



Mineral

The compound of metal found in nature



Ore

The minerals from which metal can be economically and conveniently extracted

Native ores	Oxidised ores	Sulphide ores	Halide ores
Metal in free state Ag / Au / Pt	Oxides ZnO Oxysalts $FeCO_3$	Sulphides of metals Fe / Pb / Zn / Hg	Halides of metals Na / Mg

Some Important Ores of Metals

Aluminium	Iron	Copper	Zinc
Bauxite $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$	Haematite Fe_2O_3 Magnetite Fe_3O_4 Siderite FeCO_3 Iron pyrite FeS_2	Copper pyrite CuFeS_2 Copper glance Cu_2S Cuprite Cu_2O Malachite $\text{CuCO}_3 \cdot \text{Cu}(\text{OH})_2$	Zinc blende ZnS *Sphalerite Calamine ZnCO_3 Zincite ZnO

Lead : Galena PbS

Silver : Argentite Ag_2S

Mercury : Cinnabar HgS

Tin : Tinstone / Casseterite : SnO_2



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Calamine and Malachite respectively, are the ores of :

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A

Nickel and Aluminium

B

Zinc and Copper

C

Copper and Iron

D

Aluminium and Zinc

मैला Cu
काला Zn
सीधा Fe }
} Carbonates

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Sulphide ion is soft base and its ores are common for metals.

- (a) Pb (b) Al (c) Ag (d) Mg

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A (a) and (c) only

B (a) and (d) only

C (a) and (b) only

D (c) and (d) only

Argentite : Ag_2S

PbS

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Match List-I with List-II :

	List-I (Name of ore/mineral)		List-II (Chemical formula)
(a)	Calmine	(i) →	ZnS
(b)	Malachite	(ii) →	FeCO ₃
(c)	Siderite	(iii) →	ZnCO ₃
(d)	Sphalerite	(iv) →	CuCO ₃ .Cu(OH) ₂

27th Aug 2021**Choose the most appropriate answer from the options given below :**

A

(a)-(iii), (b)-(iv), (c)-(i), (d)-(i)

B

(a)-(iii), (b)-(iv), (c)-(i), (d)-(ii)

C

(a)-(iv), (b)-(iii), (c)-(i), (d)-(ii)

D

(a)-(iii), (b)-(ii), (c)-(iv), (d)-(i)

Q.

Match List-I with List-II :

	List-I		List-II
(a)	Haematite	(i)	$\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$
(b)	Bauxite	(ii)	Fe_2O_3
(c)	Magnetite	(iii)	$\text{CuCO}_3 \cdot \text{Cu}(\text{OH})_2$
(d)	Malachite	(iv)	Fe_3O_4

17th March 2021**Choose the most appropriate answer from the options given below :**

A

- (a)-(i), (b)-(iii), (c)-(ii), (d)-(iv)

B

- (a)-(ii), (b)-(i), (c)-(iv), (d)-(iii)

C

- (a)-(ii), (b)-(iii), (c)-(i), (d)-(iv)

D

- (a)-(iv), (b)-(i), (c)-(ii), (d)-(iii)



Metallurgy

Crushing → Concentration → Isolation → Purification

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Gangue

Earthy or undesired materials

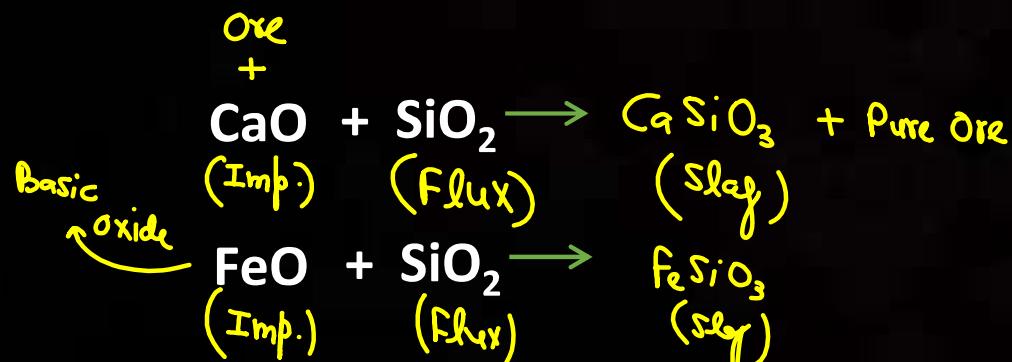
$\xrightarrow{\text{SiO}_2}$

Flux, Impurity and Slag

Types of Flux

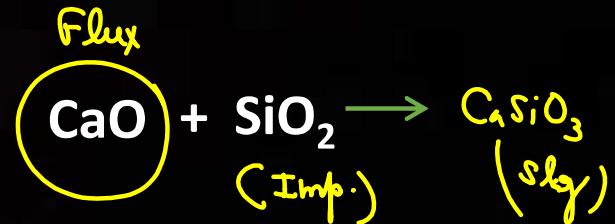
Acidic flux

$\text{SiO}_2, \text{P}_2\text{O}_5$



Basic flux

CaO, MgO





Slag

Fusible mass

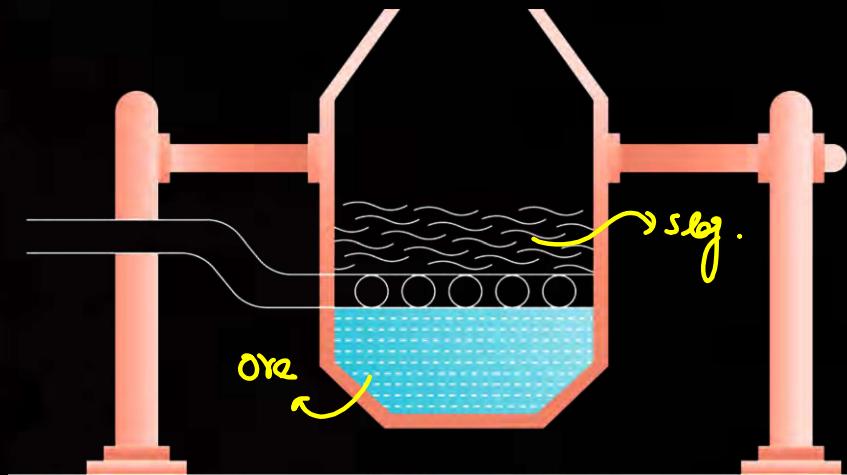
Low melting point

Less density than molten metal

Immiscible with the molten metal /
pure ore

Slag floats on the surface of the molten
metal, protecting it from oxidation by the
atmosphere and keeping it clean.

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Bessemer converter



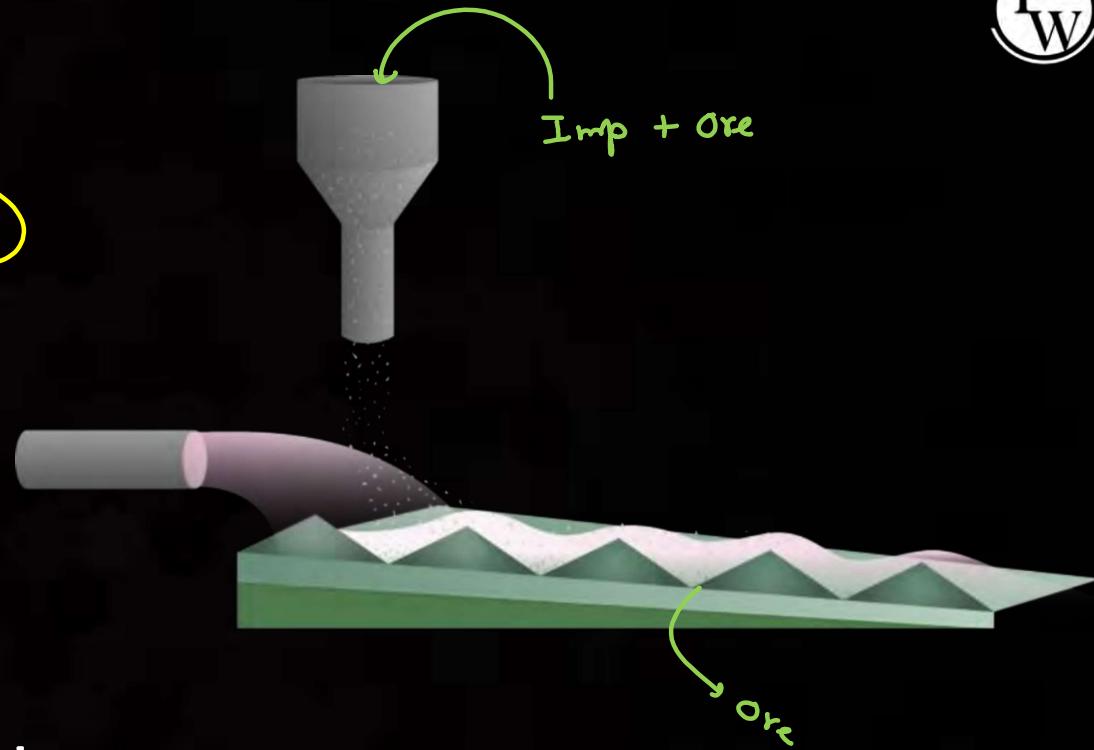
Concentration

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Hydraulic Washing

Basic Principle : Density Difference

Ores of heavy metals (Sn, Pb, Fe)



