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range of coals compatible with staged, low-NO\textsubscript{X} combustor retrofits. 9 refs., 12 figs.

**Evaluation of Coal Refuse Reclamation Projects for Long-term Control of Pyrite Oxidation and Water Quality**

In 1878, the first complete dinosaur skeleton was discovered in a coal mine in Bernissart, Belgium. Iguanodon, first described by Gideon Mantell on the basis of fragments discovered in England in 1824, was initially reconstructed as an iguana-like reptile or a heavily built, horned quadruped. However, the Bernissart skeleton changed all that. The animal was displayed in an upright posture similar to a kangaroo, and later with its tail off the ground like the dinosaur we know of today. Focusing on the Bernissart discoveries, this book presents the latest research on Iguanodon and other denizens of the Cretaceous ecosystems of Europe, Asia, and Africa. Pascal Godefroit and contributors consider the Bernissart locality itself and the new research programs that are underway there. The book also presents a systematic revision of Iguanodon; new material from Spain, Romania, China, and Kazakhstan; studies of other Early Cretaceous terrestrial ecosystems; and examinations of Cretaceous vertebrate faunas.

**Control of Pyrite Surface Chemistry in Physical Coal Cleaning**

The Treatise on Geochemistry is the first work providing a comprehensive, integrated summary of the present state of geochemistry. It deals with all the major subjects in the field, ranging from the chemistry of the solar system to environmental geochemistry. The Treatise on Geochemistry has drawn on the expertise of outstanding scientists throughout the world, creating the reference work in geochemistry for the next decade. Each volume consists of fifteen to twenty-five chapters written by recognized authorities in their fields, and chosen by the Volume Editors in consultation with the Executive Editors. Particular emphasis has been placed on integrating the subject matter of the individual chapters and volumes. Elsevier also offers the Treatise on Geochemistry in electronic format via the online platform ScienceDirect, the most comprehensive database of academic research on the Internet today, enhanced by a suite of sophisticated linking, searching and retrieval tools.

**Mechanisms of Pyrite Oxidation to Non-slagging Species. Quarterly Report, April 1, 1996 - June 30, 1996**

**Mechanisms of Pyrite Oxidation to Non-slagging Species. Quarterly Report, January 1, 1996--March 31, 1996**

**Pyrite Surface Characterization and Control for Advanced Fine Coal Desulfurization Technologies**

The separation of pyrite from coal by flotation is based on exploiting the wettability difference between coal and pyrite. There is evidence that the wettability of coal pyrite changes upon superficial oxidation. Therefore, the oxidation of coal pyrite has been studied under carefully controlled electrochemical conditions. In order to identify the species responsible for the changes in wettability, the surface products formed during oxidation have been identified by means of various surface analysis techniques, including X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) and ion scattering spectroscopy (ISS). It has been found that pyrite oxidation creates a sulfur-rich surface along with iron oxides/hydroxides. The ratio between these hydrophobic and hydrophilic species correlates well with the results of the wettability measurements.
Engineering Tools for Environmental Risk Management

An excellent knowledge base in soil and water chemistry - the ideal basic text for students of the environmental sciences. In Environmental Soil and Water Chemistry, leading soil and water authority V. P. Evangelou presents a complete overview of the principles and applications of soil science, addressing the subject by viewing the interactions between soil and water as a basis for understanding the nature, extent, and treatment of polluted soil and water. The text opens with a discussion of principles - the fundamental tenets of chemistry needed to understand soil and water quality and treatment of polluted resources and continues with a look at applications for the control and treatment of soil and water. Suitable for advanced undergraduates and beginning graduate students, this extensive, timely volume covers: Water chemistry and mineral solubility; soil minerals and surface chemical properties and their behavior; and electrochemistry and kinetics. The control of agricultural chemical pollution and land disturbance pollution; colloids and transport processes in soils; and technologies for measuring quality and executing treatment. Specific chemical contaminants and the procedures for their neutralization. In a world where chemical pollutants pose a grave threat to the earth's natural resources, Environmental Soil and Water Chemistry offers students both an excellent textbook and a handy reference on the wide spectrum of environmental problems they will confront outside the classroom.

