

Boiling point - 120°C .

Lab Normality - 11.3

Molecular weight - 36.

Importance of HCl in decomposition analysis:-

→ HCl is a basic solvent in the analysis of ores and minerals.

→ It's advantages are easy volatility, solubility of it's salts in water and weak reducing effect on dilution.

→ In decomposing samples with HCl the chlorides of Germanium(IV), arsenic(III), stibium(III), Sn(IV), Se(IV), Hg(II) are observed.

→ It has complexing ability with majority of metals like $[\text{NiCl}_4]^{2-}$, $[\text{FeCl}_6]^{3-}$, $[\text{FeCl}_6]^{4-}$ etc.

→ Most important ores are anionic complexes with maximum coordination number and neutral complexes.

→ The anionic character of the individual complexes, chloride ion have been made use for the separation of metals on anion exchange resin.

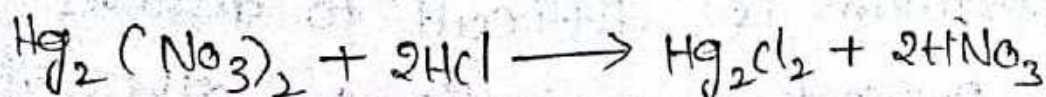
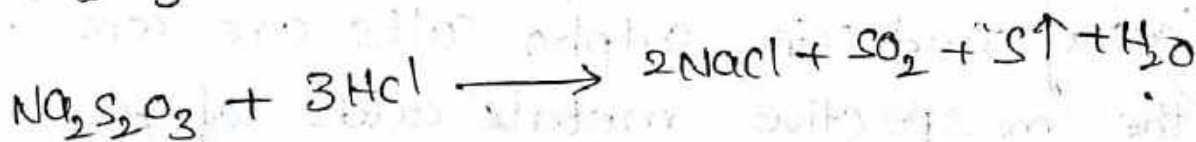
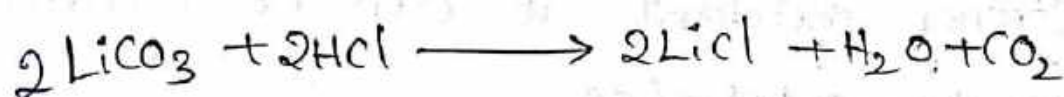
→ The formation of the chloride complexes many metals has also utilising extraction

Vessels:-

- In decomposition with HCl it is usual to use glass vessels.
- platinum vessels also used
- 3-7% of HCl affects gold, Rhodium, vanadium, palladium the same way effects on platinum also.
- HCl decomposes hydrated oxides more easily than anhydrous oxides.
- complicated uranyl carbonates dissolve completely in 5% HCl
- To decompose fluoro carbonates of rare earth metals easily by HCl.
ex:- parasite
- Heavy metals like carbonates, malachite, azurite, smithsonite, cerussite, & zaratite are easily soluble in HCl.
- The most suitable decomposition is preliminary dissolution of limestone is (1:1 dil. HCl).
- The separated insoluble residue is then decomposition by mixture of $(\text{HF} + \text{HNO}_3)$ after volatilisation of SiF_4 . The residue is dissolved in concentrated HCl.

→ calcite, Aragonite dissolved very easily at room temperature in dilute (1:3) HCl.

→ similarly Natural barium carbonates (witherrite) and strontium carbonate (strontianite) decompose easily



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- Composition with HNO_3 : Molecular wt - 63.0
Lab normality = 11.5N B.P - 122°
- HNO_3 dilute as well as concentrated is powerful solvent for a number of minerals especially for sulphides and phosphates,
- as a strong oxidant it can be oxidises sulphides to sulphates,
- Antimony and Tin sulpho salts are converted to the respective metals acids of the higher oxidation states,
- Sulphur and sulphides are must be oxidised at room temperature.
- HNO_3 dissolves the majority of metals occur in nature with the exception of gold and platinum.
- In the general alloys of silver with palladium are very soluble, their solubility is less if Arsenium, Rhodium and platinum are present, platinum is difficult to dissolve even if present in a ratio to silver of 1:10, the dissolution must be repeated several times.
- The majority of copper sulphide and oxides ores are soluble in HNO_3
- At the components which volatiles at

elevated temperature (Hg, Se, Te, Zn, Mo, As, Sb)
decomposing with HNO_3

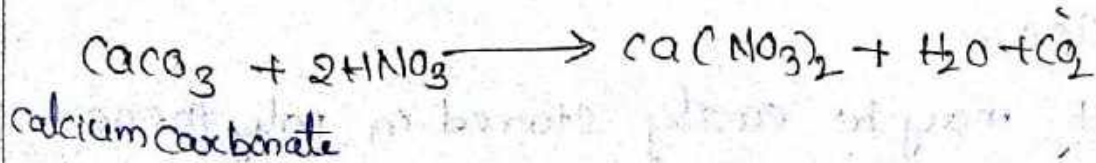
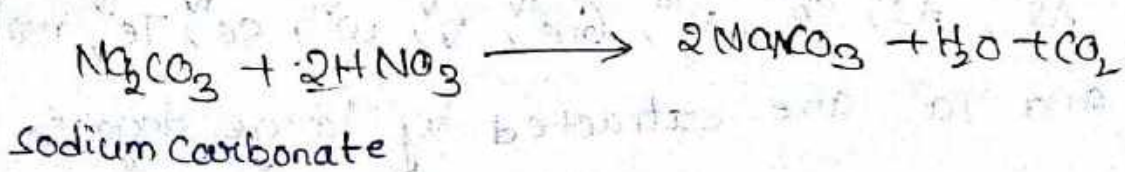
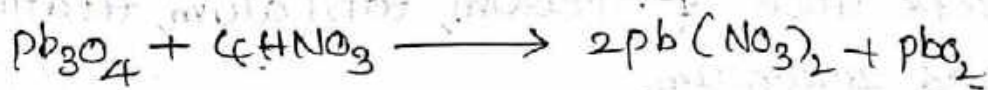
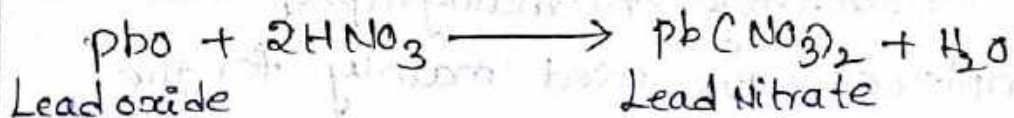
→ Zinc and Cadmium sulphides are easily decomposed with HNO_3

