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Metallurgy

Session 2

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Learning Objectives

- **Terms**
- **Metallurgy Process (Brief Overview)**

1. Minerals

- are **SOLID SUBSTANCES**
- that are present in **NATURE** and
- can be made of **ONE ELEMENT OR MORE ELEMENTS**

1. Minerals: *Limestone*



1. Minerals: *Talc*



1. Minerals: *Gypsum*



1. Minerals: *Quartzite*



1. Minerals: *Granite*



1. Minerals: *Marble*



1. Minerals: *Dolomite*



1. Minerals: *Coal*



2. Ores

- **is a MINERAL**
- **which contains ENOUGH amount of certain METALS**
- **which can be profitably EXTRACTED from it**

2. Ores: Bauxite [$\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$]



2. Ores: Cuprite [Cu₂O]



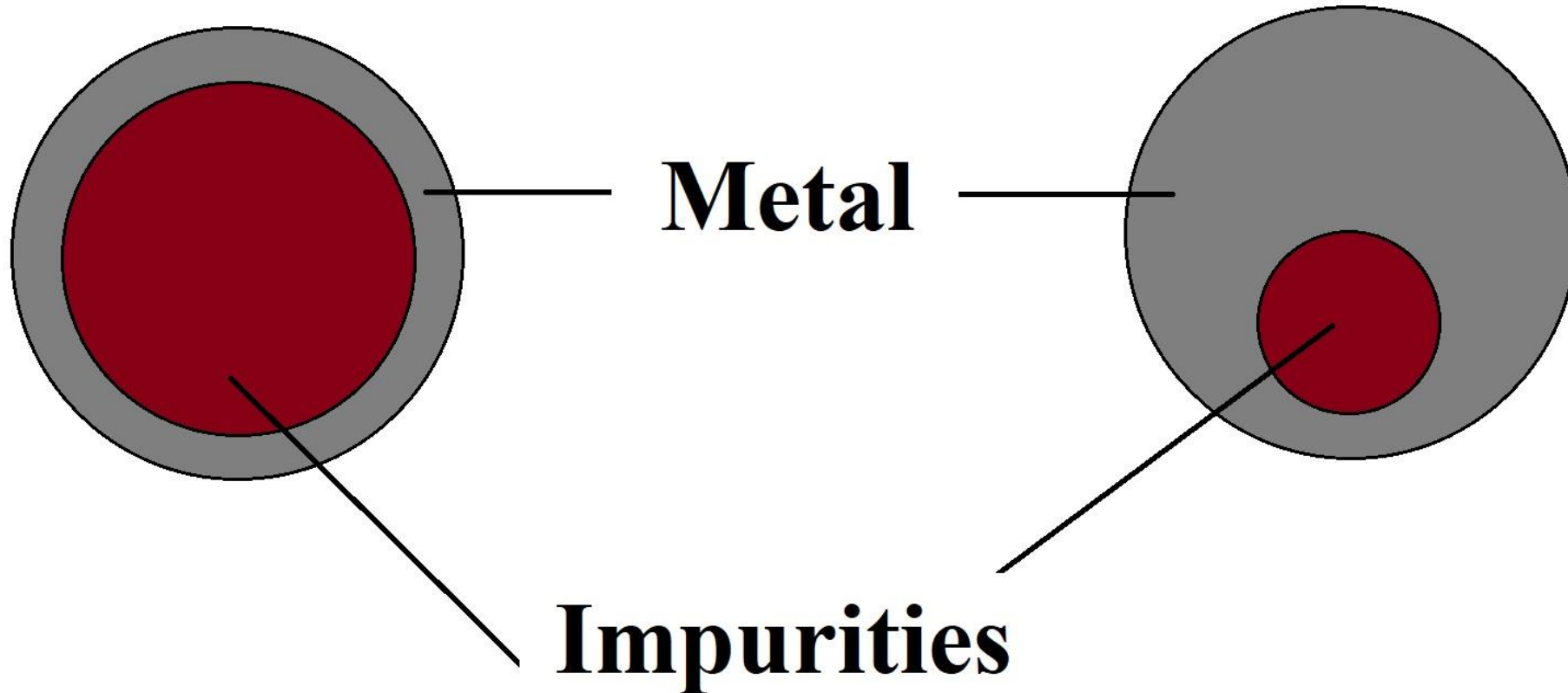
2. Ores: Calamine [ZnCO_3]



