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11 **Abstract**

12 Manganese released from manganese ore wastes under leaching poses a serious threat to the
13 local ecosystem and human health. The mechanism and dynamic characteristics of manganese
14 release under the leaching of manganese ore waste rock are studied based on static and dynamic
15 experiment. The concentration of manganese in the leaching solution under the disturbance state is
16 twice as much as that in the static state; the manganese release from the waste rock increases with
17 the increase of the solid-liquid ratio, and the manganese release is 922.35mg/l when the
18 solid-liquid ratio is 1:5; when the particle size of waste rock is greater than 80 mesh, the
19 precipitation amount of manganese is the largest, and the precipitation concentration is 491.3mg/l;
20 at pH = 7, rainfall intensity is 80 With the increase of leaching time, the amount of manganese
21 released rapidly decreased and gradually reached equilibrium; the cumulative release of
22 manganese increased with the increase of rainfall duration. In the dynamic leaching process, the
23 change of pH and EC of leachate has nothing to do with the initial pH of leachate, but has a close
24 relationship with the hydrolysis of minerals in waste; through the fitting results of kinetic model, it
25 is found that the double constant equation model can better fit the kinetic process of release
26 process. The purpose of this study is to provide a scientific basis for the assessment and control of
27 manganese pollution in soil and groundwater in manganese mining area.

28 **Keywords:** Manganese ore waste; Release law; Kinetic characteristics;Rainfall leaching

29 **Introduction**

30 Manganese (Mn) is a kind of global pollution substance (Bozhi,R et al.2015; Li,Y et al.2018;
31 Bozhi, R et al.2014), with biodegradability, strong accumulation potential and high toxicity(Ning, P
32 et al.2018; Yingying, Z et al.2017; Ning, L et al.2017). With the development of economy, the
33 utilization of manganese resources is increasing, and many waste rocks are produced in the
34 process of continuous mining in manganese ore area, resulting in the formation of rock storage
35 yard(Bozhi, R et al.2014; Jianbing, W et al.2014).Under the effect of rainfall leaching, manganese
36 leaching liquid from waste rock storage yard migrates with rainfall infiltration and surface runoff,
37 and enters into the soil, underground and surface water of mining area, resulting in manganese
38 compound pollution of soil and regional water environment in manganese mining area is
39 becoming more and more serious, causing great harm to human health, which is a key problem to
40 be solved urgently in national economic and social development(Saijun, Z et al.2019; Hai, L et
41 al.2014; Bozhi, R et al.2017).

42 Domestic and foreign studies focused on the release of heavy metals from soil, sludge, dust
43 and other solid media by simulated rainfall, and the influence of a series of factors on waste
44 leaching mode(Zhang, Y et al.2018; Zhou, Y et al.2019; Xuejun, G et al.2014; Zhou, S et al.2017; Siyu,
45 Z et al.2018; Zhangxiong, H et al.2017; Emilia, F.O et al.2017; Kukurugya, F et al.2017; Bing, L et
46 al.2016; Herndon, E.M et al.2018; Sun, Z et al.2018; Zhang, Y et al.2019). For example, the leaching
47 law of heavy metals in Taolin Lead-Zinc Tailing area in Hunan under simulated acid rain leaching
48 (Li, Y et al.2012), leaching characteristics and changes of antimony bearing ore leaching layer in
49 China(Xingyun, H et al.2016), and Research on leaching of heavy metals from antimony tailings by
50 microbial sulfur oxidizing bacteria have achieved good research results(Qingqing, Z et al.2014).
51 However, there are few studies on the release characteristics and cumulative leaching mechanism
52 of manganese under continuous rainfall. In view of this situation, the aim of this study is to the
53 leaching and release characteristics of manganese from manganese ore waste rock, explores the
54 influence of disturbance ratio, solid-liquid ratio, particle size, rainfall intensity and rainfall pH on
55 manganese release, and establishes a dynamic model of manganese. The application of this model
56 helps understand manganese and other related characteristics of heavy metal pollution prevention

57 and treatment, and more conducive to the sustainable long-term development of non-ferrous metal
58 mining areas. Therefore, it is an important scientific basis for establishing the evaluation and
59 control system of manganese pollution in soil and groundwater of manganese mine area to master
60 the mechanism and dynamic characteristics of manganese release under leaching of manganese
61 ore waste rock.

62 **2 Materials and methods**

63 **2.1 Experimental materials**

64 The waste rock samples were collected from the Hongqi mining area, Xiangtan City, Hunan
65 Province. The samples collected at the site were mixed evenly and then dried in the laboratory to
66 remove the large waste rock and biological debris, and other unrelated substances, and the waste
67 rock samples were ground on the grinder. After air drying, the samples were graded by stainless
68 steel screen (20, 40, 60, 80 mesh respectively), and the pretreated waste rocks with different
69 particle sizes were stored for use.

70 **2.2 Experimental apparatus and methods**

71 **2.2.1 Static leaching simulation experiment**

72 The static leaching experiment device uses 1000 ml wide-mouth bottle and rotary oscillator.
73 According to the nature of rainwater in Hunan Province, ultra pure water is used in the experiment,
74 and 10% H₂SO₄ and HNO₃ mixture (V / V: 1 / 1) and 10% NaOH solution are used to adjust to the
75 required pH value (pH = 5.0). During the experiment, 5 ml samples were taken from the flask after
76 standing for 10 min every 24 h. The samples were filtered through 0.45μm filter membrane, and
77 the concentration of Mn was determined by flame atomic absorption spectrophotometer. The
78 experimental period was 24 days. Parallel double samples were used in the same condition
79 experiment.

80 (1) Effect of different disturbance ratio on Mn release from waste rock: 10g waste rock with
81 grading mesh more than 80 mesh, add 1000 ml wide mouth bottle, and add 200 ml (pH = 5.0)
82 mixed leaching solution. A 24-day static leaching experiment was carried out by placing the
83 wild-mouth bottle with static condition on the experimental platform and the flask with
84 disturbance condition on a rotary oscillator (oscillation condition: 150 R / min).

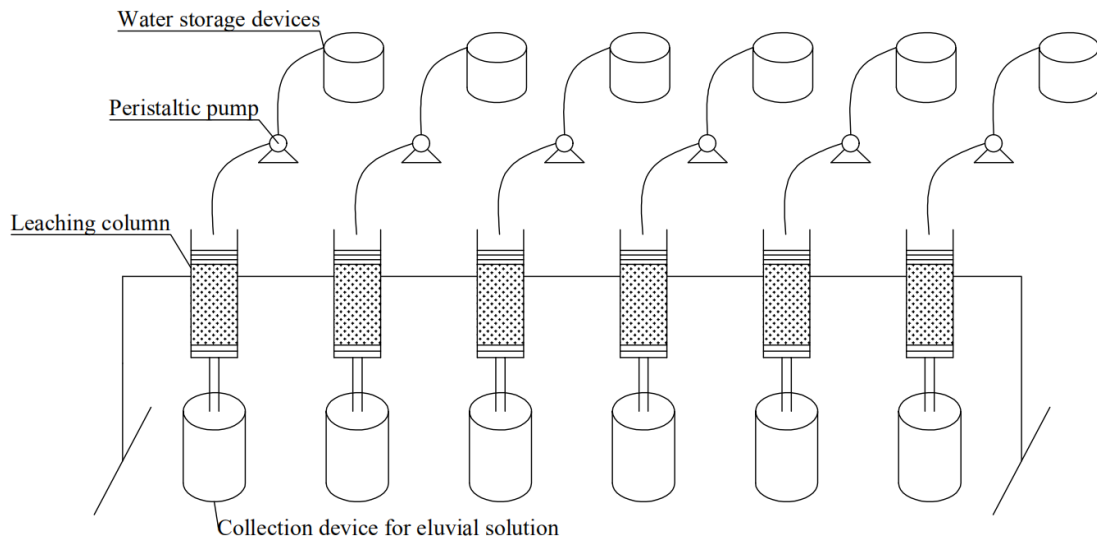
85 (2) Effect of different solid-liquid ratio on Mn release from waste rock: 40 g, 20 g, 10 g and 5

86 g of waste rock with grading mesh number less than 80 mesh were respectively added into 1000
87 ml wide mouth bottle, and 200 ml (pH = 5.0) mixed leaching solution (solid-liquid ratio: 1:5, 1:10,
88 1:20, 1:40). All the flasks were placed on the rotary shaker (oscillation condition: 150 R / min).

89 (3) Effects of different particle sizes on Mn release from waste rock: 10 g of waste rock with
90 20-40 mesh, 40-60 mesh, 60-80 mesh and > 80 mesh waste rock were respectively weighed and
91 added into a 1000 ml wide mouth bottle, and 200 ml (pH = 5.0) mixed leaching solution was
92 added. All the flasks were placed on the rotary shaker (oscillation condition: 150 R / min).

93 2.2.2 Dynamic leaching simulation experiment

94 A self-made column was used to simulate the dynamic leaching process. The experimental
95 device includes water storage beaker, peristaltic pump, self-made leaching column, etc., as shown
96 in Fig. 1. The water storage beaker is mainly used to store the leaching solution required by
97 different leaching conditions every day as the inlet of the peristaltic pump, the peristaltic pump is
98 the simulation power of the dynamic leaching experiment rainwater, controlling the intensity and
99 rainfall of the simulated rainwater, the self-made leaching column is the main place for leaching
100 reaction, and the inner diameter of the hollow cylinder is 5cm, the lower end is sealed and
101 equipped with a water collection device.



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Fig. 1 dynamic leaching experimental device

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The annual pH of acid rain in Hunan Province is maintained at 4.06 ~ 6.36, with an average
of 4.98, the acid rain control area of the sulfuric acid type. Therefore, the pH value of simulated
rainwater is adjusted by the mixture of H₂SO₄ and HNO₃ (V / V: 3 / 1) and NaOH solution.

107 According to the rainfall statistics of Xiangtan Meteorological Bureau in recent ten years
108 (2006-2015), the runoff loss in rainfall (about 30%) was considered in the experiment, and the
109 simulated rainfall under different conditions was formulated as follows:

110 The average annual rainfall in recent ten years is 1383.2 mm; after deducting the influence of
111 surface runoff (30%), the monthly average rainfall from January to December is: 43.4 mm, 42.9
112 mm, 98.0 mm, 86.0 mm, 141.4 mm, 168.9 mm, 98.7 mm, 77.6 mm, 63.6 mm, 27.5 mm, 78.6 mm,
113 41.8 mm; the inner diameter of the self-made leaching column is 5 cm. The results showed that
114 the average monthly leaching amount was 115 ml, and that in rainy season (from May to July) was
115 268 ml.

