

# METAL EXTRACTION

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Various forms of metals or compounds present in earth's crust are called minerals and minerals from extraction of metal is chemically convenient and economically cheap are called ores.

Q. Which ore contain Cu & Fe both

- A) Cuprite  $Cu_2O$  (Ruby Copper)
- B) Chalcopyrite  $CuFeS_2$  (copper glance)
- C) Malachite  $CuCO_3 \cdot Cu(OH)_2$
- D) Chalcocite  $Cu_2S$

## Type of Ores

→ Native Ore - less reactive metals or noble metals are present in elemental form.

For eg - Gold, Platinum, Osmium, Iridium, etc.  
Some amount of mercury and copper <sup>and silver</sup> also exist in elemental form.

Gold ores are called alluvial sand or  
oreiferous quartz.

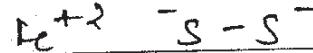
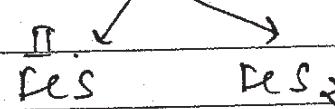
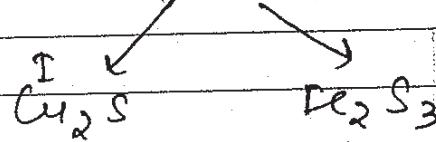
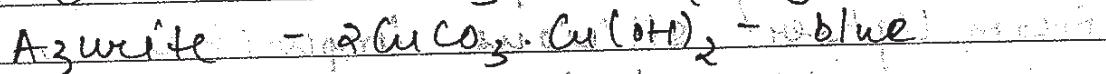
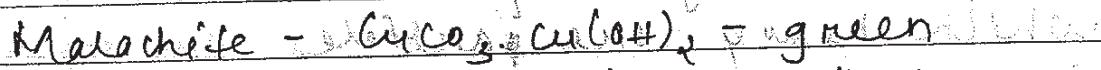
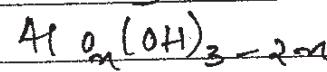
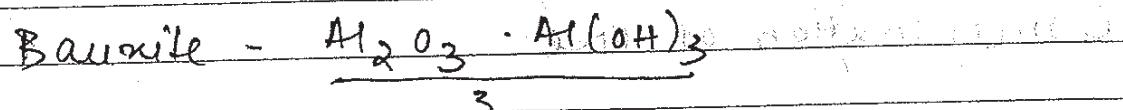
→ Combined Ore

Most of the metals exist in the form of compounds - They are called combined ores  
For eg - oxides, sulphides, halides, oxo salt, etc

Haematite -  $Fe_2O_3$

Magnetite -  $Fe_3O_4$

$Fe_2O_3 \cdot FeO$



ORE

A] Concentration of ore.

Concentrated ore

I] Calcination

B] Reduction of ore

D] Roasting

M + O  $\xrightarrow{\text{Reduction}}$  M

Metal

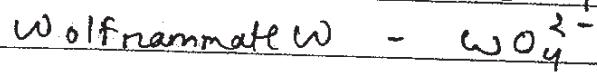
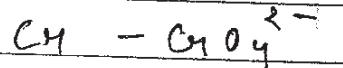
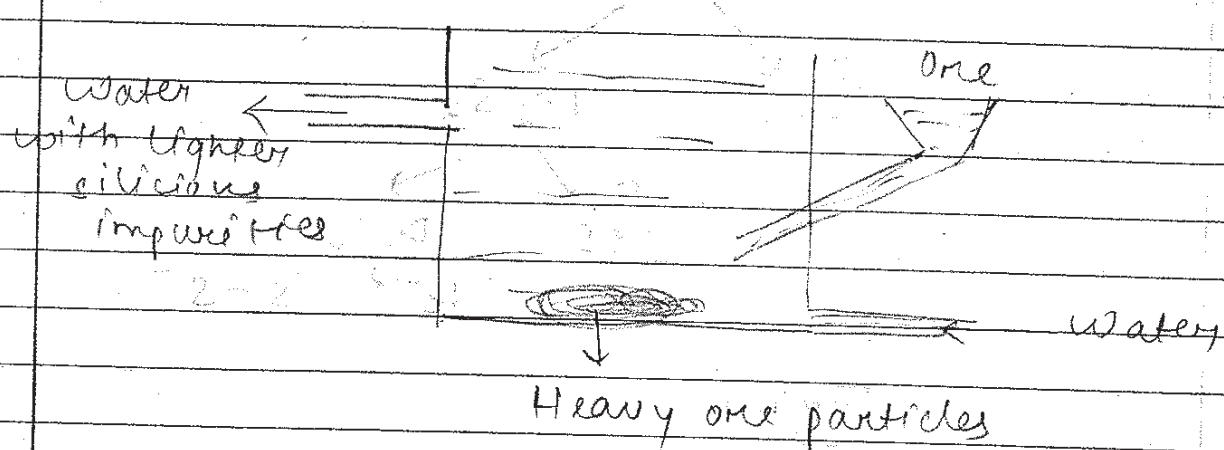
C] Refining of metal

Pure Metal

## Concentration of Ore

### 1) Leaching -

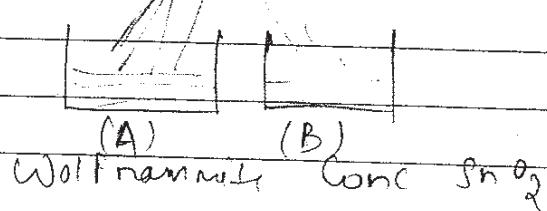
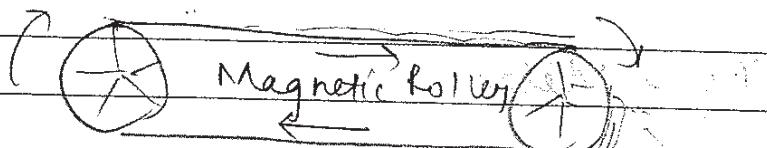
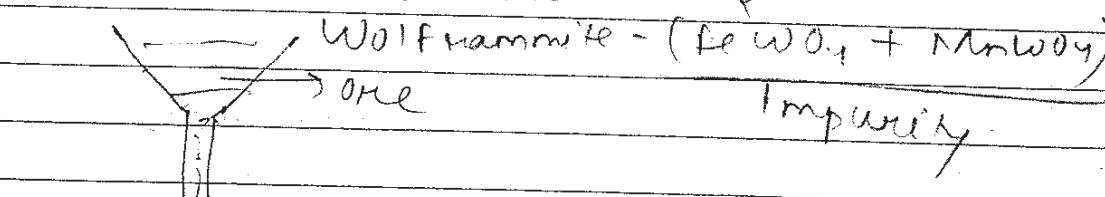
Leaching is just hydraulic washing by which heavy ore particles are separated from lighter siliceous impurities by using water. It is also called gravity separation.



### 2) Magnetic Separation

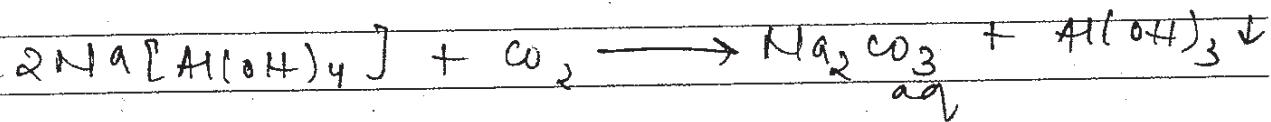
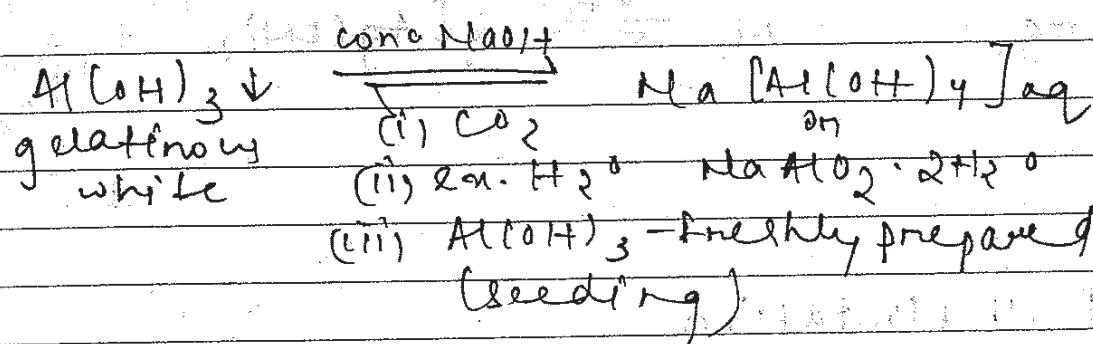
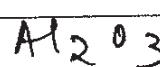
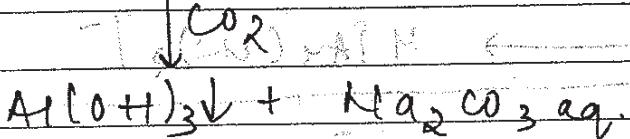
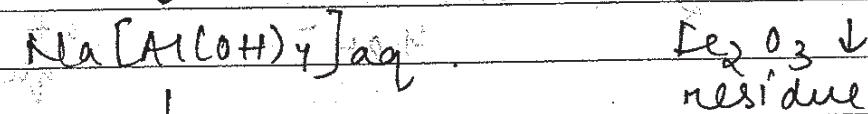
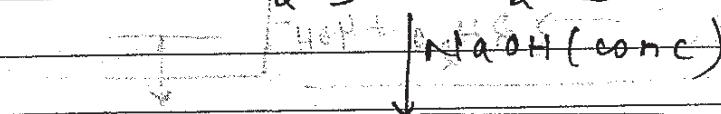
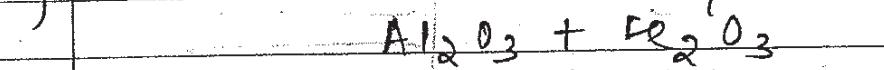
Cassiterite -  $\text{SnO}_3$

Wolframite -  $(\text{Fe}, \text{W})\text{O}_4 + \text{MnWO}_4$

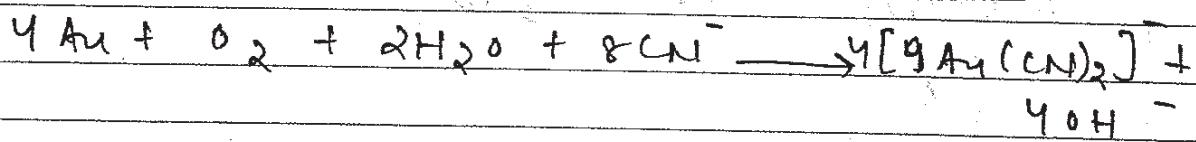
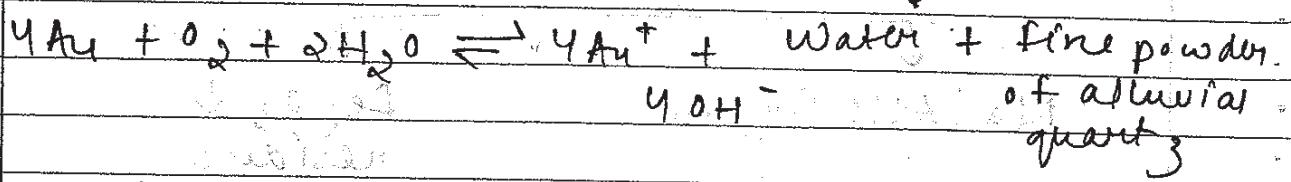
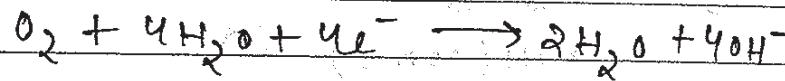


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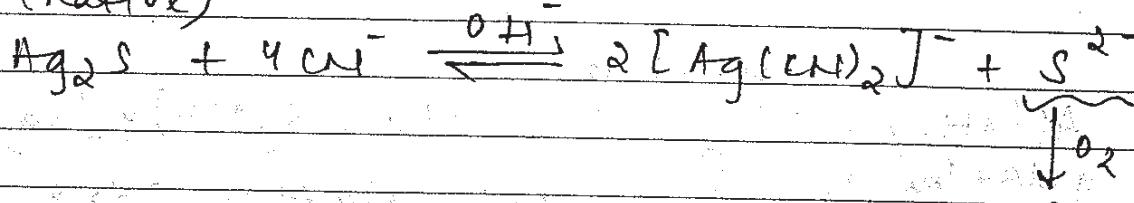
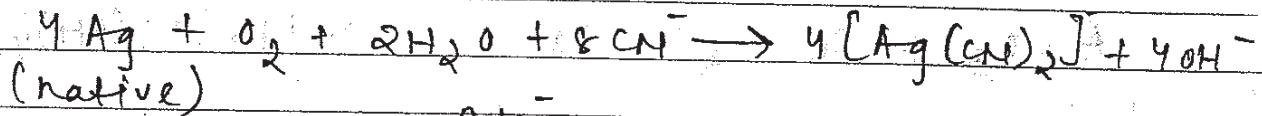
1) For red bauxite (Bayer's Process)



