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The Exergy of Materials With Application to Societal Exergy **Analysis**

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1. Introduction

Our research question:

How should integrated energy and material conversion chains be represented for societal exergy analysis?

Contributions of this paper:

- 1. Demonstrate a consistent exergy analysis approach for ECCs and MCCs, including physical, chemical, and concentration exergies.
- 2. Apply the exergy analysis approach to a MCC from extraction (iron ore, coking coal, limestone) to pig iron.
- Demonstrate the interaction between energy and material conversion chains using PSUT matrices amenable to existing energy conversion chain datasets.

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2. Methods and data

2.1. Material Exergy Calculation

The exergy of a system (*B*) is the maximum amount of work that can be extracted by processes that take the system to equilibrium with the reference environment, defined by T_0 , P_0 , and a certain chemical composition.

Thus, the total exergy of a system (*B*) is the sum of the work of two reversible processes that bring the system (a) from T and P to T_0 and P_0 (without changes in the chemical 11

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composition) and (b) from its chemical composition to to the reference chemical composition (while the system remains at T_0 and P_0).

Reference environments can include the atmosphere, the ocean, or the Earth's crust. For our purposes, the reference environments are at T_0 and P_0 , and are characterized by a mixture of reference species.

Reference species are characterized by partial pressure ($P_i = P_0 y_i$) in the atmosphere, by concentrations (C_i) in the ocean and by mole fraction (y_i) in the Earth's crust.

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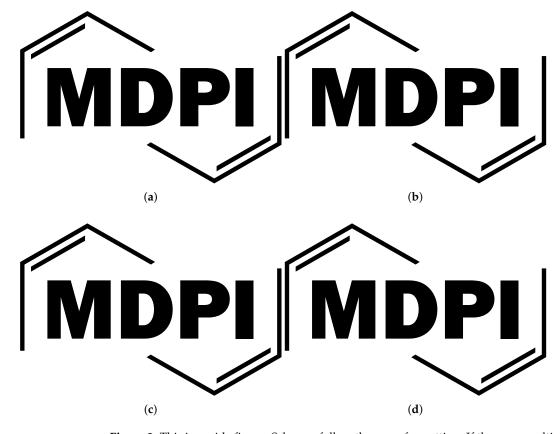


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TLA Three letter acronym LD Linear dichroism

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Appendix A.1

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