116 Before the formal experiment, the leaching column needs to be treated to some extent, and
117 some auxiliary facilities need to be added up and down the waste rock of the leaching column.
118 From the bottom to the top, they are 2 ~ 3 layers of filter paper, 1 layer of non-woven fabric, 2 ~
119 3cm high fine quartz sand, waste rock, 1 layer of non-woven fabric, 2 ~ 3cm fine quartz sand.
120 Among them, the bottom quartz sand acts as a supporting layer, the bottom non-woven fabric and
121 filter paper is used to prevent the loss of waste rock in the leaching process, and the top quartz
122 sand plays the role of uniform water distribution. 250g manganese ore waste rock was respectively
123 weighed and filled into the waste rock layer in the leaching column and vibrated gently to make it
124 dense. Then 500 ml ultra pure water was slowly added and naturally drained for 24 h. In the
125 experiment, the volume of filtrate was determined by 1 ~ 2 ml evaporation per day. The leaching
126 solution was collected at the bottom of the leaching column and the manganese concentration was
127 determined. After each leaching, it was placed naturally until the next day. The specific
128 experimental steps are as follows:

129 (1) Effects of different rainfall intensities on Mn release from manganese ore waste rock:
130 The simulated rain water with pH = 5.0 was prepared by adding 268 ml leaching solution to
131 simulate the rainfall in rainy season every day. The leaching cycle was 20 days. The influent flow
132 was controlled to simulate three levels of rainfall intensity: 80 ml / h, 200 ml / h and 400 ml / h.

133 (2) Effect of different rainfall pH on Mn release from manganese ore waste rock: The
134 simulated rainwater with pH of 3.0, 5.0, 7.0 and 9.0 was prepared by the above preparation
135 method, and 115 ml leaching solution of simulated monthly average rainfall was added every day.
136 The leaching cycle was 20 days. The influent flow was controlled to 400 ml / h.

137 (3) The effect of different rainfall duration on Mn release from manganese ore waste rock:
138 The simulated rainwater with pH = 5.0 was prepared by the preparation method mentioned above,
139 and the influent flow was controlled to 400 by peristaltic pump The leaching cycle was 12 days,
140 and the leaching time was 12 days.

141 **2.3 Analysis methods**

142 Manganese content was determined by the nitric acid perchloric acid, hydrofluoric acid system,
143 high concentration was determined by flame atomic absorption spectrometry, and low
144 concentration was determined by atomic fluorescence spectrometry. The crystal structure of waste
145 rock was determined by X-ray diffraction (XRD), pH value was determined by soil pH method
146 NY / T 1377-2007. The total conductivity of leachate was measured by ddbj-350 conductivity
147 meter.

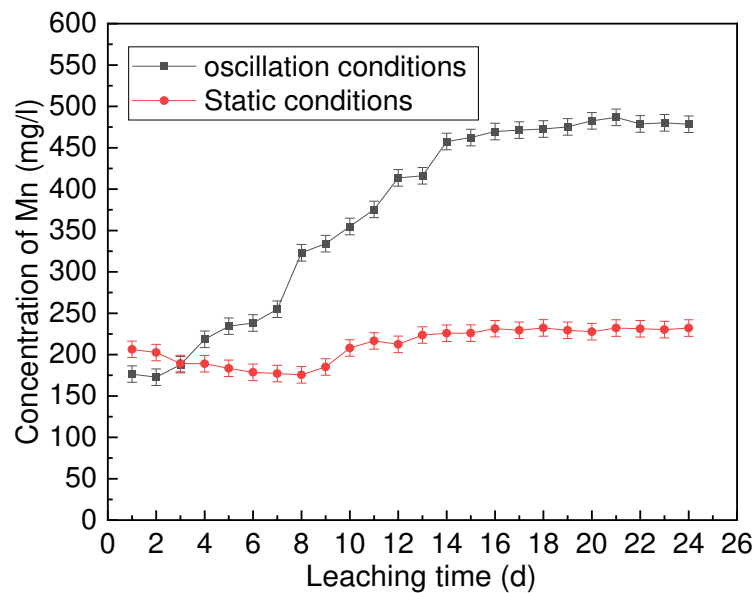
148 **3 Results and discussions**

149 **3.1 Effect of disturbance ratio on manganese release from manganese ore waste**

150 It can be seen from Fig. 2 that in the static leaching experiment, the manganese concentration
151 in the leaching solution increases with the increase of time and then tends to balance gradually and
152 keeps fluctuating in a small range. Under the oscillation condition, Mn has a certain leaching
153 concentration on the first day of leaching, and then increases slowly in the next few days (about
154 the first 6 days). After that, the manganese concentration in the leaching solution rapidly increases
155 to the maximum value and reaches the equilibrium concentration around the 15th day. The
156 concentration in the leaching solution fluctuates in a small range. Under the static condition, the
157 concentration of manganese in the leaching solution fluctuates with time after it has the basic
158 leaching concentration on the first day. It can be seen that the concentration of manganese in the
159 leaching solution in the oscillation state is obviously higher than that in the static state, and it can
160 reach about twice the leaching concentration under the static state under the experimental
161 conditions.

162 On the first day of the experiment, the acid (pH = 5.0) in the solution neutralizes with the
163 alkaline substance in the waste rock, and manganese in the waste rock will be released quickly
164 into the leaching solution, and then the solution will be in alkaline state (pH is between 6-8) under
165 the action of alkaline minerals. The disturbance state will increase the concentration gradient of
166 manganese in leaching solution, promote the precipitation of manganese, and increase the

167 hydraulic shear effect and friction collision between particles when the solution is agitated, The
168 micro balance formed on the surface of manganese ore waste rock particles will be destroyed
169 under the synergistic effect of hydraulic shear effect and friction collision, causing the release and
170 migration of manganese from waste rock to solution. In the static state, manganese is mainly
171 released by acid-base neutralization of waste rock in the early stage, and then further diffusion of
172 manganese is hindered at the surface equilibrium, so manganese is easier to be precipitated under
173 the oscillating condition than under the standing condition.



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175 Fig. 2 Effect of disturbance ratio on Mn leaching concentration

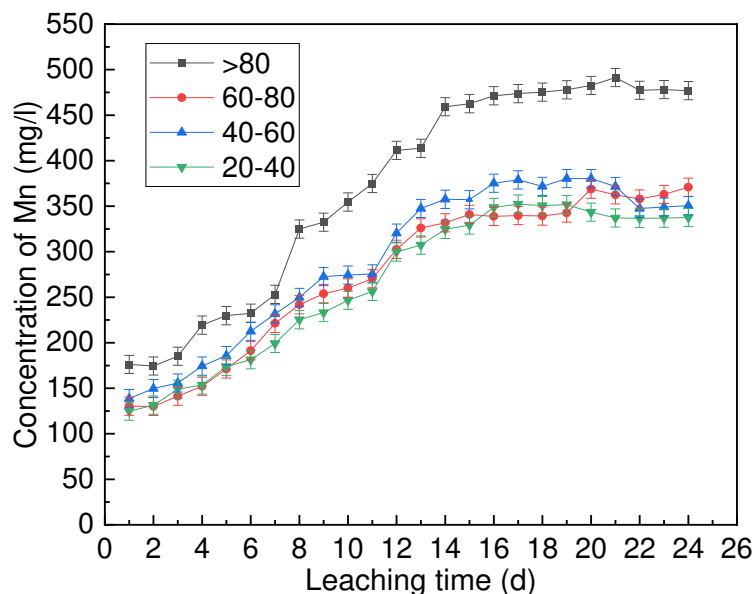
176 3.2 Effect of different particle size and solid-liquid ratio on manganese release from 177 manganese ore waste

178 According to Fig. 3, the effect of manganese is small when the particle size (20-80 mesh) is
179 large. The leaching concentration and dissolution rate of manganese in the leaching solution with
180 three different particle sizes remain basically unchanged, and are less affected by the particle size.
181 When the particle size is greater than 80 mesh, the dissolution release rate and leaching
182 concentration of Mn are significantly higher than those in the other three conditions.

183 When the particle size is small, the manganese concentration in the same solid mass is slightly
184 higher than that in the large particle size, which will increase the base number of manganese
185 release. In addition, the smaller the particle size is, the larger the specific surface area of the same
186 mass of waste rock is, the larger the total contact area of solid and liquid will be in the experiment.
187 The larger the leaching area of solid surface obtained by unit liquid is, it is conducive to the

188 dissolution and release of manganese. The larger the size of manganese ore, the smaller the
189 possibility of release of manganese from waste rock. In the natural mine environment, microbial
190 action will accelerate the change of instability, and the surface organic matter may form a layer of
191 weathering resistant surface zone, which will hinder the further change of particle size.

192 It is shown in Fig. 4 that the leaching concentration and dissolution rate of manganese have
193 little change when the solid-liquid ratio is 1:20, 1:10 and 1:5, while the leaching concentration of
194 manganese is obviously lower than the other three conditions when the solid-liquid ratio is 1:40,
195 and it will reach equilibrium soon in the early stage of the experiment. The reason may be that
196 when the solid-liquid ratio is small to a certain extent, the effect of manganese concentration
197 gradient plays a leading role in the dissolution and release, and the basic concentration of
198 manganese in the waste rock with small solid-liquid ratio is lower than that of large solid-liquid
199 ratio, so the concentration at the solid-liquid ratio of 1:40 is obviously lower than that of other
200 conditions, and in the higher solid-liquid ratio, other factors play a leading role, and are more
201 affected by the solid-liquid ratio Small.



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Fig. 3 Effect of particle size on Mn leaching concentration

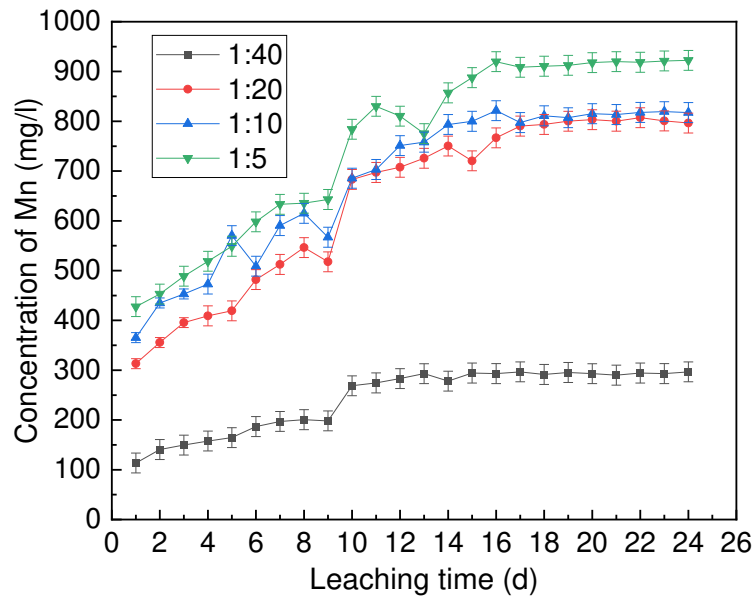


Fig. 4 Effect of solid-liquid ratio on Mn leaching concentration

3.3 Effect of different rainfall intensity on manganese release from waste rock

It can be seen from Fig. 5 that the concentration of manganese is extremely high on the first day of leaching, and then rapidly decreases. The release concentration reaches the minimum value on the seventh day of leaching, and the manganese content after leaching is extremely low. Under different rainfall intensities, the effect of different rainfall intensities on manganese is small, which is mainly reflected in the dissolution concentration and concentration reduction rate of manganese in the first two days. In the early stage of small rainfall intensity (80 ml/h), manganese is released from waste rock. There is little difference between the rainfall intensity of 200 ml / h and 400 ml / h, but the release concentration of 200 ml / h is slightly greater than that of 400 L/h. According to the observation in the experimental process, due to the limited infiltration capacity of the dense leaching column, different surface rainfall ponding will be formed at different rainfall intensities. The basic situation is: There was no ponding on the surface of 80 ml / h leaching column, a very shallow ponding on the surface of 200 ml / h leaching column, and a certain height of water column on the surface of 400 ml / h leaching column (the maximum is about 5 ~ 8cm). Under the experimental conditions, when the surface ponding is formed, the experimental conditions will transition from leaching to soaking stage of slow seepage, at which time the erosion and shear effect of rainwater on the surface ore decrease. In the case of no ponding, the accumulated voids of ores are significantly larger than those of water bearing ores, and the oxygen in the outside air

224 will be deeper in the leaching column than in other conditions, which will promote the oxidation
225 of sulfide and the release of manganese. These are the reasons that lead to low rainfall intensity
226 and high manganese release concentration.