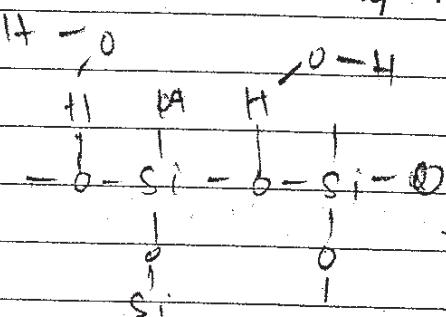
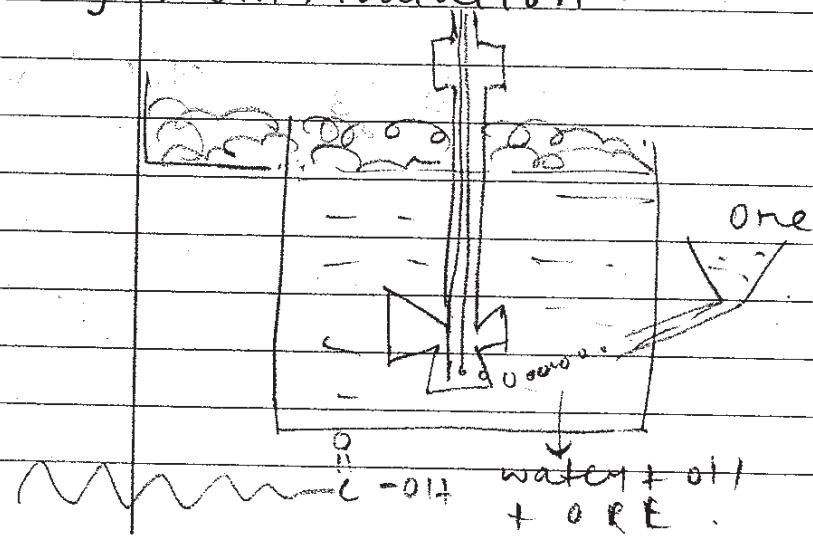
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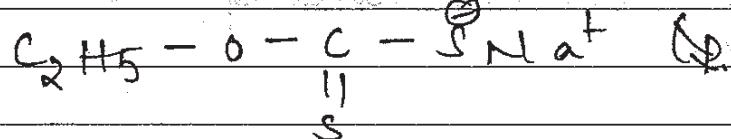
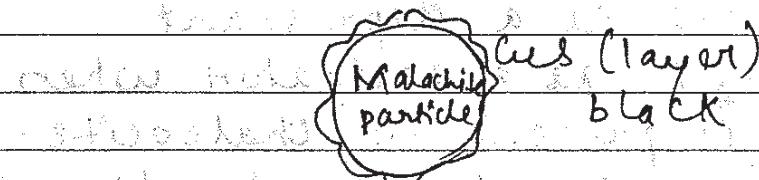
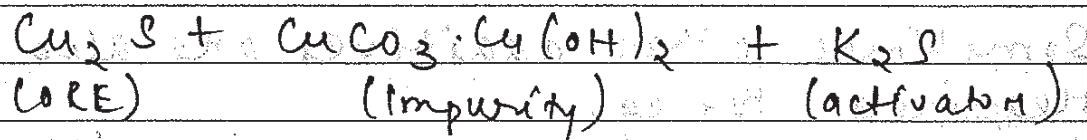
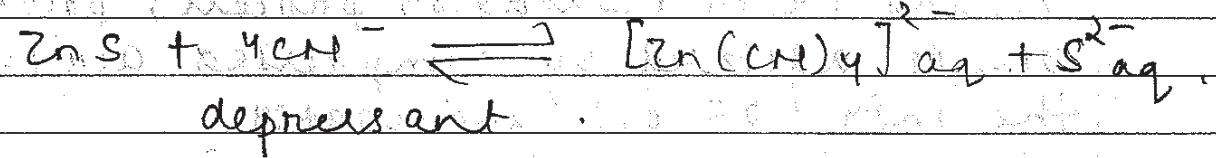
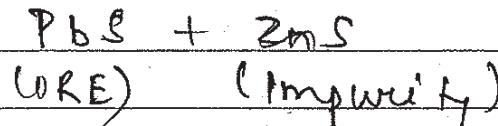
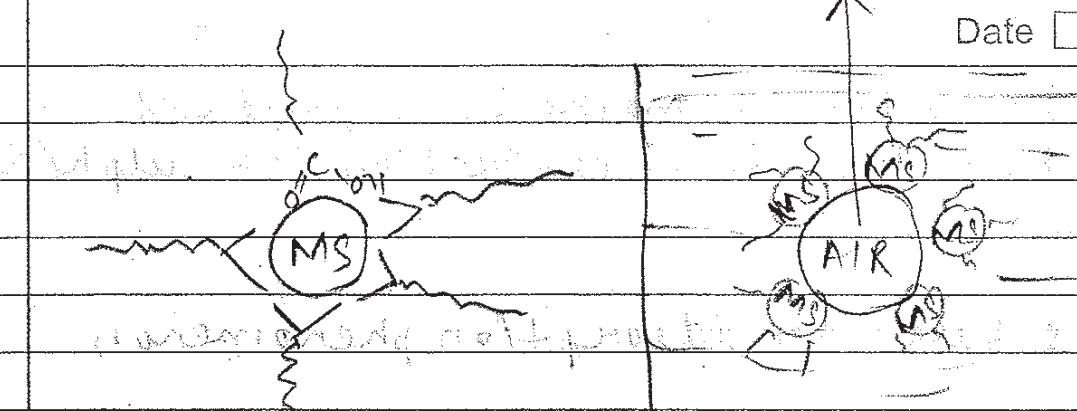


## II Leaching of Ag -



## IV] Froth Flotation





Collector

Oil - Moderate collector but good frother  
 Xanthate - Good collector but moderate  
 frother

- Froth floatation method is a physical method for the concentration of sulphide ores
- It is based on adsorption phenomenon
- Sulphide ores have more wettability by oil where silica and silicates have more wettability by water
- During froth floatation process, powdered ore is agitated by compressed air in the min. of oil and water
- Sometimes other additives are also required. For e.g.,
  - A] Aniline or cresol as a froth stabilizer
  - B] NaCN or KCN as a depressant
  - C] K<sub>2</sub>S or Na<sub>2</sub>S as a activator when malachite is present in chalcocite.
  - D] CuSO<sub>4</sub> as a activator during the froth floatation of ZnS
- Sodium ethyl Xanthate used as a collector
- When two Sulphide ores are simultaneously present, one can be separated from other by using suitable depressant or by adjusting the proportion of oil and water.

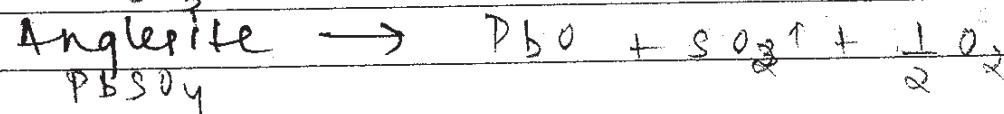
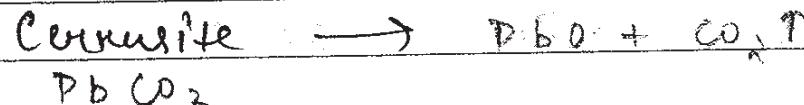
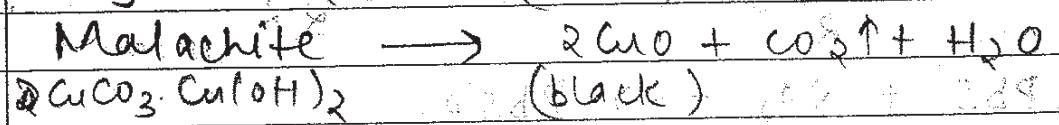
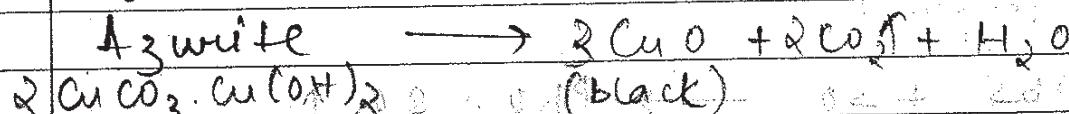
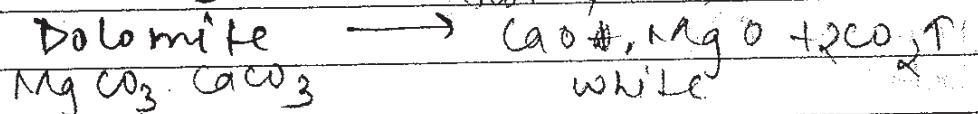
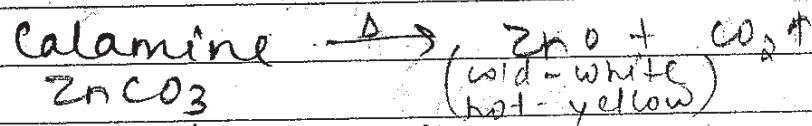
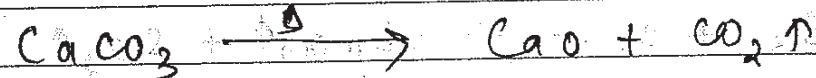
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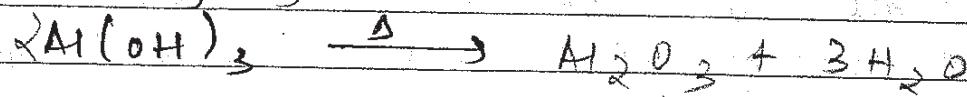
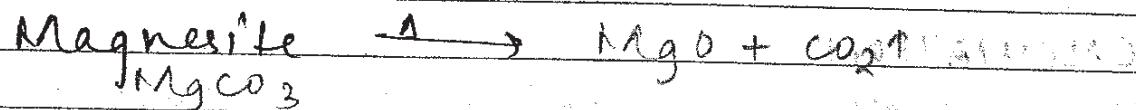
It's a process of heating ore in absence or limited supply of oxygen for the decomposition purpose.

It's mainly used for carbonate, sulphate, nitrate, hydroxide ores because they get converted to oxide ores on heating.

During calcination, ore is heated below its melting because calcinated ore is porous ore which has large surface area.

During calcination, volatile impurities and moisture removed from ore and some other impurities are sublimated for eg. As, Sb, S, etc.



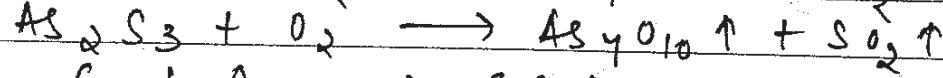
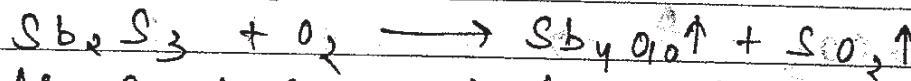


## ROASTING

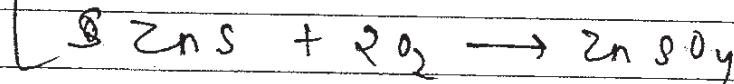
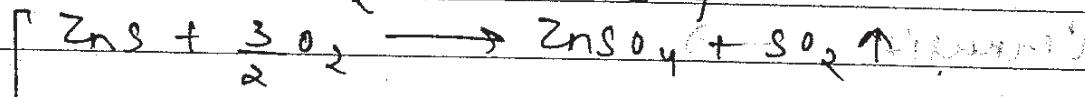
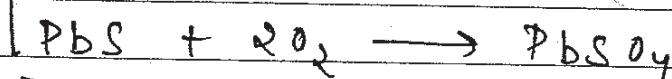
Roasting is the process of heating ore in presence or excess supply of oxygen. This method is mainly used for sulphide ores to convert them into oxide ones.

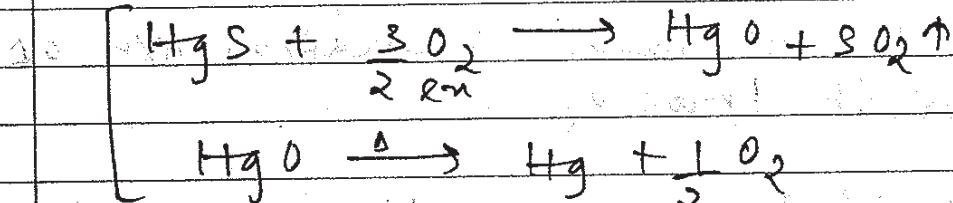
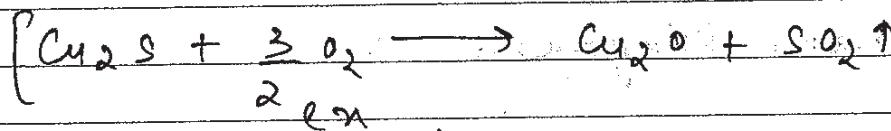
During roasting, ore is heated below melting point.

During roasting, volatile impurities, moisture are removed from ore. Some other non volatile impurities are removed from ore by the formation of volatile oxides.



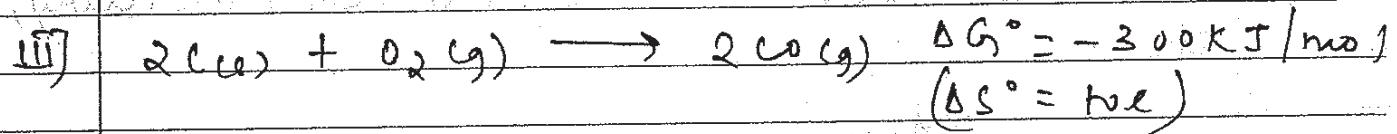
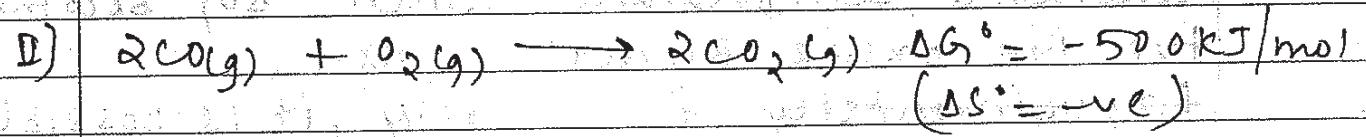
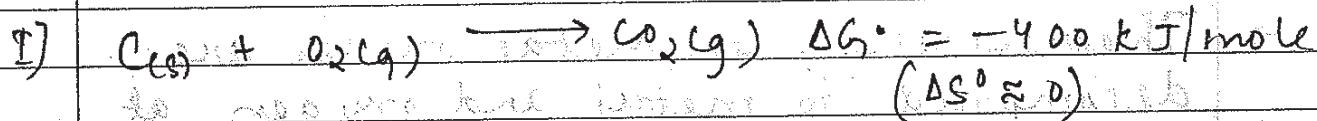
Non-volatile  
impurity



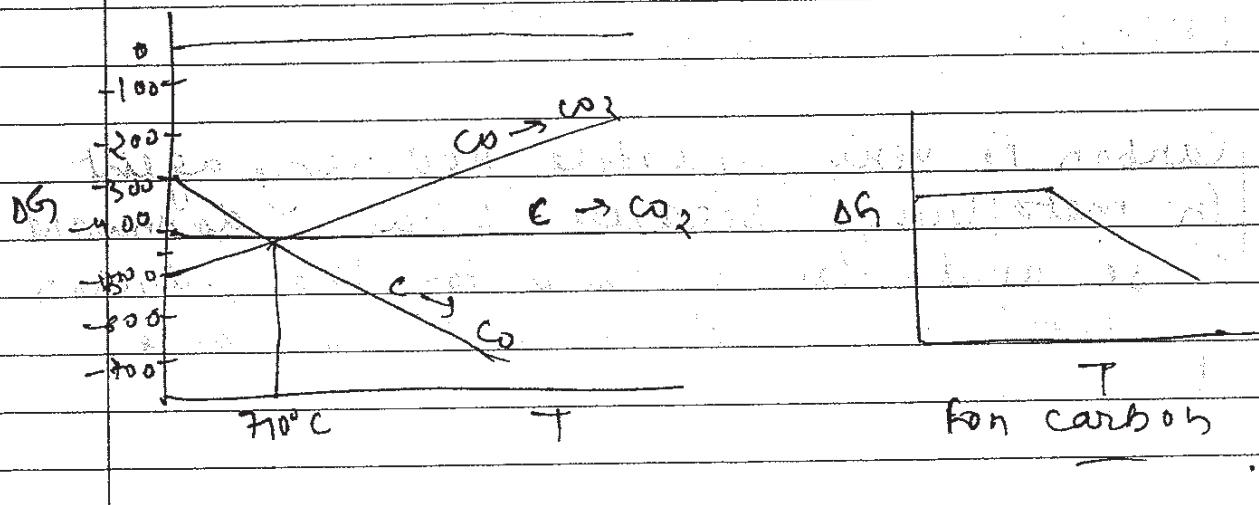


### Reduction of One

Q. Below  $710^\circ\text{C}$ , CO is better reducing agent as compared to C but reverse is true above  $710^\circ\text{C}$ . Explain.