Sulfur Biogeochemistry

Surface Water Pollution and its Control

Practical Considerations of Pyrite Oxidation Control in Uranium Tailings

The accumulation of large amounts of ash from fossil fuel combustion for electric power plant generation is becoming a major environmental concern in the United States. Furthermore, stringent environmental regulations mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency through the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as well as state and local environmental regulations may result in even more ash production with subsequent contact with the environment. The concentrations of trace elements in coal residues are extremely variable and depend on the composition of the original coal, conditions during combustion, the efficiency of emission control devices, storage and handling of byproducts, and climate. The research papers in this book were presented as a part of the Sixth International Conference on the Biogeochemistry of Trace Elements held at the University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada, from July 29-August 2, 2001. The purpose of this conference was to present current knowledge on the source, pathways, behavior, and effects of trace elements in soils, waters, plants, and animals. In addition, the book also includes invited research papers from scientists who have done significant research in the area of coal and coal combustion byproducts. All the research papers presented herein have been subjected to peer review.

14th International Congress for Applied Mineralogy (ICAM2019)

A monthly journal devoted to problems in soil physics, soil chemistry and soil biology.
**Waste Production and Utilization in the Metal Extraction Industry**

This open access proceedings of the 14th International Council for Applied Mineralogy Congress (ICAM) in Belgorod, Russia cover a wide range of topics including applied mineralogy, advanced and construction materials, ore and industrial minerals, mineral exploration, cultural heritage, etc. It includes contributions to geometallurgy, industrial minerals, oil and gas reservoirs as well as stone artifacts and their preservation. The International Congress on Applied Mineralogy strengthens the relation between the research on applied mineralogy and the industry.

**Environmental Soil and Water Chemistry**

Increasingly stringent environmental regulations and industry adoption of waste minimization guidelines have thus, stimulated the need for the development of recycling and reuse options for metal related waste. This book, therefore, gives an overview of the waste generation, recycle and reuse along the mining, beneficiation, extraction, manufacturing and post-consumer value chain. This book reviews current status and future trends in the recycling and reuse of mineral and metal waste and also details the policy and legislation regarding the waste management, health and environmental impacts in the mining, beneficiation, metal extraction and manufacturing processes. This book is a useful reference for engineers and researchers in industry, policymakers and legislators in governance, and academics on the current status and future trends in the recycling and reuse of mineral and metal waste. Some of the key features of the book are as follows: Holistic approach to waste generation, recycling and reuse along the minerals and metals extraction. Detailed overview of metallurgical waste generation. Practical examples with complete flow sheets, techniques and interventions on waste management. Integrates the technical issues related to efficient resources utilization with the policy and regulatory framework. Novel approach to addressing future commodity shortages.

**Acid Sulfate Weathering**

Volume is indexed by Thomson Reuters CPCI-S (WoS). The main focus of this collection of peer-reviewed articles is biohydrometallurgy. This is the field of microbial ecology which is the key to answering central questions concerning not only the diversity and behavior of micro-organisms in commercial operations, but also possible applications in biohydrometallurgy of extremophiles coming from very different environments. The 134 papers are grouped as follows: Chapter 1: Microbial Ecology, Geomicrobiology and Bioprospecting in Natural and Mining Environments; Chapter 2: Omics, Molecular Genetics and Biochemistry of Microorganisms in Mining Processes; Chapter 3: Industrial Biohydrometallurgy: Studies, Practices and Operation; Chapter 4: Biohydrometallurgy as a Remediation Strategy.

**Bernissart Dinosaurs and Early Cretaceous Terrestrial Ecosystems**

Making use of information drawn from a variety of sources this book addresses the problems created by all the principal forms of surface water pollution. The chemical, physical and biochemical parameters of water quality, without an appreciation of which no true understanding of river pollution control is possible, are discussed in some detail as are the roles of the variety of micro and other organisms present in natural waters. Self-purification of surface waters is considered in some detail. An up-to-date review of the legislation relating to surface water pollution control both in the UK and the USA is included as is an informative introduction to the potentially confusing subject of water quality modelling. The book provides the
student, researcher and scientist interested in river pollution and pollution control with the most up-to-date and comprehensive coverage of the subject available anywhere.