- ❖ Jet of water is passed from one side
- ❖ Crushed ore is poured from Hydraulic classifier
- ❖ Heavy ore particles gets settled down
- ❖ Lighter gangue particles are washed away



Concentration

Electromagnetic Separation



Basic Principle : Different Magnetic Properties

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Ore + Impurity



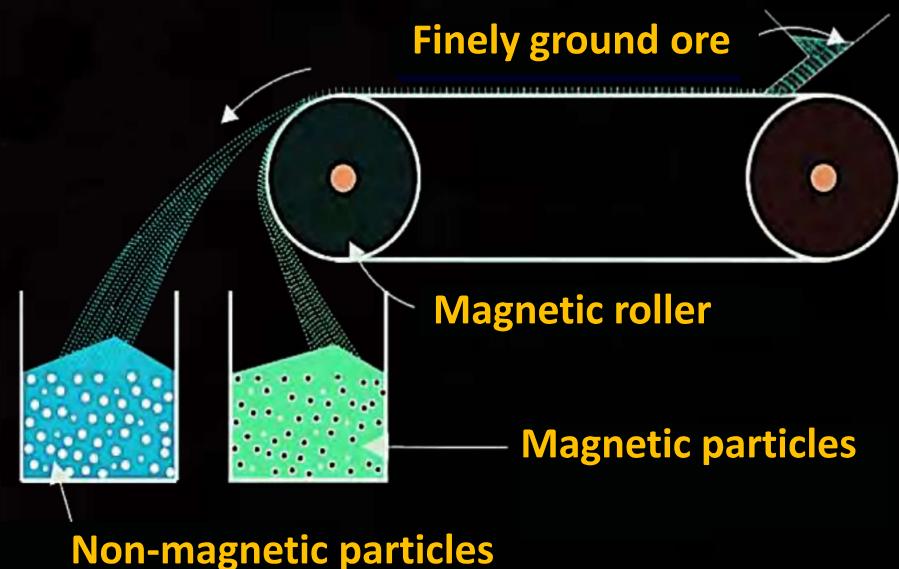
Tinstone /Casseterite (SnO_2) + Wolframite (FeWO_4)

Impurity + Ore

Chromite ($\text{FeO} \bullet \text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$) + Silica

Magnetite (Fe_3O_4)

Pyrolusite (MnO_2)





Concentration

Forth floatation process

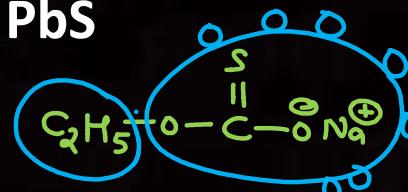


Basic Principle : Difference in Wettability

Cu_2S ZnS FeS_2 PbS

Frothers Pine oil

Collectors Potassium ethyl xanthate



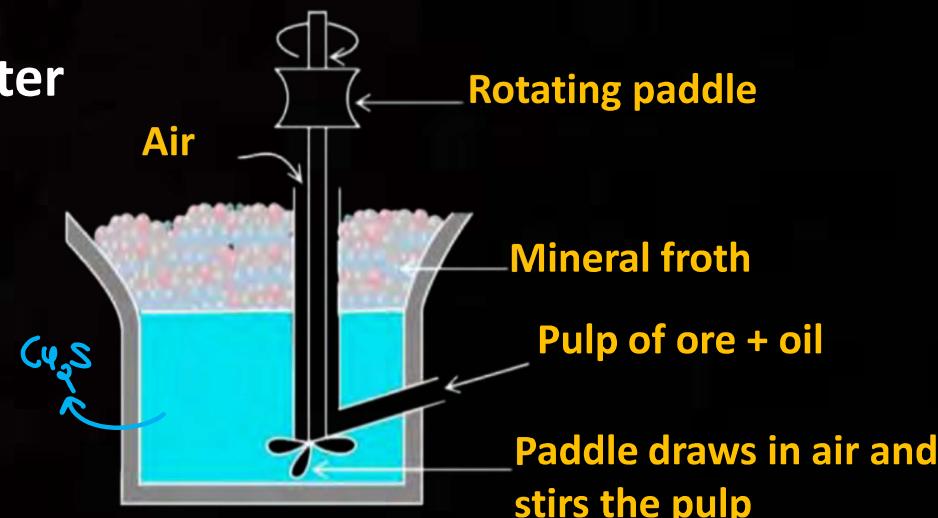
To enhance non-wettability of ore in water

Froth stabilizers Aniline, Cresol

Ore + Imp.

Sulphide ore is wetted by oil and moves upward in the form of froth

Gangue particles are wetted by water and settles down at bottom



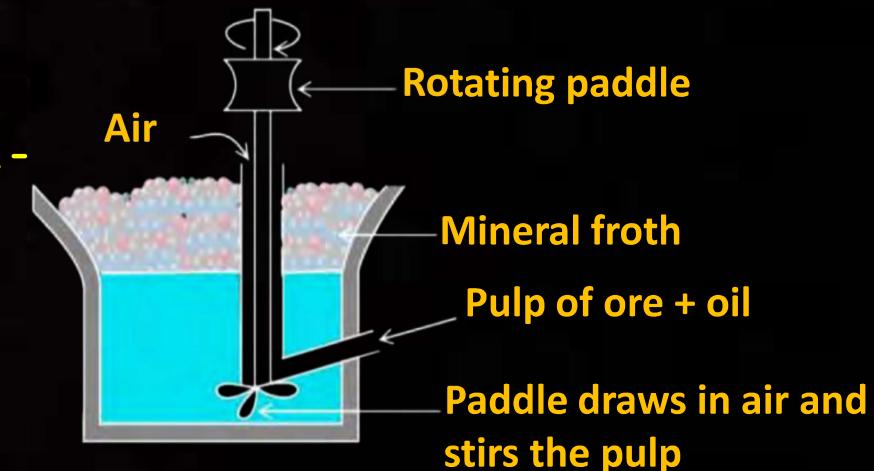
Forth floatation process

When a mixture of sulphide ores is present # Galena (PbS)

Depressant



Zinc blende (ZnS)



This complex is wetted with water and prevented coming into the froth.

While PbS comes into forth because it cannot react with NaCN .

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Given below are two statements :

Statement I: Sphalerite is a sulphide ore of zinc and copper glance is a sulphide ore of copper.

Statement II: It is possible to separate two sulphide ores by adjusting proportion of oil to water or by using 'depressants' in a forth flotation method.

Choose the most appropriate answer from the options given below :

A

Statement I is true but Statement II is false

B

Both Statement I and Statement II are true

C

Statement I is false but Statement II is true

D

Both Statement I and Statement II are false

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Concentration

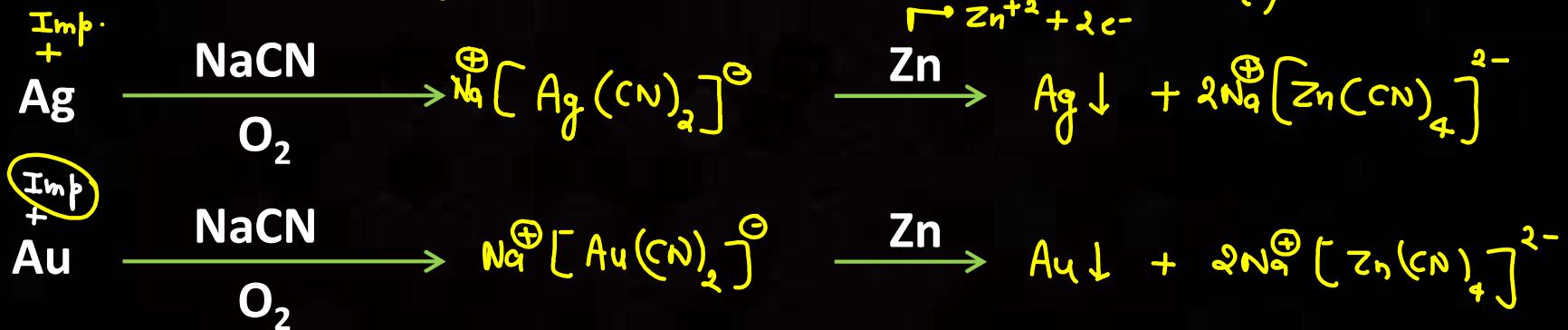
Leaching (Al / Ag / Au)

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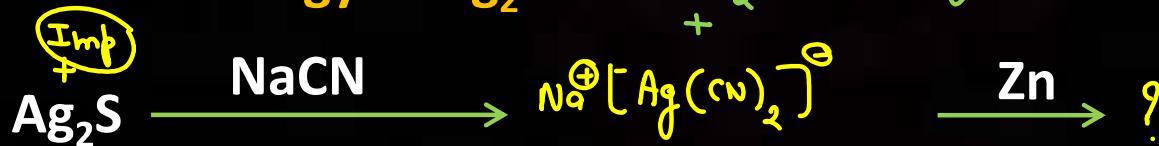
Basic Principle : Difference in solubility

When metal is more soluble than impurities present in its ore.

