

# Reductive dissolution of pyrite by methanogenic archaea and its physiological consequences

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00:00:02,869 --> 00:00:01,429  
hi i'm devin payne and i'm going to be

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00:00:04,230 --> 00:00:02,879  
talking about the reductive dissolution

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00:00:05,910 --> 00:00:04,240  
of pyrite by methanogens and its

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00:00:07,349 --> 00:00:05,920  
physiological consequences

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00:00:09,430 --> 00:00:07,359  
so we've shown that methanogens can

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00:00:10,790 --> 00:00:09,440  
reduce pyrite by growing these cells

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00:00:12,070 --> 00:00:10,800  
with either pyrite or chronological

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00:00:13,509 --> 00:00:12,080  
forms of iron and sulfur

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00:00:14,950 --> 00:00:13,519  
and we see that when the cells grow with

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00:00:16,630 --> 00:00:14,960  
pyrite they reduce it and produce

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00:00:17,910 --> 00:00:16,640  
sulfide that's measurable in solution in

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00:00:20,310 --> 00:00:17,920  
our biotic cultures

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00:00:21,750 --> 00:00:20,320

but not in our abiotic microcosms and

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00:00:23,189 --> 00:00:21,760

this research was published in the isme

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00:00:24,790 --> 00:00:23,199

journal this year where we also showed

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that methanogens require direct surface

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access to pyrite to grow

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00:00:28,790 --> 00:00:27,359

where when cells are provided with

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00:00:29,509 --> 00:00:28,800

pyrite that's green solution they grow

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00:00:31,109 --> 00:00:29,519

very well

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00:00:32,709 --> 00:00:31,119

however when pirates sequester dialysis

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00:00:34,310 --> 00:00:32,719

tubing we see no growth and this

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00:00:36,470 --> 00:00:34,320

finding was further corroborated by our

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00:00:38,630 --> 00:00:36,480

observations of cells growing in close

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00:00:40,470 --> 00:00:38,640

contact with the minerals

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00:00:42,630 --> 00:00:40,480  
this growth on pirate has physiological

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00:00:43,990 --> 00:00:42,640  
effects at the level of cell size and

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00:00:45,750 --> 00:00:44,000  
the amount of iron per cell

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00:00:47,510 --> 00:00:45,760  
where pyrite grown cells are smaller and

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00:00:49,350 --> 00:00:47,520  
accumulate more iron than ferrous iron

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00:00:51,110 --> 00:00:49,360  
and sulfide grown cells

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00:00:53,029 --> 00:00:51,120  
this research was recently accepted in

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00:00:55,029 --> 00:00:53,039  
the journal bacteriology

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00:00:57,430 --> 00:00:55,039  
with that i would like to acknowledge my

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00:00:59,110 --> 00:00:57,440  
mentor dr eric spoyd our boyd lab

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00:01:01,110 --> 00:00:59,120  
members collaborators and our funding

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00:01:01,590 --> 00:01:01,120  
sources which includes the department of