

Impact on Flotation Reagent

Evelyn Joy*

Department of Microbiology, Haramaya University, Ethiopia

ABSTRACT

Flotation, in mineral processing, method used to separate and concentrate ores by altering their surfaces to a hydrophobic or hydrophilic condition that is, the surfaces are either repelled or attracted by water. In the mining industry, the plants where flotation is undertaken to concentrate ore are generally known as concentrators or mills. This slurry (more properly called the pulp) of hydrophobic particles and hydrophilic particles is then introduced to tanks known as flotation cells that are aerated to produce bubbles. The Flotation Cell is aerated to produce bubbles and agitated to keep the solids particles in suspension in the pulp. The hydrophobic particles (mineral particles being recovered) attach to the bubbles and rise to the surface where they form a blanket of froth which contains the mineral in concentrate. For example, froth flotation is a technique commonly used in the mining industry. . In this technique, particles of interest are physically separated from a liquid phase as a result of differences in the ability of air bubbles to selectively adhere to the surface of the particles, based upon their hydrophobicity

INTRODUCTION

Reverse flotation of coal can be explained as a process where valuable minerals are depressed, while undesired and unhealthy minerals are floated with the help of some reagents. ... On the other hand, like undesired minerals, valuable ones like vanadium, germanium, etc.

Leaching is the process of a solute becoming detached or extracted from its carrier substance by way of a solvent. Leaching can occur naturally seen from plant substances (inorganic and organic), solute leaching in soil, and in the decomposition of organic materials.

An object floats when the weight force on the object is balanced by the upward push of the water on the object. If the weight force down is larger than the upward push of the water on the object then the object will sink. If the reverse is true then the object will rise rising is the opposite of sinking.

Solution Pine oil is added in the froth flotation method to create froth or bubble so that metal can be purify easily because pine oil prevents the ore from gangue for further mixing. Pine oil also acts as best substance for forming froth for the minerals. It also increases the non-wettability of mineral particles. Only supplied ores are concentrated by froth flotation process because pine oil selectively wets the supplied ore and hence brings it to the froth

The supplied ores preferably wetted by the oil and the gangue with the water. Pine and olive oil are used as frothing agents in the process. The copper minerals and waste rock are separated at the mill using froth flotation. Air is blown into the tanks and agitated like a giant blender, producing a foamy froth. The chalcopyrite grains become coated with xanthine molecules with their hydrophobic ends waving around trying desperately to get out of the water. The basic factors, principles and variables affecting froth flotation are enumerated in condensed form be the Ore. Those variable results to be watched for and recorded are: Recovery, Grade of concentrate, Rate of flotation.

Hydraulic washing is a type of gravity separation, which is based on gravity differences between the ore and the gangue particles. In this process, the lighter gangue particles are washed away by a stream of water, leaving behind the heavier ore. Froth flotation method is used for the concentration of sulphide ores. The method is based on the preferential wetting properties with the frothing agent and water. In the given options, Galena (PbS) being a sulphide ore is concentrated by froth flotation process. Galena is best concentrated by froth flotation method. Froth flotation method is used to concentrate sulphide ores. Magnetite (Fe₃O₄) is an ore of iron. Malachite (CuCO(OH)) is an ore of copper and cassiterite (SnO). sulphide ores are concentrated by "Froth flotation" and apart from pyrolusite (MnO₂), all are sulphide ores. So, pyrolusite is not concentrated by froth flotation process.

*Corresponding author: Evelyn Joy, Haramaya University, Po. Box. 138 Dire Dawa, Ethiopia.

Received: February 10, 2021; Accepted: February 17, 2021; Published: February 24, 2021

Citation: Aron(2021) Impact on Flotation Reagent. J Microb Biochem Technol. 13:455 Doi: 10.35248/1948-5948.21.13.455

Copyright: © 2020 Aron. This is an open access article distributed under the term of the Creative Commons Attribution License, which permits unrestricted use, distribution, and reproduction in any medium, provided the original work is properly cited.