**Integration of Scientific and Industrial Knowledge on Biohydrometallurgy**

Land Reclamation in Ecological Fragile Areas contains the proceedings of the 2nd International Symposium on Land Reclamation and Ecological Restoration (LRER 2017, Xi’an, China, 20-23 October 2017). The contributions cover a wide range of topics: • Mining impact on environment • Monitoring, prediction and assessment of mining impact on land environment • Mining methods and measurements to minimize the land and environment impact • Mining and reclamation policies, regulations and standard • AMD treatment • Soil and landscape reconstruction • Revegetation and biodiversity protection • Subsidence land reclamation and ecological restoration • Surface mined land reclamation and ecological restoration • Solid wastes management, waste dump and tailings pond restoration • Case study • Abandoned mine land reclamation and ecological restoration • Contaminated land remediation • Reclaimed land monitoring and evaluation • Land reclamation supervision • Products and industrialization • Education, technology transfer and international cooperation of mine land reclamation • “The Belt and Road Initiative” and mine land restoration Land Reclamation in Ecological Fragile Areas will be of interest to engineers, scientists, consultants, government officials and students in this area.

**Acidic Mining Lakes**

**Control of Eh and PH to Evaluate the Rate of Pyrite Oxidation**

**Bureau of Mines Research and Technologic Work on Coal, 1962**

**Environmental Geochemistry**

In Part I, Surface Chemistry of Coal Pyrite the mechanisms responsible for the inefficient rejection of coal pyrite were investigated using a number of experimental techniques. The test results demonstrate that the hydrophobicity of coal pyrite is related to the surface products formed during oxidation in aqueous solutions. During oxidation, a sulfur-rich surface layer is produced in near neutral pH solutions. This surface layer is composed mainly of sulfur species in the form of an iron-polysulfide along with a smaller amount of iron oxide/hydroxides. The floatability coal pyrite increases dramatically in the presence of frothers and hydrocarbon collectors. These reagents are believed to absorb on the weakly hydrophobic pyrite surfaces as a result of hydrophobic interaction forces. In Part III, Developing the Best Possible Rejection Schemes, a number of pyrite depressants were evaluated in column and conventional flotation tests. These included manganese (Mn) metal, chelating agents quinone and diethylenetriamine (DETA), and several commercially-available organic depressants. Of these, the additives which serve as reducing agents were found to be most effective. Reducing agents were used to prevent pyrite oxidation and/or remove oxidation products present on previously oxidized surfaces. These data show that Mn is a significantly stronger depressant for pyrite than quinone or DETA. Important factors in determining the pyrite depression effect
of Mn include the slurry solid content during conditioning, the addition of acid (HCl), and the amount of Mn. The acid helps remove the oxide layer from the surface of Mn and promotes the depression of pyrite by Mn.

**Chemistry of Trace Elements in Fly Ash**

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**Control of Pyrite Surface Chemistry in Physical Coal Cleaning. Technical Progress Report for the Ninth Quarter, September 1--November 30, 1991**

This is the 9th quarterly technical progress report for the project entitled Pyrite surface characterization and control for advanced fine coal desulfurization technologies", DE-FG22-90PC90295. The work presented in this report was performed from September 1, 1992 to November 31, 1992. The objective of the project is to conduct extensive fundamental studies on the surface chemistry of pyrite oxidation and flotation and to understand how the alteration of the coal-pyrite surface affects the efficiency of pyrite rejection in coal flotation. During this reporting period, the surface oxidation of pyrite in various electrolytes was investigated. It has been demonstrated, for the first time, that borate, a pH buffer and electrolyte used by many previous investigators in studying sulfide mineral oxidation, actively participates in the surface oxidation of pyrite. In borate solutions, the surface oxidation of pyrite is strongly enhanced. The anodic oxidation potential of pyrite is lowered by more than 0.4 volts. The initial reaction of the borate enhanced pyrite oxidation can be described by: FeS\([2]\) + B(OH)\([4]\)[sup =] \(\rightarrow\) [S\([2]\)Fe-B(OH)\([4]\)][surf] + e. This reaction is irreversible and is controlled by the mass-transfer of borate species from the solution to the surface. It has been shown that the above reaction inhibits the adsorption of xanthate on pyrite. Comparative studies have been made with other sulfide minerals. The solution chemistry of the iron-borate systems have been studied to understand the electrochemical results.