2. Ores: Galena [PbS]



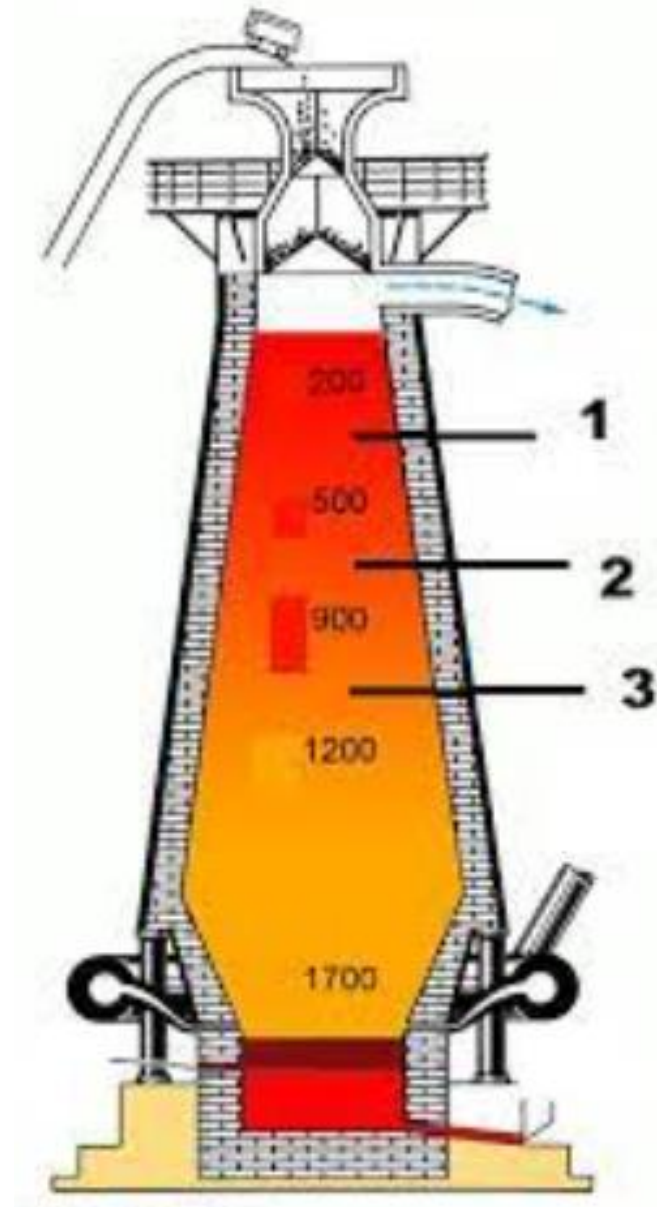
Mineral vs Ore



- Mineral
- But **Not** Ore

- Mineral
- Ore

3. Furnace



4. Flux

- is a **CHEMICAL SUBSTANCE**
- **ADDED** to an ore during the extraction of metal
- that **COMBINES** chemically with the **GANGUE**
- to form **LIGHT MASS**