227 Under different rainfall intensities, the pH value of leaching solution is between 6.5 and 8.0,
228 which is basically neutral and slightly alkaline (Fig. 6a). Alkaline substances in minerals react
229 with acid in rainwater to form alkaline leaching solution.

230 The conductivity of leaching solution reflects the difficulty of charge flow in the solution,
231 that is, the comprehensive embodiment of the number of ions and charges in the solution. In the
232 experimental cycle, the curve of conductivity with time under different intensities is shown in Fig.
233 6b. It can be seen from the figure that the three rainfall intensities (80 ml / h, 200 ml / h and 400
234 ml / h) in the experiment decreased from 3.10 MS / cm, 2.84 MS / cm and 2.82 MS / cm to 1.168
235 MS / cm, 1.165 MS / cm and 0.742 MS / cm, respectively. In the first five days, the three rainfall
236 intensities maintained a high conductivity, and then decreased rapidly, and the conductivity
237 remained basically unchanged on the 17th day. In the early stage of the experiment, when acid rain
238 reacts with alkaline minerals on the surface of manganese ore waste rock violently during the
239 leaching process, Na^+ , K^+ , Ca^{2+} , Mg^{2+} in the waste rock are dissolved and released into the pore
240 water. Therefore, the conductivity of the leachate in the initial stage is large and the dissolution
241 rate is high in the previous days. With the increase of leaching time, acid-base neutralization and
242 promoting the dissolution of alkaline substances in the acid-base reaction process of acid rain
243 water with alkaline minerals increase the pH value of pore water in the leaching column (Fig. 6a).
244 The upper mineral reacts with acid, and the leachable ion material decreases with the increase of
245 leaching time, while in the deep layer of the column, the alkaline environment is formed gradually
246 due to the influence of alkaline minerals, which promotes the adsorption and precipitation of
247 various ions, reduces the total amount of ions in the leachate, and finally reaches the equilibrium
248 state. The daily conductivity of leachate keeps a small range of change, and continues to extend
249 with time It's going to get lower and lower.

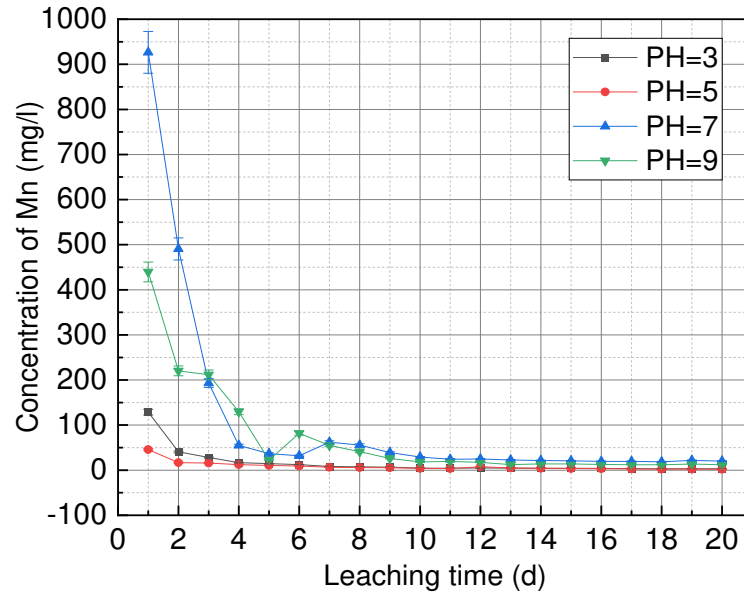


Fig. 5 Mn precipitation under different rainfall intensities

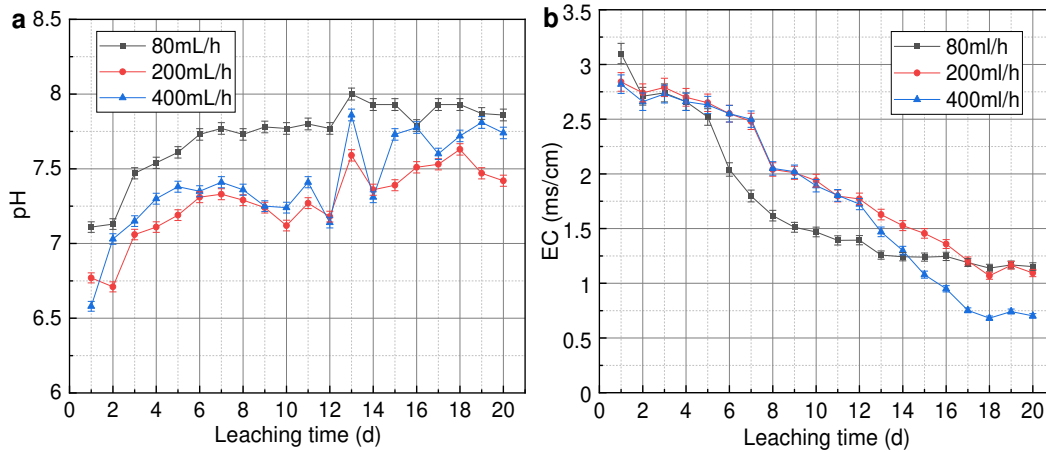


Fig. 6 Effects of different rainfall intensities: a) pH value of leachate; b) EC Value of leachate

3.4 Manganese release characteristics of manganese ore waste rock under different rainwater pH

The release of Mn under different rainfall pH is shown in Fig. 7. The concentration of manganese is extremely high on the first day of leaching, and then rapidly decreases. The release concentration reaches the minimum value on the 12th day of leaching, and the manganese content after leaching is extremely low. Under different rainfall acidity, the leaching concentration of manganese in leachate was the highest on the first day, and decreased rapidly in the first four days, and then gradually decreased to the lowest value every day. In the experiment, the dissolution concentration of manganese in four kinds of rain water with different pH values is $\text{pH} = 7.0 > \text{pH} = 9.0 > \text{pH} = 3.0 > \text{pH} = 5.0$, which shows that the dissolution concentration of manganese increases with the decrease of pH value in acid rain water, and increases with the decrease of pH

265 value in alkaline rain water, but the dissolution concentration of Mn under alkaline condition is
266 higher than that under acid condition. Under acidic conditions, manganese bearing minerals are
267 easy to dissolve, resulting in a high concentration in the leachate. With the neutralization of
268 alkaline minerals in the reaction, the effluent leachate will become alkaline. Under the alkaline
269 condition, the experiments show that when the pH value of manganese ion solution is higher than
270 8.0, obvious precipitation will appear in the solution. In this experiment, manganese is easier to be
271 released from minerals under alkaline conditions, but when the alkalinity is strong, it is easy to
272 form precipitation, which makes the content of manganese ions in pore water decrease, and the
273 alkaline substance dissolution rate of manganese after precipitation is relatively slow, so the
274 concentration of Mn ion in the solution is higher when the pH value of simulated alkaline
275 rainwater is smaller.

276 Under different rainfall pH conditions, whether the initial rainwater is alkaline or acidic, the
277 pH value in the final leachate is between 6.5 and 8.0 (Fig. 8a). The existence of minerals in
278 manganese ore waste rock has a good buffer effect. The neutralization of alkaline minerals in
279 minerals and the oxidation of sulfide minerals play a very good role as a buffer, so that the pH of
280 rainwater is between 3-9, and the pH of effluent is between 6.5-8.0.

281 In the experimental cycle, the curve of conductivity with time in the leachate under different
282 rainwater pH conditions is shown in Fig. 8b. The pH of four kinds of rainfall in the experiment
283 (pH: 3, 5, 7, 9) decreased from the initial 3.03 MS / cm, 2.77 MS / cm, 5.25 MS / cm, 3.24 MS/cm
284 to 1.725 MS / cm, 1.742 MS / cm, 1.288 MS / cm and 1.231 MS / cm, respectively. In acidic
285 condition, the conductivity of leachate maintained high in the first seven days, then decreased
286 slowly, while in alkaline condition, the conductivity decreased rapidly from the first day. The
287 conductivity of Leachate under acidic condition is significantly higher than that under alkaline
288 condition, which may react with acid and alkaline minerals in rainwater violently and release
289 various ions of alkaline minerals. However, ions are not easy to release under alkaline conditions.
290 Moreover, iron and aluminum can adsorb and precipitate ions in pore water under alkaline
291 conditions, which will also reduce the total number of ions in leachate.