MAF Cyanide Process (Ag/Au) Leaching Solvent : $\text{NaCN}_{(\text{aq.})}$



Hydro-metallurgy of Ag_2S



Al

Extraction of Metal



Concentrated Ore

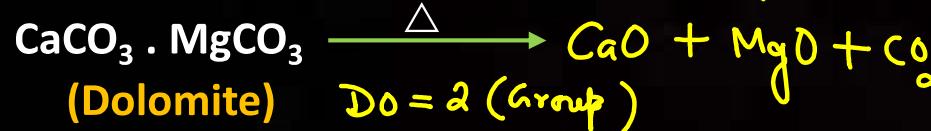
**Calcination
Roasting**

Metal Oxide

Reduction

Metal

Calcination



Impurity : Organic matter

Reverberatory furnace

Removal of volatile impurities

Ore becomes porous

Roasting



Some times roasting may not bring about complete oxidation.



Impurity



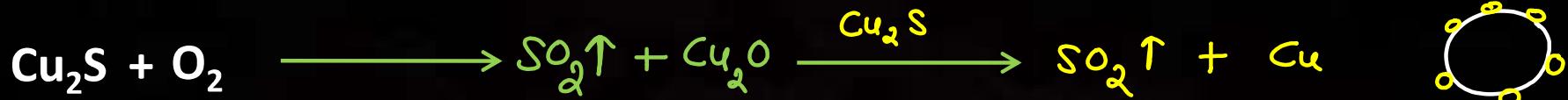


Self Reduction in Roasting

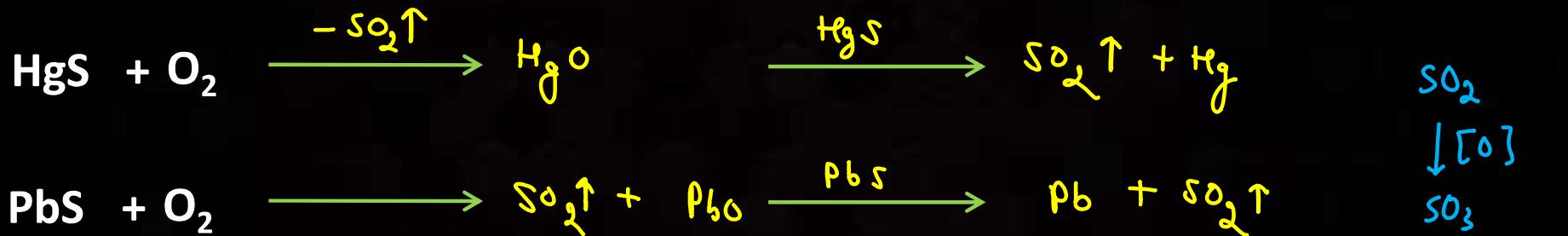


Pb Cu Hg

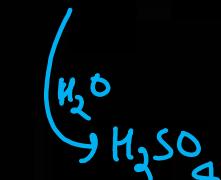
The reduction in which species reacts with itself to form new species



Copper having blisters of SO_2 gas on its surface is called as **blister copper**.

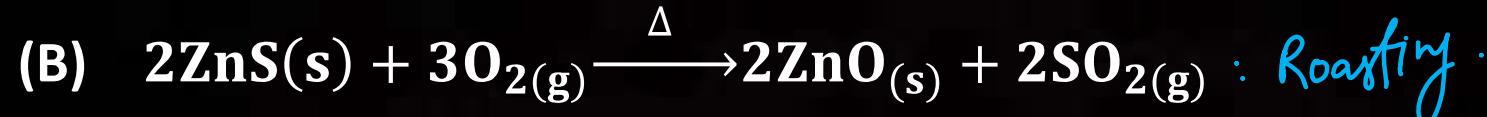


Large volume of SO_2 obtained is used to prepare H_2SO_4 in industry.



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Consider two chemical reactions (A) and (B) that take place during metallurgical process :



The correct option of names given to them respectively is :

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A

(A) Is calcination and (B) is roasting

B

Both (A) and (B) are producing same product so both are roasting

C

Both (A) and (B) are producing same product so both are calcination

D

(A) is roasting and (B) is calcination



Smelting

The process of converting metal oxide into metal using a suitable reducing agent



Reducing agents : C , CO , Al

Carbon can be used to reduce a number of oxides and because of the low cost and availability of coke this method is widely used.



Reduction with carbon :



Reduction with CO :

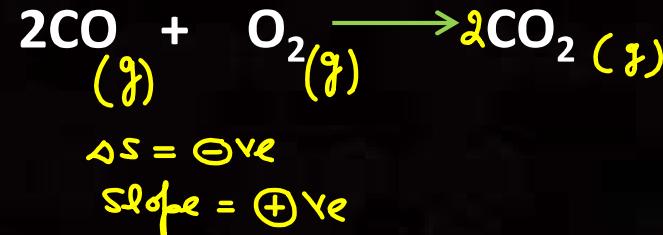
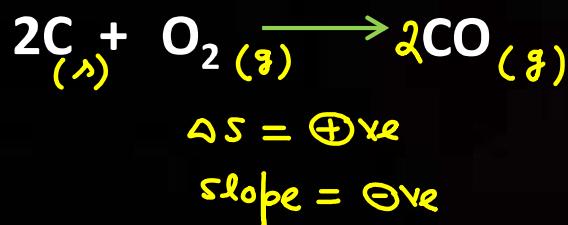




Ellingham Diagram

Graph b/w ΔG & T

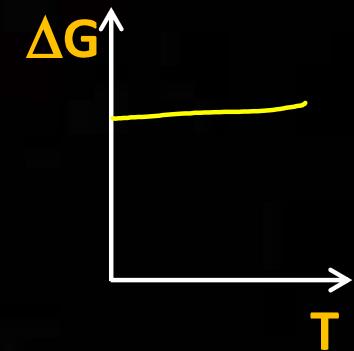
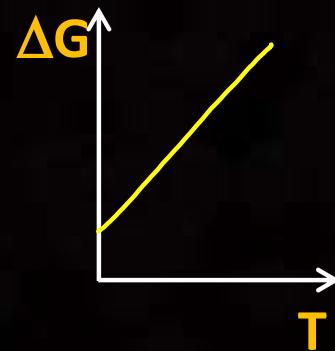
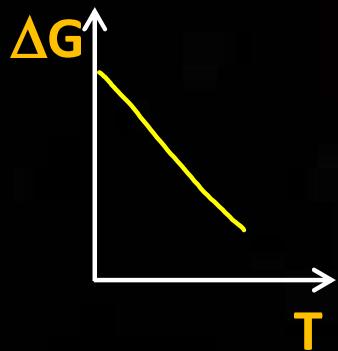
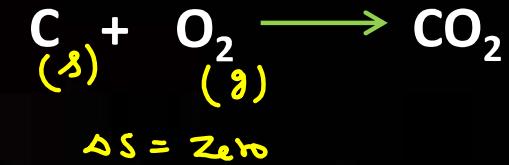
Thermodynamic principle of metallurgy



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

$$y = C + mx$$

slope = $- \Delta S$



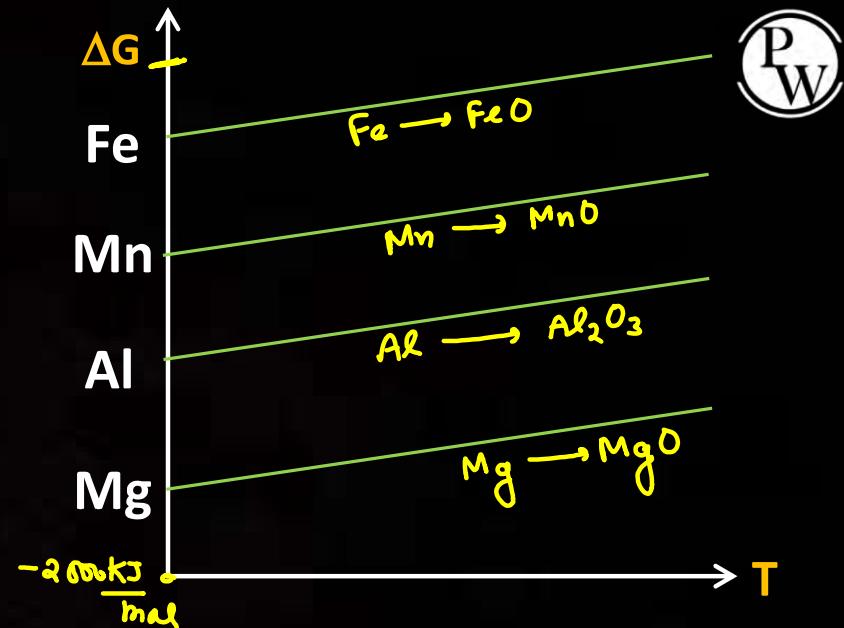
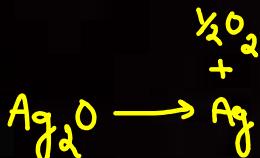
Li	$O_2 \rightarrow MO$	Mn
K	$\Delta h = -x$	Zn
Ba		Cr
Sr		Fe
Ca		$O_2 \rightarrow MO$
Na		Cd
Mg		Co
Al		Ni
		Sn
		Ag
		Very less reactive
		Au
	$Ag_2O \rightarrow Ag + \frac{1}{2}O_2$	Pt

$\neq x > y$



$$\Delta h = -y$$

Very less reactive



Reductions of the oxide of the upper line is feasible by the element represented by the lower line. If the difference is large, the reduction is easier.