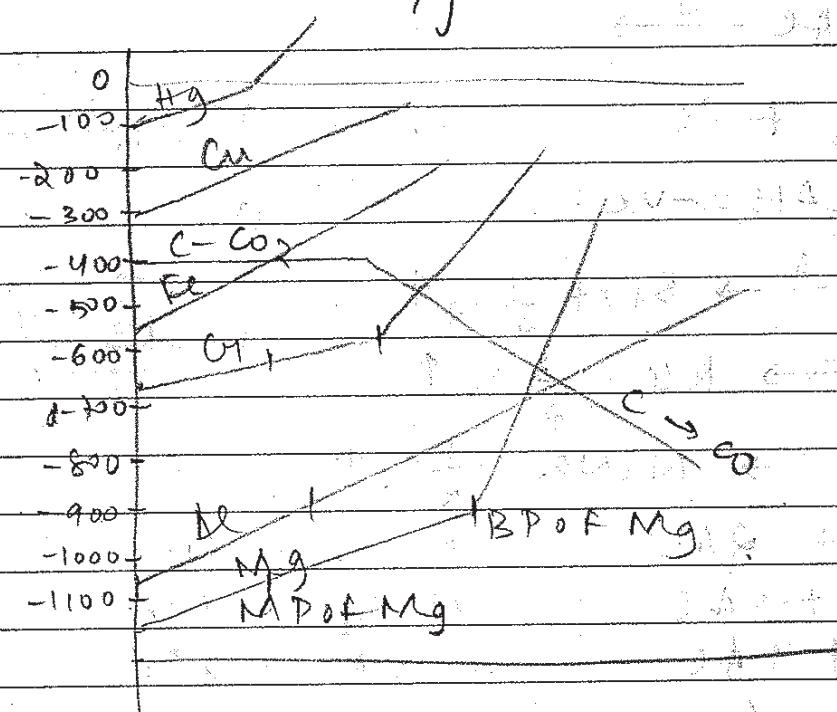
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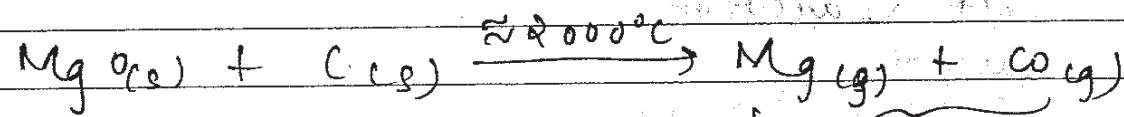
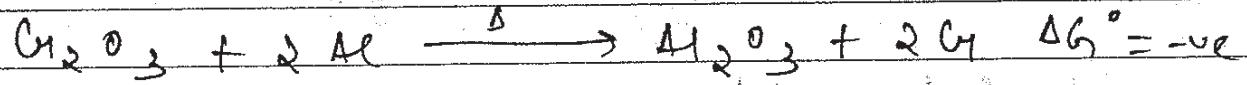
## Ellingham Diagram

- Ellingham Diagram is a graph of  $\Delta G^\circ$  vs T for oxide formation  $MX_n$  of metal with 1 mol O<sub>2</sub>.
- Upward displacement of line shows that when temperature is increased oxide formation tendency of metal decreases.
- Sharp changes in line show phase transition of metal.
- Theoretically, all metal oxides are decomposed to metal and oxygen at suitable temperature when  $\Delta G^\circ$  becomes zero for oxide formation  $MX_n$ .  
Experimentally Practically, it is possible to form the oxide of gold, silver, mercury, etc.
- Metal displacement lower side in Ellingham Diagram can be used for the extraction of metal present in upper side in Ellingham diagram.
- Carbon is very versatile reducing agent in metallurgy because it has downward slope and can be used for the reduction of most of metal oxide at suitable temperature.

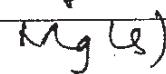
→ If any metal contains impurities of another metal which is placed below it in Ellingham diagram can be removed by limited amount of oxygen.



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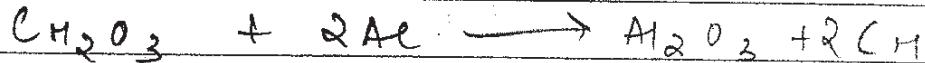
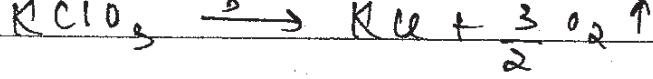
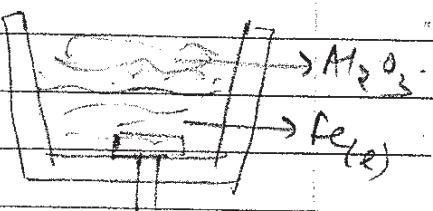
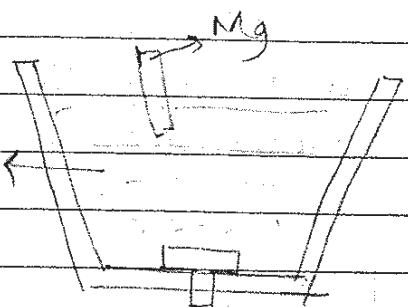
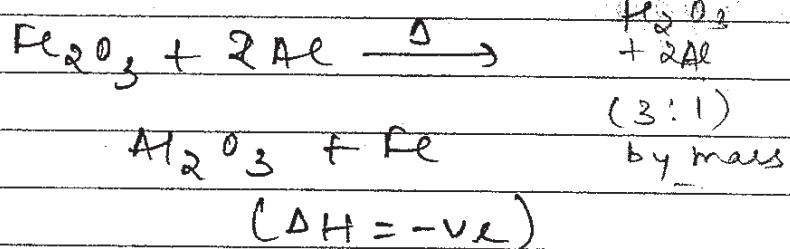


Rapid cooling  
By inert gas



## Reduction by Al/Mg

### Thermite Process

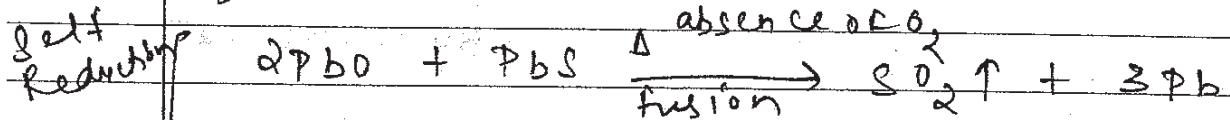
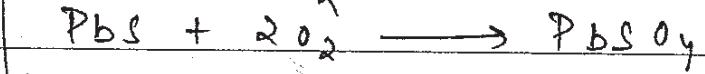
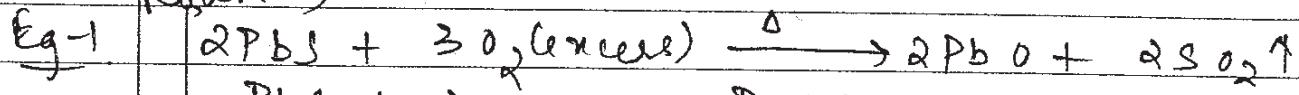


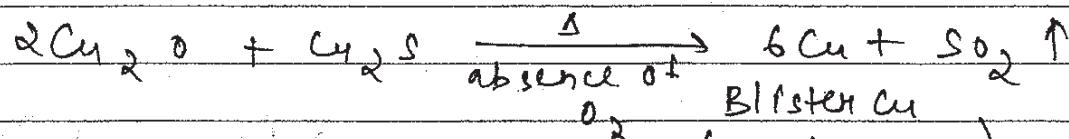
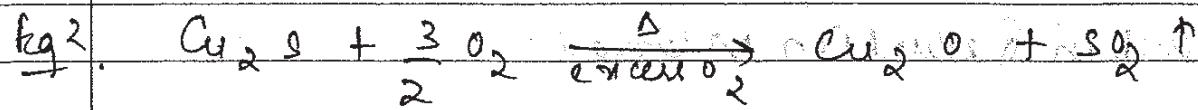
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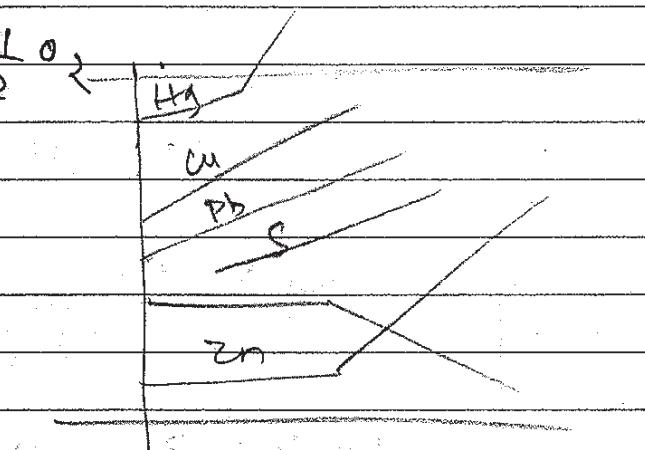
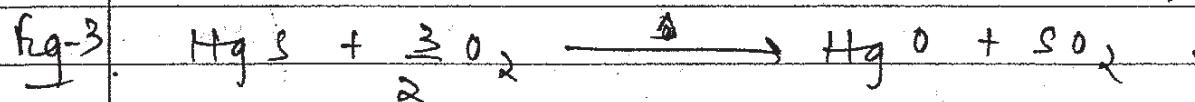
### Self Reduction

#### Roasting





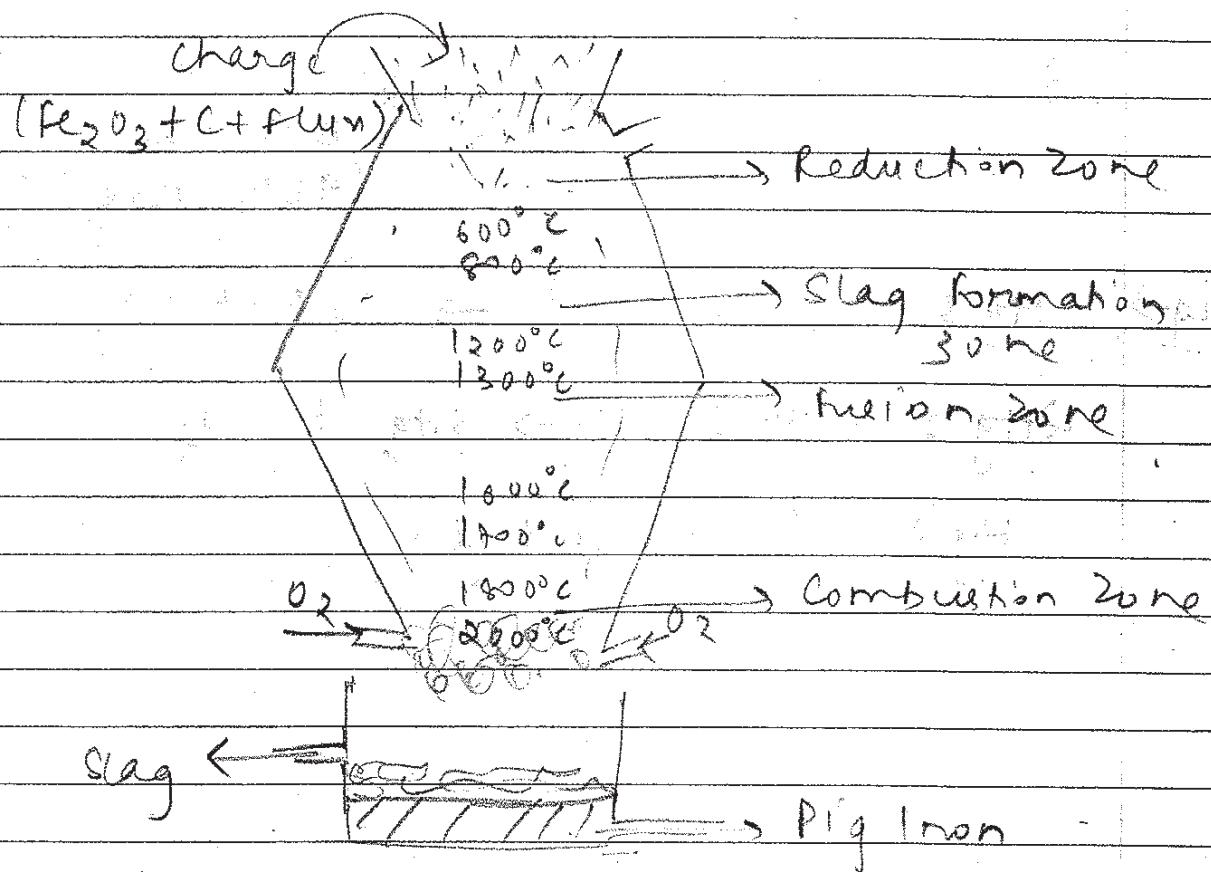
Blistern Cu  
(98% pure) Main  
Impurity -  $\text{Cu}_2\text{O}$



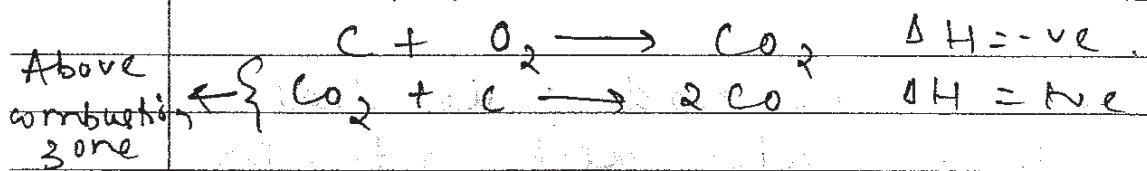
→ Self reduction method is applicable for those metals which exist in the form of sulphide ores and their position in Ellingham diagram is above sulphur.