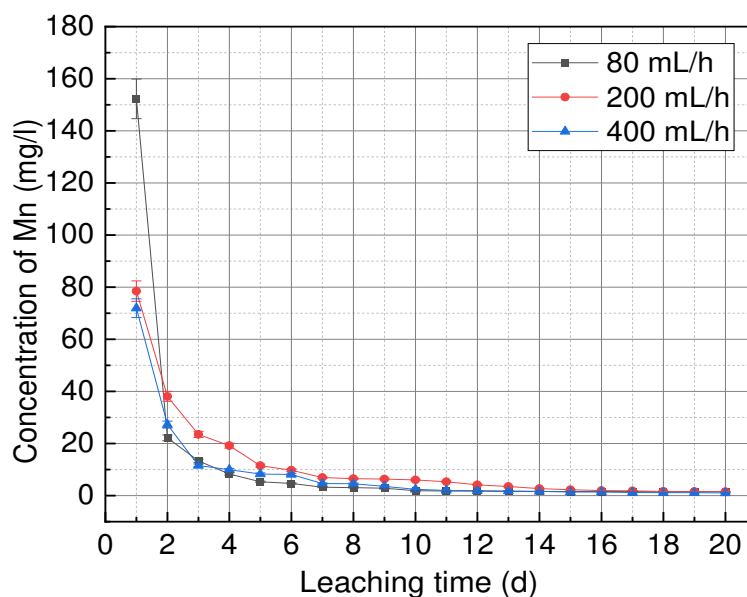


Fig. 7 precipitation of Mn under different rainfall pH

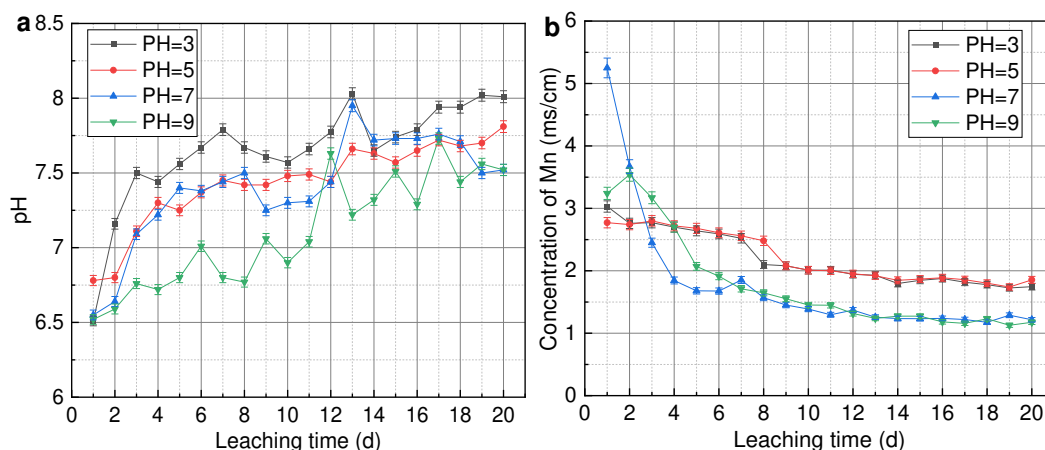
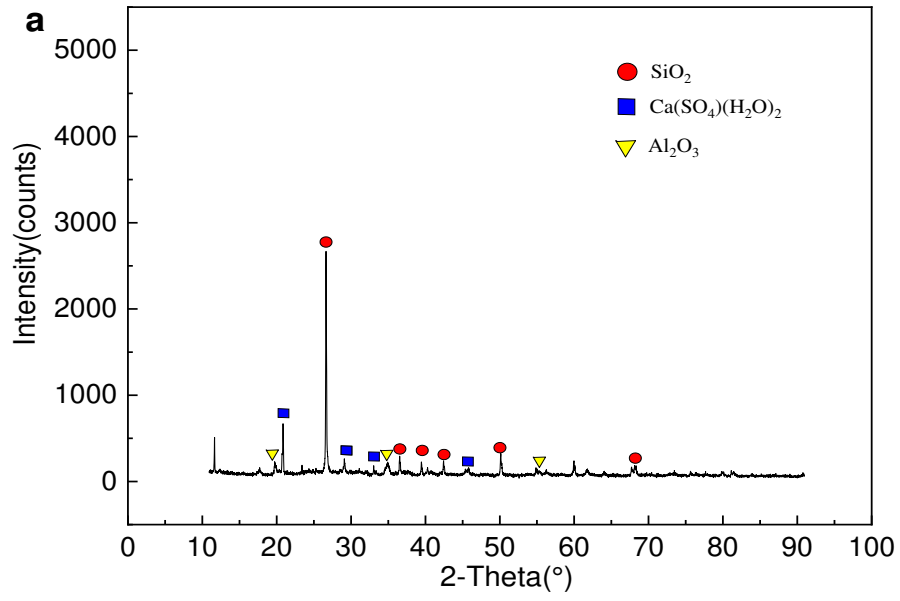
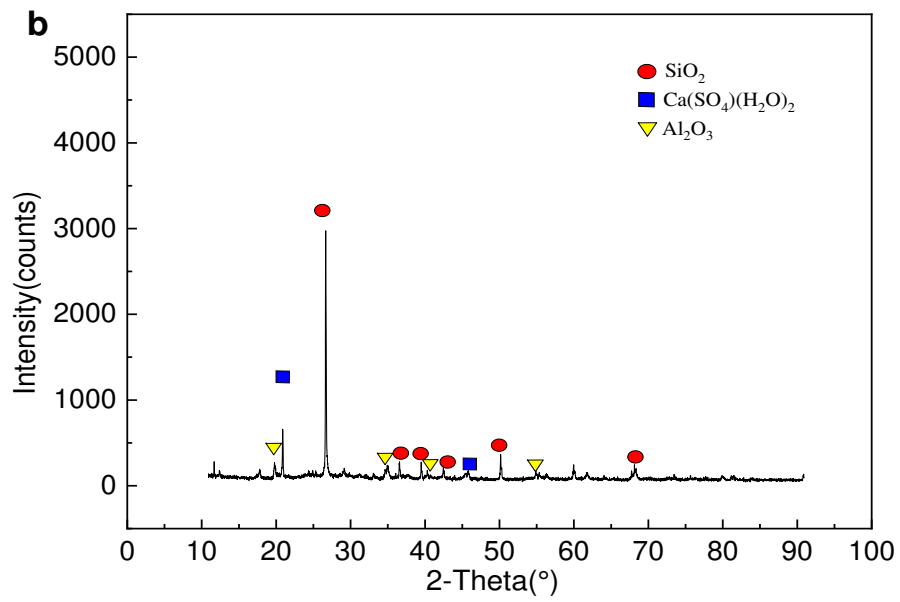


Fig. 8 Effect of different rainfall pH values: a) pH value of leachate; b) EC Value of leachate

In order to better understand the crystal structure and phase composition changes of manganese ore waste rock under the action of rainwater, X-ray diffraction (XRD) was used to test and analyze the waste rock with pH = 3, pH = 5 and pH = 9 after leaching experiment (as shown in Fig. 9). The peak values of basic minerals such as quartz and gypsum decrease obviously under the condition of acid leaching (pH = 3.0 and 5.0), which is due to the reaction of acid and alkaline minerals in simulated acid rain water, which leads to the mineral dissolution and loss. The dissolution of alkaline minerals makes the pH value of leachate increase gradually and the drainage is alkaline. At pH = 9.0, the peak value of each mineral increases obviously, which may be related to the reactive deposition of materials under alkaline conditions.



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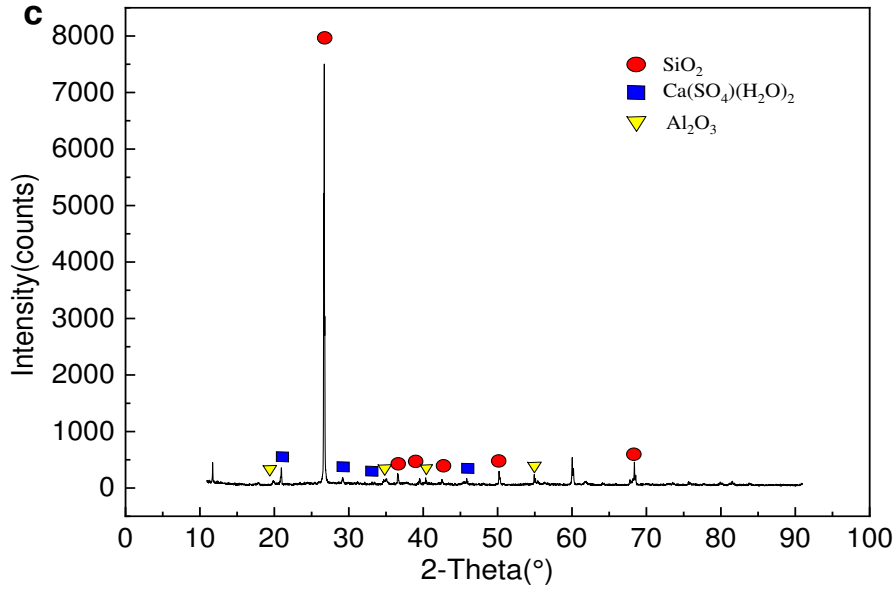
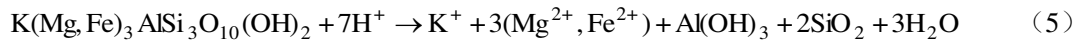
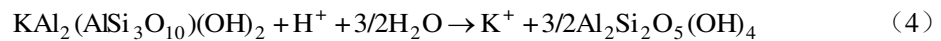
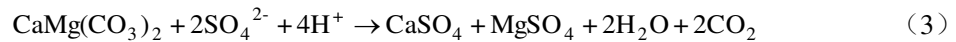
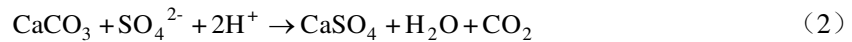


Fig. 9 X-ray diffraction pattern of manganese ore waste after leaching experiment: a) pH = 3, b) pH = 5.0, c) pH = 9.0

The XRD analysis shows that there are a lot of gangue alkaline minerals mainly quartz in manganese ore waste. When the simulated rainwater passes through the surface of waste rock, the acid substance will react with the alkaline mineral of waste rock, consume H^+ in the aqueous solution, and increase the pH of the waste rock pore water, making the leaching liquid neutral or alkaline. The main basic minerals and acid reaction formulas are shown in 1-6.

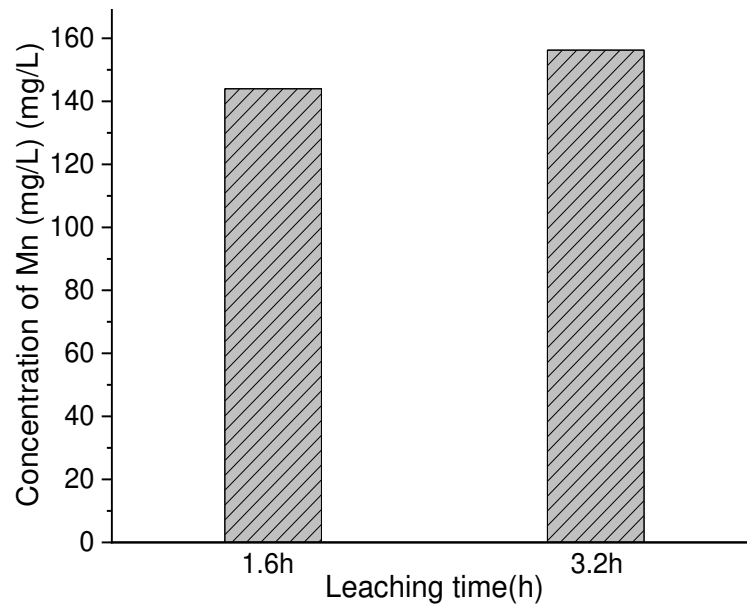


3.5 Manganese release characteristics of manganese ore waste rock under different rainfall duration

The cumulative amount of manganese precipitated during leaching is shown in Table 1 and Fig. 10. Under the same leaching speed and total amount of leaching solution, the daily leaching release amount and cumulative precipitation amount of manganese in different leaching time (rainfall duration) per day are also different. The cumulative precipitation of manganese increased

327 with the increase of leaching time (rainfall duration), in which the cumulative precipitation
 328 amount of leaching time (rainfall duration) was 156.23 mg/kg, when the leaching time (rainfall
 329 duration) was 3.2 hours, and 143.96 mg/kg when the leaching time (rainfall duration) was 1.6
 330 hours. In the first five days, the daily leaching amount of manganese was significantly greater than
 331 1.6 hours when the leaching time (rainfall duration) was 3.2 hours. It shows that the increase of
 332 rainfall duration is more conducive to the dissolution of manganese. Especially in the natural
 333 environment of alternation of dry and wet, the increase of early rainfall duration can significantly
 334 increase the total amount of manganese release.