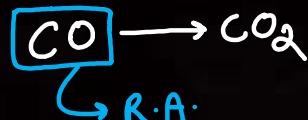


Ellingham Diagram

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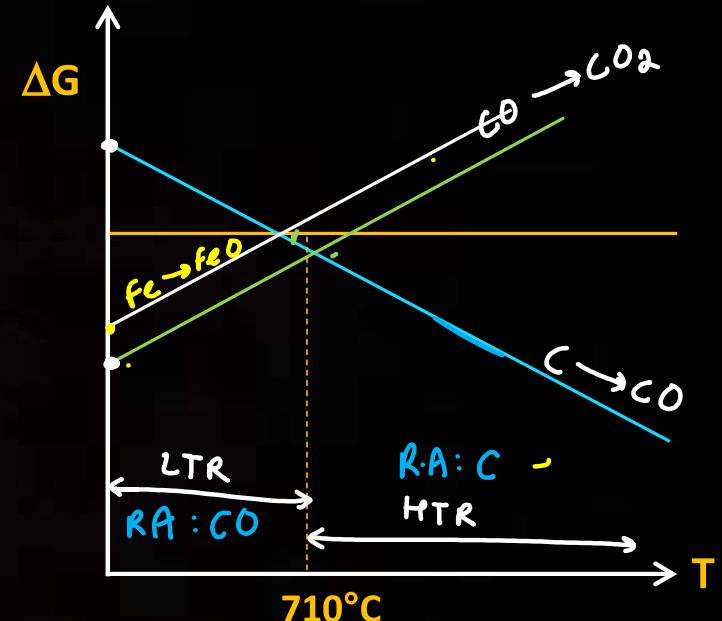
$$LTR: \Delta G = -x$$



$$HTR: \Delta G = -y$$



Reaction is Feasible ?

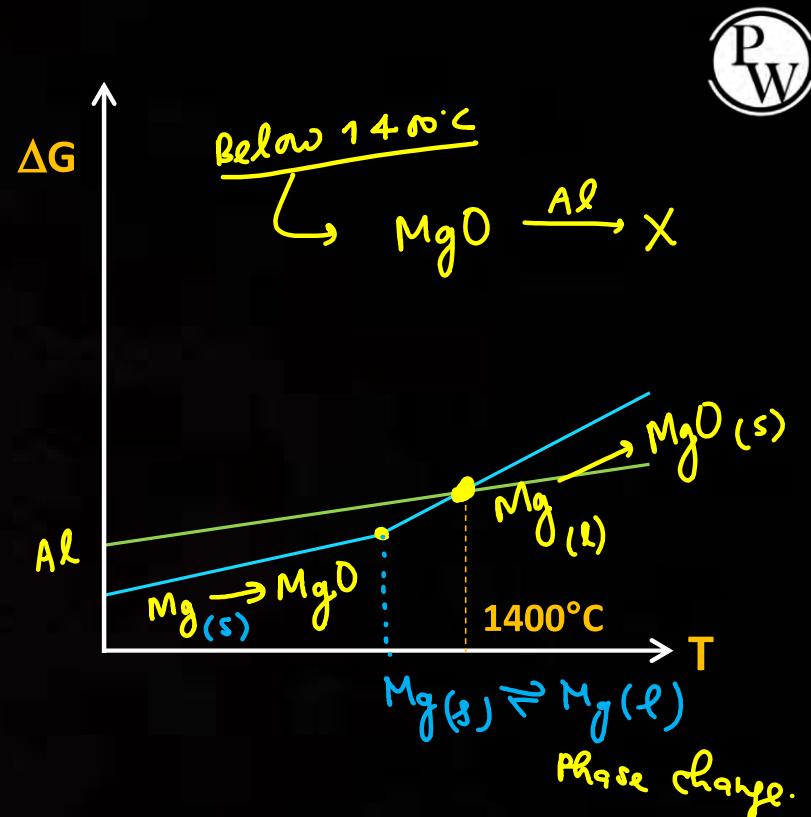




Ellingham Diagram



At the point of intersection of the Al_2O_3 and MgO curves the ΔG^0 becomes ZERO for the reaction.



Above 1400°C which reaction is Feasible ?



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The point of intersection and sudden increase in the slope, in the diagram given below, respectively, indicates :

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$\Delta G > 0$ and decomposition of the metal oxide

B

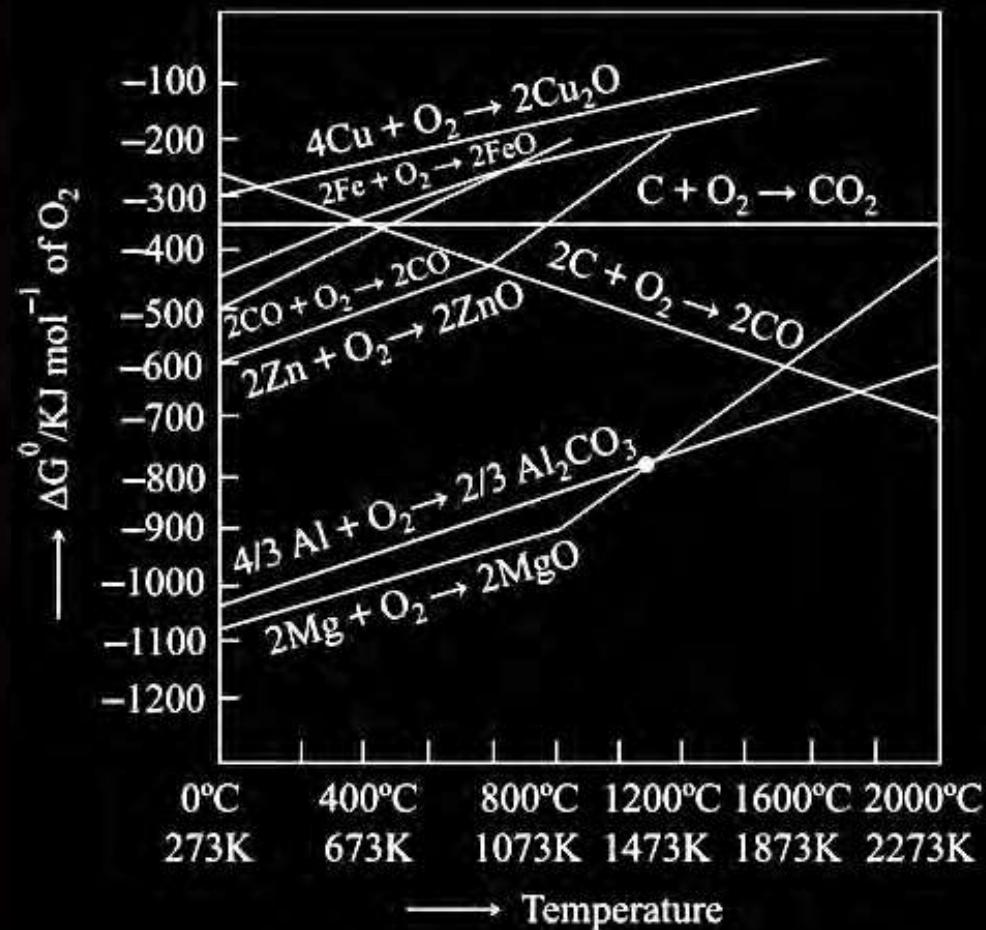
$\Delta G < 0$ and decomposition of the metal oxide

C

$\Delta G = 0$ and reduction of the metal oxide

D

$\Delta G = 0$ and melting or boiling point of the metal oxide



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The statement is incorrect about Ellingham diagram is 27th July 2021

A

provides idea about the reaction rate

B

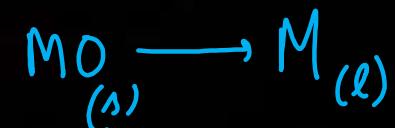
provides idea about free energy change

C

provides idea about changes in the phases during the reaction

D

provides idea about reduction of metal oxide



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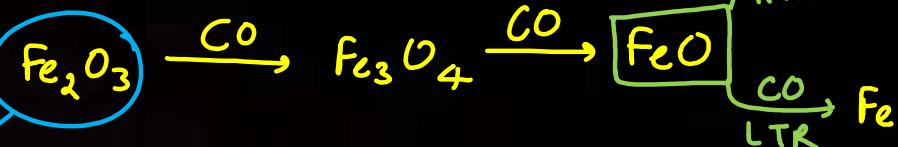
Why is the reduction of a metal oxide easier if the metal formed is in liquid state at the temperature of reduction?