→ In this method, ore is roasted to convert it into oxide form and then roasted ore is heated with unroasted ore at high temperature to produce metal.  
Reducing Agent  $\rightarrow \text{S}^{2-}$

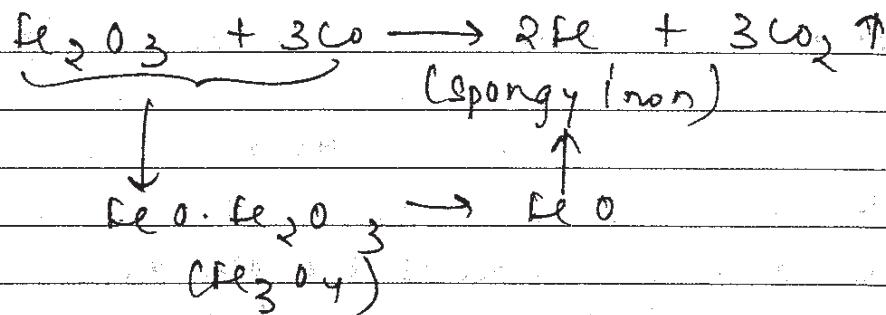
## Carbon Reduction Method



Combustion Zone →



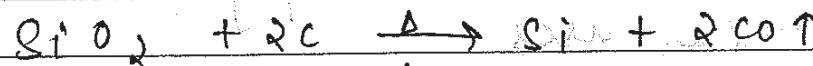
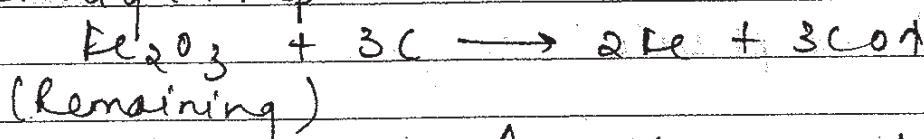
Reduction Zone →



Slag Formation Zone →



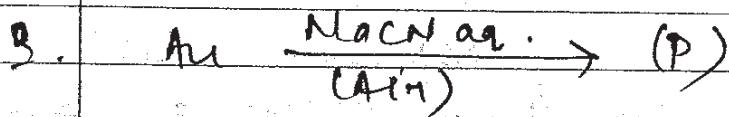
at high temp -



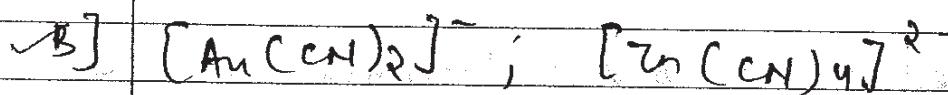
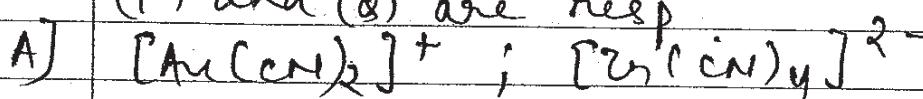
- Reduction of haematite by C is best example of carbon reduction method.
- In blast furnace major amount of haematite is reduced by CO and converted into spongy iron in reduction zone.
- In slag formation zone, flux combines with impurities and produces slag. Flux is a substance which is added in ore according to the nature of impurities.
- Melting point of iron is approx.  $1535^{\circ}\text{C}$  but in blast furnace iron melts at  $1300^{\circ}\text{C}$  due to the presence of impurities.
- At high temperature, remaining amount of haematite is reduced by C.
- Iron obtained from blast furnace is called pig iron which is almost 96% pure and contains  $\approx 4\%$  C as impurity.
- Very small amount of Si, P, S, Mn also present in pig iron.

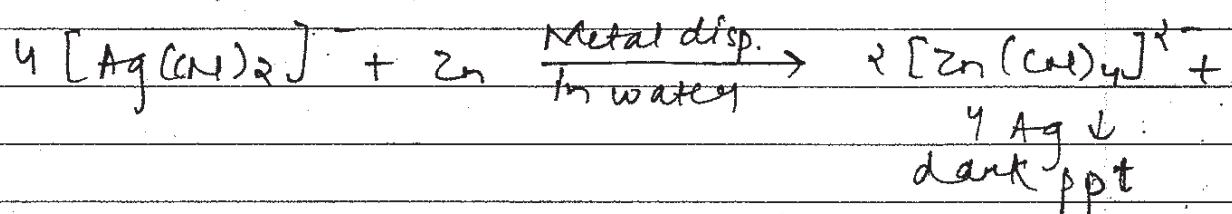
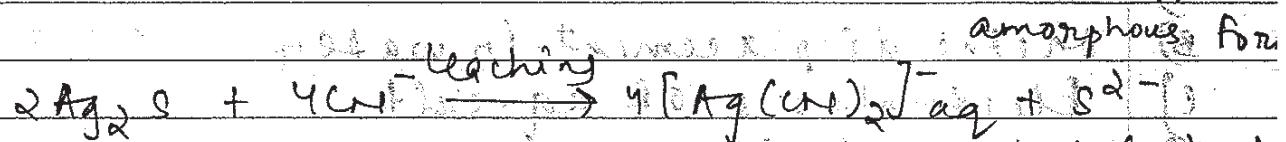
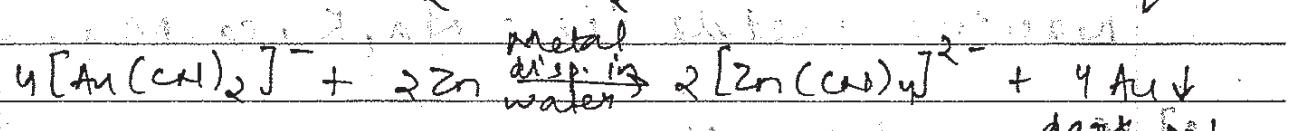
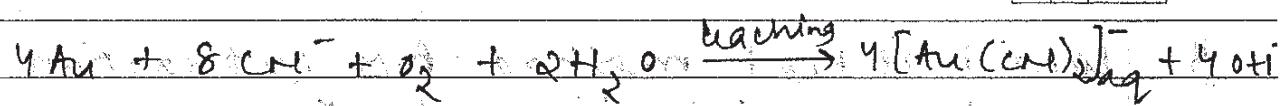
- Slag prevent oxidation of iron from atmospheric oxygen.
- Due to high brittleness pig iron has no commercial uses.
- On re-melting of pig iron with small amount of scrap iron producer cast iron.
- Impurities in cast iron are almost similar to pig iron but it has lots of commercial uses.
- Above process is also called smelting because molten product is formed along with slag.

### a) Metal Displacement in Waleys



(P) and (Q) are resp.





Li

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Na

Mg

Al

Zn

Fe

Cd

Co

Ni

Sn

Pb

Cu

Hg

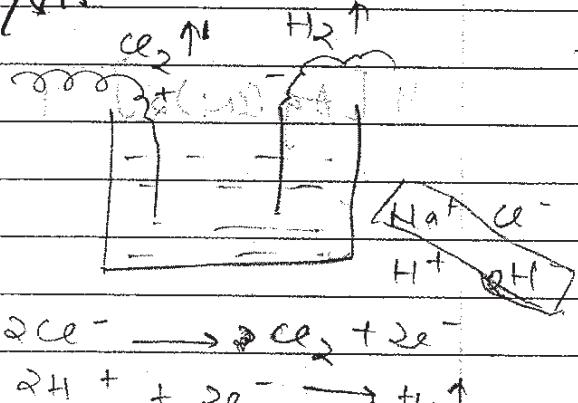
Ag

Pt

Au

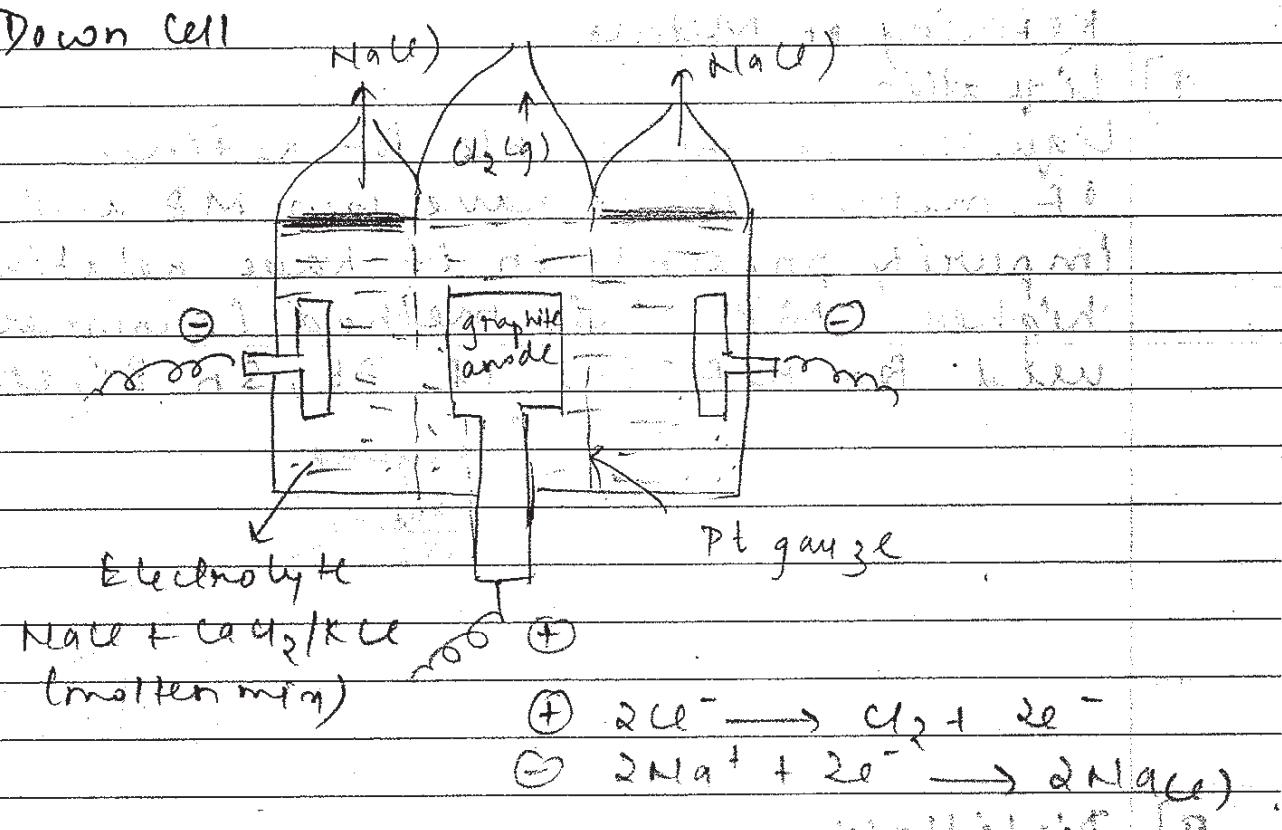
Q. Which is best method for extraction of reactive metals (i.e. = Na, K, Ca, Mg, etc)

- A) Carbon Reduction  $\rightarrow$  Very high temp  
Carbide is formed
- B) Metal displacement in water  $\rightarrow$  It displaces H
- C) Electrolysis of aq. salt  $\rightarrow$   $H_2$
- D) Self Reduction
- E) Molten Salt electrolysis



- Extraction of reactive metals is not possible by carbon reduction because it is very difficult to reduce them by C and if they form under certain conditions, easily combine with C and produce carbides.
- Metal displacement in water is not possible.. because all the metals react with water and produce  $H_2$ .
- Aq. Salt electrolysis produce  $H_2$  at cathode rather than metal.
- Extraction of reactive metals is best possible by fused salt electrolysis in the presence of suitable impurities

## Down Cell

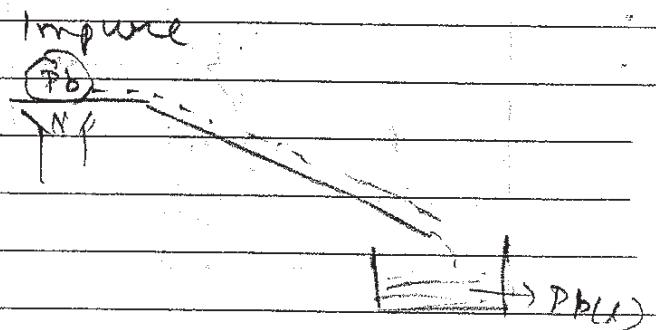


- Sodium is extracted by fused salt + electrolysis
- Molten KCl is used as an electrolyte alongwith the impurity of KCl on  $\text{CaCl}_2$ .
- Impurity is added to decrease MP of electrolyte.
- Fire which is caused by alkali metals can be extinguished by spray of  $\text{CCl}_4$  (pynine).

