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Mineralogy of Microbially and Enzymatically Induced Carbonate Precipitates

Message from the Guest Editors

Microbially and enzymatically induced carbonate precipitation (MICP and EICP) are biomineralization processes that occur in natural environments and in engineered systems through several mechanisms, including urea hydrolysis and the oxidation of organic matter either under aerobic conditions or through denitrification, iron reduction, and sulfate reduction. MICP and EICP have found applications in the alteration of porous media, such as the remediation (fixation) of metal-contaminated soils, improving the mechanical properties of soils, the reduction of the porosity and/or permeability of granular materials, the protection and repair of concrete and cement structures, and the conservation of building stone and statuary. Despite extensive studies on the application of MICP and EICP in porous media, limited attention has been paid to the mineralogy of the precipitates and its effect on the level of alteration. The mineralogy of the precipitates in porous media can be affected by several factors including temperature, pore fluid chemistry, reaction rates, the mineralogy of the porous materials, and MICP and EICP solution ingredients.

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