Ore, limestone, and coke



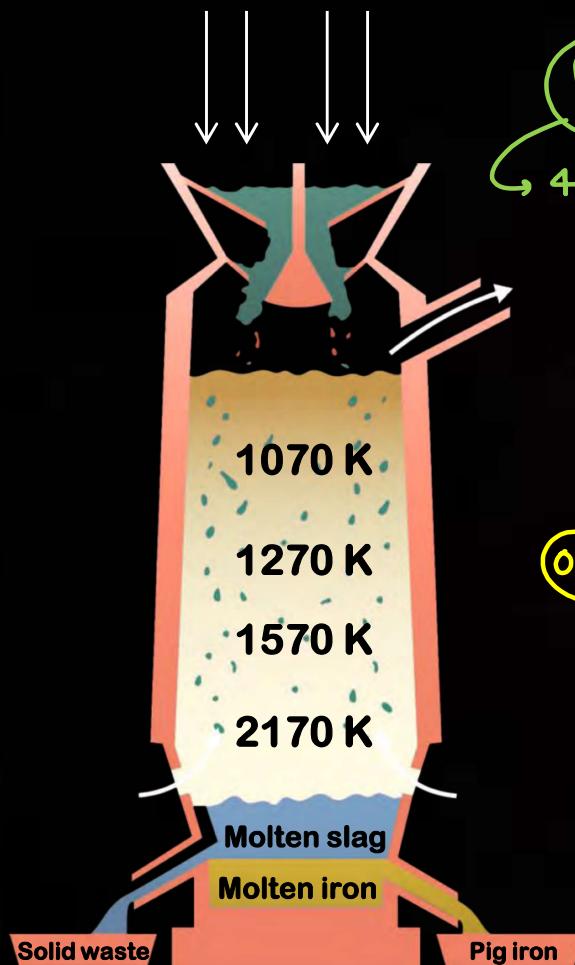
Blast Furnace

Met. of Fe



Ore, limestone, and coke

Blast Furnace



The iron obtained from Blast furnace contains about 4% carbon known as **pig iron** and cast into variety of shapes.

Cast iron is different from pig iron and is made by melting pig iron with scrap iron and coke using hot air blast. It has slightly lower carbon content (about 3%) and is extremely hard and brittle.

Wrought iron or malleable iron is the purest form of commercial iron and is prepared from cast iron by oxidising impurities in a reverberatory furnace lined with haematite. This haematite oxidises carbon to carbon monoxide.





Aluminothermic Process

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Goldschmidt Process

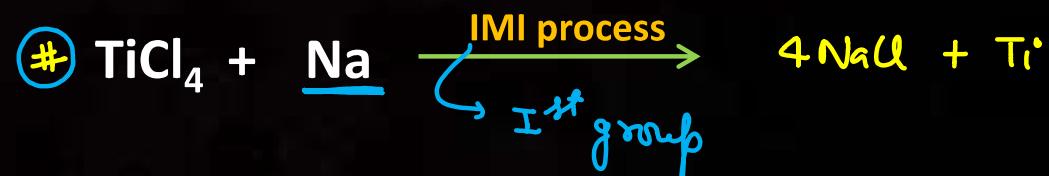
Thermite mixture Oxide + Al-powder

Ignition mixture $\text{BaO}_2 + \text{Mg}$

Thermite reaction



Na/Mg Reduction



Na and Mg has high reducing power and high solubility of their halides in water so that the reduced metals can be washed free from impurities.

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Given below are two statements :

Statement I: The choice of reducing agents for metals extraction can be made by using Ellingham diagram, a plot of ΔG vs temperature.

Statement II: The value of ΔS increases from left to right in Ellingham diagram.

In the light of the above statements, choose the most appropriate answer from the options given below:

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A

Both Statement I and Statement II are true

B

Statement I is false but Statement II is true

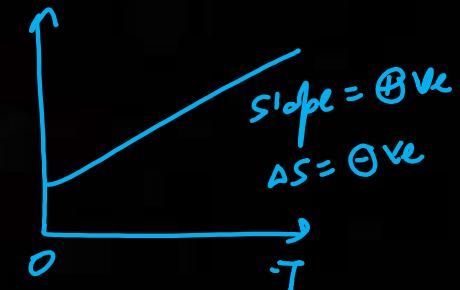
C

Both Statement I and Statement II are false

D

Statement I is true but Statement II is false

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Extraction of Al

Red Bauxite ($\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$)

Impurity : $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3 + \text{Silicates}$

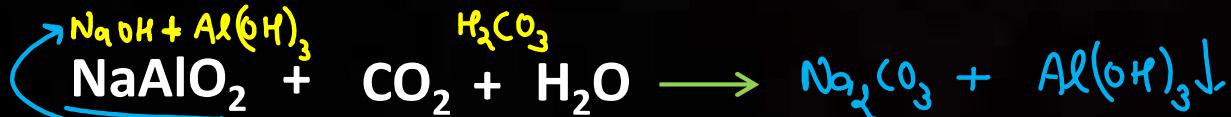
Bayer's process (वै-हाल)
Hall's process

Hall's Process

$\text{Na}_2\text{O} \cdot \text{CO}_2$

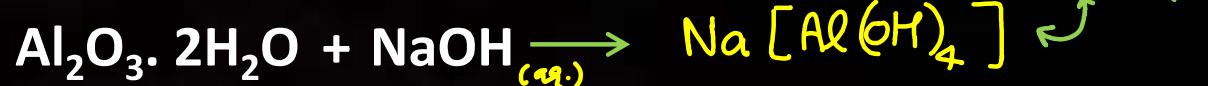
Leaching Agent : Na_2CO_3

Impurity : Ferric oxide + Silicates



Bayer's Process Leaching Agent : $\text{NaOH}_{(\text{aq.})}$ PW

Impurity : Ferric oxide + Silicates





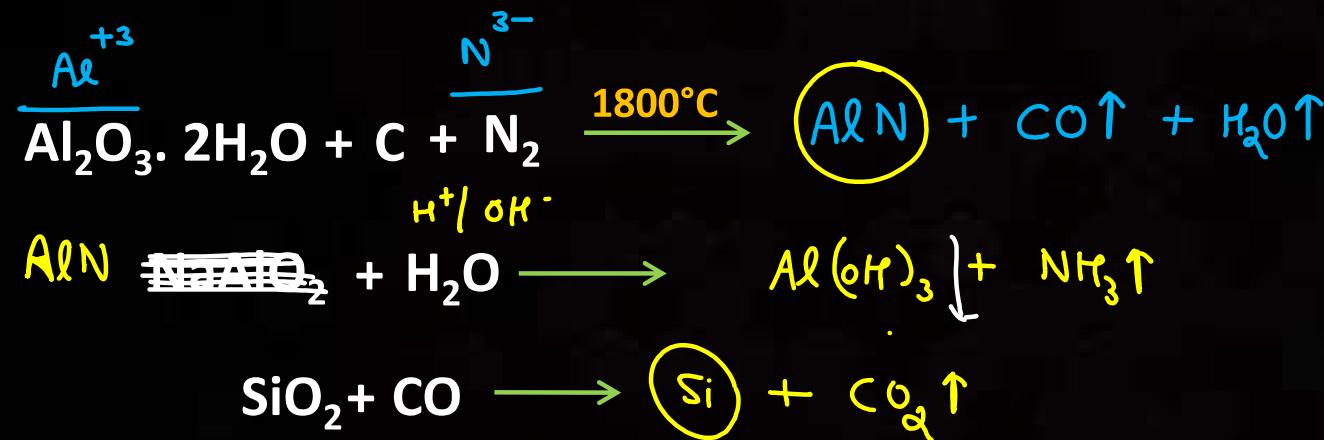
Extraction of Al

Serpeck's Process



White Bauxite ($\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$)

Impurity : SiO_2



Silicon volatilizes at this temperature.