→ Iron disulphides which dissolves in HNO_3

→ while the cubic form pyrite decomposes without a residue in con. HNO_3

→ dil. HNO_3 decomposed some antimony and trn. sulphonate at room temperature

→ The molybdenum disulphides, molybdenite is decomposed by conc. HNO_3 .



⇒ Decomposition with HF: - Lab normality - 26.5N
molecular weight - 20.1; Boiling point - 112°C.

→ HF as monohydric acid forms a single series of hydrofluorides are co-ordination compounds with Hydrogen as the central atom of the complex.

→ The F^- anion forms complexes mostly of medium strength but it has great affinity for some ions. Thus characteristic fluoride complexes are formed with beryllium (BeF_4^{2-}), Boron type (BF_4^-), Scandium, Aluminium, Iron and some other transition elements in the presence of an excess of the fluoride ion.

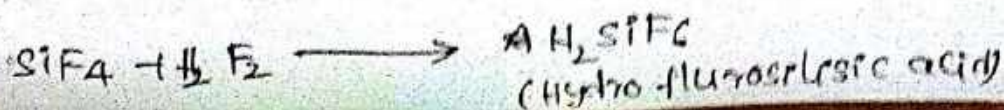
→ In ion exchange chromatography fluoride complexes are used mainly for the separation of Niobium, tantalum, titanium and Zirconium.

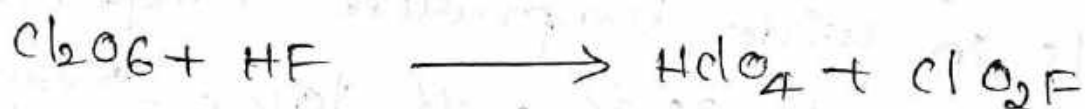
→ Formation of fluoride complexes has also been utilised for effective separation As^{III} , As^V , Sb^{III} , V^{III} , Ge^{IV} , V^V , W^V , Se^{IV} , Te^{IV} , Mo^VI and Ta^V are extracted by large degree.

vessels:-

→ HF may be easily stored in polythene vessels which are not attacked by 40% HF ^{even} at $100^\circ C$.

- Teflon - polytetra fluoro ethylene is exceptionally resistant to the effect of chemicals in wide temperature range. It can be used upto 250°C . It loses strength at a wide temperature and complete depolymerization occurs at $400-450^{\circ}\text{C}$.
- Teflon is very useful for work with HF which does not attack it at all.
- A plastic equally resistant but more easily worked is poly tri fluoro ethylene - Hostafion (fluorothene).
- Gold, Rhodium, Iridium, palladium and platinum are stable in 40% HF upto the BP of the acid.
- It reacts with silicon oxide or silicates forming the very unstable volatile SiF_4 which volatilises when heated.
- Since the fluorides of some elements especially of the IV group of the periodic system (Sn, Ti, Zr, Ge) are volatile.
- Iron, Aluminium and titanium alk sulphates formed in the course of decomposition with HF and H_2SO_4 may be converted to insoluble oxides by heating at 650°C .





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Decomposition with H_2SO_4 :-

Lab normality - 36N

molecular weight - 98.08

Boiling point - $338^\circ C$.

→ Hot concentrated H_2SO_4 as a weak oxidising effect in the dissolution process. Generally reduce to sulphurous acid sometimes this reduction continuous forming sulphur (or) H_2S .

→ H_2SO_4 oxidised not only in metals but other substances also.

Ex:- Sulphur and coal, which are oxidised with evolution of SO_2 .

→ Arsenic and Antimony and tin are oxidised to trivalent to tetravalent state.

→ The sulphuric acid anions behaves as a di basic ligand forming complex of medium strength with tri and tetravalent metal cations.

Vessels:-

→ when samples of being decomposed with H_2SO_4 in platinum vessels at elevated temperature

→ upto 250° gold is relatively stable with respect to the effect of 96% of H_2SO_4 .

→ In conc. H_2SO_4 poly ethylene is also stable upto 50°C .