**Control of Pyrite Surface Chemistry in Physical Coal Cleaning. Twelfth Quarterly Technical Progress Report, June 1, 1992--August 31, 1992**

**Sediments, Diagenesis, and Sedimentary Rocks**

Acidification is a universal problem at all mining sites in which oxygenated water comes in contact with sulfide minerals or other reduced sulfur
compounds. An International Workshop was held in September 1995 at the Department for Inland Water Research of the UFZ-Centre for Environmental Research in Magdeburg on the limnology of lakes created by open-cast lignite mining, emphasizing the often observed geogenic acidification after oxidation of pyrite. The volume has 25 chapters including a chapter with results of group discussions about the topics mentioned above and further problems that were identified during the meeting. The monograph gives a baseline of the state of science on the worldwide problem of geogenic acidification of lakes following human mining activities.

**Pyrite Oxidation in Carbonate - Buffered Systems**

Cryosols – permafrost – occupy a unique part of the earth and have properties greatly different from other soils. They also occur where the greatest impact of global warming is predicted. This is the first book bring together the leading researchers in the area of permafrost soils to produce a review of the geography, cryogenic soil forming processes, ecological processes, classification and use of soils that are affected by permafrost.

**Bibliography of Investment and Operating Costs for Chemical and Petroleum Plants**

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**Mining in the Arctic**

The overall objective is to develop methodologies by which metasilicate or fly ash may produce an effective coating on pyrite surfaces for inhibiting pyrite oxidation. During the past six months, the investigators produced wet chemistry evidence demonstrating that pyrite-HCO3 complexes promote pyrite oxidation. This is an important finding for their over all strategy in controlling pyrite oxidation because it suggests that pyrite microencapsulation is important in order to control oxidation in near cirumneutral pH environments produced by addition of alkaline material, e.g., fly ash. In their previous studies, the investigators reported that pyrite microencapsulation could be carried out by reacting pyrite with a pH buffered solution and in the presence of metasilicate. The coating formed on the surface of pyrite appeared to be an amorphous iron-oxide-silicate material which inhibited pyrite oxidation. During this past six months, the investigators evaluated: the molecular mechanisms of silicate adsorption by iron oxide; the effects of silicate on the bulk and surface properties of iron oxides; and the effect of silicate on metal-cation adsorption properties by iron oxides.

**Pyrite Oxidation in Saturated and Unsaturated Porous Media Flow**

The four volumes of the book series "Engineering Tools for Environmental Risk Management" deal with environmental management, assessment & monitoring tools, environmental toxicology and risk reduction technologies. This last volume focuses on engineering solutions usually needed for
industrial contaminated sites, where nature’s self-remediation is inefficient or too slow. The success of remediation depends on the selection of an increasing number of conventional and innovative methods. This volume classifies the remedial technologies and describes the reactor approach to understand and manage in situ technologies similarly to reactor-based technologies. Technology types include physicochemical, biological or ecological solutions, where near-natural, sustainable remediation has priority. A special chapter is devoted to natural attenuation, where natural changes can help achieve clean-up objectives. Natural attenuation and biological and ecological remediation establish a serial range of technologies from monitoring only to fully controlled interventions, using ‘just’ the natural ecosystem or sophisticated artificial living systems. Passive artificial ecosystems and biodegradation-based remediation – in addition to natural attenuation – demonstrate the use of these ‘green’ technologies and how engineering intervention should be kept at a minimum to limit damage to the environment and create a harmonious ecosystem. Remediation of sites contaminated with organic substances is analyzed in detail including biological and physicochemical methods. Comprehensive management of pollution by inorganic contaminants from the mining industry, leaching and bioleaching and acid mine drainage is studied in general and specifically in the case of an abandoned mine in Hungary where the innovative technology of combined chemical and phytostabilization has been applied. The series of technologies is completed by electrochemical remediation and nanotechnologies. Monitoring, verification and sustainability analysis of remediation provide a comprehensive overview of the management aspect of environmental risk reduction by remediation. This book series focuses on the state of knowledge about the environment and its conscious and structured application in environmental engineering, management and decision making.

