

Sulfate Generation - Cell 2W Fine

Material used in unsaturated zone: LTVSMC coarse tailings

$K_s := 1.1 \cdot 10^{-4} \cdot \frac{\text{cm}}{\text{sec}}$	Saturated hydraulic conductivity of LTV fine (Table 1-12b)	
$n := 1.6$	vanGenuchten parameter for LTV fine (Table 1-12a)	
$\theta_r := 0.059$	Residual volumetric water content for LTV fine (Table 1-12a)	
$\phi := 0.493$	Porosity of LTV fine (Table 1-12a)	
$G_{\text{sw}} := 2.9$	Specific gravity of LTV fine solids (Table 1-12a)	
$\rho_w := 1 \cdot \frac{\text{gm}}{\text{cm}^3}$	Water density (standard value)	
$A := 3027344 \cdot \text{m}^2$	Map area of Cell 2E embankment (Table 1-33)	$A = 748.073 \cdot \text{acre}$
$q := 15.93 \cdot \frac{\text{in}}{\text{yr}}$	Percolation flux (from Fred's seepage spreadsheet with CDA edits)	
$\tau := 0.273$	Tortuosity (Table 1-1, sheet 5)	
$D_a := 1.8 \cdot 10^{-5} \cdot \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{sec}}$	Free diffusion coefficient of oxygen in air (Table 1-1, sheet 5)	
$c := 3.28$	Empirical constant (Table 1-1, sheet 5)	
$D_w := 2.2 \cdot 10^{-9} \cdot \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{sec}}$	Free diffusion coeff of oxygen in water (Table 1-1, sheet 5)	
$K_H := 33.9$	Henry's constant for oxygen (Table 1-1, sheet 5)	
$C_o := 8.89 \cdot \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{m}^3}$	O2 concentration in air (Table 1-1, sheet 5)	
$W_{\text{SO}_4} := 96.07 \cdot \frac{\text{gm}}{\text{mole}}$	Molecular weight of sulfate (standard value)	
$W_S := 32.066 \cdot \frac{\text{gm}}{\text{mole}}$	Molecular weight of sulfur (standard value)	
$R_{\text{SO}_4} := 1.95186 \cdot \frac{\text{mg}}{\text{kg} \cdot 7 \cdot \text{day}}$	P50 SO4 distribution parameter for LTVSMC tailings (Table 1-19)	
$CF_{\text{fine}} := 0.360$	Calibration factor for LTV coarse tailings (Table 1-1, sheet 5)	
$TF := 0.228589$	Temperature factor (computed in GS using numerous inputs)	
$FF := \frac{3.4}{12}$	Freeze factor (from Table 1-1, sheet 3)	$FF = 0.28333$
$\text{moleratio} := \frac{4}{9}$	mole SO4 / mole O2 = mole S / mole O2 (Table 1-1, sheet 6)	moleratio = 0.444
$DTW := 85.5 \cdot \text{ft}$	Depth to water table in cell 2E during closure (value in Table 1-34 is 51.0 ft; GS value used in calcs is 52.3 ft)	$DTW = 26.06 \text{ m}$
$\text{Cont}_S := 46.1 \cdot \frac{\text{mg}}{\text{kg}}$	Sulfur content. Mass of S per unit mass of LTV tailings. (Table 1-22)	

$$\rho_b := G \cdot \rho_w \cdot (1 - \phi)$$

Tailings dry bulk density. Mass of solids per unit bulk volume.

$$\rho_b = 1.47 \cdot \frac{\text{gm}}{\text{cm}^3}$$

$$mm := 1 - \frac{1}{n}$$

Computed vanGenuchten parameter

$$mm = 0.375$$

$$K(ss) := K_s \left(\frac{ss \cdot \phi - \theta_r}{\phi - \theta_r} \right)^{0.5} \cdot \left[1 - \left[1 - \left(\frac{ss \cdot \phi - \theta_r}{\phi - \theta_r} \right)^{\frac{1}{mm}} \right]^{mm} \right]^2$$

Unsaturated hydraulic conductivity as a function of saturation (ss) based on vanGenuchten relationship

$$f(ss) := q - K(ss) \quad ss := 0.6$$

Root equation and saturation guess

$$SAT := \text{root}(f(ss), ss)$$

Computed saturation associated with flux (q)

$$SAT = 0.6741$$

$$q - K(SAT) = 1.195 \times 10^{-6} \cdot \frac{\text{in}}{\text{yr}}$$

Confirm root calculation (result should be approx zero)

$$0.6741$$

$$DD := \tau \cdot D_a \cdot (1 - SAT)^c + \tau \cdot SAT \cdot \frac{D_w}{K_H}$$