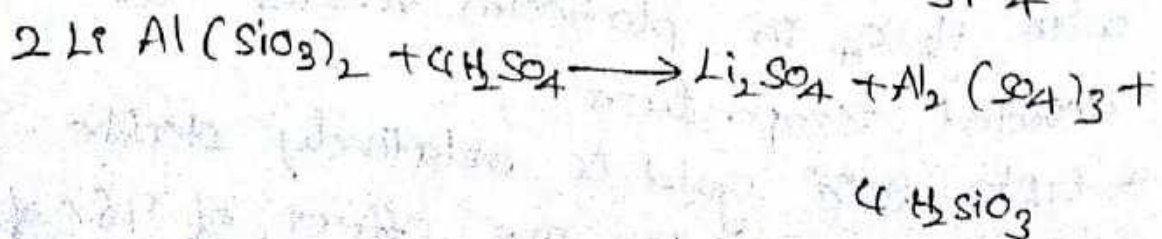
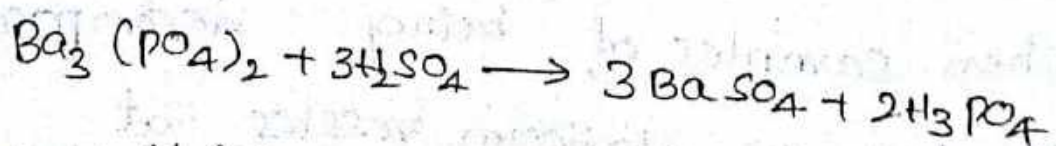
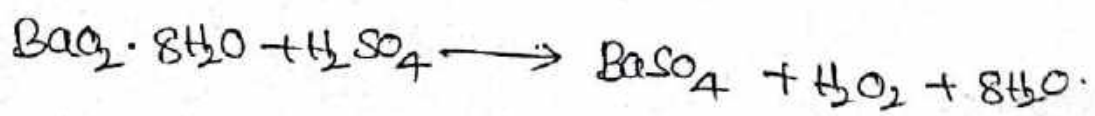
→ On the otherhand Teflon is resistant upto 300°C .

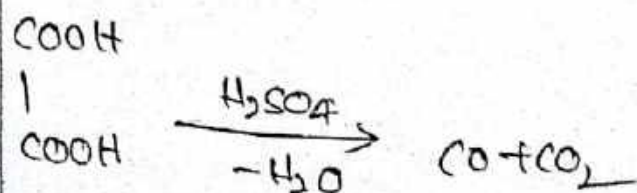
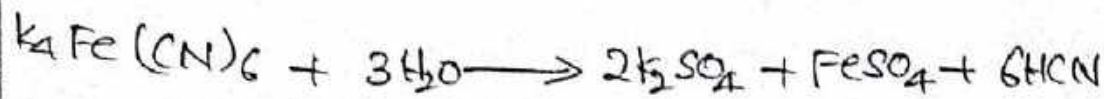
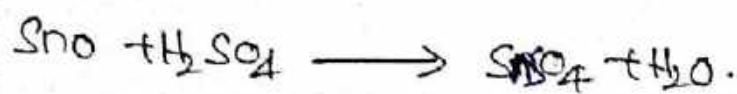
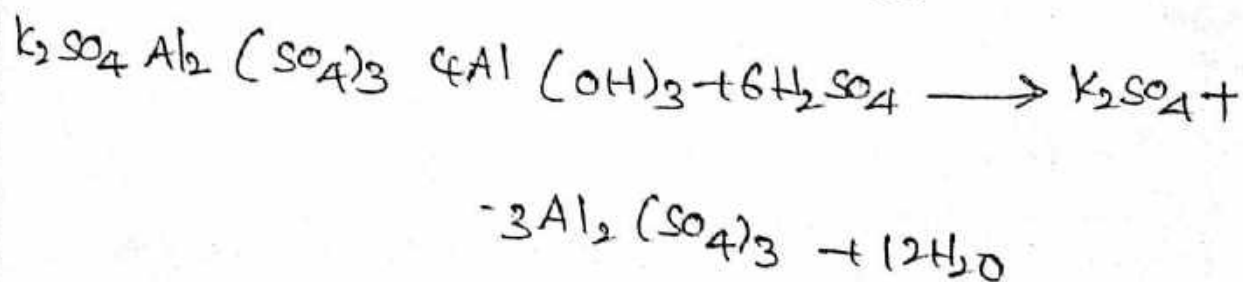
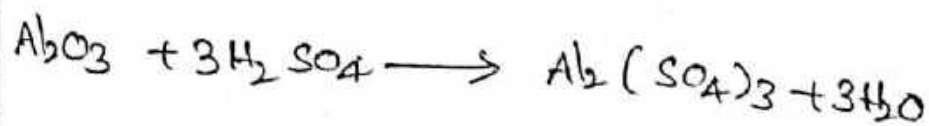
→ It is efficient solvent for minerals, ores and decomposition of sulphides, fluorsilicates, Niobium, tantalum, Titanium, Zirconium and gold

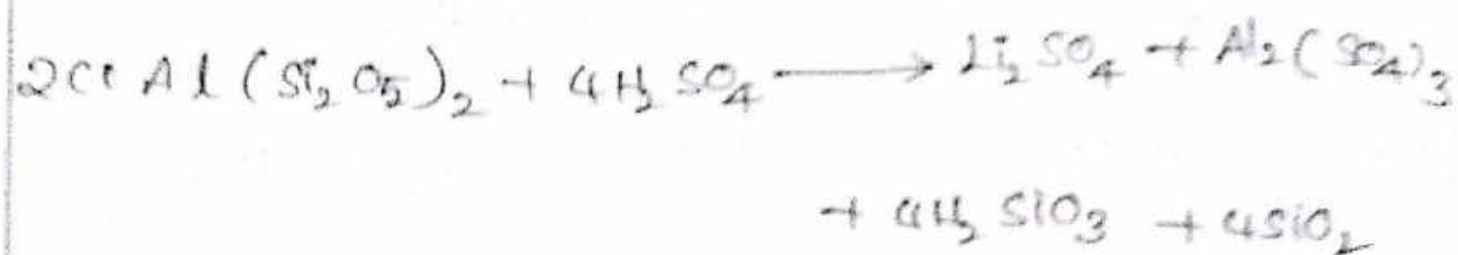
→ H_2SO_4 is a solvent the decomposition of rare earth phosphates, loparites, hatchettite, pyrochlores and uranothorite dissolves easily in H_2SO_4 .