5. Gangue/Matrix

- **IMPURITIES**
- **like sand, rocky materials associated with ore**



(a) coal

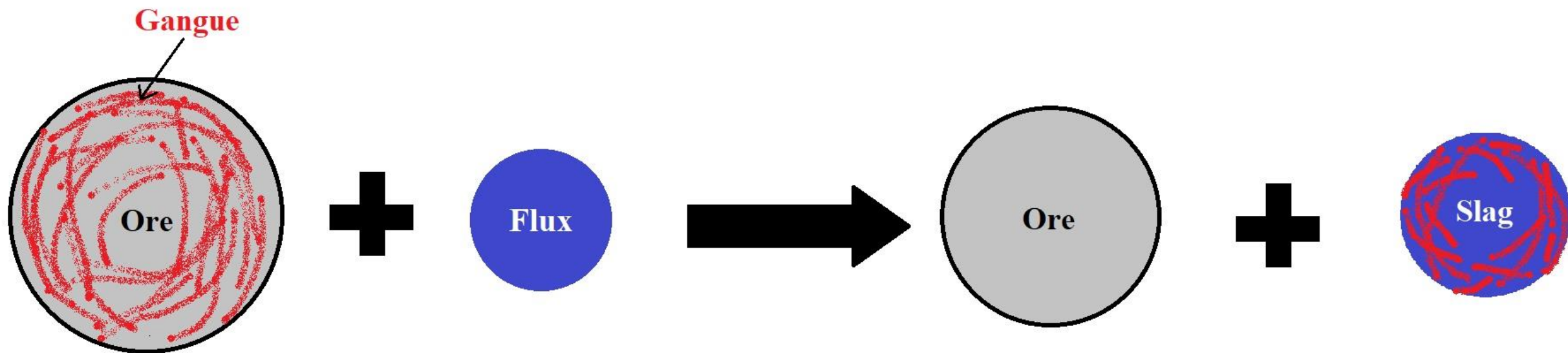


(b) gangue

6. Slag

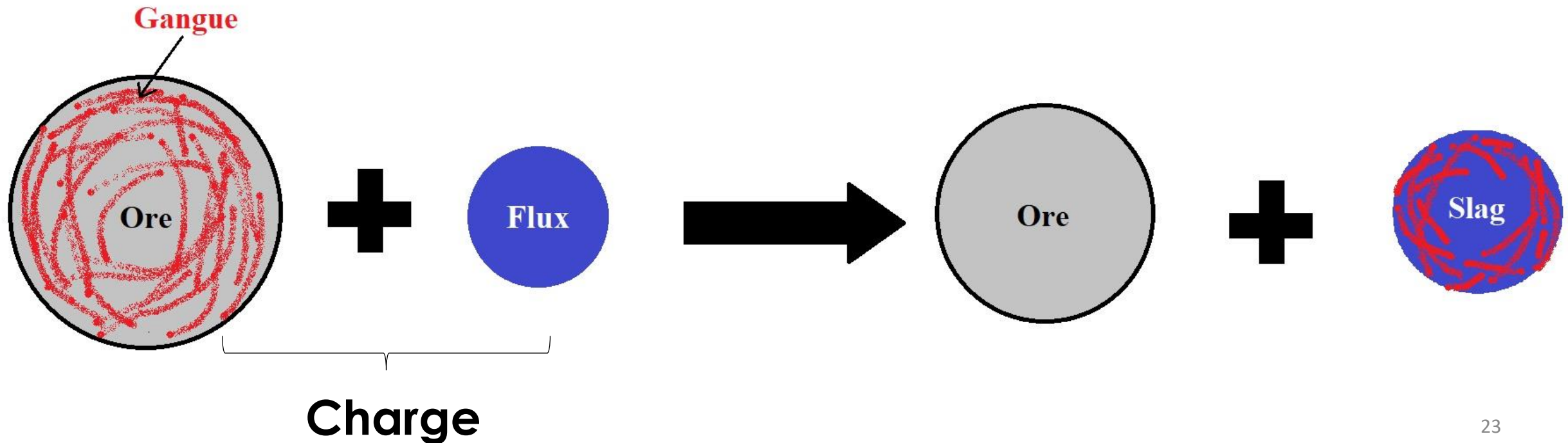
- The **PRODUCT** obtained
- by the **COMBINATION** of *GANGUE* with the *FLUX*





7. Charge

- the **MIXTURE** of materials
- **FED** into a furnace,
- to **EXTRACT** a metal.



4 Steps to Extract Metals

Step 1: Dressing of Ores

a. Hand Picking

b. Crushing and Grinding of Ore

Step 2: Concentration of Ores

- a. Froth Floatation Process**
- b. Gravity Separation or Levitation**
- c. Magnetic Separation**
- d. Leaching**

Step 3: Extraction of Metals from the Concentrated Ore

a. Conversion of Ores into Metal Oxides

- i. Calcination**
- ii. Roasting**

b. Reduction to Metal from Metal Oxide

- i. Pyrometallurgy: The carbon reduction process**
- ii. Aluminothermy: Reduction with aluminium**
- iii. Auto-reduction**
- iv. Electrolytic Reduction**

Step 4: Purification or Refining of Metal

- a. Liquation**
- b. Distillation Method**
- c. Electrolytic Refining**
- d. Oxidative Refining**

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