

Supplementary material

Selective removal of arsenic and antimony from Pb-Ag sulfide concentrates by alkaline leaching: Thermodynamic and kinetic studies

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Table 1S. Reactions of PbS and Ag₂S with sodium hypochlorite. Data obtained from HSC database.

Reaction	ΔG^0 , kcal/mol	
	25°C	60°C
$\text{PbS} + 4\text{ClO}^-_{(\text{aq})} = \text{PbCl}_{3^-}_{(\text{aq})} + \text{SO}_4^{2-}_{(\text{aq})} + \text{Cl}^-_{(\text{aq})}$	-253.689	-254.113
$\text{PbS} + 4\text{ClO}^-_{(\text{aq})} = \text{PbSO}_4 + 4\text{Cl}^-_{(\text{aq})}$	-262.044	-263.023
$\text{Ag}_2\text{S} + 4\text{ClO}^-_{(\text{aq})} = 2\text{AgCl}_{2^-}_{(\text{aq})} + \text{SO}_4^{2-}_{(\text{aq})}$	-236.682	-237.611
$\text{Ag}_2\text{S} + 4\text{ClO}^-_{(\text{aq})} = 2\text{Ag}^+_{(\text{aq})} + \text{SO}_4^{2-}_{(\text{aq})} + 4\text{Cl}^-_{(\text{aq})}$	-222.209	-222.759
$\text{Ag}_2\text{S} + 4\text{ClO}^-_{(\text{aq})} = \text{Ag}_2\text{SO}_4 + 4\text{Cl}^-_{(\text{aq})}$	-229.187	-230.164

Table 2S. Reactions of PbS, Ag₂S, FeS₂, As₂S₃, and Sb₂S₃ with sodium hypochlorite in an alkaline medium. Data obtained from HSC database.

