

Supporting Document

Antimony (V) Adsorption at the Hematite–Water Interface: A Macroscopic and In Situ ATR-FTIR study

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Table S1. Hematite and suspension parameters used in the triple-layer surface complexation modeling of antimony adsorption.

Parameter (Unit)	Value
S_A , specific surface ($\text{m}^2 \text{ g}^{-1}$)	24†
n_s , $\equiv\text{FeOH}$ total site density (nm^{-2})	1.0‡
S_T , total site concentration (mmol L^{-1})	0.782‡
C_1 , inner-Helmholtz capacitance (F m^{-2})	0.97§
C_2 , outer-Helmholtz capacitance (F m^{-2})	0.2§
a , suspension density (g L^{-1})	2
Background electrolyte (M KCl)	0.001 and 0.01

†Elzinga and Kretzschmar (2013).

‡Current study. Site density value was computed using $n_s = (S_T A_N) / (10^{18} a S_A)$, where A_N is the Avogadro constant.

§Sahai and Sverjensky (1997a).

Table S2. Aqueous speciation and proton and counter-ion adsorption reactions used in the triple-layer surface complexation modeling of antimony adsorption by hematite.

Reaction	log K or log K ^{int†}	Reference
Aqueous Speciation		
Sb(OH) ₅ ⁰ + H ₂ O = Sb(OH) ₆ ⁻ + H ⁺	-2.85	Accornero et al. (2008)
H ₂ O = H ⁺ + OH ⁻	-14.00	Martell et al. (2004)
Proton and Counter-Ion Adsorption		
≡FeOH ⁰ + H ⁺ = FeOH ₂ ⁺	5.70	Sahai and Sverjensky (1997a)
≡FeOH ⁰ = FeO ⁻ + H ⁺	-11.30	Sahai and Sverjensky (1997a)
≡FeOH ⁰ + H ⁺ + Cl ⁻ = FeOH ₂ ⁺ - Cl ⁻	8.51	Sahai and Sverjensky (1997b)
≡FeOH ⁰ + K ⁺ = FeO ⁻ - K ⁺ + H ⁺	-8.68	Sahai and Sverjensky (1997b)

†Common logarithm of the aqueous speciation or the intrinsic surface complexation equilibrium constants (25 °C).

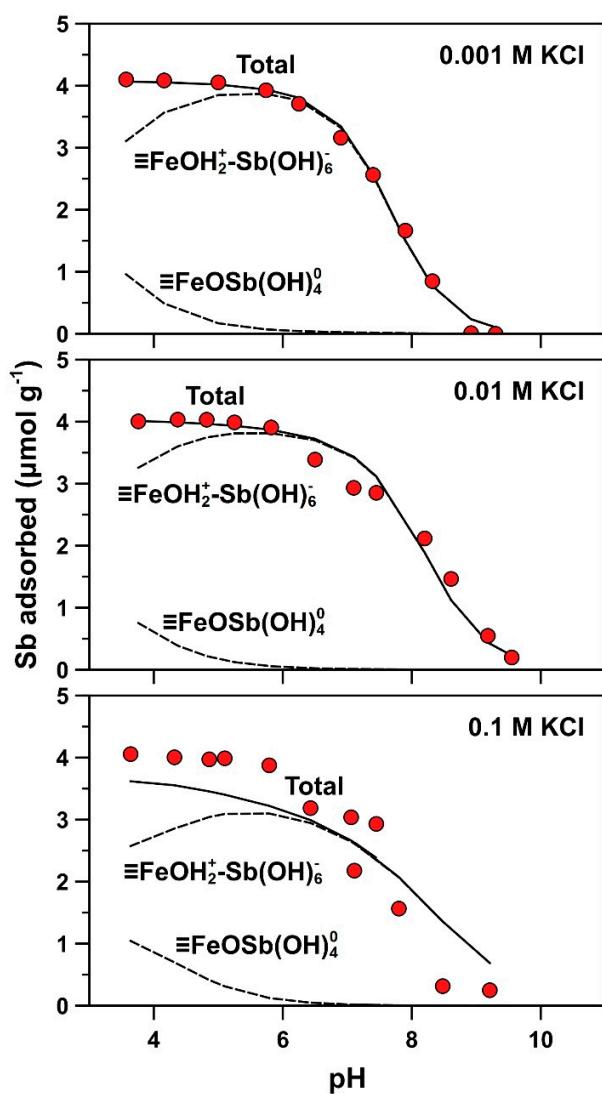


Figure S1. The surface speciation of adsorbed Sb into inner-sphere [$\equiv\text{FeOSb}(\text{OH})_4^0$] and outer-sphere [$\equiv\text{FeOH}_2^+-\text{Sb}(\text{OH})_6^-$] complexes (Model I) on hematite predicted by the TLM as a function of pH in 0.001, 0.01, and 0.1 M KCl ionic media.