Control of Pyrite Surface Chemistry in Physical Coal Cleaning. Final Report

Acid Mine Drainage Formation and Abatement

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Soil Science

Pyrite Oxidation and Its Control

Over the past 10 years, much research has provided convincing evidence that one major difficulty in using froth flotation to separate pyrite from coal is the "self-induced" flotation of pyrite. Numerous studies have attempted to identify reactions that occur under moderate oxidizing conditions, which lead to self-induced flotation, and to identify the oxidization products. During the past two report periods, it was established that: (1) freshly fractured pyrite surfaces immediately assume, at fracture, an electrode potential several hundred millivolts more negative than the usual steady state mixed
potentials. Within minutes after fracture, the electrodes oxidize and reach higher steady state potentials. It was also shown, by photocurrent measurements, that a negative surface charge (upward band bending) already exists on freshly fractured pyrite, and (2) particle bed electrodes can be used to control the oxidation of pyrite and to precisely determine the electrochemical conditions where flotation occurs, or is depressed. By circulating the solution phase to an ultraviolet spectrometer, soluble products produced on pyrite by oxidation and reduction can be determined, e.g., HS− was identified as a soluble cathodic reduction product. These and other studies have provided considerable information concerning the anodic oxidation of pyrite. Much less is known about the mechanism and kinetics of oxygen reduction, the other half of the mixed potential reaction. To better understand pyrite oxidation kinetics and determine if oxygen reduction is rate determining, studies have been conducted during this report period on the oxygen reduction reaction with pyrite. In addition, to provide further support that the potential of particle bed electrodes can be controlled, the electro-adsorption and desorption of an organic surfactant was studied.

Cryosols

Control of Acid Drainage from Coal Refuse Using Anionic Surfactants

This volume covers the formation and biogeochemistry of a variety of important sediment types from their initial formation through their conversion (diagenesis) to sedimentary rocks. The volume deals with the chemical, mineralogical, and isotopic properties of sediments and sedimentary rocks and their use in interpreting the environment of formation and subsequent events in the history of sediments, and the nature of the ocean-atmosphere system through geological time. Reprinted individual volume from the acclaimed Treatise on Geochemistry, (10 Volume Set, ISBN 0-08-043751-6, published in 2003). Comprehensive and authoritative scope and focus Reviews from renowned scientists across a range of subjects, providing both overviews and new data, supplemented by extensive bibliographies Extensive illustrations and examples from the field.


This book provides comprehensive, up-to-date overview of the accumulation of wastes at mine, including sulfidic mine wastes, mine water, tailings, cyanidation wastes of gold-silver ores, radioactive wastes of uranium ores, and wastes of phosphate and potash ores. The updated second edition includes new case studies; presents crucial aspects of mine wastes as scientific issues; reflects major developments and contemporary issues in mine waste science; additional figures; and an updated reference list.

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**Tenth Anniversary of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977**

Pyrite \((\text{FeS}_2)\) is one of the most common naturally occurring minerals that is present in many subsurface environments. It plays an important role in the genesis of enriched ore deposits through weathering reactions, is the most abundant sulfide mineral in many mine tailings, and is the primary source of acid drainage from mines and waste rock piles. The pyrite oxidation reaction serves as a prototype for oxidative weathering processes with broad significance for geoscientific, engineering, and environmental applications. Mathematical modeling of these processes is extremely challenging because aqueous concentrations of key species vary over an enormous range, oxygen inventory and supply are typically small in comparison to pyrite inventory, and chemical reactions are complex, involving kinetic control and microbial catalysis. We present the mathematical formulation of a general multi-phase advective-diffusive reactive transport model for redox processes. Two alternative implementations were made in the TOUGHREACT and TOUGH2-CHEM simulation codes which use sequential iteration and simultaneous solution, respectively. The simulators are applied to reactive consumption of pyrite in (1) saturated flow of oxidizing water, and (2) saturated-unsaturated flow in which oxygen transport occurs in both aqueous and gas phases. Geochemical evolutions predicted from different process models are compared, and issues of numerical accuracy and efficiency are discussed.

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