335 In the natural environment of alternation of dry and wet, long rainfall duration is more
 336 conducive to the dissolution and release of manganese, especially in the early rainfall of waste
 337 rock. Xiangtan is a rainy and long-term city in Hunan Province, which increases the probability of
 338 manganese pollution, so it is necessary to pay more attention to the protection of mining
 339 environment.



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 341 Fig. 10 cumulative release value of manganese in different rainfall

342 Table 1 Precipitation of Mn in manganese ore waste during different rainfall periods

Leaching time (h)	Precipitation amount (mg/kg)												
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	accumulate
1.6	45.68	16.85	15.85	12.45	10.41	9.18	6.51	5.95	5.66	3.99	3.70	7.73	143.96
3.2	71.95	27.25	11.58	9.95	8.27	8.13	4.65	4.60	3.57	2.41	1.98	1.89	156.23

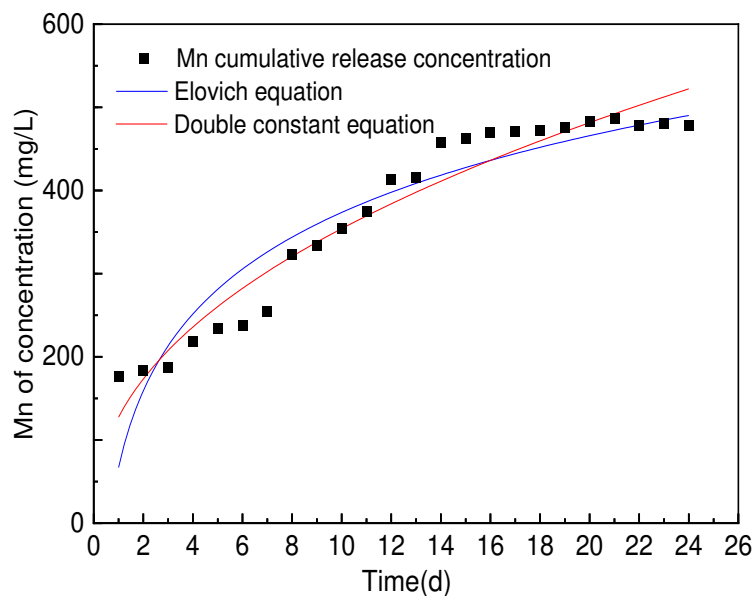
343 **3.6 Study on release kinetics of manganese under rainfall leaching**

344 Through the above experimental methods, ignoring the role of microorganisms, the rainfall
 345 leaching reaction of manganese ore waste can be divided into the following two categories:

346 ①Physical reaction: At the beginning of the rainfall process, the waste slag exposed on the
 347 ground is covered with a large amount of adsorbed soluble minerals and soluble salts. The initial
 348 moment of leaching, it is hit by rain water, and under the action of shear force, it is quickly
 349 washed away into the leachate, and the manganese concentration of leachate increases rapidly.

350 ②Chemical reaction: with the continuation of the rainfall process, the soluble minerals
 351 adsorbed on the surface are exhausted. Then the ore surface inside the waste begins to contact with
 352 the rain water. Under the action of rain water and air, the surface oxidizes and releases manganese.
 353 At the same time, when the surface oxidation is carried out, the alkali ions in the waste will be
 354 replaced, resulting in alkaline leachate. In the meanwhile, a variety of micro galvanic reactions
 355 will be formed, a large amount of manganese metal will be precipitated, and the manganese
 356 concentration in the leachate will increase to the maximum value.

357 The release mechanism of manganese from manganese ore waste (particle size > 80 mesh,
 358 solid-liquid ratio 1:20) in the process of rainfall leaching was simulated by using the release
 359 kinetic model of double constant and elovich equation. It is shown from Fig. 11 and Table 2 that
 360 both the double constant and elovich equation can describe the release mechanism of manganese
 361 ore waste rock under rainfall leaching, and the fitting results of double constant equation model
 362 are better than that of elovich equation.



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Fig.11 fitting of cumulative release of Mn in waste rock

Table 2 fitting table of equation results

Kinetic equation	Equation expression	Coefficients		
		a	b	R ²

Double constant equation	$\ln q = \ln a + b \ln t$	127.48136	0.44369	0.9287
Elovich equation	$q = a + b \ln t$	66.837	133.20725	0.86978

366 4 Conclusion

367 The results of static toxicological leaching experiment show that: The disturbance state will
368 increase the concentration gradient of manganese in the leaching solution, promote the release of
369 manganese; the leaching trend of waste rock in different solid-liquid ratio is basically consistent,
370 the higher the solid-liquid ratio, the higher the precipitation concentration, the maximum release
371 of manganese when the solid-liquid ratio is 1:5; the smaller the particle size, the more conducive
372 to the dissolution and release of manganese When the particle size of waste rock is more than 80
373 mesh (less than 180 μm), the precipitation of manganese is the largest.

374 The results showed that the effect of rainfall intensity on Mn was small, which was mainly
375 reflected in the low rainfall intensity (80 Under different rainfall pH conditions, alkaline
376 conditions are conducive to Mn release; in the natural environment of alternation of dry and wet,
377 long rainfall duration is more conducive to Mn release, especially in the early rainfall leaching
378 process of fresh waste rock, and the increase of rainfall duration contributes to the increase of
379 Total Mn release.

380 The simulation results of heavy metal release kinetics model showed that the leaching
381 process included physical reaction and chemical reaction. The double constant equation model and
382 elovich equation model are introduced to describe the leaching and release kinetics of manganese
383 ore waste rock. The fitting results show that the double constant equation model can better
384 describe the release process of manganese ore waste rock.

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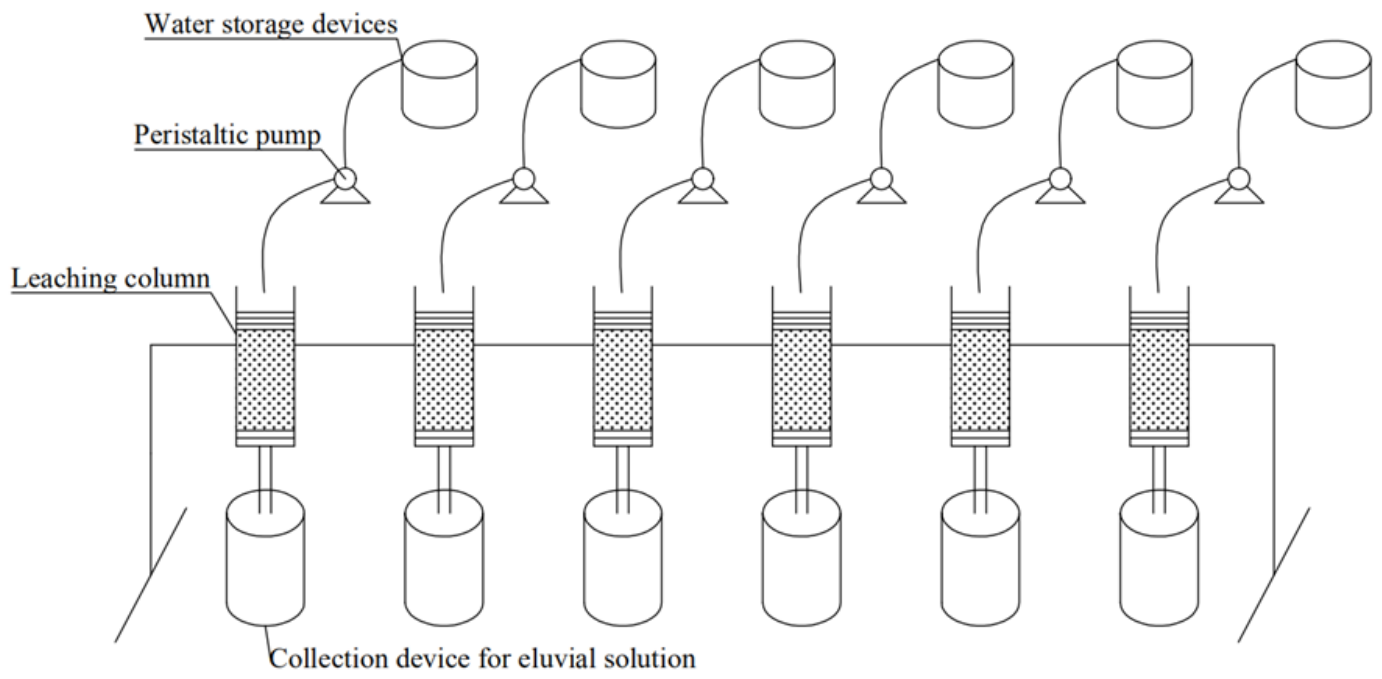


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dynamic leaching experimental device