Reaction	ΔG^0 , kcal/mol	
	25°C	60°C
$\text{PbS} + 4\text{ClO}^-_{(\text{aq})} + 3\text{OH}^-_{(\text{aq})} = \text{HPbO}_2^-_{(\text{aq})} + \text{SO}_4^{2-}_{(\text{aq})} + 4\text{Cl}^-_{(\text{aq})} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	-270.551	-271.850
$\text{PbS} + 4\text{ClO}^-_{(\text{aq})} + 2\text{OH}^-_{(\text{aq})} = \text{PbO} + \text{SO}_4^{2-}_{(\text{aq})} + 4\text{Cl}^-_{(\text{aq})} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	-272.212	-273.454
$\text{Ag}_2\text{S} + 4\text{ClO}^-_{(\text{aq})} + 4\text{OH}^-_{(\text{aq})} = 2\text{AgO}^-_{(\text{aq})} + \text{SO}_4^{2-}_{(\text{aq})} + 4\text{Cl}^-_{(\text{aq})} + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	-232.933	-234.912
$\text{Ag}_2\text{S} + 4\text{ClO}^-_{(\text{aq})} + 2\text{OH}^-_{(\text{aq})} = 2\text{AgOH}_{(\text{aq})} + \text{SO}_4^{2-}_{(\text{aq})} + 4\text{Cl}^-_{(\text{aq})}$	-227.729	-228.482
$\text{FeS}_2 + 7\text{ClO}^-_{(\text{aq})} + 2\text{OH}^-_{(\text{aq})} = \text{Fe}^{2+}_{(\text{aq})} + 2\text{SO}_4^{2-}_{(\text{aq})} + 7\text{Cl}^-_{(\text{aq})} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	-479.862	-480.324
$\text{FeS}_2 + 7\text{ClO}^-_{(\text{aq})} + 4\text{OH}^-_{(\text{aq})} = \text{Fe}(\text{OH})_2 + 2\text{SO}_4^{2-}_{(\text{aq})} + 7\text{Cl}^-_{(\text{aq})} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	-500.381	-502.815
$2\text{FeS}_2 + 15\text{ClO}^-_{(\text{aq})} + 2\text{OH}^-_{(\text{aq})} = 2\text{Fe}^{3+}_{(\text{aq})} + 4\text{SO}_4^{2-}_{(\text{aq})} + 15\text{Cl}^-_{(\text{aq})} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	-965.398	-962.617
$2\text{FeS}_2 + 15\text{ClO}^-_{(\text{aq})} + 8\text{OH}^-_{(\text{aq})} = 2\text{Fe}(\text{OH})_3 + 4\text{SO}_4^{2-}_{(\text{aq})} + 15\text{Cl}^-_{(\text{aq})} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	-1068.907	-1073.581
$\text{FeS}_2 + 7.5\text{ClO}^-_{(\text{aq})} + 5\text{OH}^-_{(\text{aq})} = \text{FeO}_2^-_{(\text{aq})} + 2\text{SO}_4^{2-}_{(\text{aq})} + 7.5\text{Cl}^-_{(\text{aq})} + 2.5\text{H}_2\text{O}$	-534.221	-537.282
$\text{As}_2\text{S}_3 + 14\text{ClO}^-_{(\text{aq})} + 12\text{OH}^-_{(\text{aq})} = 2\text{AsO}_4^{3-}_{(\text{aq})} + 3\text{SO}_4^{2-}_{(\text{aq})} + 14\text{Cl}^-_{(\text{aq})} + 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$	-1028.524	-1031.233
$\text{As}_2\text{S}_3 + 3\text{Ag}_2\text{S} + 26\text{ClO}^-_{(\text{aq})} + 12\text{OH}^-_{(\text{aq})} = 2\text{Ag}_3\text{AsO}_4 + 6\text{SO}_4^{2-}_{(\text{aq})} + 26\text{Cl}^-_{(\text{aq})} + 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$	-1756.591	-1765.087
$\text{As}_2\text{S}_3 + 2\text{FeS}_2 + 29\text{ClO}^-_{(\text{aq})} + 14\text{OH}^-_{(\text{aq})} = 2\text{FeAsO}_4 + 7\text{SO}_4^{2-}_{(\text{aq})} + 29\text{Cl}^-_{(\text{aq})} + 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$	-2045.076	-2055.667
$\text{Sb}_2\text{S}_3 + 14\text{ClO}^-_{(\text{aq})} + 12\text{OH}^-_{(\text{aq})} + 6\text{Na}^+ = 2\text{Na}_3\text{SbO}_4_{(\text{aq})} + 3\text{SO}_4^{2-}_{(\text{aq})} + 14\text{Cl}^-_{(\text{aq})} + 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$	-960.156	-966.463
$\text{Sb}_2\text{S}_3 + 14\text{ClO}^-_{(\text{aq})} + 6\text{OH}^-_{(\text{aq})} = \text{Sb}_2\text{O}_5 + 3\text{SO}_4^{2-}_{(\text{aq})} + 14\text{Cl}^-_{(\text{aq})} + 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$	-950.808	-954.865
$\text{Sb}_2\text{S}_3 + 12\text{ClO}^-_{(\text{aq})} + 6\text{OH}^-_{(\text{aq})} = \text{Sb}_2\text{O}_3 + 3\text{SO}_4^{2-}_{(\text{aq})} + 12\text{Cl}^-_{(\text{aq})} + 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$	-852.208	-856.062
$\text{Sb}_2\text{S}_3 + 12\text{ClO}^-_{(\text{aq})} + 8\text{OH}^-_{(\text{aq})} = 2\text{SbO}_2^-_{(\text{aq})} + 3\text{SO}_4^{2-}_{(\text{aq})} + 12\text{Cl}^-_{(\text{aq})} + 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$	-848.280	-850.559

Table 3S. Reactions of PbS, Ag₂S, FeS₂, As₂S₃, and Sb₂S₃ with sodium hypochlorite in acid medium. Data obtained from HSC database.