→ H_2SO_4 is used for oxygen containing mineral halides (fluorides), Cesium, Tellurium

→ con. H_2SO_4 used for decompose sulphides, antimony ores, poly metallic ores and thallium.







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Decomposition with perchloric acid (HClO_4)

molecular weight - 100.47

Boiling point - 203°C

Lab normality - 12 N

- The properties of perchloric is ^{very} similar to those of H_2SO_4 , compare to the other mineral acids, HClO_4 as a high boiling point.
- HClO_4 is frequently used to precipitate silicic acid.
- HClO_4 has been formed especially used for decomposition and the determination of silicon dioxide in calisite, dolomite, and magnesite.
- when the samples contain organic substances it is first ignited at 500°C and then decompose with perchloric acid.
- For the direct decomposition of natural phosphates containing organic compound, a mixture of conc. HNO_3 and HClO_4 is used.
- decomposition with HClO_4 is the advantage for the determination of bismuth in lead minerals.
- Dolomite, alunite, calcinite, aluminium hydroxy sulphates are easily dissolved in perchloric acid.

→ A mixture of HClO_4 , H_2SO_4 and HCl is a very efficient solvent for Nickel and Iron ores.



vessels:-

Glass, Quartz vessels are not used because they can not stand at high temperature but different types of crucibles are used in these fusion mixtures.

vessel	Temperature.
platinum	- 1772°C
Nickel	- 1453°C
copper	- 1083.05°C
Iridium	- 2450°C
Au (gold)	- 1063°C
silver	- 960°C

Fusion methods can be broadly classified into four alternative ways.

1. Alkaline

1. Alkali Fusion : Na_2CO_3 , NaOH

2. Acidic Fusion : NaHSO_4 , $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_7$ (Sodium pyro-sulphate)

3. Oxidative Fusion : Na_2O_2 (Sodium peroxide),
Sodium chlorate (NaClO_3)

4. Reductive Fusion : $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3 + \text{Na}_4\text{B}_6\text{O}_{10}$

Alkali Fusion:- (with Na_2CO_3):-

It is frequently used anhydrous material melt at 850°C .



→ carbonate fusion in the presence of air has an oxidative effect on many elements (sulphur, manganese, chromium).

→ anhydrous Na_2CO_3 generally used as Flux for the decomposition of silicate rocks and minerals.

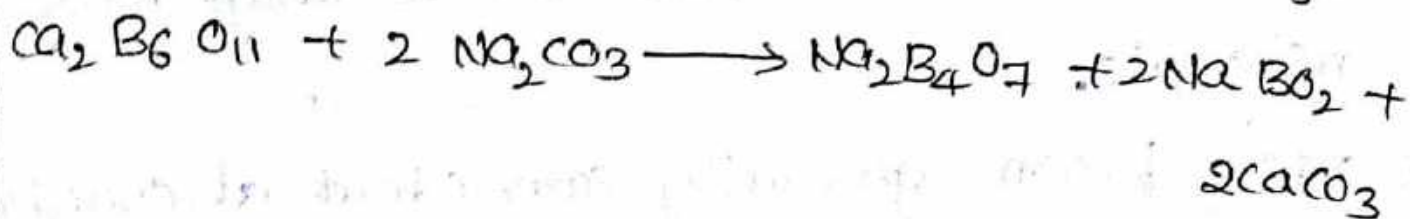
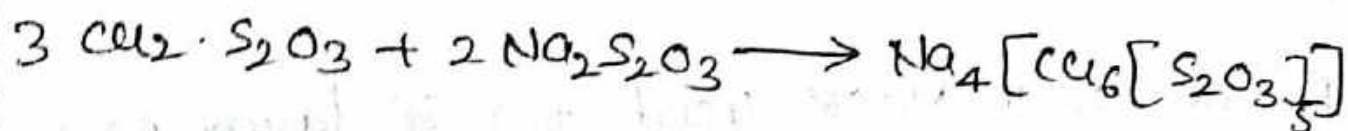
→ other Beryllium minerals eg:- phenacite, beryl, helvite are easily decomposed by fusion with Na_2CO_3 .

→ Decomposition with mixture of borax and Na_2CO_3 has also been found useful for the determination of trace elements in Zircon.

→ The separation of sulphates from Barium, Strontium or calcium carbonate in the decomposition.

→ The poorly soluble thorium and rare earth phosphates from (monazite) decompose easily when fused with Na_2CO_3 .

→ Fusion with Na_2CO_3 can't be used to determine Thallium.