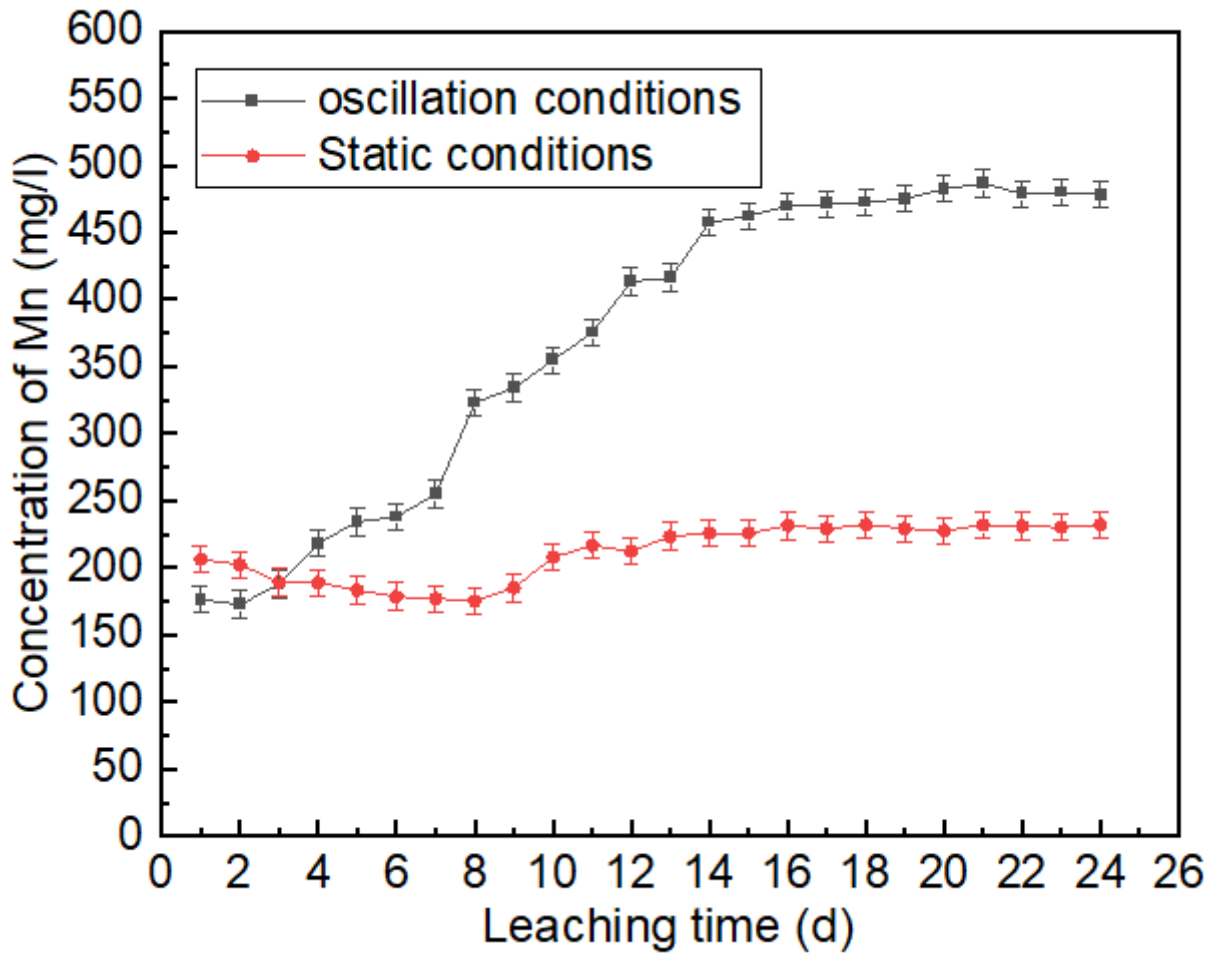


Figure 2

Effect of disturbance ratio on Mn leaching concentration

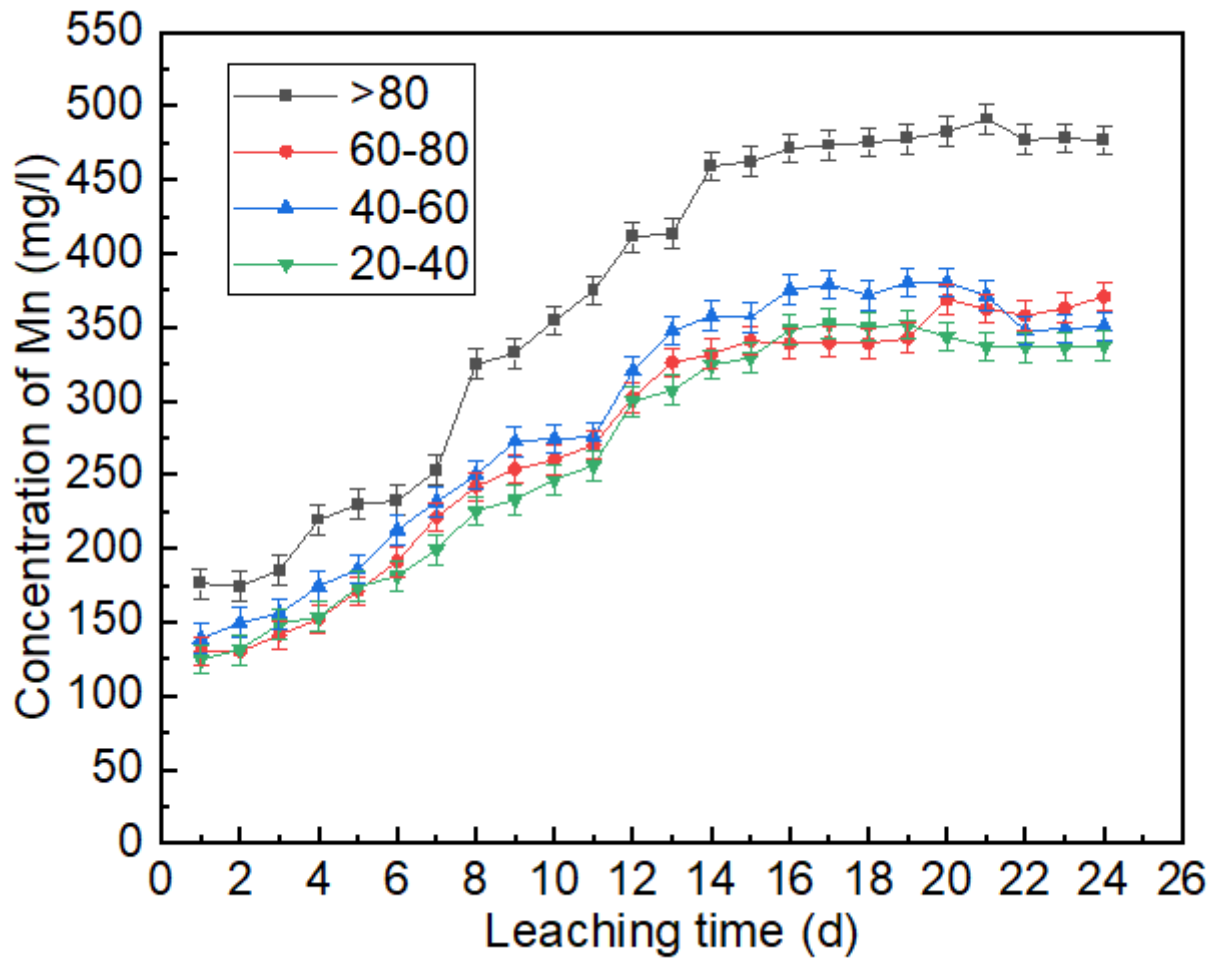


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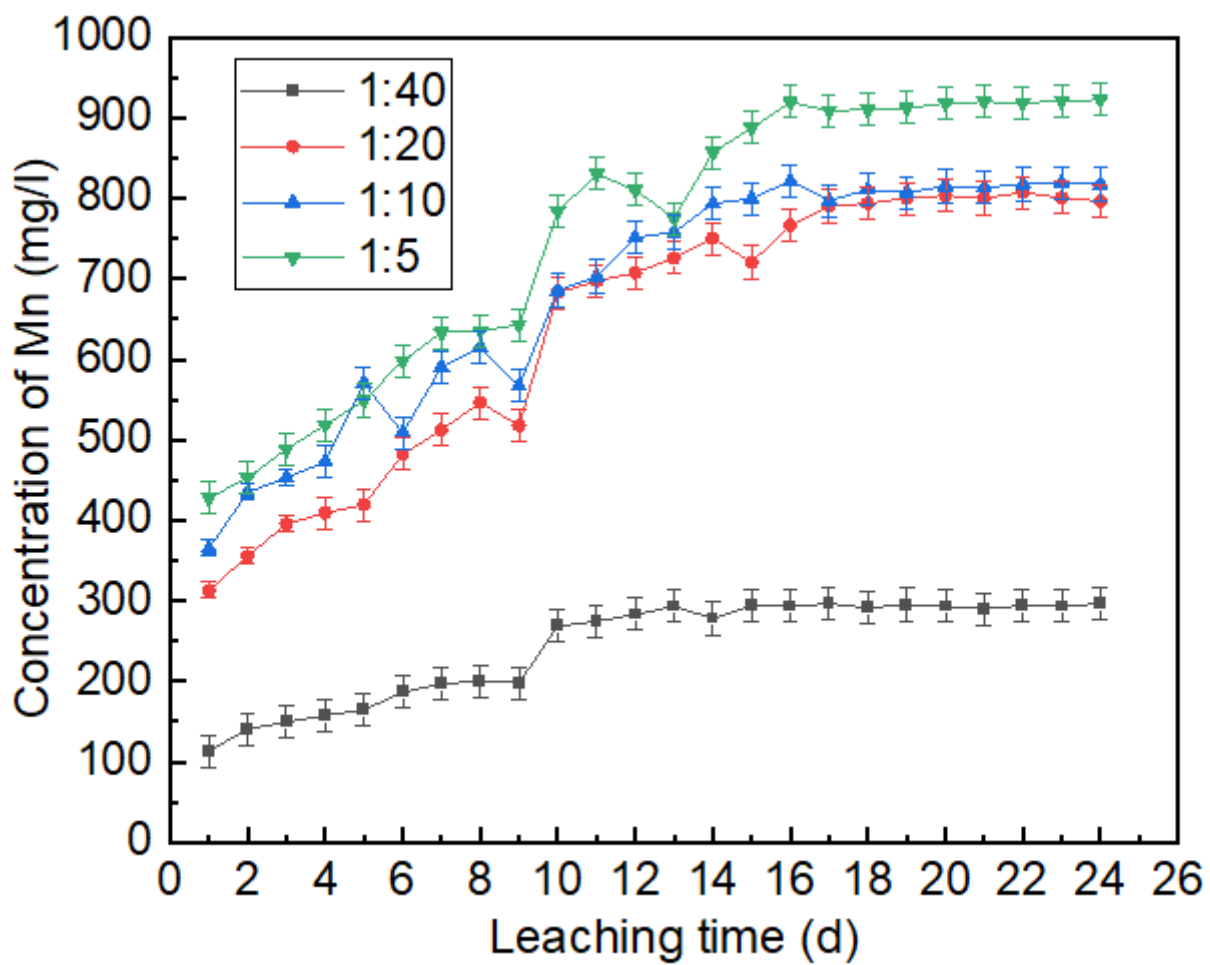