## Refining of Metals

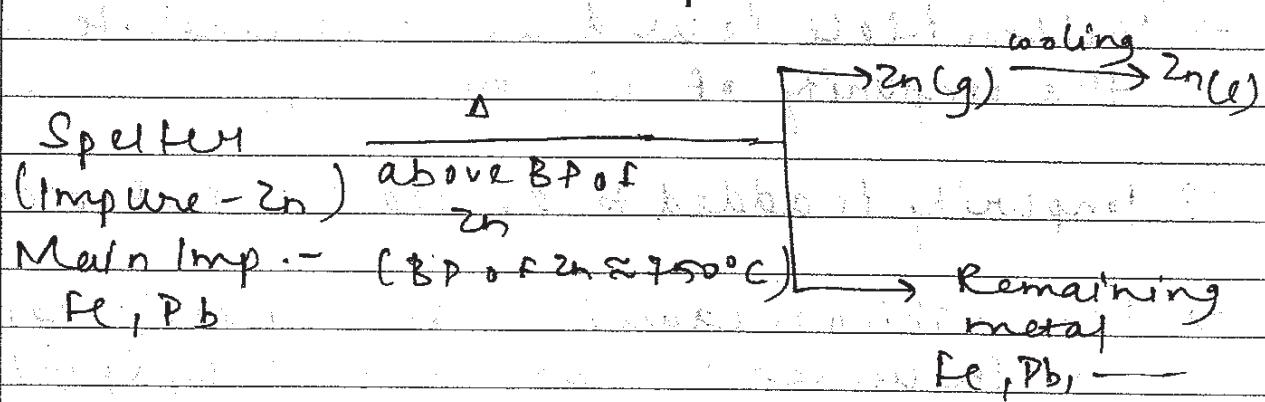
### i) Liquefaction

Liquefaction is applicable for refining of metals which have low MP and impurity present in it have relatively higher MP. This method is commercially used for refining of Pb, Sn, Bi, etc.



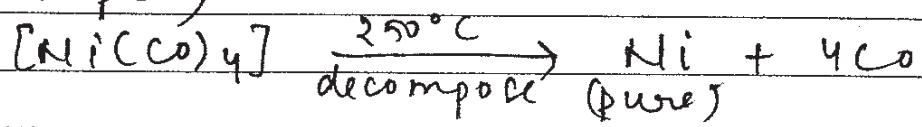
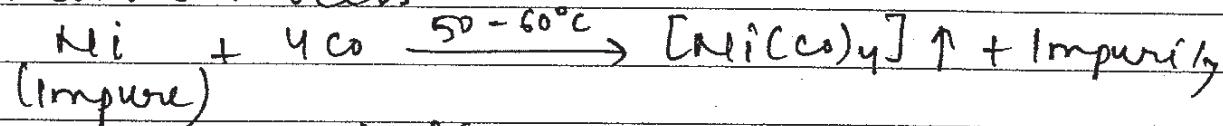
### ii) Distillation

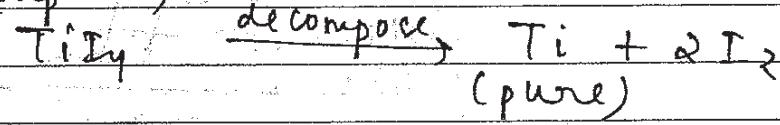
Distillation method is based on difference BP of metal and impurities.



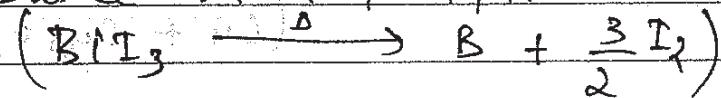
### iii) Vapour Phase Refining

Mond's Process -



Van Arkel Method

Same form  $\text{Ti}, \text{Zn}, \text{Hg}$



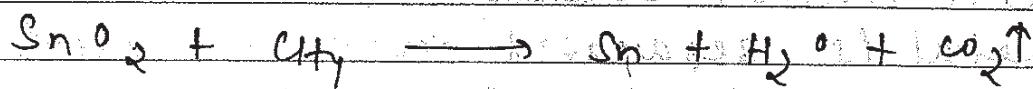
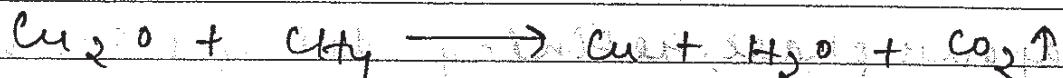
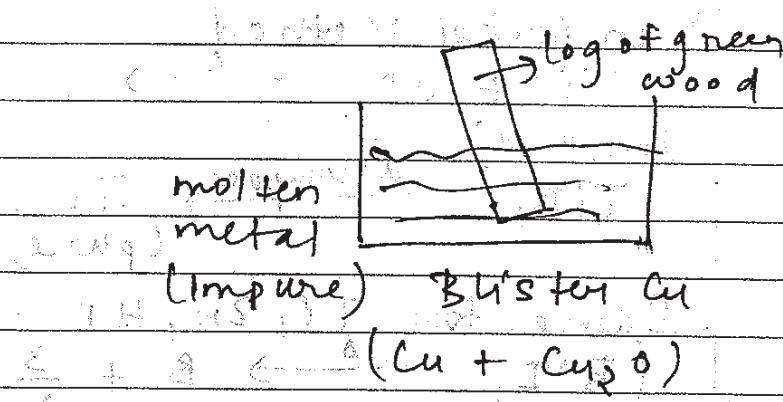
- Vapour phase refining differs from distillation because in distillation, metal is separated from impurities by the vapourisation of metal but in vapour phase, metal is separated from <sup>their</sup> impurities by formation of volatile compound and metal is recovered by decomposition of that compound

IV] Rolling

- Rolling method is applicable for the refining of metal in which oxide of metal is present as impurity
- Hydrocarbon/CO produced by destructive distillation of green charcoal or greenwood act as reducing agent for metal oxide.
- Refining of Cu and Sn is done by this method.

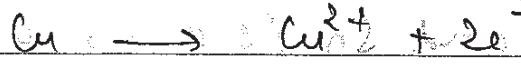
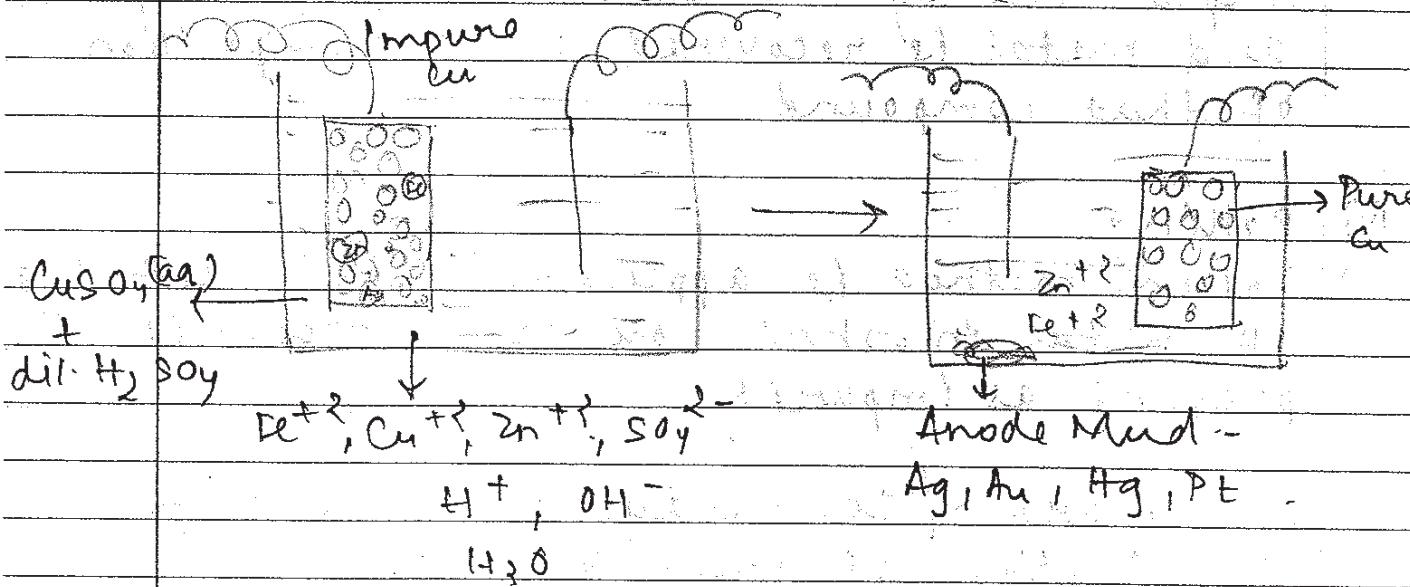
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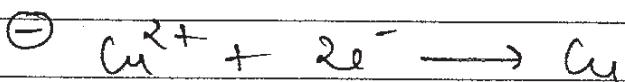


### 5) Electrolytic Refining

(+) Anode      Pure Cu (-) Cathode

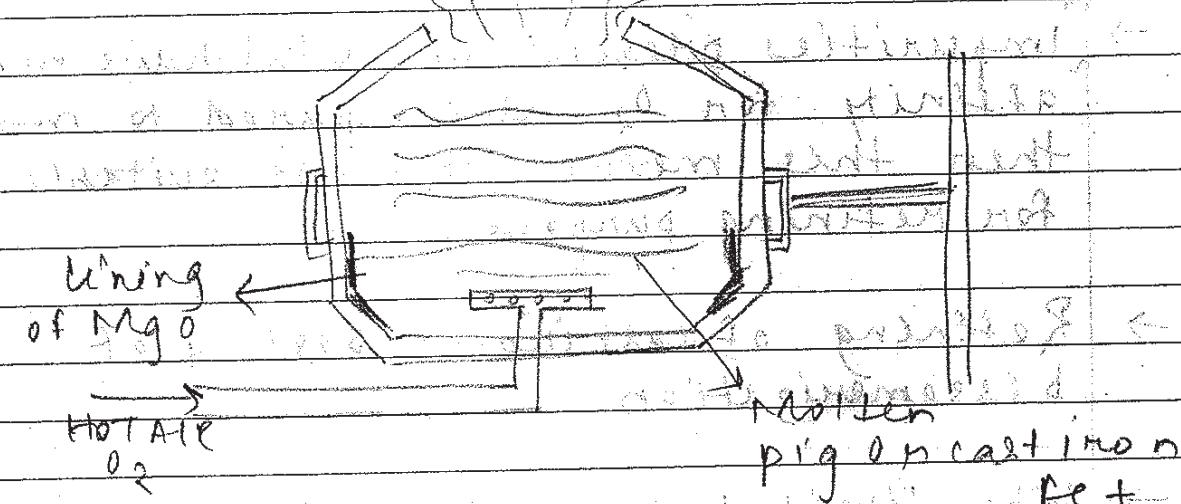


Anode Mud -  
Antimony, Selenium,  
tellurium, silver,  
gold, platinum

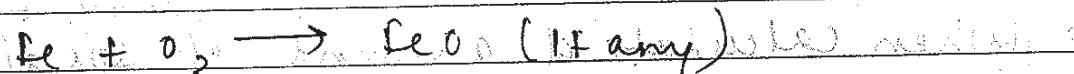
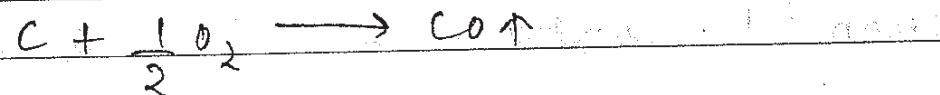
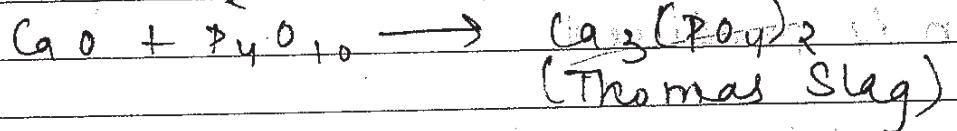
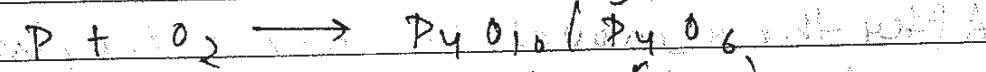
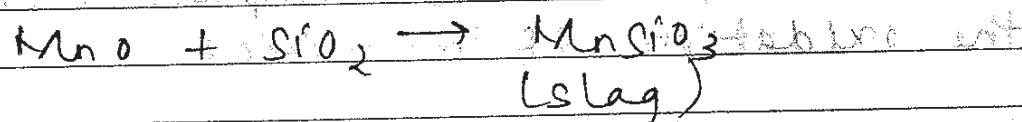
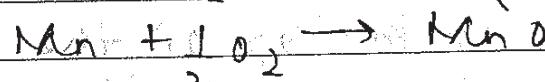


### v) Bessemerization

→ Blue flame



affinity for  $O_2$  In molten iron  $C > P, Mn > Si > Mn > P > C > Fe$  which suggests

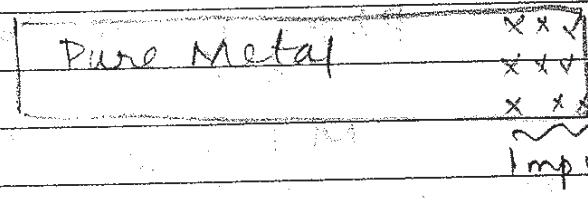
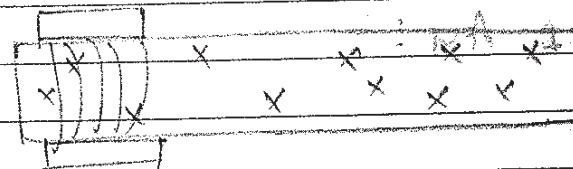


Spiegelton - Fe + Mn + C

- Bessemerization process of refining is based on Ellingham Diagram.
- Impurities present in metal have more affinity for  $O_2$  as compared to metal then this method is most suitable for refining purpose.
- Refining of cast iron is best eg of bessemerization
- When limited amount of  $O_2$  is passed in molten pig iron, impurities are oxidised before iron and remove in the form of slag.
- When blue flame at the top of the furnace ceases off, indicates completion of the oxidation of impurities.
- After the removal of impurities, wrought iron is produced.
- Wrought iron is the most pure form of iron. It contains  $\approx 0.2\%$  C as impurity (alloy of Fe, Mn, Si)
- When calculated amount of scrap iron is added in molten wrought iron, steel is produced.
- Steel is the most important commercial variety of iron in which % of C is almost 2%.