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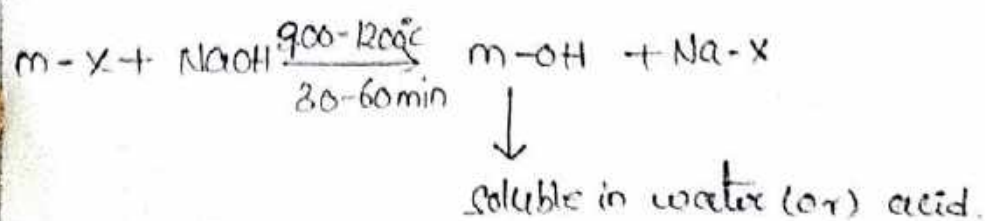
→ Fusion with NaOH:-

→ Absolutely pure NaOH melts at 328°C but it's having contents of water and CO_2 the melting point is usually about 10°C lower, when red hot NaOH volatiles to large extent.

→ Fusion with NaOH is used for decompose silicates, silicates, glass making sand, clays, silicides and carbides of various metals, natural oxides, tungstates, titanates, fluorides, some ores and rocks.

→ Fusion with NaOH used for a large no. of minerals.

→ This fusion generally carried out at crucibles of Fe, Ni, silver (or) gold but never of platinum.



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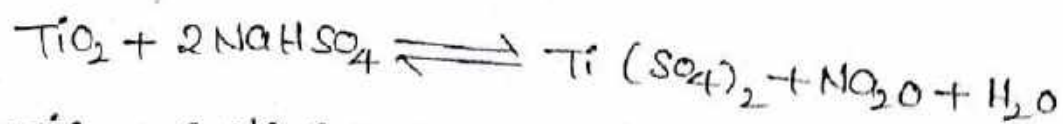




⇒ Acidic fusion:-

Fusion with NaHSO_4 and $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_7$:-

- This is very efficient method used for ores of aluminium, iron, titanium, tungsten.
- which are not soluble in acid (or) acid mixtures. for carrying out this acidic fusion.
- For this acidic fusion, silica (or) porcelain crucible are used
- The amount of bi sulphate (or) pyro sulphate require for this fusion depends upon the sample, sometimes as high as 30 times of sample.
- This acidic fusion requires a temperature of 600 - 700°C, Finally the melt is extracted in water and dilute H_2SO_4 .



→ oxidative Fusion:-

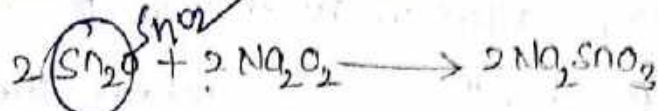
Fusion reagent:- Sodium peroxide & sodium chloride

Temperature: At low

crucibles : Ni, Fe, Si etc.

Silica crucibles are not used bcoz

it reacts with Na_2O_2 .



procedure:-

Na_2O_2 can be used efficiently as fused reagent and sodium chlorate, when compared to the low temperatures, requirement of low temperature permit crucibles such as Ni, Fe, Si etc

→ However silica & alumina crucibles are not suitable bcoz a small error

→ The amount of fusion mixture needed is about 5 times the weight of the sample,

Na_2O_2 is fused first and then sample is added in small fraction followed by fusion.

→ This fusion becomes complete at dull red hot and takes only 5-10 min.

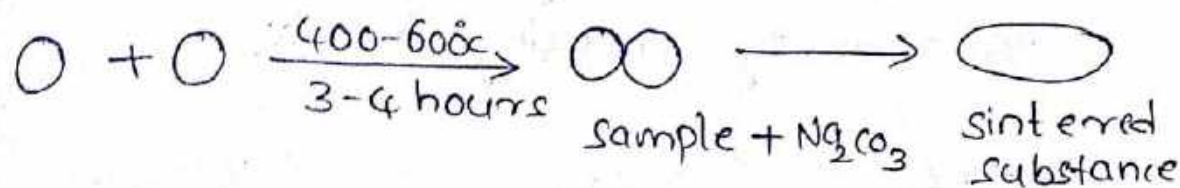
→ The melt is extracted with water (or) acids. The resulting solution is boiled to expell the hydrogen peroxide when the excess Na_2O_2 is dissolved in water, this method is particularly suitable for Tin, Chromium ores.

Reductive fusion:- (Sodium carbonate + Sodium borate, $\text{Na}_2\text{B}_4\text{O}_7$)

As well as Fusion with Sodium carbonate.

→ Sintering: -

Sample + $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3 \xrightarrow[3-4 \text{ hours}]{400-600^\circ\text{C}}$ Sintered substance.



→ A process of where the sample mix thoroughly with selected substance in the ratio of 1:1 (or) 1:2 and that fine powder is heated to lower temperature for a long time during their heating process the fine powder will be slowly becomes a solid. It is called sintering.

→ The sintered material is treated with acids which gives soluble and insoluble materials which are later analysed for different constituents.

