

Separation of precipitated phase from melt mixture by super-gravity technology

The essence of metallurgical processes consists mainly of the reaction and separation. Generally, mass transfer and phase separation are the restrictive links in high-temperature metallurgical processes. To effectively separate solid phases from melt mixtures or inclusion phases from metal melts, an innovative approach of super-gravity technology was proposed, which has the characteristics of enhancing the processes of mass transfer and phase migration. Super-gravity technology may be applied in pyro-metallurgy process, such as concentration of valuable resources from molten slag, purification of metallic melts, recovery of metal from molten slag, separation of valuable metals from electronic wastes, and so on. For instance, super gravity is an effective method to separate rutile (TiO_2) phase from molten Ti-bearing slag, vanadium spinel [Fe_2VO_4] phase from molten V-bearing slag, suanite ($\text{Mg}_2\text{B}_2\text{O}_5$) phase from molten B-bearing slag, and rare earth phases from molten Re-bearing slag, and so on. In addition, the inclusions in liquid metal such as liquid steel could be efficiently removed by super gravity. Driving by a centrifugal super-gravity force, metals such as Fe, Cu and Zn could be rapidly recovered from steelmaking molten slag, copper-making molten slag and zinc-coating molten slag, respectively. Moreover, super-gravity technology can be used to separation of Pb, Sn, Al, Zn, Cu and precious metals from waste printed circuit boards in heating process. Therefore, separation of the precipitated phase from its containing melt can be improved immensely in super gravity field, and the metallurgical processes can be achieved green and high-efficient.

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