Electrolytic Reduction (Hall-Heroult Process)

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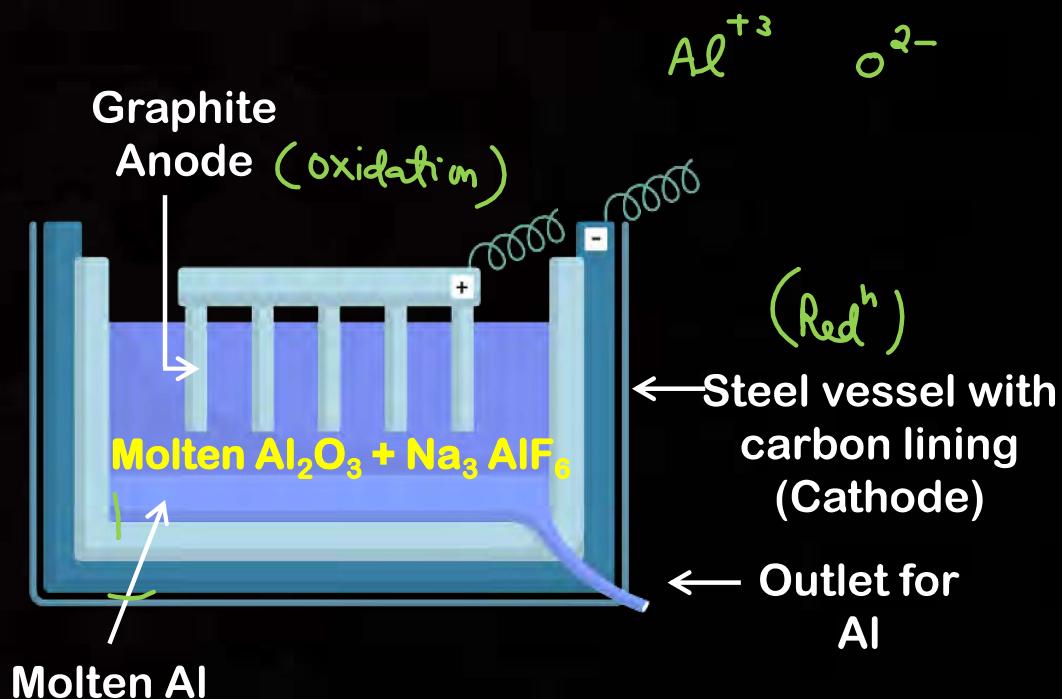
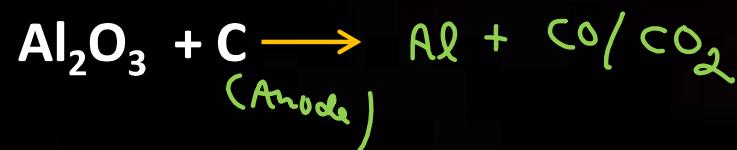
Fused Matrix Purified Al_2O_3 + Na_3AlF_6 (cryolite) | CaF_2 (fluorspar)

It lowers the melting point of the mixture and brings conductivity

Cathode



Anode



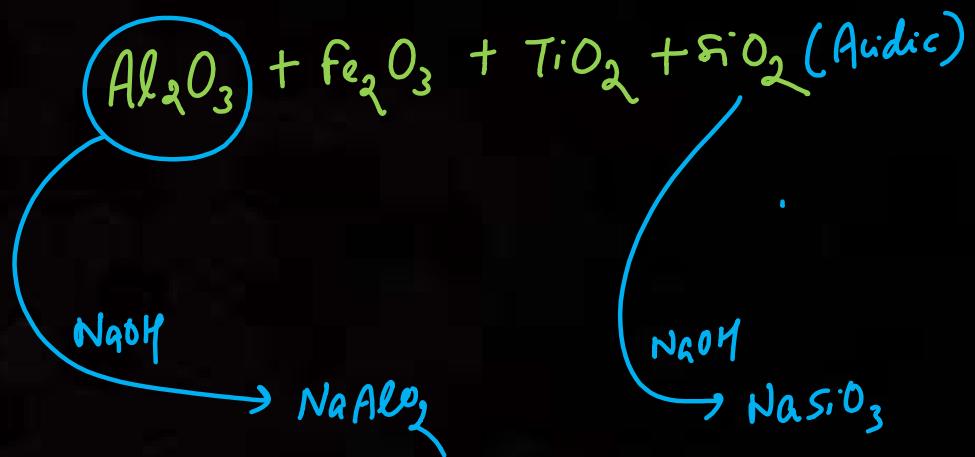
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In the leaching of alumina from bauxite, the ore expected to leach out in the process by reacting with NaOH is :

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- A TiO_2
- B Fe_2O_3
- C ZnO
- D SiO_2



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Given below are two statements : one is labelled as Assertion (A) and the other is labelled as Reason (R).

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Assertion (A): Aluminium is extracted from bauxite by the electrolysis of molten mixture of Al_2O_3 with cryolite.

Reason (R): The oxidation state of Al in cryolite is +3.

In the light of the above statements, choose the most appropriate answer from the options given below:

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A

(A) is true but (R) is false

B

(A) is false but (R) is true

C

Both (A) and (R) are correct and (R) is the correct explanation of (A)

D

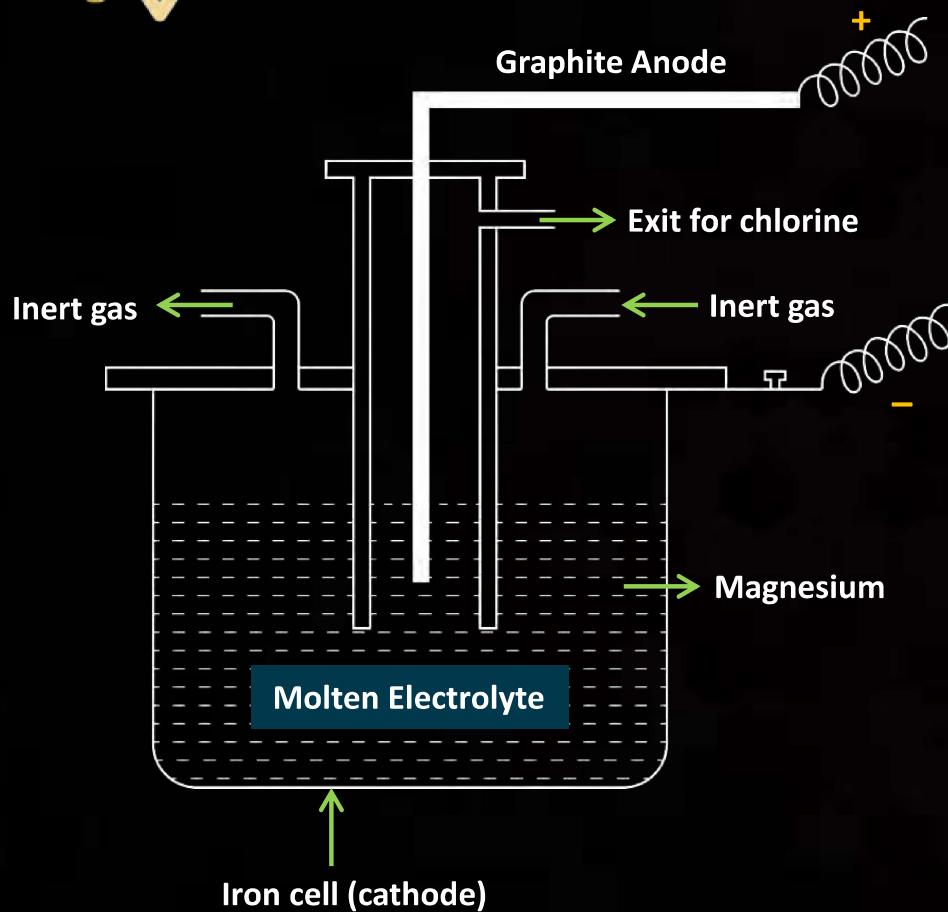
Both (A) and (R) are correct but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A)