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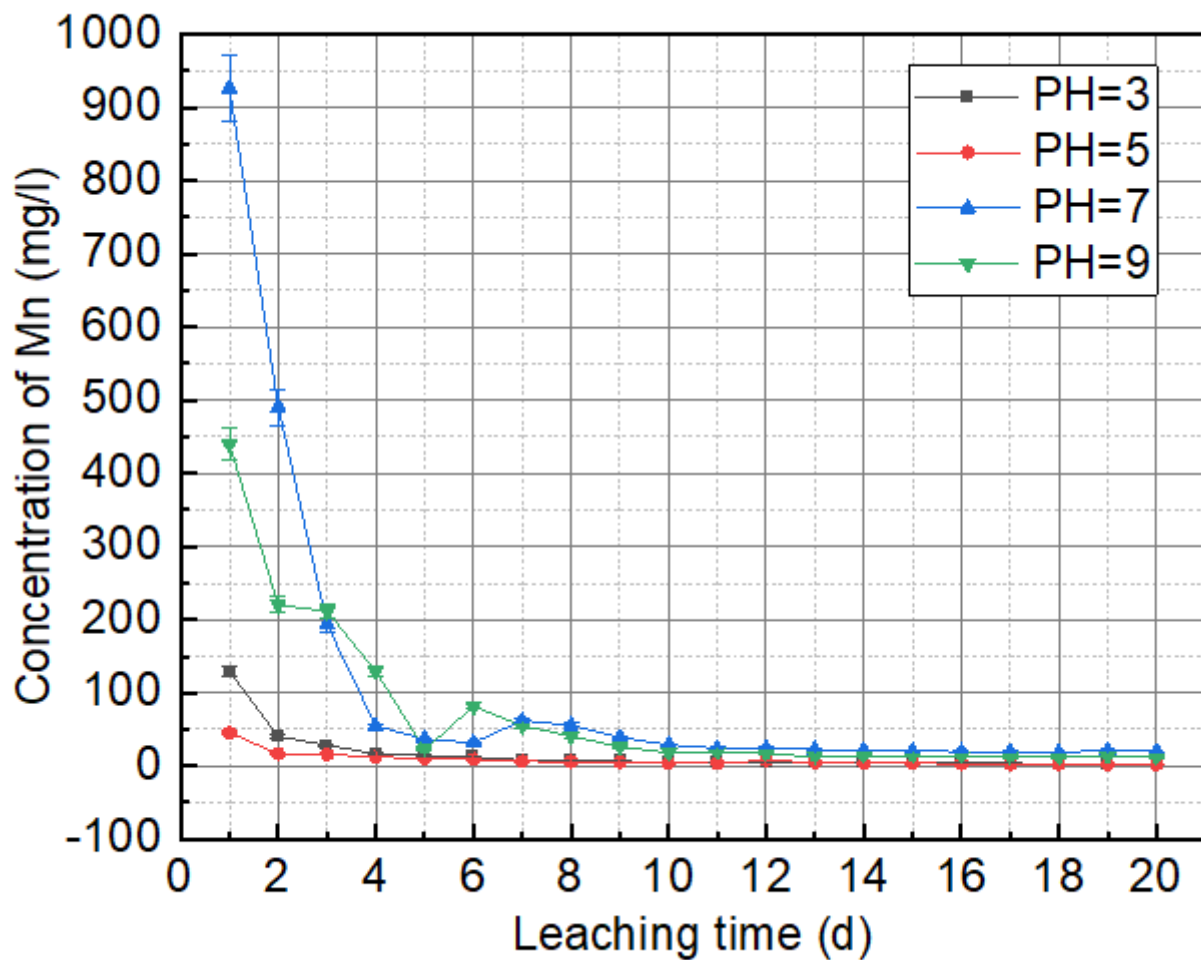


Figure 5

Mn precipitation under different rainfall intensities

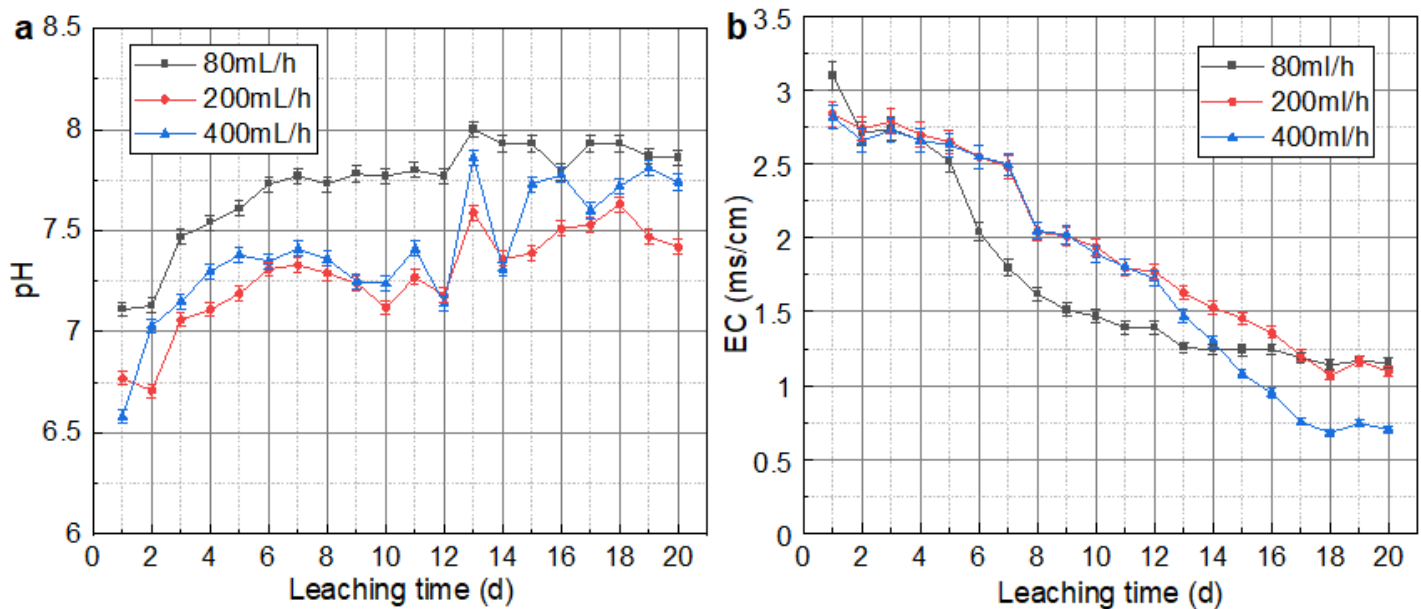


Figure 6

Effects of different rainfall intensities: a) pH value of leachate; b) EC Value of leachate