## Zone Refining

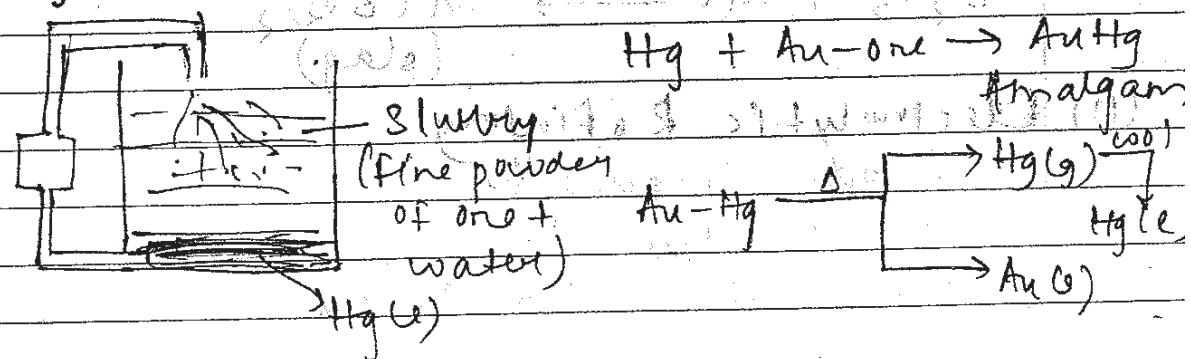
- It is based on the fact that impurities have more solubility in molten form of metal as compared to solid form (semi-solid form) of metal.
- This method is used to prepare ultra pure form of metals specifically used to achieve highly pure form of the elements which are used in semiconductors.  
For eg - Si, Ge, As, B, Ga, In



## Individual Metallurgy

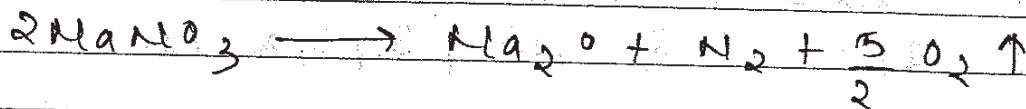
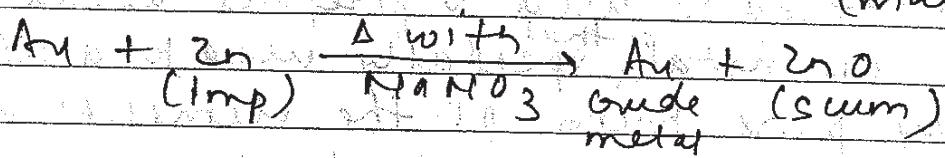
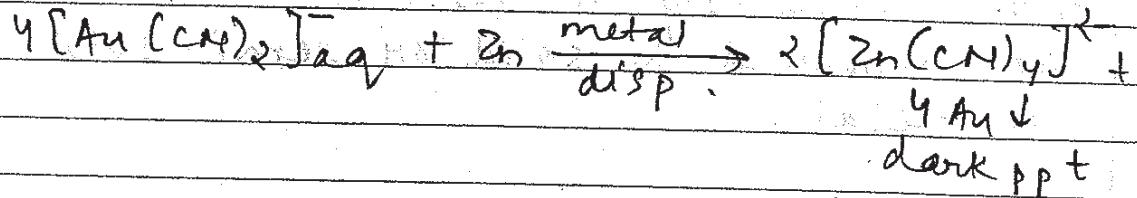
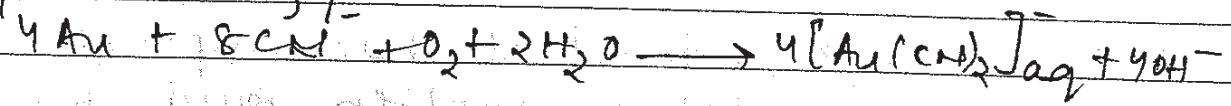
- 1] Extraction of gold from alluvial sand or auriferous quartz.

### A] Amalgamation



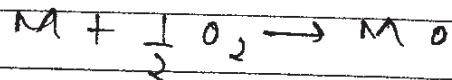
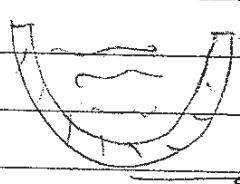
B) Cyanide process -

Hydrometallurgy -

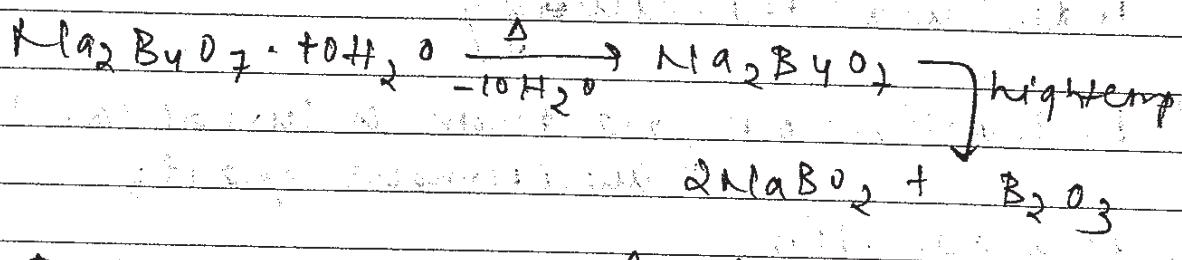


c) Refining of Au:-

(i) Cupellation.



$\text{O}_2$



(ii) Electrolytic Refining

Anode - Impure Au

Cathode - Pure Au

Electrolyte -  $\text{H}[\text{AuCl}_4]_{\text{aq}} + \text{HCl}_{\text{aq}}$

→ 70 - 80% Au present in slurry is extracted by amalgamation. Remaining amount of Au present in slurry is extracted by cyanide process.

→ Gold obtained by cyanide process is amorphous and contains Zn as a major impurity.

→ Zn is removed by fusion of amorphous gold with chile salt/potash ( $\text{NaNO}_3$ ).

→ Impurity of lead present in gold is removed by cupellation in the form of  $\text{PbO}$ .

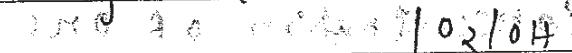
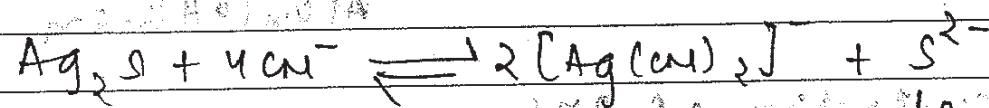
→ In the metallurgy of Au, borax is used as an acidic flux.

→ Purity of gold is increased by electrolytic refining.

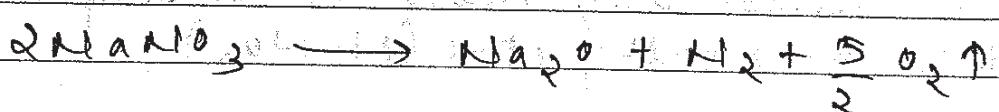
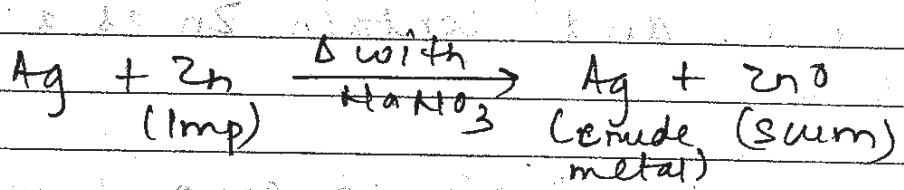
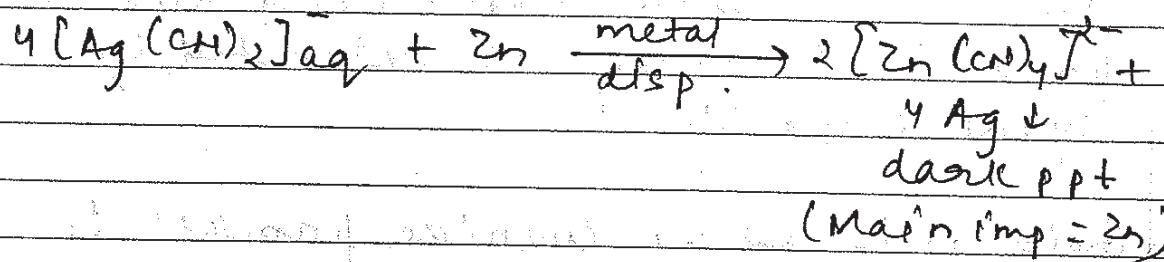
### Q) Extraction of silver from $\text{Ag}_2\text{S}$ :-

A) Concentration of One

- (i) By froth floatation
- (ii) By  $\text{CN}^-$  leaching

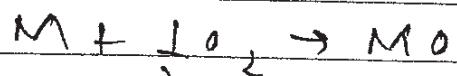
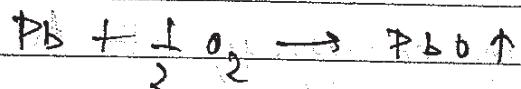


### B) Reduction of One -



### c) Refining of Ag

## (f) Cupelation



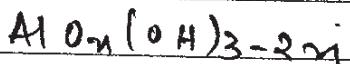
## (ii) Electrolytic Refining

Anode - Impure Ag

Cathode - Pure Ag

Electrolyte -  $\text{AgNO}_3\text{aq}$  +  $\text{HNO}_3\text{aq}$

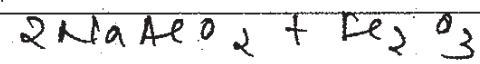
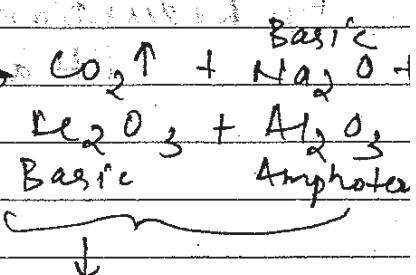
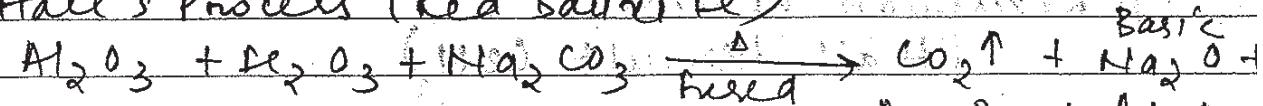
### 3) Extraction of Al from Baumite.



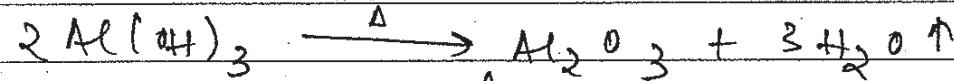
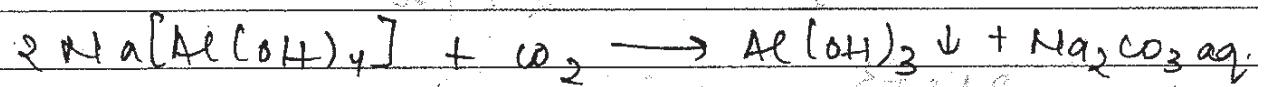
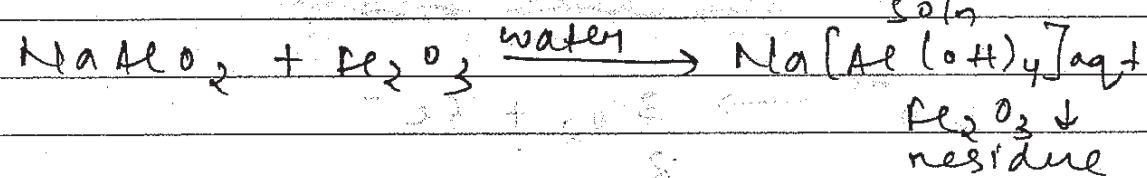
### A) Concentration of one

(i) Bayer's process : (fined bauxite )

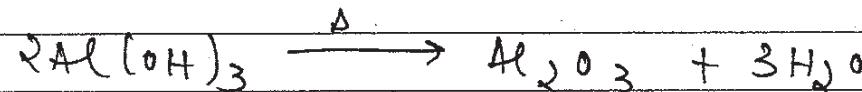
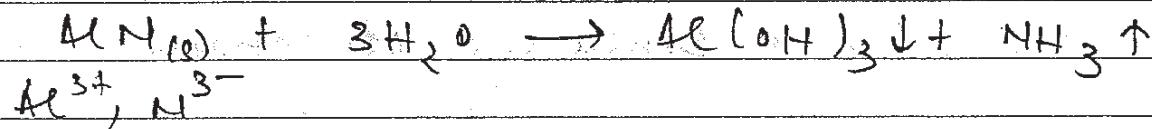
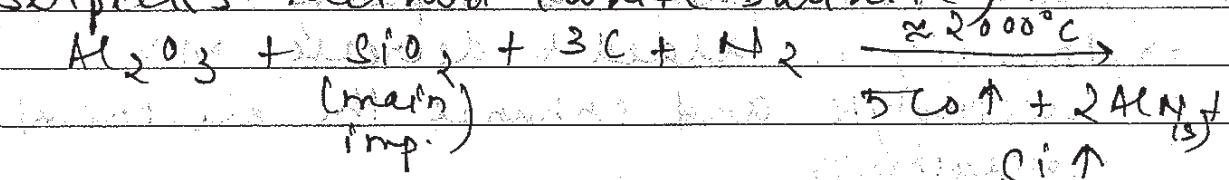
## (ii) Hall's Process (Red Bauxite)