Electrolysis of fused Anhyd. $MgCl_2$



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Cathode



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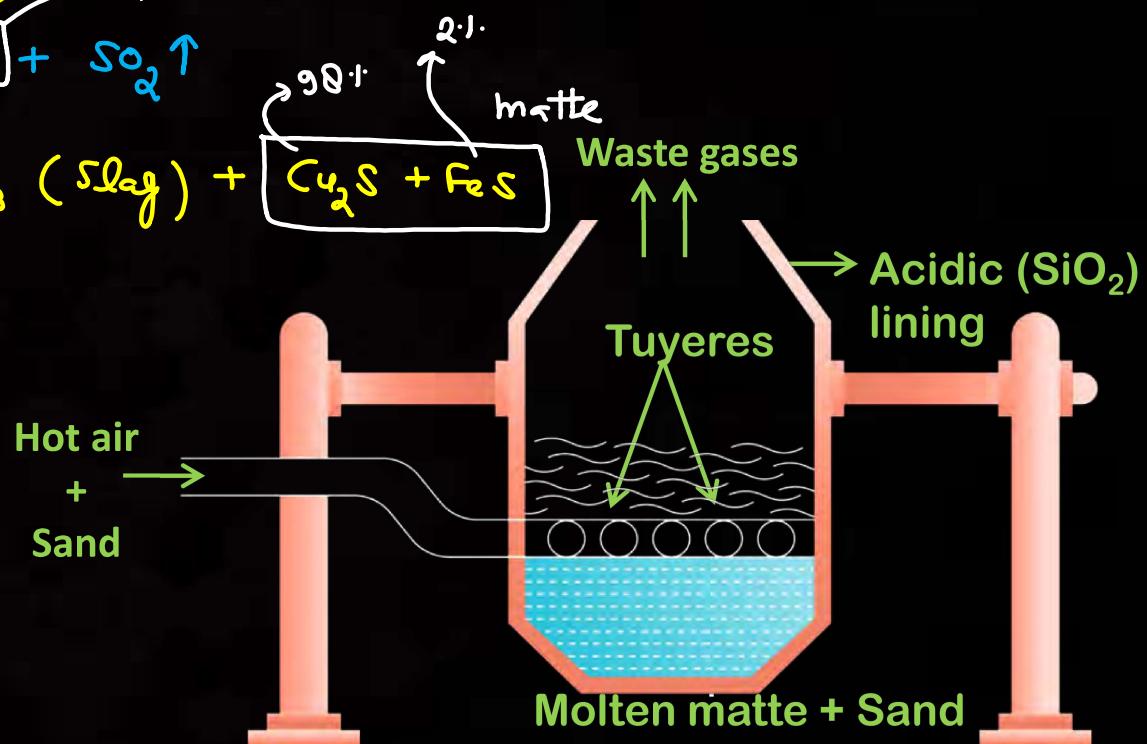
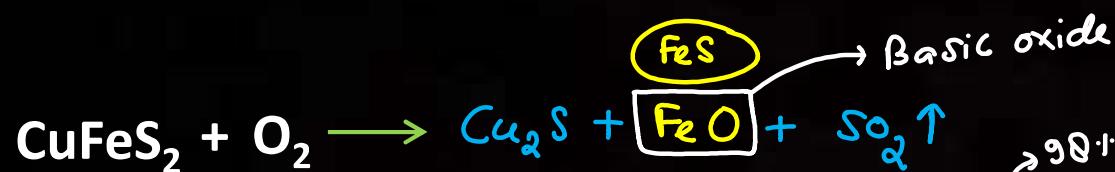
Extraction of Cu

From Copper Pyrite



Impurity : Silica

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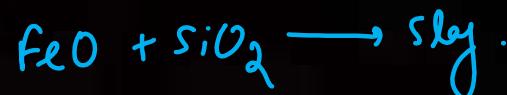


Bessemer convertor

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The addition of silica during the extraction of copper from its sulphide ore

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A

converts copper sulphide into copper silicate

B

converts iron oxide into iron silicate

C

reduces copper sulphide into metallic copper

D

reduces the melting point of the reaction mixture

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Match List-I with List-II : (Both having metallurgical terms)

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	List-I		List-II
(a)	Concentration of Ag ore	(i)	Reverberatory furnace
(b)	Blast furnace	(ii)	Pig iron
(c)	Blister copper	(iii)	Leaching with dilute NaCN solution
(d)	Forth floatation method	(iv)	Sulfide ores

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Choose the most appropriate answer from the options given below :

A

(a)-(iii), (b)-(ii), (c)-(i), (d)-(iv)

B

(a)-(iii), (b)-(iv), (c)-(i), (d)-(ii)

C

(a)-(iv), (b)-(i), (c)-(iii), (d)-(ii)

D

(a)-(iv), (b)-(iii), (c)-(iv), (d)-(i)



Refining



Removal of unwanted substance from impure metal

- 1. Liquation**
- 2. Distillation**
- 3. Electrolytic refining**
- 4. Zone refining**
- 5. Vapour phase refining**
- 6. Chromatography**
- 7. Polling**



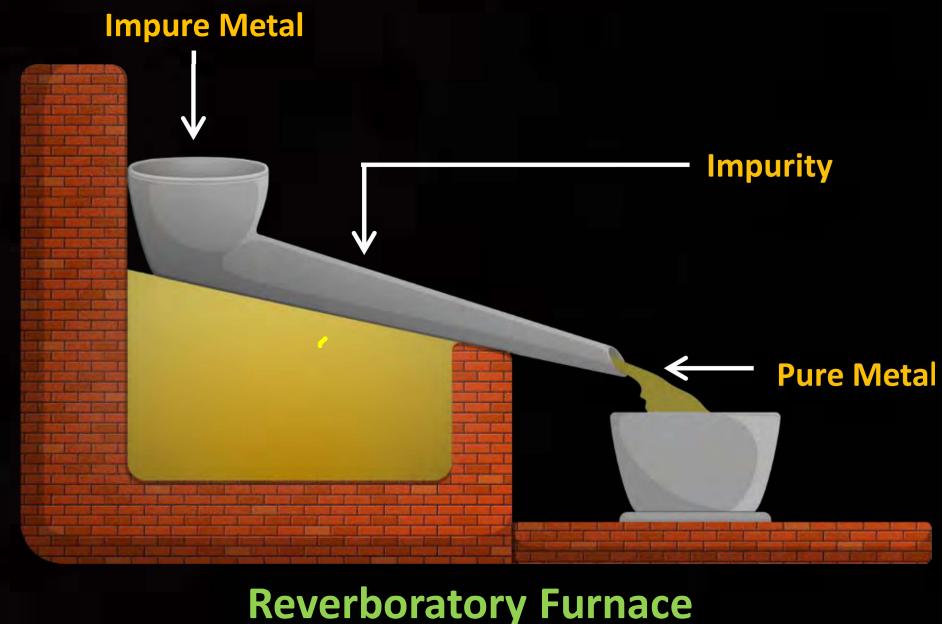
1. Liquation

Impurities have high melting point than metals



Used for metals having low melting point (Sn , Pb , Bi)

1. Crude metal is heated on sloping floor of a furnace
2. Fused metal flows down leaving behind infusible impurities



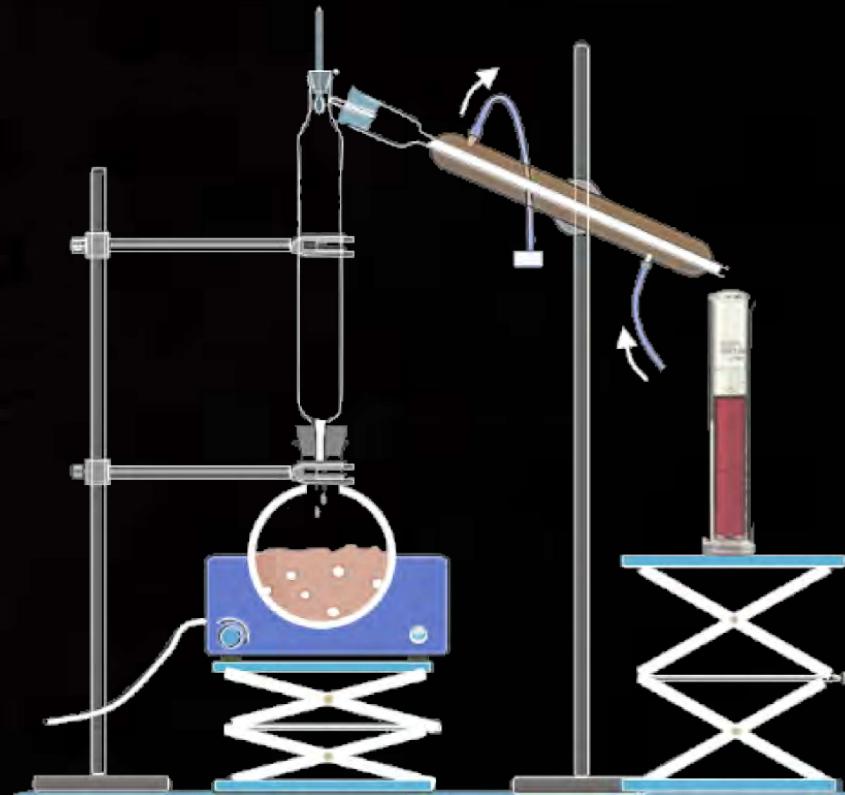


2. Distillation

Fractional distillation is used when **boiling point difference is less.**

Low boiling point Zn , Hg , Cd → δ^{10}

Distillation is used for the elements that are liquids at room temperature or can be converted to liquid at room temperature easily.



