Co: 60%, Ni: 40%	Constant resistance
23. Artificial gold	W: 90, Al: 10	
④ 24. 14 carat gold	Au: 54, Ag: 14-30, Cu: 12-28	
④ →	Alloys of steel	
1. Vanadium	V: 0.2-1.1	
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	

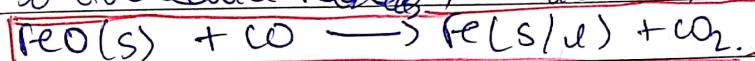
Using Ellingham diagram for reduction of FeO using C or CO.



At temp below 1073K

$\Delta G_{\text{CO}} \rightarrow \text{CO} \rightarrow \text{CO}_2$ is more negative than $\Delta G_{\text{C}} \rightarrow \text{CO}_2$.

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

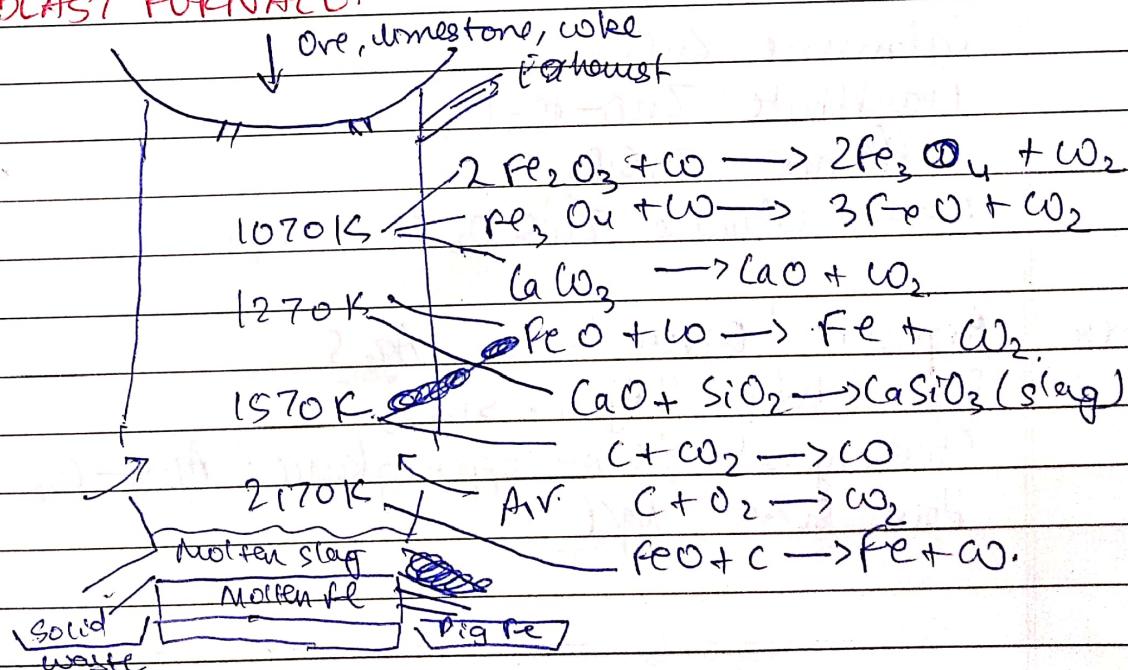


At temp above 1073 K

C → CO line goes to high-ve, so to reduce FeO, coke B used.



BLAST FURNACE



IMPORTANT ORES:

Aluminum

Bauxite: $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 \cdot (\text{OH})_{3-2x} \cdot n\text{H}_2\text{O}$ or $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$

Guyotite: Na_3AlF_6

Kaolinite: $\text{Al}_2(\text{OH})_5\text{Si}_2\text{O}_5$ / China clay

Feldspar: $\text{K}_2\text{O} \cdot \text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 \cdot 6\text{SiO}_2$

→ Red Bauxite: $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3 \xrightarrow{\text{maj impurity}} (\text{SiO}_2 + \text{TiO}_2)$

→ White bauxite: $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{SiO}_2 + (\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3 + \text{TiO}_2)$

Iron

Hematite: Fe_2O_3

Magnetite: Fe_3O_4

Siderite: FeCO_3

Iron pyrites: FeS_2 (not used as SO₂ makes useless)

Copper

Copper pyrites: CuFeS_2

Copper glance: Cu_2S

Malachite: $\text{CuCO}_3 \cdot \text{Cu}(\text{OH})_2$

Cuprite: Cu_2O

Zinc

Tin blende (Sphalerite): ZnS

Zinomite: ZnO

Calamine: ZnCO_3

Franklinite: $\text{ZnSiO}_3 - \text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$

Willemit: ZnSiO_3

Electric calamine: $\text{ZnSiO}_3 \cdot \text{ZnO} - \text{H}_2\text{O}$

Silver

Argentite / Silver glance: Ag_2S

Ruby Silver: $3\text{Ag}_2\text{S} \cdot \text{Sb}_2\text{S}_3$

Stromeyerite / Silver copper glance: $\text{Ag}_2\text{S} - \text{Cu}_2\text{S}$

Horn Silver: AgCl

Lead:

Calena: PbS Cerussite: $PbCO_3$ Anglesite: $PbSO_4$ Groconsite: $PbCrO_4$ Lanarkite: $PbO \cdot PbSO_4$

Tin:

Cassiterite: SnO_2 Stannite: $(Cu, Fe)SnS_4$

Mg

Dolomite: $(Ca, Mg)(CO_3)_2$ Magnesite: $MgCO_3$ CarnalliteTalc: Mg SilicateOlivineBrucite: $Mg(OH)_2$ Cinnabar: Hg Wolframite: W Perthite: Ti