Reaction	ΔG^0 , kcal/mol	
	25°C	60°C
$\text{PbS} + 8\text{ClO}^-_{(\text{aq})} + 5\text{H}^+_{(\text{aq})} = \text{HPbO}_2^-_{(\text{aq})} + \text{SO}_4^{2-}_{(\text{aq})} + 4\text{Cl}_{2(\text{g})} + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	-279.849	-285.969
$\text{PbS} + 8\text{ClO}^-_{(\text{aq})} + 6\text{H}^+_{(\text{aq})} = \text{PbO} + \text{SO}_4^{2-}_{(\text{aq})} + 4\text{Cl}_{2(\text{g})} + 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$	-300.595	-307.426
$\text{PbS} + 5\text{ClO}^-_{(\text{aq})} + 2\text{H}^+_{(\text{aq})} = \text{PbCl}_3^-_{(\text{aq})} + \text{SO}_4^{2-}_{(\text{aq})} + \text{Cl}_{2(\text{g})} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	-270.328	-272.532
$\text{Ag}_2\text{S} + 8\text{ClO}^-_{(\text{aq})} + 4\text{H}^+_{(\text{aq})} = 2\text{AgO}^-_{(\text{aq})} + \text{SO}_4^{2-}_{(\text{aq})} + 4\text{Cl}_{2(\text{g})} + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	-223.144	-229.178
$\text{Ag}_2\text{S} + 8\text{ClO}^-_{(\text{aq})} + 6\text{H}^+_{(\text{aq})} = 2\text{AgOH}_{(\text{aq})} + \text{SO}_4^{2-}_{(\text{aq})} + 4\text{Cl}_{2(\text{g})} + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	-256.112	-262.454
$\text{FeS}_2 + 14\text{ClO}^-_{(\text{aq})} + 12\text{H}^+_{(\text{aq})} = \text{Fe}^{2+}_{(\text{aq})} + 2\text{SO}_4^{2-}_{(\text{aq})} + 7\text{Cl}_{2(\text{g})} + 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$	-558.161	-569.554
$\text{FeS}_2 + 15\text{ClO}^-_{(\text{aq})} + 14\text{H}^+_{(\text{aq})} = \text{Fe}^{3+}_{(\text{aq})} + 2\text{SO}_4^{2-}_{(\text{aq})} + 7.5\text{Cl}_{2(\text{g})} + 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$	-588.403	-599.601
$\text{FeS}_2 + 15\text{ClO}^-_{(\text{aq})} + 10\text{H}^+_{(\text{aq})} = \text{FeO}_2^-_{(\text{aq})} + 2\text{SO}_4^{2-}_{(\text{aq})} + 7.5\text{Cl}_{2(\text{g})} + 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$	-563.582	-576.164
$\text{As}_2\text{S}_3 + 28\text{ClO}^-_{(\text{aq})} + 16\text{H}^+_{(\text{aq})} = 2\text{AsO}_4^{3-}_{(\text{aq})} + 3\text{SO}_4^{2-}_{(\text{aq})} + 14\text{Cl}_{2(\text{g})} + 8\text{H}_2\text{O}$	-1032.435	-1050.872
$\text{As}_2\text{S}_3 + 28\text{ClO}^-_{(\text{aq})} + 22\text{H}^+_{(\text{aq})} = 2\text{H}_3\text{AsO}_4_{(\text{aq})} + 3\text{SO}_4^{2-}_{(\text{aq})} + 14\text{Cl}_{2(\text{g})} + 8\text{H}_2\text{O}$	-1088.729	-1113.485
$\text{As}_2\text{S}_3 + 3\text{Ag}_2\text{S} + 52\text{ClO}^-_{(\text{aq})} + 40\text{H}^+_{(\text{aq})} = 2\text{Ag}_3\text{AsO}_4 + 6\text{SO}_4^{2-}_{(\text{aq})} + 26\text{Cl}_{2(\text{g})} + 20\text{H}_2\text{O}$	-1960.167	-2005.758
$\text{As}_2\text{S}_3 + 2\text{FeS}_2 + 58\text{ClO}^-_{(\text{aq})} + 44\text{H}^+_{(\text{aq})} = 2\text{FeAsO}_4 + 7\text{SO}_4^{2-}_{(\text{aq})} + 29\text{Cl}_{2(\text{g})} + 22\text{H}_2\text{O}$	-2260.396	-2311.891
$\text{Sb}_2\text{S}_3 + 28\text{ClO}^-_{(\text{aq})} + 22\text{H}^+_{(\text{aq})} = \text{Sb}_2\text{O}_5 + 3\text{SO}_4^{2-}_{(\text{aq})} + 14\text{Cl}_{2(\text{g})} + 11\text{H}_2\text{O}$	-1069.235	-1093.621
$\text{Sb}_2\text{S}_3 + 24\text{ClO}^-_{(\text{aq})} + 18\text{H}^+_{(\text{aq})} = \text{Sb}_2\text{O}_3 + 3\text{SO}_4^{2-}_{(\text{aq})} + 12\text{Cl}_{2(\text{g})} + 9\text{H}_2\text{O}$	-937.358	-957.978
$\text{Sb}_2\text{S}_3 + 24\text{ClO}^-_{(\text{aq})} + 16\text{H}^+_{(\text{aq})} = 2\text{SbO}_2^-_{(\text{aq})} + 3\text{SO}_4^{2-}_{(\text{aq})} + 12\text{Cl}_{2(\text{g})} + 8\text{H}_2\text{O}$	-895.258	-912.769