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The metal that can be purified economically by fractional distillation method is :

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A Fe

B Zn

C Cu

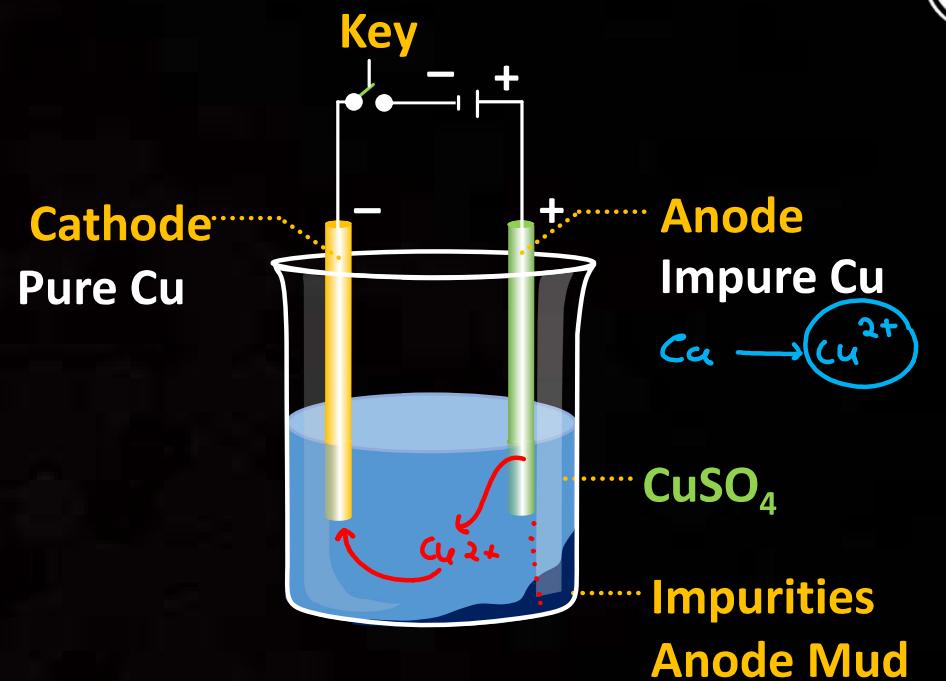
D Ni



3. Electrolytic Refining

P
W

Used to refine elements
like Cu and Zn



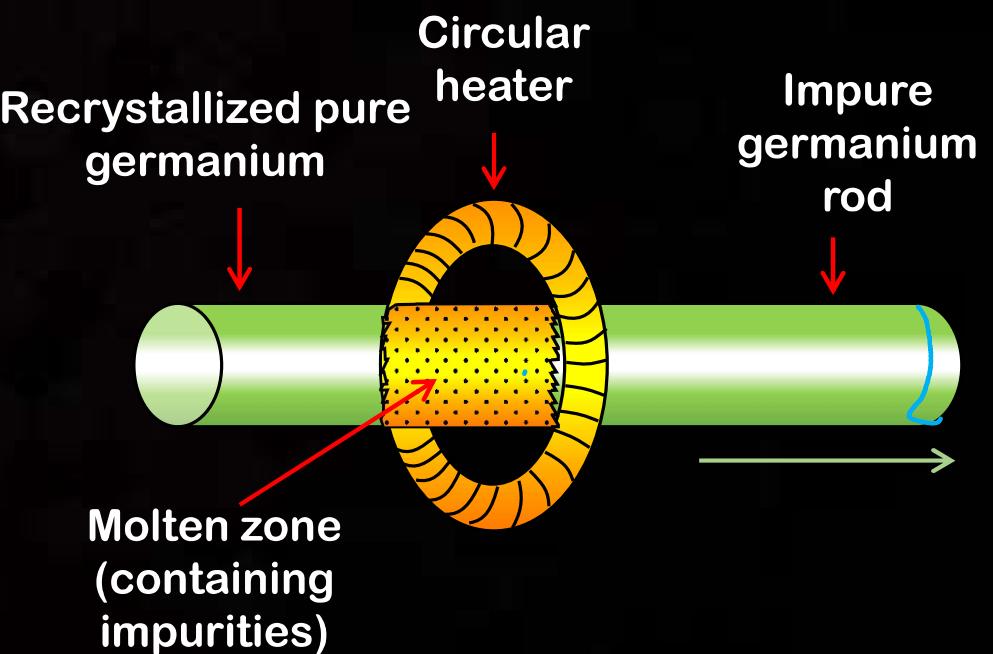


4. Zone Refining

**Highly pure semiconductors
(Ge, Si, Be, Ga, In)**

P
W

An impure molten metal on gradual cooling will deposit crystals of pure metal
Impurities will be left in the remaining part of molten metal.





5. Vapour Phase Refining



1. Monds Process

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2. Van Arkel Method



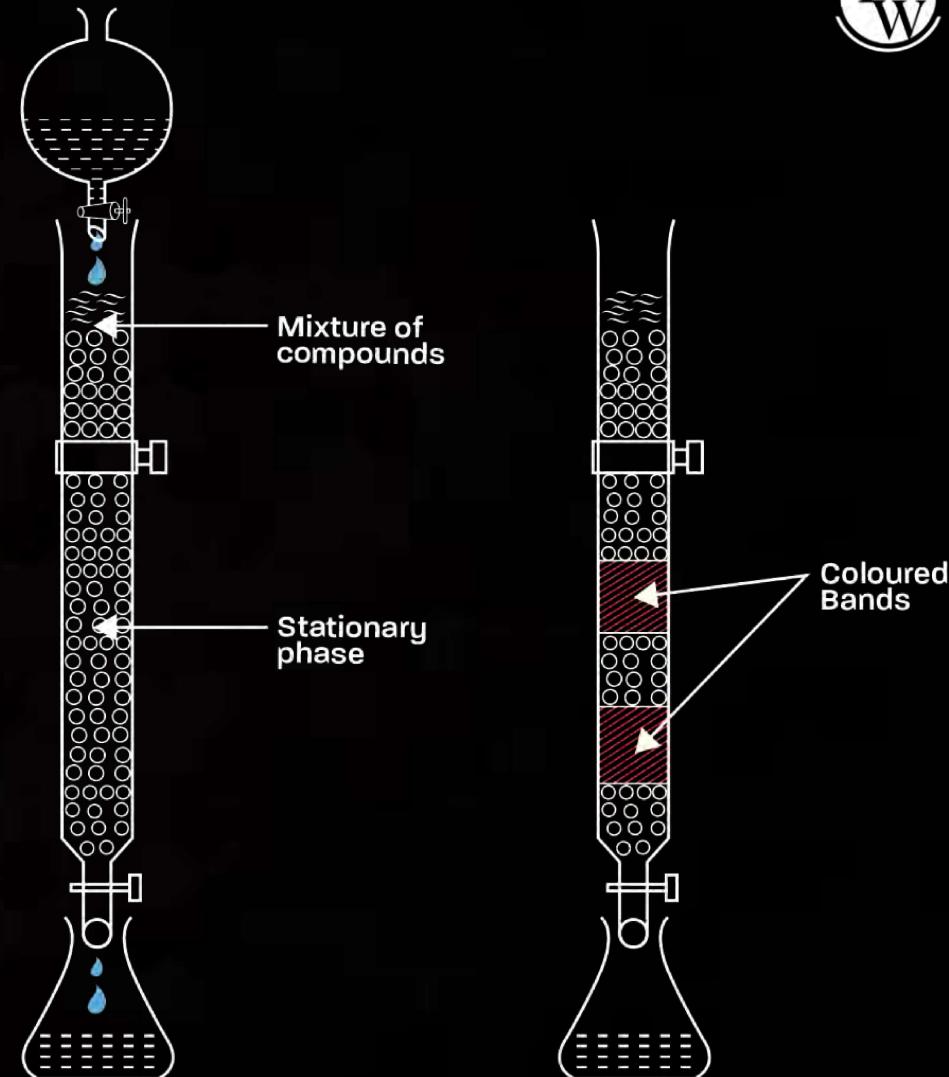


6. Chromatographic Methods



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

Useful for purification of the elements which are available in minute quantities and the impurities are not very different in chemical properties from the element to be purified.





7. Poling Process



1. Purification of impure copper



Green wood → Hydrocarbons → CH_4



2. Purification of impure tin

Green wood → Hydrocarbons → CH_4



Q.

Which refining process is generally used in the purification of low melting metals?

P
W

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A

Chromatographic method

B

Liquation

C

Electrolysis

D

Zone refining

Q.

Match List-I with List-II :

	List-I		List-II
(a)	Mercury	(i)	Vapour phase refining
(b)	Copper	(ii)	Distillation refining
(c)	Silicon	(iii)	Electrolytic refining
(d)	Nickel	(iv)	Zone refining

18th March 2021**Choose the most appropriate answer from the options given below :****A**

- (a)-(ii), (b)-(iii), (c)-(iv), (d)-(i)

B

- (a)-(iii), (b)-(iv), (c)-(iii), (d)-(i)

C

- (a)-(ii), (b)-(iii), (c)-(i), (d)-(iv)

D

- (a)-(i), (b)-(iv), (c)-(ii), (d)-(iii)

Q.

The method used for the purification of Indium is :

P
W

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A

Zone refining

B

Vapour phase refining

C

Liquation

D

Van Arkel method