Residue



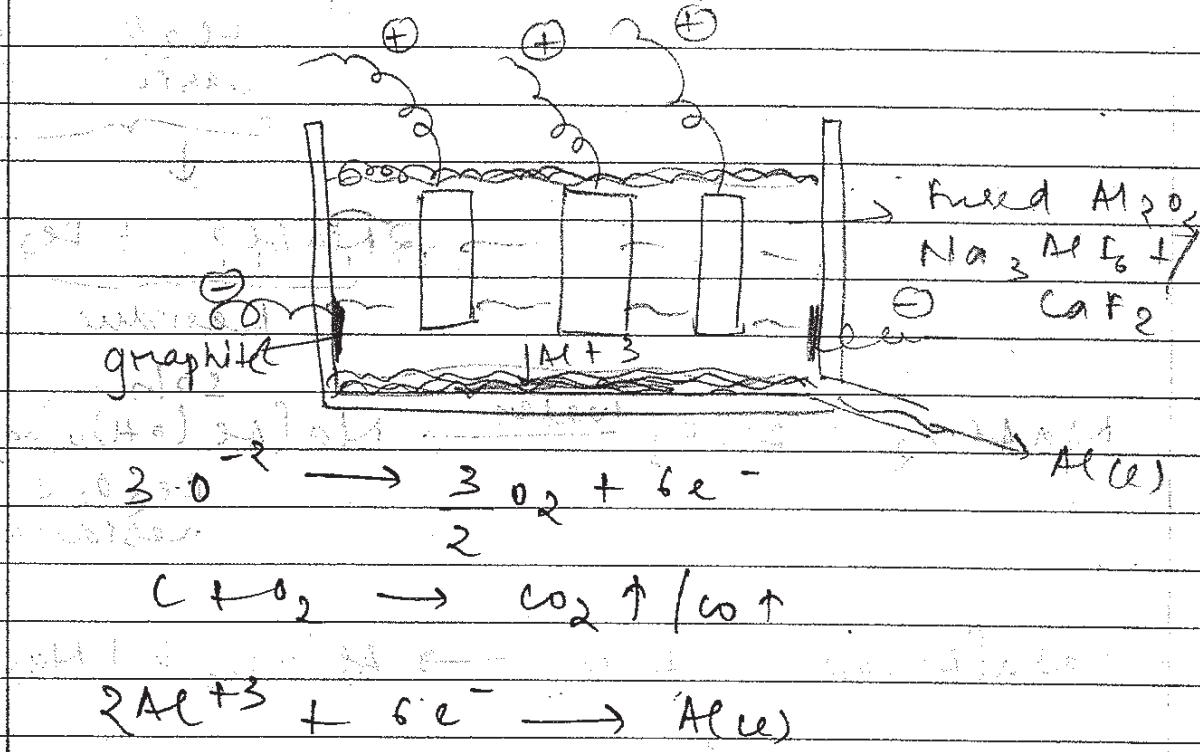
## (iii) Serpeck's Method (white bauxite)



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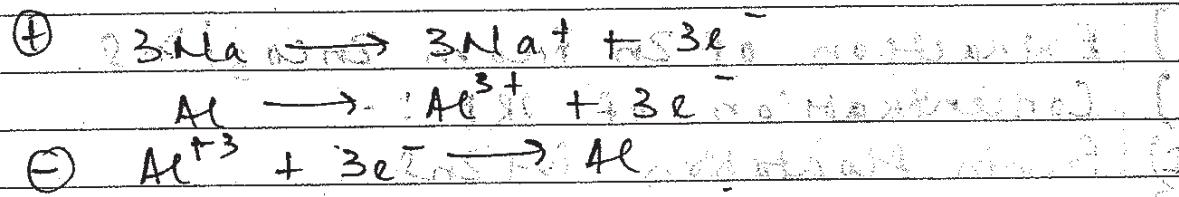
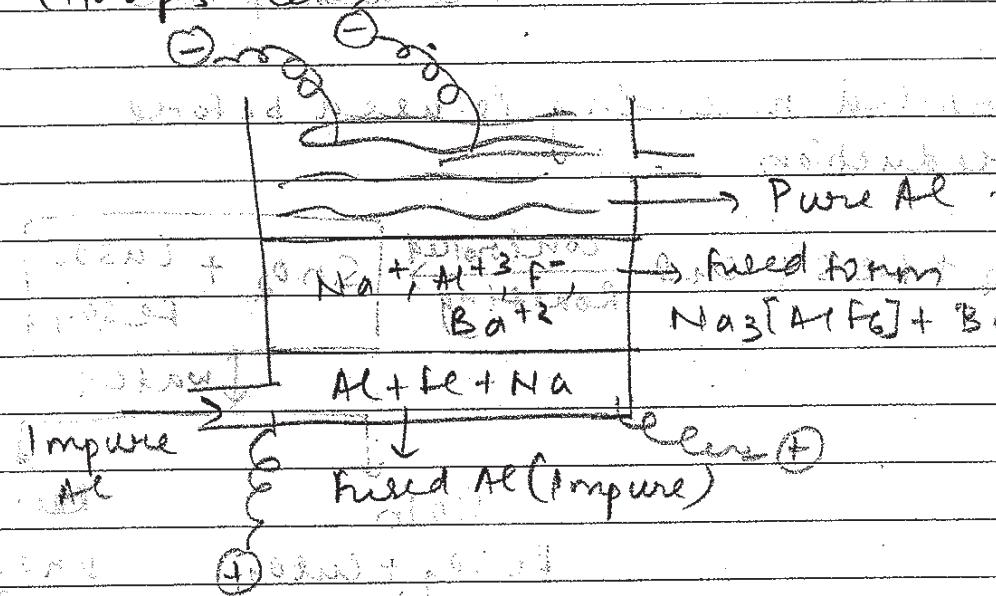
PT (Pn)  $\lambda$  C      Cu - Hg  $\lambda$  W/V  
 $\lambda$  - C      Cu - Hg  $\lambda$  Al  
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### B) Reduction of One mol of Al in Hall-Heroult Cell



- In Hall-Heroult Cell, Al is obtained by the electrolysis of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  using cryolite and fluorite as impurity.
- Impurity is added to decrease MP of electrolyte and enhance the electrical conductance.
- During the production of each kg of Al, 0.5 kg C is consumed of graphite anode.

c) Refining of Al: (Hoop's Cell)



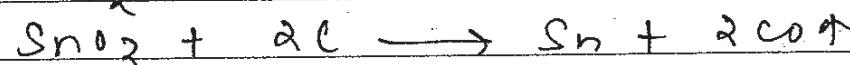
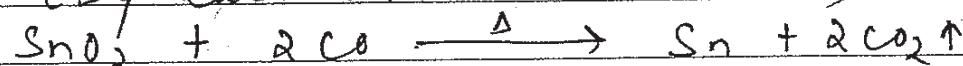
v) Extraction of Sn from Cassiterite:-

a) Concentration of ORE :-

By magnetic separation

b) Reduction of ORE

(By carbon in blast furnace)



(Main imp.  $\text{SnO}_2$ )

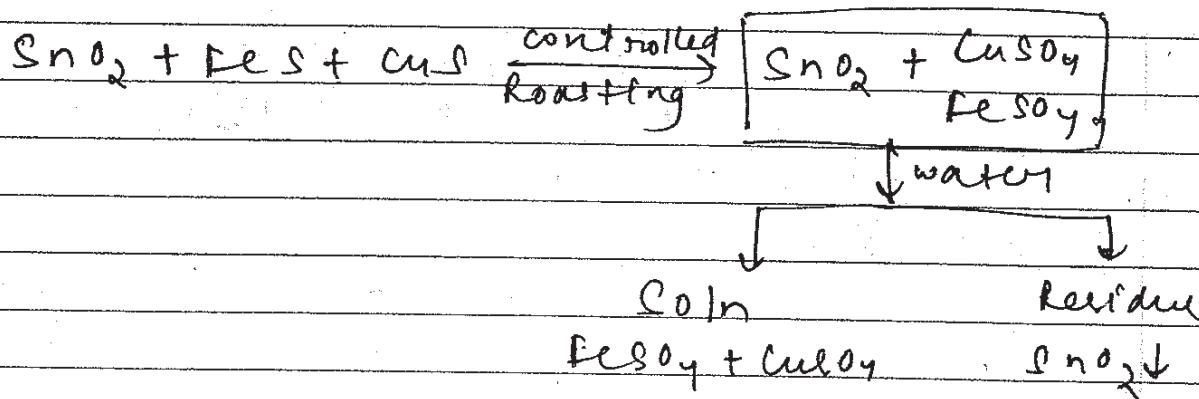
c) Refining of metal

i) Pottling

ii) Liquation

Consider when given in question

- If Cu & Fe sulphides are also present in ore
- Controlled roasting is used before C-reduction

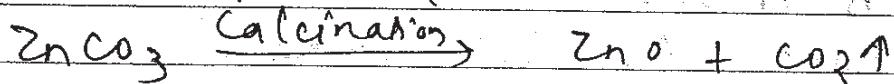
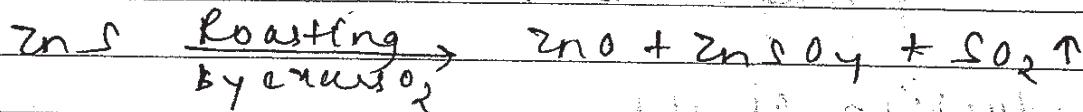


5] Extraction of Zn from  $\text{ZnCO}_3 / \text{ZnS}$

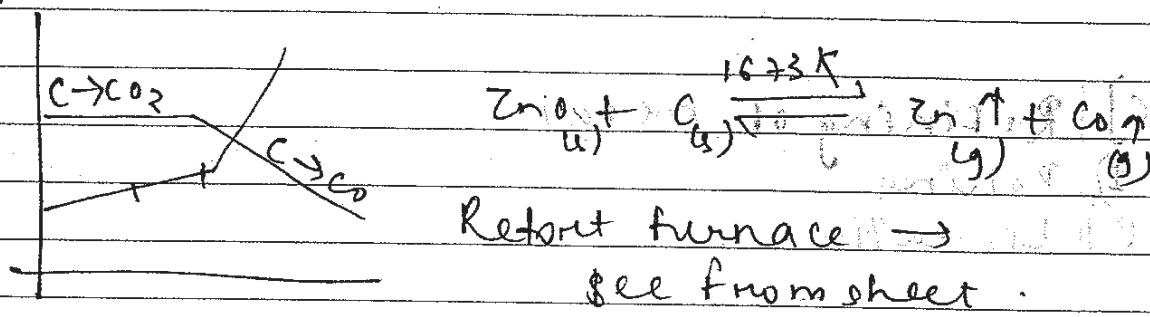
- A) Concentration of ORF :-
- B) Froth floatation for  $\text{ZnS}$
- C) Gravity separation for  $\text{ZnCO}_3$

3] Reduction of ORF :-

- I) Formation of oxide.



- D) Reduction of  $\text{ZnO}$  :-



$\text{FeO}$  - Brown  
 $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  - Red brown  
 $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  - Black  
 $\text{FeS}_2$  - Golden yellow

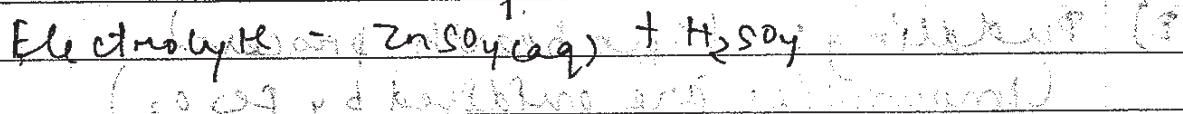
### c) Refining of Zn:

I) Distillation

II) Electrolytic Refining :-

Anode - Impure Al (Anode + cathode)

Cathode - Al strip



→ From Ellingham diagram, it is observed that C is better RA than CO for the reduction of  $\text{ZnO}$ .

→ From Ellingham diagram it is clear that temperature where  $\text{ZnO}$  is reduced to Zn by C is higher than the BP of  $\text{ZnCO}$  that Zn is obtained in gaseous form.

→ During the process,  $\text{ZnO}$  is heated with C upto partial fusion (centring) in Metall furnace.

### d) Extraction of Fe from Haematite

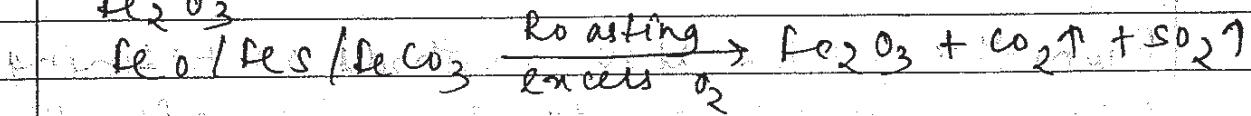
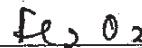
A) Concentration of ORE

i) Magnetic Separation

ii) Gravity Separation

B) Reduction of Ore

i) Roasting

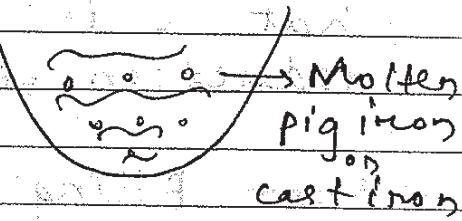
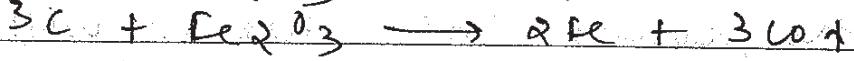
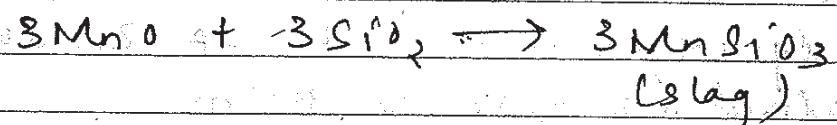
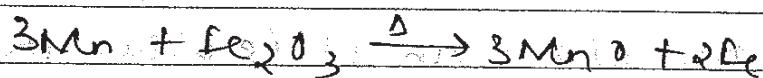


## I) Smelting in Blast furnace - (Carbon Reduction)

### c) Refining of Metal

#### E) Puddling :- (Open hearth process)

(Impurities are oxidized by  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ )



#### II) Bessemerization (Open).

##### III) LD Process (Basic Oxygen Process) (BOP)

In this process impurities present in pig iron are oxidized by pure oxygen in a specially designed converter.