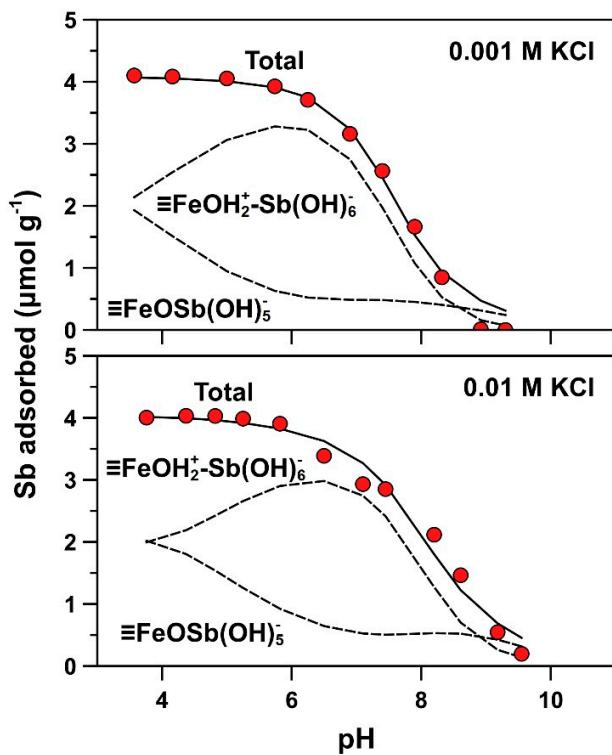


Figure S2. The surface speciation of adsorbed Sb into inner-sphere [$\equiv\text{FeOSb(OH)}_5^-$] and outer-sphere [$\equiv\text{FeOH}_2^+ \text{-Sb(OH)}_6^-$] complexes on hematite (Model II) predicted by the TLM as a function of pH in 0.001 and 0.01 M KCl ionic media.

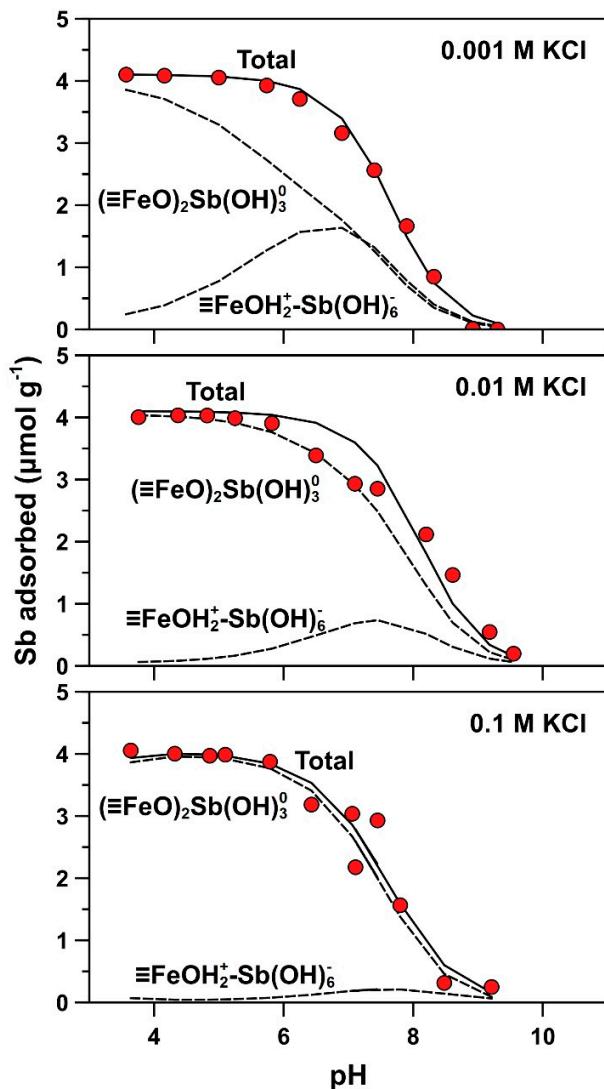


Figure S3. The surface speciation of adsorbed Sb into inner-sphere bidentate [$(\equiv\text{FeO})_2\text{Sb}(\text{OH})_3^0$] and outer-sphere [$\equiv\text{FeOH}_2^+-\text{Sb}(\text{OH})_6^-$] complexes (Model III) on hematite predicted by the TLM as a function of pH in 0.001, 0.01, and 0.1 M KCl ionic media.