Decomposition by sintering with Na_2O_2 :-

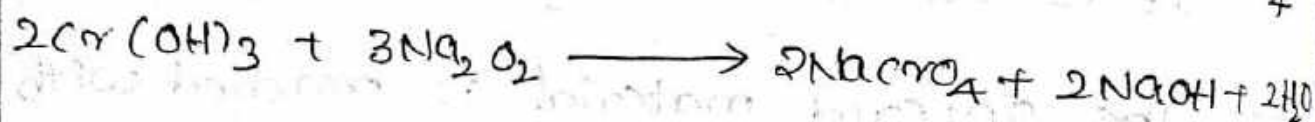
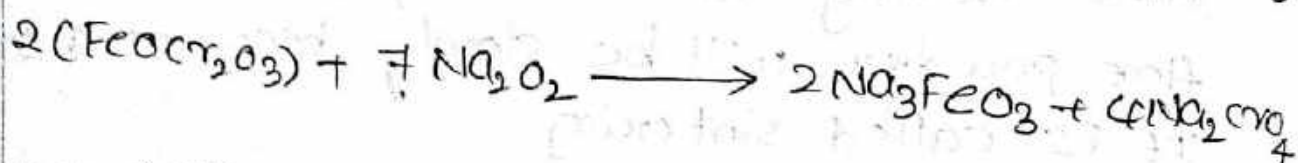
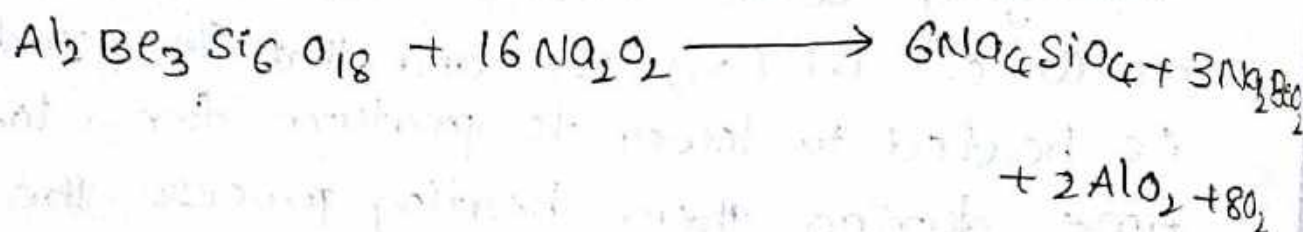
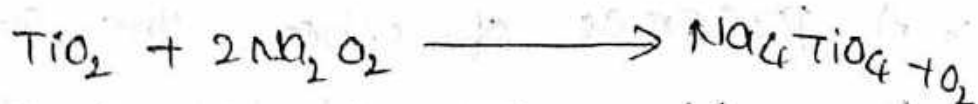
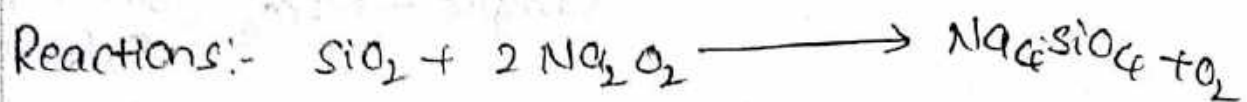
→ The majority of minerals may be decomposed by sintering with sodium peroxide at low temperature.

→ Rocks, ores, magnetite, barytes, gypsum, quartz, feldspar, bauxite, decompose with Na_2O_2 .

→ To avoid the corrosion problem of the vessel (or) crucibles, the sintering process using Na_2O_2 is carried out on pt-noble crucible.

the temperature should not be kept at below 500°C.

→ Minerals like B_2O_3 , ZrO_2 , Aluminate, are decomposed efficiently even in the range of 200-300°C by sintering process.



Decomposition by sintering with Alkali Hydroxide

Sintering process + Fusion, NaOH Reactions

Decomposition by sintering with alkali carbonate

Sintering process + Fusion with Na_2CO_3 Reactions

→ Difference b/w Fusion and sintering.

Fusion

1. Fusion is a process where the sample is mixed with 10 times (or) 25 times of fusion mixture and heat up to $900-1200^{\circ}\text{C}$

2. metal silicates + Na_2CO_3
 $900-1200^{\circ}\text{C} \downarrow 30-60 \text{ min}$

metal- CO_3 + Na-silicates
 $\downarrow$
metal + $\text{CO}_2 \uparrow$

3. Ex:- $\text{Ca}_2\text{B}_6\text{O}_{11} + 2\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3 \rightarrow$
 $\text{Na}_2\text{B}_4\text{O}_7 + 2\text{NaBO}_2 + \text{CaCO}_3$

4. Time of reaction is
30-60 mins

5. Corrosion of vessels is
very high (because of
high temperature)

6. Pt, Ir can be used
as vessels.

7. Size of the particle is
high compared to
sintering process

8. we must use very
pure fusion mixture (to
avoid contamination)

Sintering

1. Sintering process
where the sample is
mixed with almost 2-3
times fusion mixture
heated up to $400-600^{\circ}\text{C}$.

2. m-silicates + Na_2CO_3
 $400-600^{\circ}\text{C} \downarrow 3-4 \text{ hrs}$

m- CO_3 + Na-silicates
 $\downarrow$
metal + CO_2

3. $\text{MnSO}_4 + 2\text{Na}_2\text{O}_2 \rightarrow$
 $\text{Na}_2\text{MnO}_4 + \text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$

4. Time of reaction is
3-4 hours

5. Corrosion of vessels
is very low (because
of low temperature)

6. Pt, Ir, Ni used as
vessels

7. The size of the
particle is less compare
to fusion.

8. we must use very
pure fusion mixture to
avoid contamination

9. Zn fusion

Na_2CO_3 , NaOH - Alkali fusion

Na_2O_2 , NaClO_3 - oxidative fusion

Na_2CO_3 , $\text{Na}_4\text{B}_2\text{O}_7$ - Reductive fusion.

10. High temperature is required

11. Pressure is not applied

12. The substance melts

13. chemical reaction takes place.