All the steps are similar to bessemerization.  
It's best method to prepare high grade steel in short interval.

From the all the above methods of refining, wrought iron is produced which is finally converted to steel by the addition of scrap iron.

slag formation alongwith molten ppt -

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Smelting

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7) Extraction of Cu from Chalcopyrite ( $CuFeS_2$ )

A) Concentration of ore -

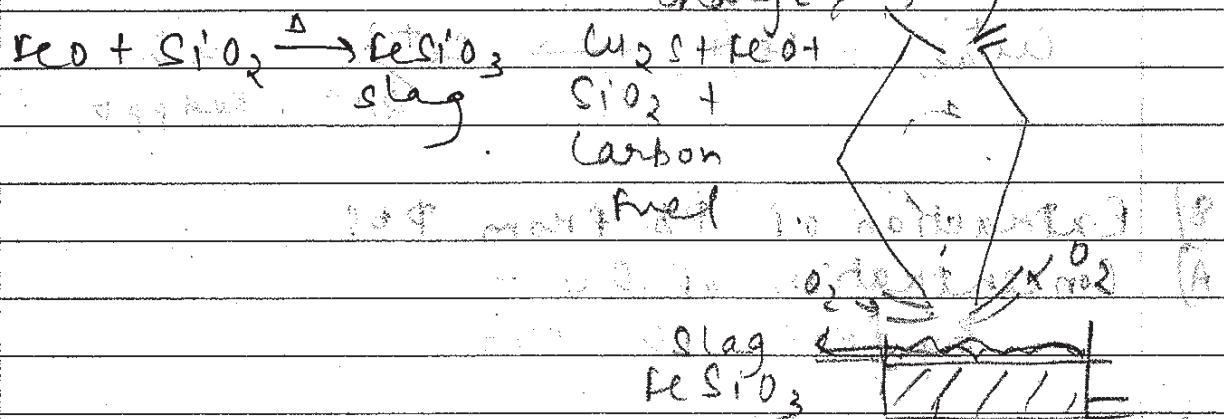
By froth floatation

B) Reduction of ORE -

I) Partial Roasting

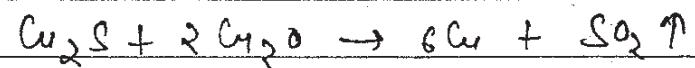
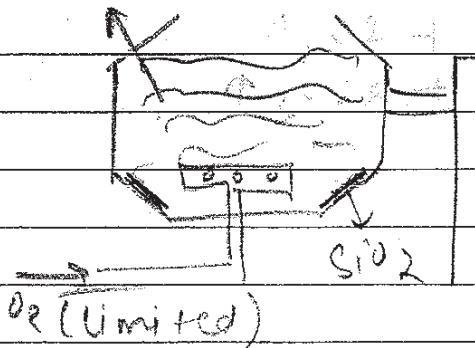


II) Smelting in Blast + furnace on Reverberatory furnace



III) Self Reduction in Bessemer Converter

Molten Matte



Blister Cu

(98% pure)

(main impurity -  $Cu_2O$ )

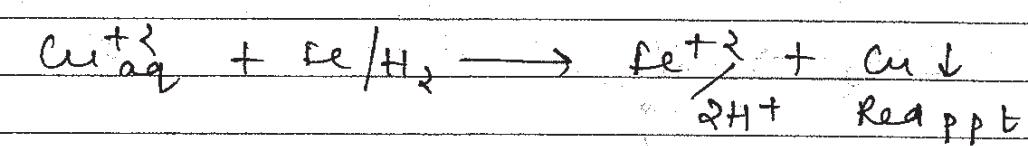
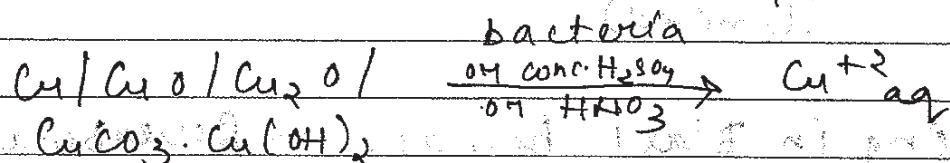
## C7 Refining of Metal

I) Smelting

II) Electrolytic Refining

NOTE :

Copper is also extracted by some low grade Cu ones by using leaching and metal displacement in water (hydrometallurgy)



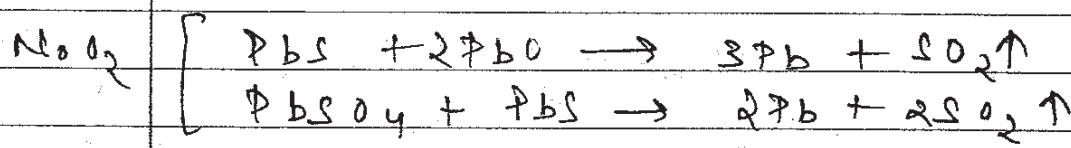
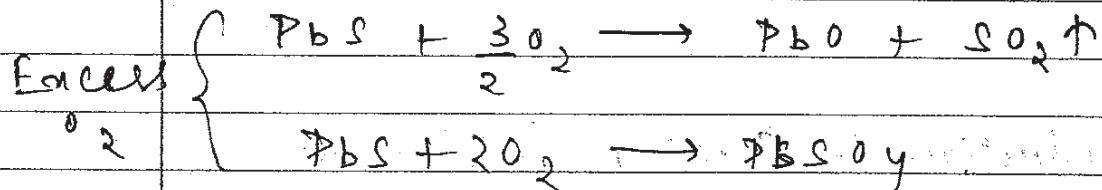
## 8) Extraction of Pb from PbS

A) Concentration of Ore -

By froth flotation

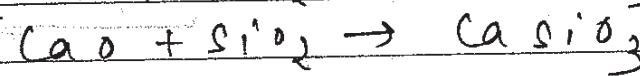
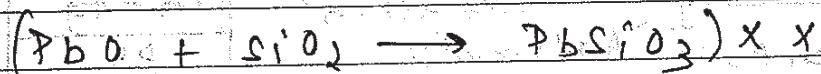
B) Reduction of Ore -

a) Self Reduction for high grade ore galena.

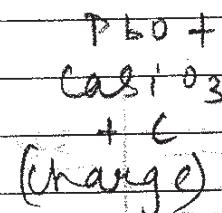


b) Carbon Reduction for low grade galena  
(Main Impurity =  $\text{SiO}_2$ )

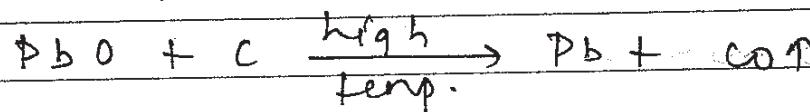
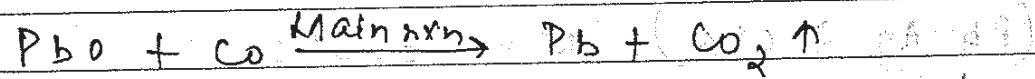
I] Roasting with lime



II] Carbon Reduction in Blast furnace



stage 1/111  
CaSiO<sub>3</sub> layer  
Pb(l)



c) Refining of Pb :-

I) Liquation

II) Electrolytic Refining

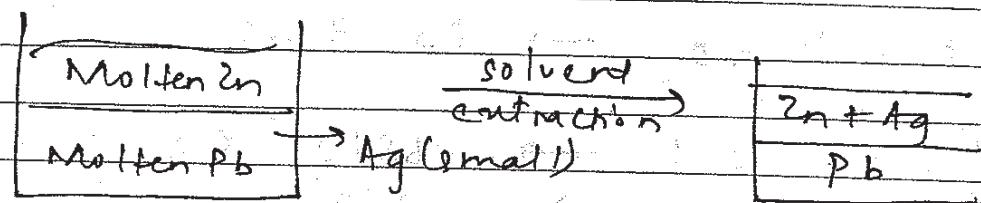
Anode - Impure Pb +  $\text{FeMn}$  +  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  +  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$

Cathode - Pure Pb

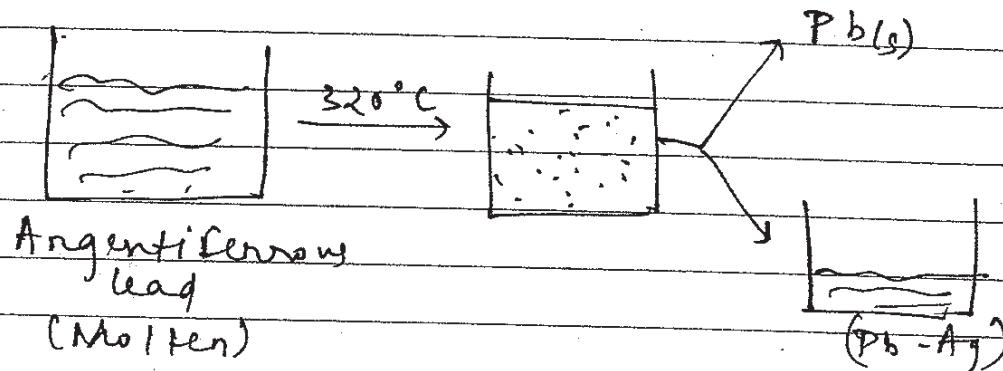
Electrolyte -  $\text{PbSiF}_6(\text{aq}) + \text{H}_2\text{SiF}_6(\text{aq})$

## Desilverization of Argentiferous lead -

I) Park's process -



II) Pattinson's Process -



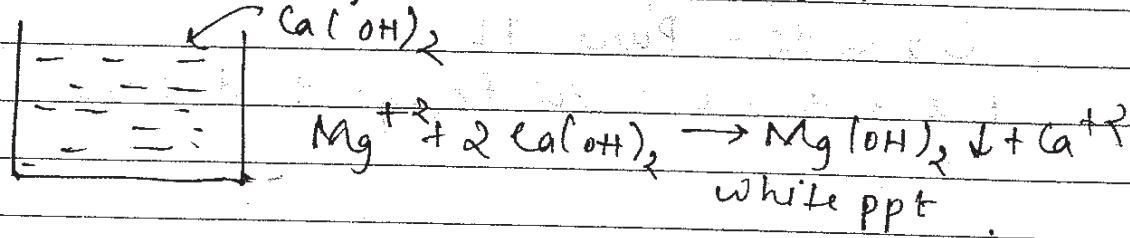
Pure Pb - (MP - 321°C)  
 (Pb-Ag 2.6%) (MP = 303°C)  
 416°C

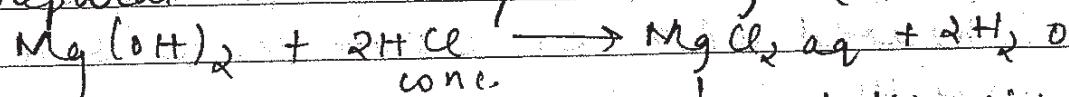
Fus. etic min.

8) Extraction of Mg by Dow's sea water process :-

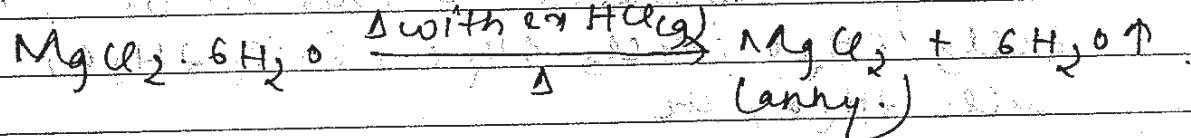
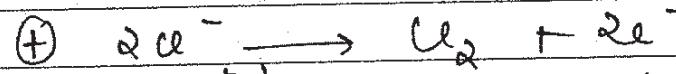
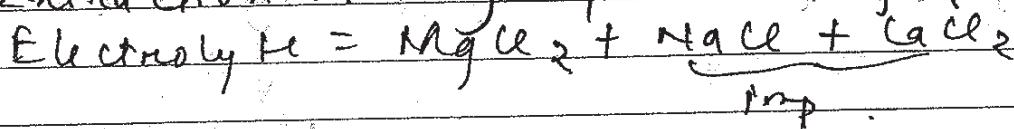
Sea Water = 0.13% • Mg as  $Mg^{+2}$

A] Separation of  $Mg^{+2}$  from sea water -



B) Preparation of anhydrous  $MgCl_2$ 

↓ crystallization

But it gives hydrated salt, i.e.,  $MgCl_2 \cdot 6H_2O$ c) Extraction of Mg by fused  $MgCl_2$  electrolysis

NOTE :

→ All metal hydroxides are water insoluble except hydroxides of (I) A,  $Ca(OH)_2$ ,  $Sr(OH)_2$  and  $Ba(OH)_2$ .

→ Mg is obtained by electrolysis of fused  $MgCl_2$  using  $NaCl$  and  $CaCl_2$  as impurity (to decrease MP of  $MgCl_2$  and to increase electrical conductance of electrolyte).

Q. Anhyd.  $MgCl_2$  is not obtained by direct heating of  $MgCl_2 \cdot 6H_2O$ . Explain

$MgCl_2 \cdot 6H_2O$  on direct heating does not produce pure  $MgCl_2$  because of hydrolysis of  $Mg^{+2}$ . It also produces  $MgO$  in residue.

- To prepare anhydrous  $MgCl_2$ ,  $MgCl_2 \cdot 6H_2O$  is heated with excess air current of dry  $HCl$ .
- The problem is also observed during the heating of hydrated halides of  $Be^{+2}$ ,  $Mg^{+2}$ ,  $AlCl_3 \cdot 6H_2O$ ,  $TiCl_3 \cdot 6H_2O$ ,  $SnCl_2 \cdot 2H_2O$ ,  $CuCl_2 \cdot 2H_2O$ , etc.