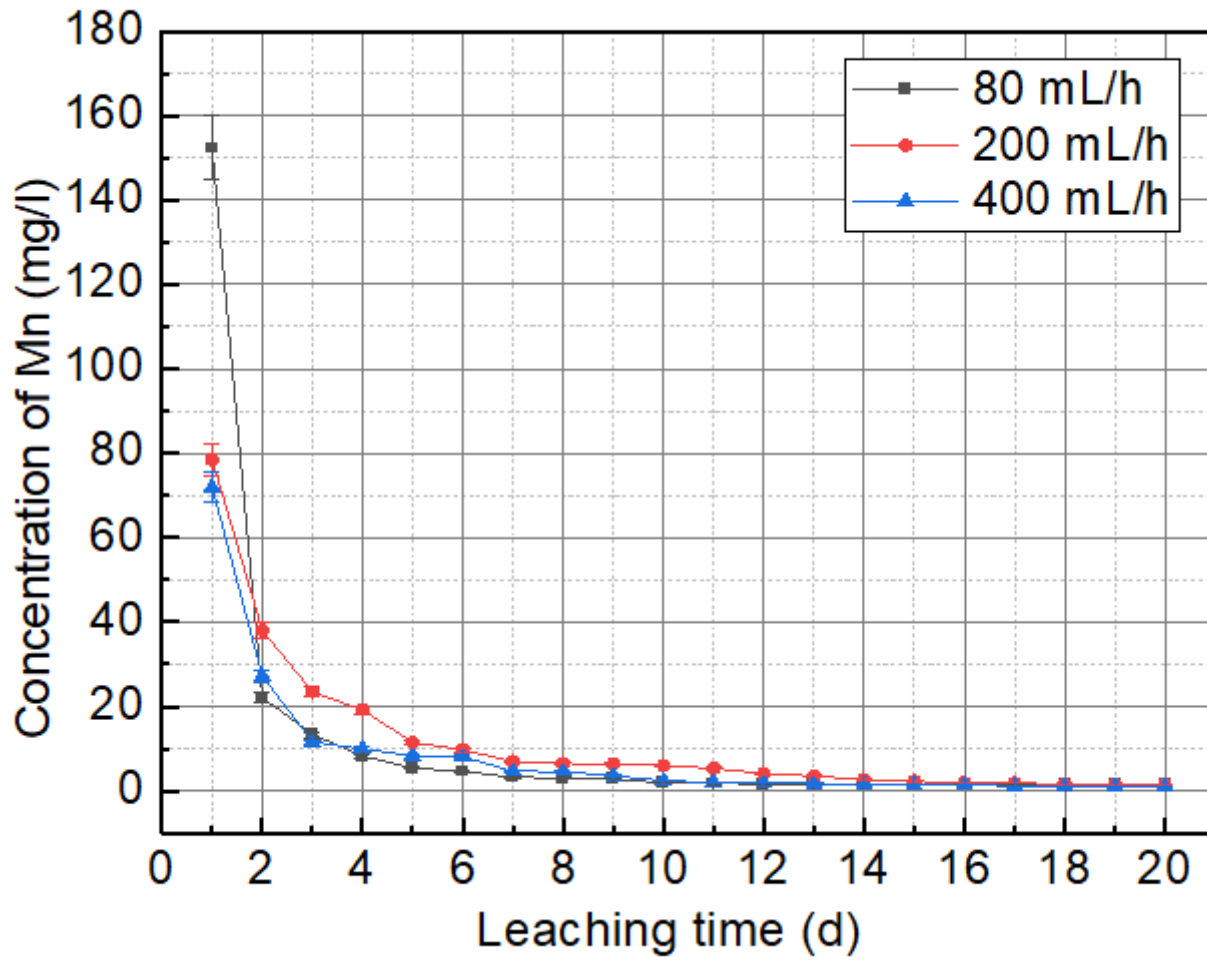


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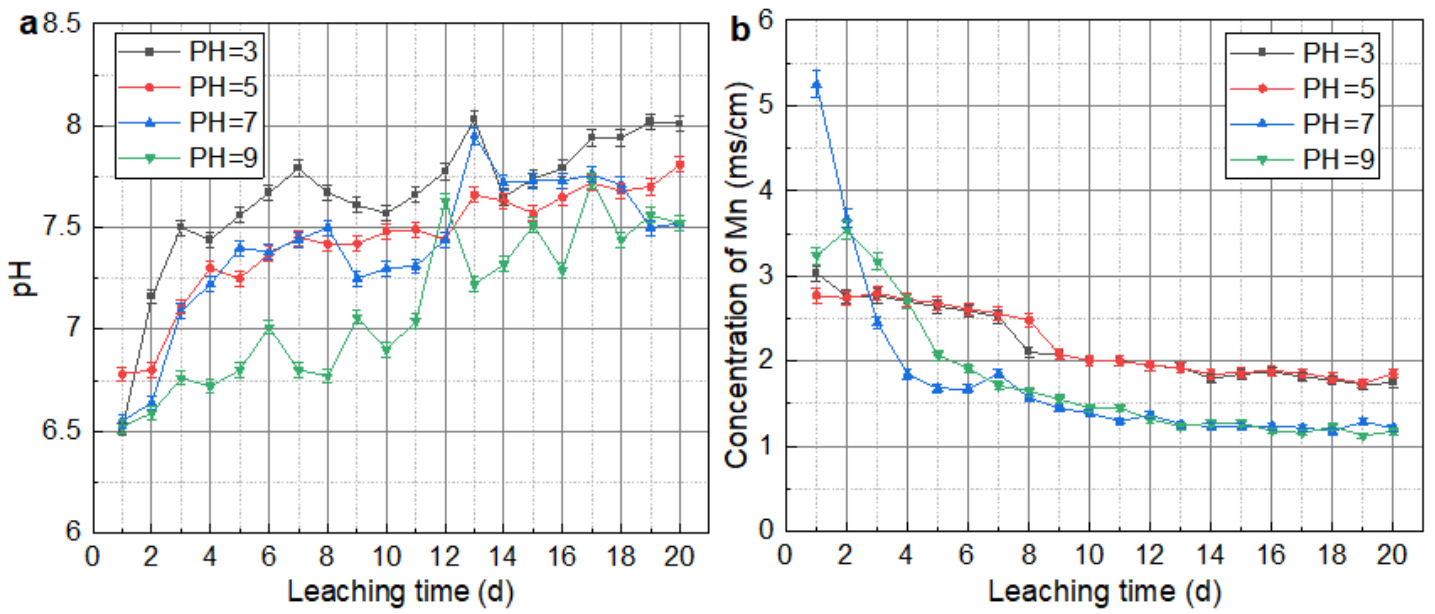


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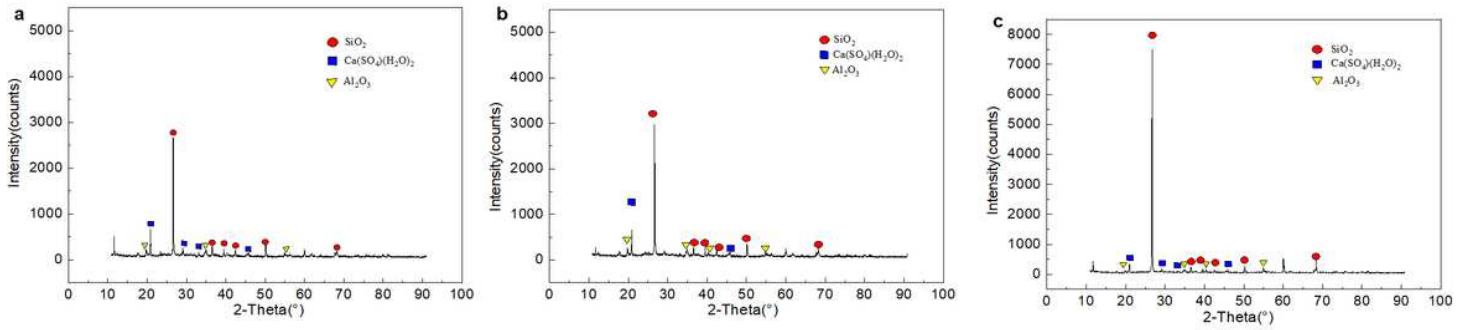


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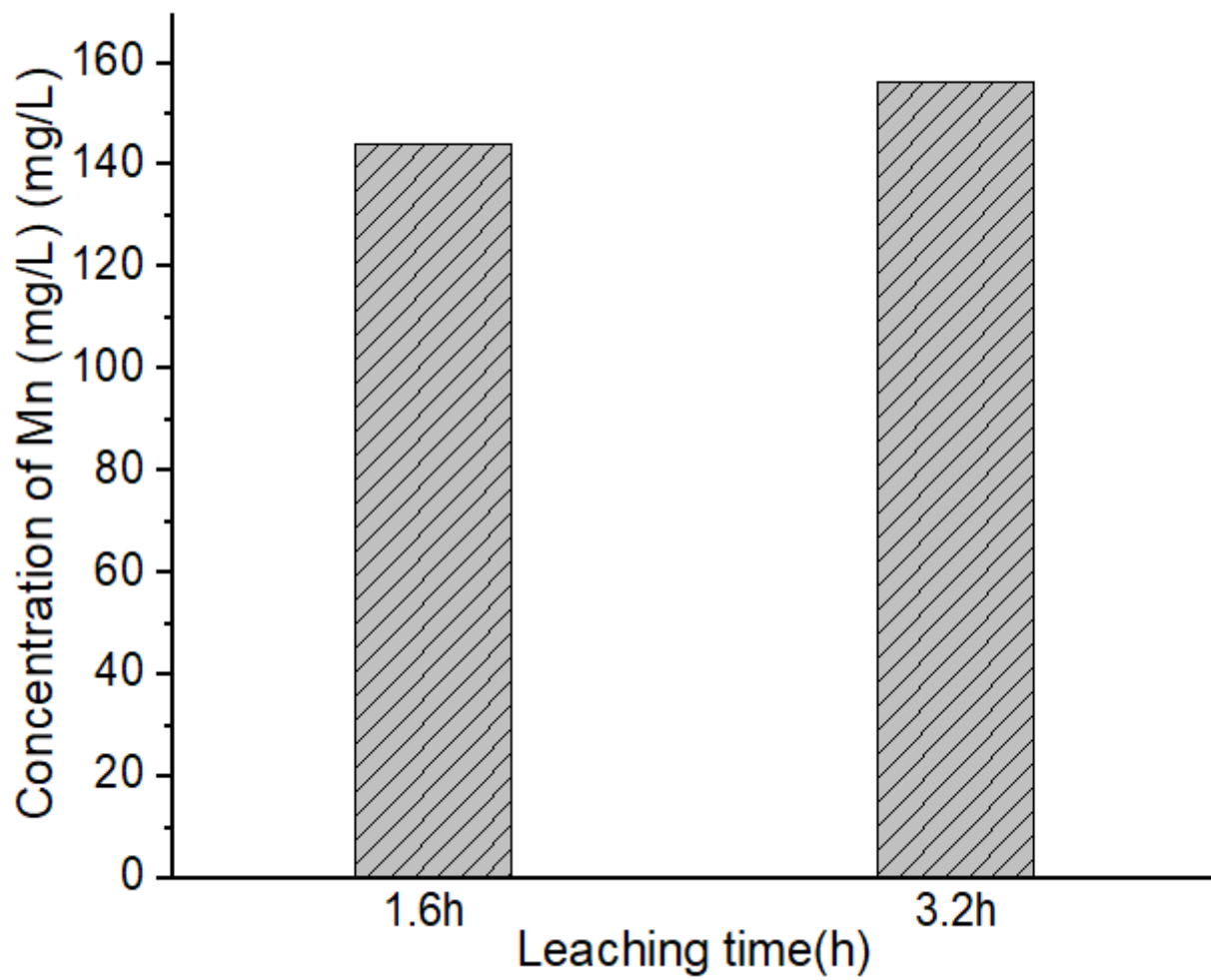


Figure 10

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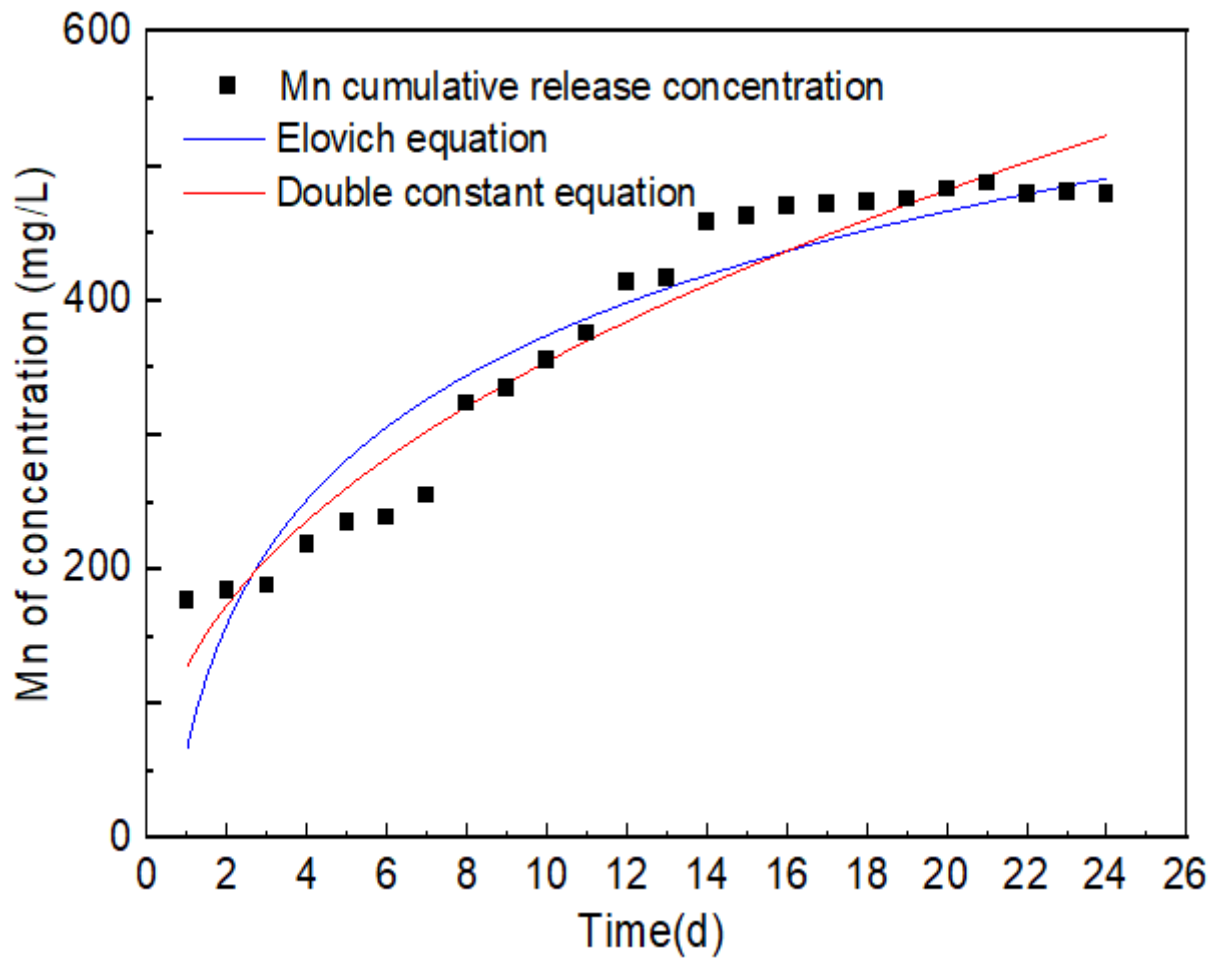


Figure 11

fitting of cumulative release of Mn in waste rock