14. The composition of substance changes.

15. New compounds are formed.

16. After the process the substance reached with water (or) acid.

9. Zn sintering Na_2CO_3
 NaOH , Na_2O_2 , NaClO_3 ,
 $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3 + \text{Na}_4\text{B}_2\text{O}_7$.

10. low temperature is required

11. pressure is applied

12. The substance do not melts.

13. chemical reaction don't takes place

14. The composition of substance donot change

15. New compounds are not formed.

16. After the process the substance reached with water (or) acid.

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Recrystallisation:-

Solid samples are ^(Aromatic) isolated from organic reactions they are usually contaminated the small amount of other components. (impurities).

→ which are produced along with desired product.

→ The purification of impure crystalline compounds is usually effected by crystallisation from a suitable solvent (or) mix of solvents.

→ The purification of solids by crystallisation is based on differences in their solubility in a given solvent (or) mix of solvents.

crystallisation process:-

Dissolve the impure substance in some suitable solvent nearly boiling point.

→ Filtering the hot solution from particles of insoluble material and dust

→ Allowing the hot, and cooled solution causing dissolved substance to crystallise out.

→ separating the crystals from the supernatant solution (or) mother liquor.

- The resulting solvent after drying is tested for purity, if found impure is again recrystallised from fresh solvent.
- The process is repeated until the pure compound is obtained, but melting point is unchanged.

Solvents for recrystallisation:-

To compare high solvent power and low solvent power for the substance to be purified at a laboratory temperature is below (or) above

- It should dissolve impurities readily and ~~to~~ only a small extent
- It should yield well formed crystals of the purified compound.
- It should be capable of easy removal from the crystals of the purified compound.

Common solvents

Boiling point [$^{\circ}\text{C}$]

water	—	100 $^{\circ}\text{C}$
CH_3OH (methanol)	—	64.5 $^{\circ}\text{C}$
Ethanol	—	78 $^{\circ}\text{C}$
Industrial spirit	—	77-82 $^{\circ}\text{C}$
rectified spirit	—	78 $^{\circ}\text{C}$
Acetone	—	56 $^{\circ}\text{C}$

Ethyl acetate — 78°C

CH_3COOH — 118°C

di oxime — 101°C

Cyclo hexane — 81°C

Benzene — 80°C

CCl_4 — 77°C

CHCl_3 — 61°C

Dichloroethane CH_2Cl_2 — 41°C

Di ethyl ether. — 35°C

Light petroluem — $40-60^{\circ}\text{C}$

Ultrasonic decomposition:-

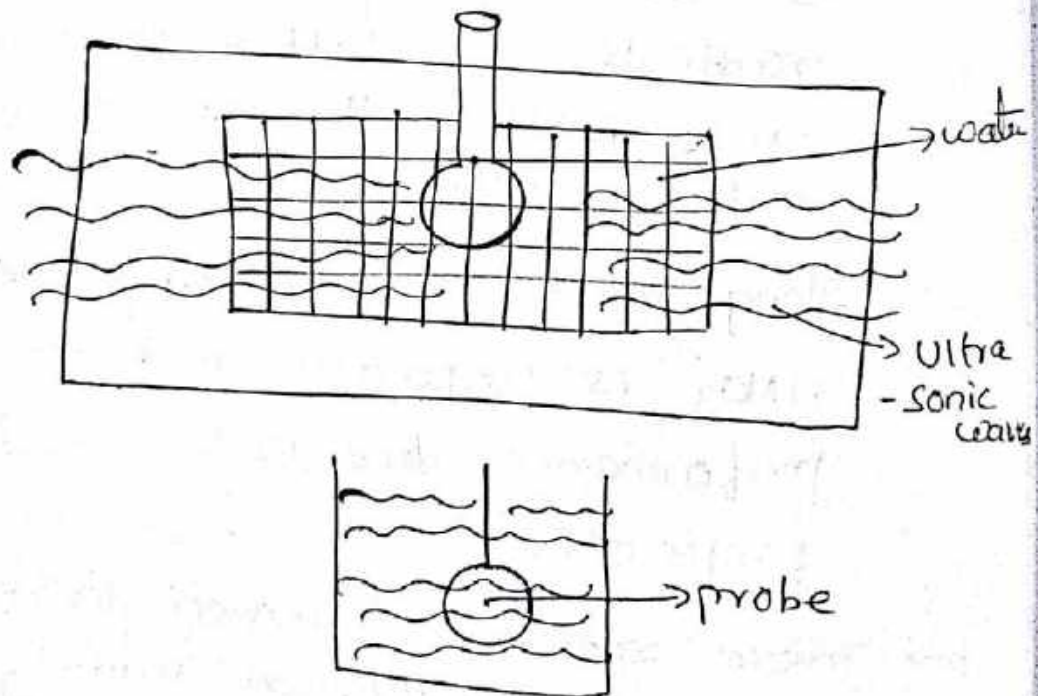
- In the decomposition of sample (or) dissolve the sample using ultrasonic wave which is frequently less than 20 Hz.
- Ultrasonic energy has been used for a quite variety of application in industries, medicine and science.
- In the analytical chemistry field most applications like in the ability of ultrasound to extract trace analysis from the solid matrix.
- Sound waves can induce mechanical vibrations in a solid, liquid and gas.
- Where as electromagnetic waves can pass through vacuum, ultrasound has the frequency higher than, the human audible range (1-16 kHz).
- Sound waves must travel in the matter as they involve expansion and compression, cycles travelling through the medium expansion, pulls molecules apart where as compression pushes them together.
- In a liquid the expansion cycles produce negative pressure, if ultrasound is strong enough, the expansion cycle can create bubbles or cavities in the

liquid, this is so when the negative pressure exerted exceeds the local tensile strength of the liquid, which varies depending upon its nature and purity.