Effective O2 diffusion coeff used in GS. I believe this diffusion coeff is referenced to void volume,

$$DD = 1.243 \times 10^{-7} \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{s}}$$

$$D := \tau \cdot \phi \cdot D_a \cdot (1 - SAT)^c + \tau \cdot \phi \cdot SAT \cdot \frac{D_w}{K_H}$$

Effective O2 diffusion coeff referenced to bulk volume

$$D = 6.127 \times 10^{-8} \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{s}}$$

$$MRM_{SO4} := R_{SO4} \cdot CF_{\text{fine}} \cdot TF \cdot (1 - FF)$$

Mass rate of released SO4 per unit mass of tailings solids

$$R_{SO4} = 1.952 \cdot \frac{\text{mg}}{\text{kg} \cdot 7 \cdot \text{day}}$$

Effect of three factors

$$CF_{\text{fine}} \cdot TF \cdot (1 - FF) = 0.059$$

$$R_{O2} := \frac{MRM_{SO4}}{W_{SO4} \cdot \text{moleratio}} \cdot \rho_b$$

Molar consumption rate of O2 per unit volume of bulk tailings. (see ERM comment on this equation)

$$R_{O2} = 0.00396 \cdot \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{m}^3 \cdot 7 \cdot \text{day}}$$

$$d := \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot D \cdot C_o}{R_{O2}}}$$

Thickness of sulfate reaction zone if controlled by diffusion

$$d = 12.892 \text{ m}$$

$$b := \min(d, DTW)$$

Actual thickness of sulfate reaction zone. Minimum of diffusion controlled reaction zone or depth-to-water.

$$b = 12.892 \text{ m}$$

$$MR_{SO4} := MRM_{SO4} \cdot b \cdot A \cdot \rho_b$$

Mass rate of released sulfate

$$MR_{SO4} = 943.666 \cdot \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{day}}$$

$$MRV_S := R_{O2} \cdot W_S \cdot \text{moleratio}$$

Mass rate of released S per unit bulk volume

$$MRV_S = 9.341 \times 10^{-11} \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3 \cdot \text{s}}$$

$$MRA_S := MRV_S \cdot b$$

Mass rate of released S per unit map area (m²)

$$MRA_S = 728.302 \cdot \frac{\text{mg}}{\text{m}^2 \cdot 7 \cdot \text{day}}$$

$$727.95$$

$$Q_{\text{seep}} := q \cdot A$$

Seepage flow rate

$$Q_{\text{seep}} = 615.254 \cdot \text{gpm}$$

$$C_{SO4} := \frac{MR_{SO4}}{Q_{seep}}$$

Sulfate concentration in seepage

$$C_{SO4} = 281 \cdot \frac{\text{mg}}{\text{liter}}$$

$$t_{end} := \frac{Cont_S \cdot \rho_b}{MRV_S} \cdot \frac{DTW}{b}$$

Time to deplete all sulfur in the reaction zone if composed of LTVSMC tailings.

$$t_{end} = 46 \cdot \text{yr}$$

$$V_w := SAT \cdot \phi \cdot A \cdot DTW$$

Water volume in unsat zone

$$V_w = 2.622 \times 10^7 \cdot \text{m}^3$$

Set up dimensionless equations using m-kg-day units

$$tt_{end} := \frac{t_{end}}{\text{day}}$$

End of sulfate generation in days

$$tt_{end} = 1.698 \times 10^4$$

$$MR := \frac{MR_{SO4}}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{day}^{-1}}$$

Mass rate of sulfate generation in kg/day

$$MR = 943.666$$

$$M(t) := \begin{cases} MR & \text{if } t < tt_{end} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Sulfate mass generation function

$$V_w := \frac{V_w}{\text{m}^3}$$

Water volume in m³

$$V = 2.622 \times 10^7$$

$$Q := \frac{Q_{seep}}{\text{m}^3 \cdot \text{day}^{-1}}$$

Seepage flow rate in m³/day

$$Q = 3.354 \times 10^3$$

$$C_0 := \frac{C_{SO4}}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^{-3}}$$

Initial sulfate conc in kg/m³

$$C_0 = 0.281$$

Given $\frac{d}{dt}C(t) = \frac{M(t) - Q \cdot C(t)}{V}$

$$C(0) = C_0$$

$$C := \text{Odesolve}(t, 100 \cdot 365)$$

Governing DEQ and IC

$$C_{SO4}(tt) := C\left(\frac{tt}{\text{day}}\right) \cdot \text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^{-3}$$

tt := 0, 1..yr.. 100-yr

Sulfate conc as a function of time