Table 4S. Reactions of PbS, Ag₂S, FeS₂, As₂S₃, and Sb₂S₃ with hydrogen peroxide in an alkaline medium Data obtained from HSC database.

Reaction	ΔG^0 , kcal/mol	
	25°C	60°C
$\text{PbS} + 4\text{H}_2\text{O}_{2(\text{aq})} + 3\text{OH}^-_{(\text{aq})} = \text{HPbO}_2^-_{(\text{aq})} + \text{SO}_4^{2-}_{(\text{aq})} + 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$	-278.387	-276.795
$\text{PbS} + 4\text{H}_2\text{O}_{2(\text{aq})} + 2\text{OH}^-_{(\text{aq})} = \text{PbO} + \text{SO}_4^{2-}_{(\text{aq})} + 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$	-280.047	-278.399
$\text{PbS} + 4\text{H}_2\text{O}_{2(\text{aq})} = \text{PbSO}_4 + 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$	-269.879	-267.968
$\text{Ag}_2\text{S} + 4\text{H}_2\text{O}_{2(\text{aq})} + 4\text{OH}^-_{(\text{aq})} = 2\text{AgO}^-_{(\text{aq})} + \text{SO}_4^{2-}_{(\text{aq})} + 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$	-240.768	-239.856
$\text{Ag}_2\text{S} + 4\text{H}_2\text{O}_{2(\text{aq})} + 2\text{OH}^-_{(\text{aq})} = 2\text{AgOH}_{(\text{aq})} + \text{SO}_4^{2-}_{(\text{aq})} + 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$	-235.564	-233.426
$\text{Ag}_2\text{S} + 4\text{H}_2\text{O}_{2(\text{aq})} = 2\text{Ag}^+_{(\text{aq})} + \text{SO}_4^{2-}_{(\text{aq})} + 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$	-230.045	-227.703
$\text{Ag}_2\text{S} + 4\text{H}_2\text{O}_{2(\text{aq})} = \text{Ag}_2\text{SO}_4 + 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$	-237.022	-235.109
$\text{FeS}_2 + 7\text{H}_2\text{O}_2(\text{a}) + 4\text{OH}^-_{(\text{aq})} = \text{Fe}(\text{OH})_2 + 2\text{SO}_4^{2-}_{(\text{aq})} + 8\text{H}_2\text{O}$	-514.093	-511.468
$\text{FeS}_2 + 7.5\text{H}_2\text{O}_2(\text{a}) + 4\text{OH}^-_{(\text{aq})} = \text{Fe}(\text{OH})_3 + 2\text{SO}_4^{2-}_{(\text{aq})} + 8\text{H}_2\text{O}$	-549.145	-546.062
$\text{FeS}_2 + 7.5\text{H}_2\text{O}_2(\text{a}) + 5\text{OH}^-_{(\text{aq})} = \text{FeO}_2^-_{(\text{aq})} + 2\text{SO}_4^{2-}_{(\text{aq})} + 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$	-548.912	-546.554
$\text{FeS}_2 + 7\text{H}_2\text{O}_2(\text{a}) + 2\text{OH}^-_{(\text{aq})} = \text{Fe}^{2+}_{(\text{aq})} + 2\text{SO}_4^{2-}_{(\text{aq})} + 8\text{H}_2\text{O}$	-493.574	-488.977
$\text{FeS}_2 + 7.5\text{H}_2\text{O}_2(\text{a}) + \text{OH}^-_{(\text{aq})} = \text{Fe}^{3+}_{(\text{aq})} + 2\text{SO}_4^{2-}_{(\text{aq})} + 8\text{H}_2\text{O}$	-497.390	-490.580
$\text{As}_2\text{S}_3 + 14\text{H}_2\text{O}_{2(\text{aq})} + 12\text{OH}^-_{(\text{aq})} = 2\text{AsO}_4^{3-}_{(\text{aq})} + 3\text{SO}_4^{2-}_{(\text{aq})} + 20\text{H}_2\text{O}$	-1055.948	-1048.540
$\text{As}_2\text{S}_3 + 3\text{Ag}_2\text{S} + 26\text{H}_2\text{O}_{2(\text{aq})} + 12\text{OH}^-_{(\text{aq})} = 2\text{Ag}_3\text{AsO}_4 + 6\text{SO}_4^{2-}_{(\text{aq})} + 32\text{H}_2\text{O}$	-1807.521	-1797.227
$\text{As}_2\text{S}_3 + 2\text{FeS}_2 + 29\text{H}_2\text{O}_{2(\text{aq})} + 14\text{OH}^-_{(\text{aq})} = 2\text{FeAsO}_4 + 7\text{SO}_4^{2-}_{(\text{aq})} + 36\text{H}_2\text{O}$	-2101.882	-2091.516
$\text{Sb}_2\text{S}_3 + 14\text{H}_2\text{O}_{2(\text{aq})} + 12\text{OH}^-_{(\text{aq})} + 6\text{Na}^+ = 2\text{Na}_3\text{SbO}_4_{(\text{aq})} + 3\text{SO}_4^{2-}_{(\text{aq})} + 20\text{H}_2\text{O}$	-987.580	-983.769
$\text{Sb}_2\text{S}_3 + 14\text{H}_2\text{O}_{2(\text{aq})} + 6\text{OH}^-_{(\text{aq})} = \text{Sb}_2\text{O}_5 + 3\text{SO}_4^{2-}_{(\text{aq})} + 17\text{H}_2\text{O}$	-978.232	-972.172