- The process by which vapour bubbles form grow and undergo implosive collapse is known as cavitation, the whole process takes place about $400 \mu\text{sec}$.
- A cavitation thus provides a unique interaction of energy and matter, the high temperature and pressure produced lead to the formation of free radicals and other compounds.
- In this sonification of pure water causes thermal dissociation of water molecules into hydrogen atom and 'OH' free radicals, the latter forming H_2O_2 by recombination; the use of an acid extract process.
- Among the acids employed as extracting HNO_3 is reported to have an enhanced performance, due to its oxidation properties.
- There are two common devices for ultrasound application namely Bath and probe units.
- Ultrasonic probe have the advantages over ultrasonic bath in that they focus their energy on a localized sample zone.

- There by providing more efficient cavitation in the liquid, the sonification time required with ultrasonic probe is less and that need when using ultrasonic bath.
- ultrasound assisted leaching is an effective way of extracting and facilitating of quick determination of large number of analyses from various environmental samples.
- microwave and ultrasound heatings are wet decomposition techniques.

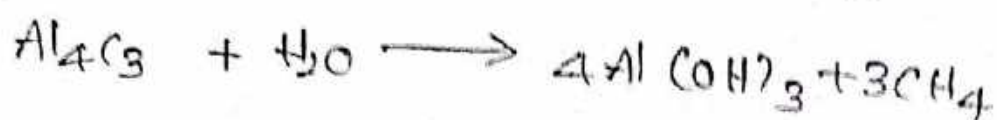
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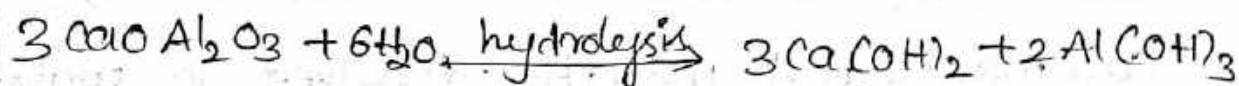
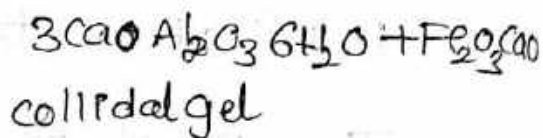
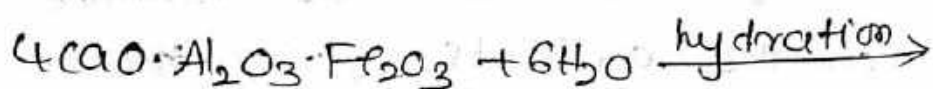
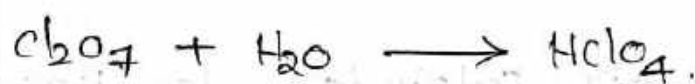


- using probe we can develop ultrasonic waves then we can decompose the sample.

⇒ Decomposition with water:-

- magnesium, copper, zinc sulphates also dissolved in water.
- The portion of calcium carbonate dissolve depends on the contents of CO_2 the distilled water.
- The no. of borates ex:- borate, borax, colemanite and ulexite dissolved in water at elevated temperature.
- Aq. sodium acetate soln has been employed for the determination of sulphates.
- metallic iron also dissolved and boil with a aq. lead chloride solution
- decomposition of CaF_2 is carried out by heating with acidified AlCl_3 solution on a water bath for one to two hours.
- Limestone dissolved in 5% ammonium chloride with continued boiling.





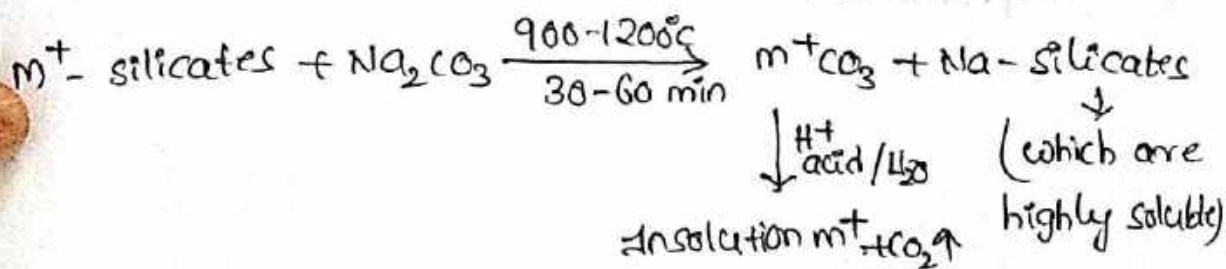
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⇒ Fusion:-

Principle:- The fusion mixture is usually fused 10 times of the sample, the fusion mixture and finely powdered sample are mixed the contents in the crucible are heated slowly to remove mixture content and CO_2

→ The crucible is heated to red hot, until no gas evolution is visible and the mass is completely fused, the melt is cooled and extracted with H_2O (or) acid.

Ex:- Na_2CO_3 is an excellent fusion material, its melting point is 850°C , metal silicates are reacted with sodium carbonate, and converted into sodium silicates which are highly soluble.



Reason for Na_2CO_3 selection:-

Sodium is not interfering, and also most of the metal carbonates insoluble we can eliminate carbonates easily from Na_2CO_3 .