$\text{Sb}_2\text{S}_3 + 12\text{H}_2\text{O}_{2(\text{aq})} + 6\text{OH}^-(\text{aq}) = \text{Sb}_2\text{O}_3 + 3\text{SO}_4^{2-}(\text{aq}) + 15\text{H}_2\text{O}$	-875.714	-870.896
$\text{Sb}_2\text{S}_3 + 12\text{H}_2\text{O}_{2(\text{aq})} + 8\text{OH}^-(\text{aq}) = 2\text{SbO}_2^-(\text{aq}) + 3\text{SO}_4^{2-}(\text{aq}) + 16\text{H}_2\text{O}$	-871.786	-865.393

Table 5S. Reactions of Pb and Ag species with sulfide or hydroxide ions. Data obtained from HSC database.

Reaction	ΔG° , kcal/mol	
	25°C	60°C
$\text{HPbO}_2^-(\text{aq}) + \text{S}^{2-}(\text{aq}) + \text{H}_2\text{O} = \text{PbS} + 3\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})$	-18.719	-18.138
$\text{PbSO}_4 + 3\text{OH}^-(\text{aq}) = \text{HPbO}_2^-(\text{aq}) + \text{SO}_4^{2-}(\text{aq}) + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	-8.507	-8.827
$2\text{AgO}^-(\text{aq}) + \text{S}^{2-}(\text{aq}) + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} = \text{Ag}_2\text{S} + 4\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})$	-56.337	-53.925
$2\text{AgOH}(\text{aq}) + \text{S}^{2-}(\text{aq}) = \text{Ag}_2\text{S} + 2\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})$	-61.541	-61.549